

Secrets & Spies

AFTERNOON TEA

This unique afternoon tea pays homage to the secret history and the characters associated with the former Old War Office - today known as The OWO and home to Raffles London. The building played its part in the evolution of the Military Intelligence Service into its modern form of MI5 and MI6. 20th century spies were briefed here.

Today we want you to enjoy our little taste of espionage - designed to bring alive the history of The OWO and stories of the spies once connected with it. All our cakes and pastries are made with passion and plenty of seasonal British ingredients.



AFTERNOON TEA

The Old War Office building played a significant role in British history and some of the nation's most important leaders, statesmen and influencers have walked these halls, from Lord Kitchener and TE Lawrence to Richard Haldane and Winston Churchill - in addition to those enigmatic heroes and heroines of the Secret Service, who inspired Ian Fleming to write his numerous James Bond novels.

During the Second World War, candidate spies for the Special Operations Executive (SOE) were interviewed and briefed in the basement, whilst MI9 was created here and formed the network that helped fugitive Prisoners of War (POWs) and soldiers stranded behind enemy lines to escape home to Britain.

Conceptualised by Executive Chef Roger Olsson and Executive Pastry Chef Dale DeSimone, the team were inspired by this spy heritage. They worked closely together to curate the unique afternoon tea with cakes and pastries championing a spy pocket watch and the bravery of female spies, many of whom have suites named after them within Raffles London.

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AMUSE BOUCHE

Asparagus & Spring Vegetable Tart

Peas ~ Onion Chutney

(Gluten - Barley, Wheat, Egg, Milk, Soya, Sulphites)

SANDWICH SELECTION

Fosse Meadows Chicken

Brown Bread ~ Curry Emulsion
~ Ginger ~ Carrots

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Milk, Egg, Soya, Nuts)

Honey Roasted Ham

Tomato Bread ~ Sour Cream
Green Tomato ~ Chutney

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Milk, Soya, Sulphites, Mustard)

H. Forman & Son Smoked Salmon

Rye Bread ~ Candied Lime
~ Horseradish Cream

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Soya, Fish, Milk)

Arlington White Egg

White Bread ~ Mustard Cress
~ Wholegrain Mustard

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Soya, Egg, Mustard)

Cucumber

Wholemeal Bread ~ Mint ~ Yoghurt ~ Sumac

(Gluten - Wheat - Barley, Soya, Milk)

SCONES

Traditional Buttermilk & Sultana Scones

Cornish Clotted Cream ~ Strawberry Jam

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Milk, Egg)

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CAKE TO SHARE

Time to Spy

This is a unique spy-themed ‘sharing’ chocolate cake made to look like the pocket watch, modeled after “the watch that won the war” according to Churchill – the GSTP. This legendary pocket watch was used by the British Army and MI9 in WWII to help troops carry out espionage and sabotage, and to aid their escape if caught. The versions used by special commandos and spies had a secret compartment in the back to house microfilm or a tiny camera. The cake showcases both the watch face and rear camera lens.

Salted Caramel ~ Shortbread ~ Gaya 64% Chocolate

(Gluten – Wheat, Egg, Milk, Soya)

PASTRIES

Four spy pastries are named Odette, Christine, Virginia and Vera and are a tribute to the female spies who played their role during WWII and took their orders from the War Office (The OWO). The story behind each female spy has inspired ingredients for each cake.

Odette

Odette Sansom was an agent for the SOE in France during WWII. She was the first woman to be awarded the George Cross in the UK and was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by France. Sansom arrived in France in November 1942 and worked as a courier with the Spindle Network of SOE headed by Peter Churchill (whom she later married). In January 1943, to evade arrest, Churchill and Sansom moved their operations to near Annecy in the French Alps. She and Churchill were arrested there on 16 April 1943 by a spy-hunter. Her wartime experiences were chronicled in books and motion pictures, making her one of the most celebrated members of the SOE and one of the few to survive imprisonment.

