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The Olde Bell

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Inspired by **that card** I found in my cupboard the other day, TA and I blocked out the diary, booked a babysitter and headed down the M4 for a bit of us time - not quite sandwiches on the beach more like lunch by the river. We went to a sweet little Inn I'd heard about called **The Olde Belle at Hurley** near Henley, where my mother's side of the family are from actually.

The Olde Belle is charming, quaint but fresh and modern with the kind of decor I love in country establishments (lots of sage green). We ordered a bottle of Macon Verze (a delicious Burgundy), ate crab and gazpacho (together, YUM), smoked trout and horseradish (smoked in house and their speciality), halibut, pork belly (TA, too rich for me) and the best treacle tart I've ever tasted. Their chef Warren Geraghty cooks simple rustic food with lots of flavour.

The service was unpretentious but attentive and we could have sat there drinking Macon Verze all day.... We were driving so instead we went for a walk through the pretty village of Hurley, watched everyone congregate for a wedding at the idyllic church, played pooh sticks on the bridge and then wandered along the river towards Marlow.

It really was the most lovely day. They say it's the little things in life but you take them for granted when you don't have children and do them every weekend. We spent the journey back to London on my ipad searching PrimeLocation.com for houses in Hurley. It's not quite within our budget yet...

