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We do have quite a few Indian restaurants around our district now. When Mahfil decided to start advertising with me it was time to revisit the Campbelltown stalwart. I had sampled their takeaway a few times and dined at Mahfil once two years ago.

I took along Magneto, my son Chad and a bottle of Irvine Merlot 2005. We were busy chatting when our waitress approached the table for the first time. "No sorry we haven't even looked yet," I explained. By her next visit we had at least organised our entrees. Magneto is one of those diners who says, "You pick everything, I am easy." She then sits back while I carefully go through the menu and then, while I am ordering, disagrees with my selections!

Our entrees were Onion Bhaji, Fish Tikka and Barrah Kebab. For me, the Fish Tikka won hands down. I could have eaten a platter of this stuff. I love the way Thais do vegetables just like I love the way the Indians do fish. Kind of dry fried on the outside but moist and tasty on the inside..mmmmm!

Our waitress agreed to give us a little break before our mains. We ended up chatting to her about her life in Australia. Her parents are in India, she lives with her uncle at Minto and she works in Sydney for Charles Sturt University. Her husband also lives in India but she now has her nine year old boy with her. We now have a friend from India!

We ordered mostly classics for our mains. Lamb Korma, Butter Chicken and Beef Jalfrezi. For me the highlight was the Lamb Korma. Ask for it to be cooked to medium heat. There

was just enough spice for Chad to describe it as, "tangy." It was perfect. We also got one naan bread between us. We all love naan but it does fill you up.

Our new friend convinced us to try a traditional dessert Gulab Jamun. She told us you would almost certainly be served these extra sweet milk dumplings soaked in rose scented sugar syrup at an Indian wedding. She agreed just to give us one each as a sampler. Not sure if I would order them again but certainly worth a try just for the cultural exchange.

Mahfil is very friendly little suburban Indian serving good quality food. Take a complex, spicy red and enjoy a relatively cheap night out. You might get a new friend from India too!