

# Come whine with me!



Claude Paillet and Alvin Michaels

**T**he Dynamic Duo, Alvin Michaels and Claude Paillet from *The Bricklayers Arms*, Flaunden, were asked to be guests on BBC2's latest foodie series, *Instant Restaurant*. Licensee Alvin together with his Head Chef Claude were both critics with several others to judge the merits of an amateur Italian chef.

*Instant Restaurant* features two households dubiously turning their home into a pop-up restaurant and competing to see who can make the most profit with a three-course menu to impress their guests. The 20-part series goes out head to head with Channel 4's *Come Dine With Me*.

Alvin was not very impressed particularly as the dessert

consisted of two rock hard jammy dodger biscuits followed by a cup of instant coffee. As the coffee served at *The Bricklayers Arms* is probably the best you will taste anywhere in Hertfordshire, Alvin was dismayed with the cup he tried on the TV show.

*The Bricklayers Arms* has won many awards including Hertfordshire's Dining Pub of the Year 2009 by *The Good Pub Guide*, Restaurant of the Year 2009 by *The Foodie Square Guide*, Freehouse of the Year by *The Publican Magazine* and Regional Winner Award 2009 and Food Pub of The Year 2009, The AA Pick of the Pubs 2009 and *Michelin Guide 2009*. Alvin also owns *The Nags Head* Inn and Restaurant at Great Missenden, Bucks.