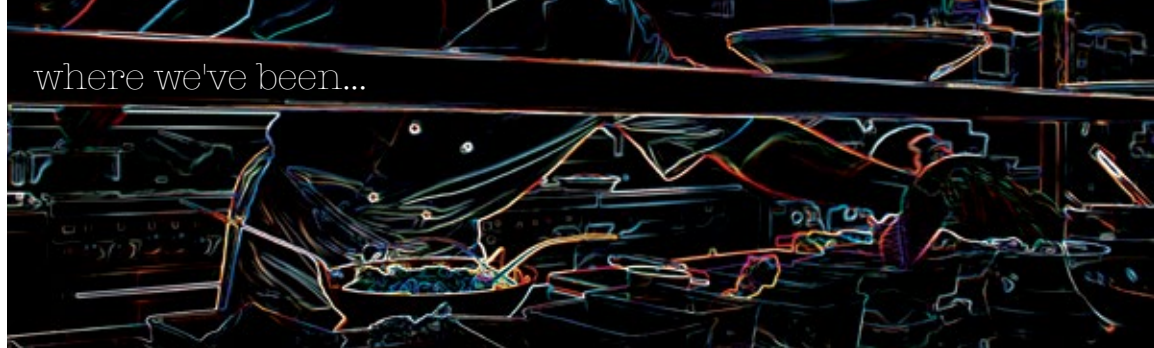


where we've been...



JUICY GOOSE Smeaton Grange

Juicy Goose is a casual cafe situated in the middle of one of the state's biggest industrial areas and frequented by hundreds of local businesspeople. But if you live in Currans Hill or Mount Annan, drop in for breakfast or lunch. You might have found a new local.

Our breakfast was a meeting - a sales catch up, where we talk about where we were up to a few weeks out from the end of magazine production. "Can we order coffee please?" I interrupted our preliminary chat. Toby's Estate is reliable coffee and Juicy Goose's barrister did a great job.

On to brecky. We covered some ground too so our orders should be helpful to you. I went for Chilli Scramble: basil parsley and feta infused scrambled eggs on sourdough. The chilli level was perfect for breakfast - not hot - just a tasty buzz. Lisa was in raptures over her Corn Fritters: with wilted spinach, tomato relish, smashed avocado, topped with a poached egg. Kirsty's Eggs Benny with bacon looked amazing.

We can highly recommend the food and coffee at Juicy Goose. The cafe has been trading with a limited menu for sometime, but owner Natalie is creating a new menu as we speak. 2022 has been difficult for cafes and restaurants in ways we can't imagine - so try to be understanding - even when things don't make sense. I recently went to a cafe near my home at 1.30pm (1.27pm to be exact). I was

greeted by an apologetic young lady who told me, "sorry the kitchen has closed." I could have carried on about what time it was, but I simply accepted what she had said and left with a smile. My assumption is that due to lack of staff, they can only run one shift and that shift runs out about lunchtime. Of course the business doesn't want that outcome. They wanted to sell me lunch!

Natalie told us about some scathing internet commentary Juicy Goose had copped over the limited menu. Everyone with a hospitality business is struggling to cope at the moment - that plays out in all sorts of ways. Just be nice and accept that it's a difficult period for hospitality. You will enjoy your experience a lot more if you relax and smile.