Ingredient inspiration: Despite her role in espionage, Odette was known to remain graceful and composed. Elderflower has a delicate, floral quality that ties her spirit to this sweet treat.

Elderflower ~ Raspberry ~ Yoghurt

(Egg, Milk)

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Christine

Christine Granville was a Polish spy of the British SOE during WWII. She became celebrated for her daring exploits in intelligence and irregular-warfare missions in occupied Poland and France. She was the first female agent of the British to serve in the field and the longest serving of all Britain's wartime women agents. Her resourcefulness and success has been credited with influencing the decision to recruit more women as spies. It is said Ian Fleming used Christine as inspiration for his James Bond character, Vesper Lynd in 'Casino Royale'.

Ingredient inspiration: Within her name, you will find the word Vanille, or Vanilla in English. A nod to her time in France and her fluent French.

Strawberry ~ Vanilla ~ Ginger

(Gluten - Wheat, Milk, Egg, Soya)

Virginia

Virginia Hall Goillot was a famous American-born spy, working in France. She was the first female agent to take up residence in France in August 1941. Over the next 15 months, she organised resistance movements, supplied agents with money, weapons and supplies, helped downed airmen to escape and offered safe houses and medical assistance to wounded agents and pilots. She fled France in November 1942 to avoid capture, because she had engineered a prison break helping over 40 SOE operatives escape.

Ingredient inspiration: She grew up not far from a bakery and during this time, she snacked on simple cookies made from chocolate and shortbread.

Chocolate ~ Coffee ~ Sable

(Gluten - Wheat, Milk, Egg, Soya)

Vera

Vera May Atkins was a Romanian-born British spy who worked in the France section of the SOE from 1941 to 1945 during WWII. She took on many roles as a spy, including recruiting, training, and planning secret operations in France. She recruited many top female spies and managed to decipher coded German messages that no one else could. Atkins was also known for the tenderness and respect that she showed her agents. When 118 F Section agents remained missing after the war, Atkins went to work finding them and located nearly every last one.

Ingredient inspiration: M, the famous character from Ian Fleming's James Bond is said to be inspired by Vera Atkins. M., the first letter of Maple.

Maple ~ Pear ~ Pecan

(Gluten - Wheat, Nuts, Egg, Milk)

AFTERNOON TEA

The Drawing Room Afternoon Tea
£85

A Taste Of The British Fizz

English Sparkling Afternoon Tea

Served with a glass of
NV Brut Reserve ~ Coates & Seely
Hampshire ~ England
£105

English Sparkling Rosé Afternoon Tea

Served with a glass of
NV Rosé Brut ~ Nyetimber
West Sussex ~ England
£108

Prestige Champagne Afternoon Tea

Served with a glass of Champagne 2013 Vintage Brut ~ Dom Pérignon,
France
£160

Alcohol-Free Pairing

Served with a glass of Alcohol-Free Sparkling Rosé ~ Wild Idol
£98

AFTERNOON TEA

Indulge With An Additional Glass Of

Coates & Seely Reserve NV ~ £25

Nyetimber Rosé NV ~ £26

Dom Pérignon 2013 ~ £85

Sparkling Rosé - Wild Idol 0.0% ~ £15

Wine Pairing Experience

This June, celebrate English Wine Week with our exclusive pairing offer featuring locally produced wines created by our Wine Director, Vincenzo Arnese.

Discover the best of homegrown vineyards while supporting local winemakers all month long.

£39

A selection of three wines

2020 Pessac-Léognan - Château Lamothe-Bouscaut, 100ml served with sandwiches

2021 Morgon James Côte du Py - Jean-Marc Burgaud, 100ml served with sandwiches

2016 Sauternes - Castelnau de Suduiraut, 100ml served with pastries & scones

We also provide children's, vegetarian, gluten free and plant-based afternoon tea

All prices include VAT. A discretionary service charge of 15% will be added to your bill. If you have any food allergies or intolerances, please let us know before you order. As allergens are present in our kitchen and some of our ingredients have 'may contain' warnings, we cannot guarantee menu items will be completely free from a particular allergen.

