

TALES OF TEA

MENU

This great British tradition was introduced by Anna Maria Russell, the seventh Duchess of Bedford as a way to stave off hunger pangs in the long gap between lunch and dinner.

To celebrate the revival of this quintessential British custom, we have hand-chosen some historic period treats and sandwiches for a truly decadent afternoon tea.

If you have any special dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to ask a member of our team who will be more than happy to help.

A full selection of bar drinks and a wine list to complement your afternoon tea is available.



CUSTOMER INFORMATION:

Please note that our dishes may contain one or more of the following allergens: Cereal, peanuts, nuts, fish, shellfish, sesame seeds, eggs, milk, soya, celery, celeriac, mustard, sulphuric dioxide, and sulphites.

If in doubt, please ask a member of staff.

Please note the menu is subject to change at our discretion.





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SOMETHING FOR BREAKFAST...

SERVED UNTIL 11.30AM

Join us for breakfast at Tales of Tea, the following options are freshly baked daily and available for you to enjoy.

Selection of fresh Danish Pastries & Croissants.

Please see counter

£4.75

Toasted teacake

£4.75

Toasted Fruit loaf

£3.75

Crispy Bacon Roll

£5.95

With egg

£7



Medieval Coventry was a bustling town which was made rich by its important role in the wool trade. It was particularly known for its Coventry Blue Wool, a well-recognised high-quality material dyed in the wool using woad. It is still remembered throughout the City from the nickname of Coventry's City Football Club, the Sky Blues, to the Blue Ribbon Roundabout.



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SOMETHING FOR LUNCH...

SERVED 12 NOON - 2.30PM

Treat yourself to a tasty selection of classic British fare, freshly prepared to order by our chef using the best produce.

CATCH OF THE DAY

£12.95

Beer Battered Cod Fillet, House Chips, Mushy Peas,

Scorched Lemon, Chunky Tartare Sauce

HEIRLOOM TOMATO SALAD

£6.95

Bocconcini Mozzarella, Basil Plant Based Pesto

& Aged Balsamic Vinegar

STEAK & ALE PIE

£12.95

Seasonal Vegetable Panache & Creamed Mash Potato

CHEF'S SOUP OF THE DAY

£5.95

ROASTED CHICKEN CIABATTA

£9.95

Smoked Bacon & Guacamole

STROZZAPRETI PASTA

£12.95

Roasted Tomato, Basil Sauce & Chargrilled Mixed Peppers



Merchant and Craft Guilds were formed to protect and stabilise trade for the benefit of members and customers by ensuring a fair price and consistent standards. The wealth of the city was reflected in the Guild that built St Mary's Guildhall. Following the collapse of the wool trade in the 16th and 17th centuries, silk became the primary textile industry in Coventry - specifically silk ribbons for fashion.





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◇◇ CHAMPAGNE ◇◇

MARTEL
PRESTIGE BRUT, CHAMPAGNE

Glass - £10.25
Bottle - £55

A wonderfully fresh aftertaste, lemon liqueur, fresh pears.
A fine density to the nose, rigorous, banana flesh, lovely supporting
freshness, a wonderful acidity. An invigorating lovely mouth.



MARTEL
ROSE BRUT, CHAMPAGNE

Glass - £10.75
Bottle - £57.50

An elegant salmon-pink colour. The nose is very fruity, with scents
of cherries and strawberries. The aromas are balanced by a floral
freshness. The mouth is structured with complex attack, followed by
a very fruity finish accompanied by vanilla notes.



Il Paco Prosecco
Italy

Glass - £6.00
Bottle - £30

A Draper would sell cloths or sewing materials. They would
often have small family run shops which could be part of
a larger Guild or Company. Overtime this trade developed
into a haberdasher or tailor role, and even now drapers
make up an important part of the fashion industry -
a very different role to their medieval counterparts.



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◇◇ AFTERNOON TREATS... ◇◇

DRAPERS' CLASSIC AFTERNOON TEA

Oak Smoked Salmon, Black Pepper & Cucumber
Slow Cooked Ham, Plum Tomato & Pommery Mustard
Mature Croxton Manor & Country Garden Chutney
Savoury Somerset Brie & Fig Tartlet
Mini Strawberry & Coconut Dome
Banana Bread Cake, Biscoff Butter Cream & Crumb
Edible Chocolate Flower Pot, Belgian Chocolate Mousse
& Candied Orange
Baked Lemon & Raspberry Tart
Warm Scone, Clotted Cream, Strawberry Jam
£21.50 per person

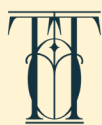


WEAVER'S SAVOURY AFTERNOON TEA

Smoked Haddock, Spring Onion & Chive Croquette
Chunky Tartare Sauce
Warwickshire Whizzer Sausage Roll
Savoury Somerset Brie & Fig Tartlet
Malt Kiln Farm Pork Pie
Edible Chocolate Flowerpot, Belgian Chocolate Mousse
& Candied Orange
Banana Bread Cake, Biscoff Butter Cream & Crumb
Freshly Baked Cheese Scone
Salted Estate Dairy Cultured Butter
Country Garden Chutney
£21.50 per person

A Weaver is a crafts person, who would weave cloth,
often on a loom. These could be a family run small workshop,
such as Weaver's House in Spon End, or a more structured
and regulated trading body overseen by Guilds like the
Guild of the Holy Trinity.





