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**T**he Hertfordshire Hoteliers Association has launched a campaign focussing on the wide variety of food and drink available at its member properties. Hotels have some of the finest chefs in the county and the Association is determined to spread the word and also dispel the myth that eating in hotels is expensive. A typical example of what's on offer can be found at Hanbury Manor Hotel and Country Club near Ware, which has two dining options, the Zodiac Restaurant and the contemporary Oakes Grill. Like many HHA hotels, the Jacobean-style Hanbury Manor takes full advantage of its setting in one of Britain's most picturesque counties, with 200 acres of grounds. Says general manager William Bolton-Smith: "We are fortunate in being able to provide the perfect backdrop for dining out in style." The fine-dining Zodiac Restaurant holds two AA rosettes and offers an international dinner menu with

French influences served amidst chandeliers, classic paintings and a traditional fireplace. Starters might include seared scallops with sweet corn purée and Alsace bacon, or almond-crusted croquette of foie gras with tomato confit, rhubarb tart and cracked black pepper caramel, while typical main courses could feature pan-fried wild sea bass with fondant potato, salsify and artichokes barigoule, or roast noisette of lamb with basil puree and asparagus. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the Oakes Grill is light and airy and also features an international menu and regular special events such as the Sunday jazz brunch with champagne, music and a gourmet buffet with prices from £29.50 per person or £14.75 for guests aged under 12. Dishes on the main Oakes Grill menu range from grilled rib eye steak with flat cap mushrooms and cherry

tomatoes on the vine with béarnaise sauce and fries to grilled peri peri chicken with rocket and chorizo salad and fries. Another special treat in store at Hanbury Manor is the fine English tradition of afternoon tea, where the property's pastry chefs come into their own. The hotel sales and marketing director Helen Rowe says: "We are very lucky to have them and they do an amazing job of creating some fabulous puddings and desserts to go with the extensive tea menu and sandwiches. It is another way to enjoy the Hanbury Manor experience." To help brighten the grey days of winter, Hanbury Manor has a special offer for our readers of a 10% discount on its afternoon teas Mondays to Friday until December 15th and again from January 2nd to March 31st. To take advantage of the offer, make sure you quote 'HT1' when you book.

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