



“The truth is, I do indulge myself”

Samuel Pepys

Let us tease your imagination and awaken your senses with our ginspired Afternoon Tea. Known for his outrageous character and illustrious lifestyle, our patron Samuel Pepys liked to indulge... in all aspects of life.

AFTERNOON TEA

For Samuel Pepys and his ladies of London, only the most decadent spread will do. Resist at your peril! Delicious green tea and gin-cured smoked salmon sandwiches sit alongside melt-in-your-mouth gruyere savoury choux, whilst exotic buttermilk and juniper flavoured scones make way for our eponymous Pudding Lane Pastries – resist at your peril!

£30 per person
Including a selection of sandwiches,
pastries and bespoke ‘afternoon tea’ cocktail*

Sandwiches

Sipsmith Gin & green-tea cured salmon, dill & cream cheese
Coronation free-range chicken & coriander
Cucumber & mint
Hen’s egg & watercress
Ham, pea shoots & mustard mayonnaise

Savoury

Savoury choux, Gruyère cheese mousse
Beetroot and goat’s cheese macaron

Scones

A selection of buttermilk & juniper scones served with Cornish clotted cream & strawberry jam

Pudding Lane Pastries

Sipsmith Gin & summer berry cheesecake
Blackberry choux
Valrhona Manjari 64% chocolate slice, salted caramel
Tarte au citron

*Upgrade your Afternoon Tea with Lanson Champagne
or Rosé Lanson Champagne £35/£37.50 pp

All prices are inclusive of VAT. An optional 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill. Some items in this menu contain nuts or derivatives of nuts, which in certain people can lead to allergic reaction. If you have any food allergy or intolerance, please advise the staff before ordering.

COCKTAIL SELECTION

Our gin-based Afternoon Tea Cocktails pay homage to Pepys’ decadent lifestyle. From affairs ‘just for the thrill of it’ to boozy afternoons in London’s theatre district, you’ll find three daring, tea-infused cocktail creations on our menu. Equally charming mocktails available for those looking to keep a clear head.

Orange Moll

Sipsmith Gin, Cointreau, marmalade, Amaretto & apricot liquor infusion

Story

Mary Meggs, a former prostitute nicknamed “Orange Moll” and a friend of Madam [Nell] Gwyn’s, had been granted the licence to “vend, utter and sell oranges, lemons, fruit, sweetmeats and all manner of fruiterers and confectioners wares” within the theatre. Orange Moll hired Nell and her older sister Rose as “orange-girls”, selling the small, sweet “china” oranges to the audience inside the theatre for a sixpence each.

Sheer Thrill

Sipsmith Gin, shrubs (pineapple, basil, vinegar, sugar syrup), Electric Bitters, lemon & jasmine tea sorbet

Story

Samuel Pepys often sought gratification away from home in his love for food, women and wine for the “sheer thrill” of it.

Duchess of Bedford

Absolut Raspberry, Crème de Banana, Prosecco

Story

Afternoon tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o’clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o’clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner.

CHAMPAGNE

Lanson Black Label Brut Champagne £60

Rosé Lanson Champagne £75

As a standard wine is served as a 175ml measure, or multiples thereof. 125ml servings are also available.

Spirits (Vodka, Gin, Whisky & Rum) are served as 50ml measure. 25ml are available.

A full spirits list is available from the bar.

BIRCHALL TEA SELECTION

Our Speciality Tea Menu is perfectly crafted to accompany your gin-spiced tiers. Choose an exotic and enchanting tea companion, or something a little more soothing and delicate. Your wish is Pepys command.

Signature Teas

Great Rift, English Breakfast

A deliciously strong breakfast tea bursting with full flavour.

Virunga, Earl Grey

This single origin tea is famously bright, fragrant and perfect anytime.

Virunga, Afternoon Tea

An elegant and refreshing afternoon tea.

Darjeeling

A light and sophisticated afternoon tea.

Virunga Chai

A rich, gratifying all day tea bursting with spicy flavours.

Green Tea

A purifying and restorative Mao Feng, rich in anti-oxidants.

Jasmine tea

An exotic & enchanting green tea, rich in anti-oxidants.

Great Rift, Decaf Tea

A delicious, decaffeinated breakfast tea bursting with flavour.

Fruit & Herbal Infusions

Red Berry & Flower

Fruity, refreshing, rich in anti-oxidants and naturally caffeine free.

Camomile

Soothing and delicate, aiding digestion and promoting sleep.

Peppermint

Fresh, invigorating and perfect as an after-dinner digestif.

Lemongrass & Ginger

Lively, spicy and naturally caffeine free.

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