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AFTERNOON TREATS...

CONTINUED

MERCERS' SPARKLING AFTERNOON TEA

£27 per person

Afternoon tea presented on a tiered stand served with a glass of Prosecco

CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA

£31 per person

Afternoon tea presented on a tiered stand served with a glass of House Champagne

CREAM TEA

Warm Freshly Baked Scones, Strawberry Jam, Whipped Cornish Clotted Cream
Your Choice of Loose-Leaf Tea.

£12.95 Per Person

SELECTION OF CAKES

Please see counter - £5.95 per slice



Mercers were merchants - buying and selling general goods, however this soon began to mean textile goods specifically like silks, linens and fustian. Businesses ranged from small family run organisations to larger international merchants, trading with Europe, Africa and Asia.



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LOOSE LEAF TEAS

BLACK TEA LEMON & GINGER

Combining large leaf Black China tea with lemon and ginger we've created a delicious, harmonious blend. Great for winter days when you're feeling a bit under the weather. Black tea for that boost and lemon and ginger to soothe you.

ENGLISH BREAKFAST

A classical blend of Ceylon and Assam tea, infused to perfection. Full bodied with a coppery coloured brightness.

CHAI SPICE

Chai spice, a classic blend of spicy notes conjuring up the steamy, aromatic delights of an Indian street market. Black assam tea leaves create the base for this global favourite. Within this you will find subtle hints of pepper, orange, cinnamon, cardamon and cloves, beautifully blended to complete this signature black chai.

CHOCOLATE

A guilt free indulgence! Our chocolate tea comprises of traditional black tea luxuriously blended with a hint of chocolate, perfect with or without milk, and sugar if desired. Perfect for a treat, especially at Easter!

EARL GREY

One of the most popular teas, our Earl Grey black tea is an elegant blend of the finest, rich black tea leaves scented with a delicate citrus bergamot twist. Usually enjoyed in the afternoons, this quintessentially British tea is named after 1830s English Prime Minister, Charles Grey and was exclusively drunk by the upper classes. Earl Grey tea has become a traditional staple of British tea drinking.

MOROCCAN MINT

Our Moroccan Mint is an absolute favourite, much loved for the unique flavour of dried Moroccan Mint leaves mixed with green tea. Excellent as a digestif after a meal or a refreshing pick me up. This tea has surprisingly cooling properties - perfect for hot, sunny days.

RED BERRY & ROSE PETALS

Our Red Berries and Rose Petals unique fruit blend of hibiscus, rosehip, apple pieces and orange peel rounded off with delicate edge of rose petals. This is a delightful, aromatic afternoon drink. Perfect as a warm tea or makes for a great iced tea too.

RUM ARABICA

Part of our Cocktail Tea Collection, our Rum Arabica tea is a traditional Rooibos tea combined with cocoa cores, coffee beans, cinnamon, blackcurrants with rum flavour. Why not try making your own mocktail with our infusion teabags. A popular choice with those looking to try something a little different.





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GRAND CRU COFFEES

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by Café Du Monde
A Cafetière for one person

EL SALVADOR

A Rainforest Alliance coffee voted one of the top 10 certified coffees in the world. A rich superb single origin, thick treacle sweetness and complex fruitiness.

KENYAN

Kenyan AA is the highest grade of Kenyan coffee. Purists praise it for its bright acidity and intense fruity flavour with a short, sharp earthy finish.

SUMATRA

Fairtrade certified and organic. This is a classic Indonesian "Bold" - earthy and full bodied with spicy, smoky notes and an unusual liquorice twist.

ETHIOPIAN

Coffee was first discovered in Ethiopia. This Yirgacheffe is a connoisseur's delight. Light, sweet blackcurrant flavour with sharp gooseberry tones and a clear finish.

SWISS WATER DECAFFEINATED

Caffeine is removed by washing the beans from Costa Rica, Guatemala and Sumatra in pure spring water. A gentle flavour with low acidity and a crisp, subtle finish.



Flat White £3.95

Mocha £3.95

Latte £3.95

Cappuccino £3.95

Pot of Breakfast Tea £3.95

