

It's One to watch!

Blackpool has now got two Number Ones. Having seen the original Number One St Luke's at 1 St Luke's Road scoop a raft of awards including VisitBritain's Best Bed & Breakfast of the Year 2007, it has now been joined by the Number One South Beach at 4 Harrowside Side which this week opened its own a la carte restaurant.

The newly-opened state of the art 14-room hotel is on the site of the formerly run-down Red Court Hotel and, like the original Number One, opened in 2004 by Mark and Claire Smith, has set out to rival the best in the world.

In this venture they have re-united with business partners Graham and Janet Oxley and their now 19-year-old son, Ben Smith, who all established The Old Coach House restaurant on Dean Street as one of the resort's most popular and eateries.

By **ROBIN DUKE** Entertainment editor

The Number One hôte! opened in September and reached 100 per cent occupancy in its first week of trading. Now Mark wants to see the same success – and the same standards – in the newly opened restaurant.

As of this week, the luxury restaurant is open for lunches and dinners and bookings are being taken for Christmas.

Starters are all £4.95 (including a salad range which can also be upgraded to a main course at £9.95) and include devilled chicken livers, baked stuffed mushrooms with sherry, crispy black pudding and “soup of the moment.”

Main courses range from £9.95 to £16.50 (excluding side dishes) and include roast salmon, charred sirloin steak, pan fried duck breast, smoked



chicken tagliatelle and Tuscan braised lamb. A range of desserts are available at £4.95 each.

Christmas lunches are priced £4.95 for starters and desserts, £9.95 for

mains. A five course Christmas Eve dinner is available at £28.95 and a special Christmas day lunch is £55. Bookings can be made on (01253) 343900.