TEA SELECTION

WHITE

Silver Needle ~ Supplement £2

Luxurious white tea buds combine together to produce a delicately sweet tea with hints of flowers and sweet honey.

White Apricot

A delicious blend of soft white tea with honey sweet apricot pieces. Marigold and rose petals give a refreshing floral finish in the cup.

O O L O N G

Da Hong Pao

Da Hong Pao is a dark oolong grown in the Wuyi Mountains of Fujian Province, China. Delicious minerality with hints of tobacco and sweet fruits.

Milky Oolong

This extraordinary tea is characterised by a smooth, milky infusion with a creamy finish.

TEA SELECTION

GREEN

Dragon Jasmine Pearl

The finest green tea is rolled with jasmine flowers to create our Dragon Phoenix Pearls. A decadent and luxurious jasmine with a delicate underlying sweetness.

Genmaicha

Genmaicha, or 'rice tea', is a combination of green Sencha, roasted grain rice and popped rice. The tea imparts a golden infusion with nutty and savoury flavours.

Cherry Blossom

Japanese green tea blended with peony flower petals, rose petals and cherries to produce a beautifully balanced tea with a distinctive cherry undertone.

Dragonwell (Lung Ching) ~ Supplement £2

Our Dragonwell tea has unique flat and crisp leaves and is grown in the Hangzhou area in Zhejiang province. This delicate tea smoothly develops a classic green tea character with sweet and slightly fruity notes.

TEA SELECTION

BLACK

The Drawing Room Afternoon Blend

Exclusively made for Raffles London, our Afternoon Tea Blend comprises whole leaf black teas blended with rose petals. A graceful tea with a sophisticated interplay of citrus and floral notes.

English Breakfast

High grown, orange pekoe wholeleaf teas blended to produce a robust tea with hints of golden syrup wrapped around gentle flowery notes.

Darjeeling 1st Flush ~ Supplement £2

From one of the best Darjeeling estates, Goomtee produces luscious green leaves with hues ranging from oaky-brown to light green, offering a deliciously smooth and refreshing cup.

Darjeeling 2nd Flush

Jungpana is a tiny, beautiful and renowned garden nestled in the hills of the Kurseong Valley, Darjeeling, India. The garden is located on a steep slope near the Goomtee estate, which makes it incredibly remote and accessible only by foot. Much sought after among connoisseurs of Darjeeling vintages.

Assam Bargang

Assam Bargang tea comes from an estate located on the north banks of the Brahmaputra river in the Sonipur district in Northern India. The leaves are broken with tippy heads, which helps to give it a strong and creamy infusion.

TEA SELECTION

SCENTED BLACK

The Churchill

Inspired by Winston Churchill's favourite tea, a delicious blend of smoky lapsang with highlights of bergamot, wrapped together by warming ginger.

Mango Cooler

An enticing blend of Ceylon and Chinese black teas, enriched with dried mango and sunflower blossoms. The dark amber infusion offers an experience for the senses, with a gentle sweetness.

Chocolate Rose Tea

A delicious blend of black tea with cacao nibs, rose petals and sweet vanilla.

Earl Grey

Quintessentially English, our elegant Earl Grey is well balanced with vibrant oil of bergamot, developing delicious citrusy notes.

Earl Grey Orange

Classic Earl Grey with a twist. Enhanced with sweet orange to give a gentle but refreshing cup.

TEA SELECTION

TISANES - CAFFEINE FREE

Between the Leaves

A tantalising and refreshing medium-bodied herbal infusion with juicy lemons interlaced with warm and spicy ginger notes and hints of a mystery spice!

Rooibos Vanilla

An inviting blend of rich rooibos with sweet vanilla, offering a warming naturally caffeine free infusion.

Very Berry

A pure fruit tea with a wide selection of berries and dried fruit.
The deep red infusion is vibrant and full of juicy
berry flavours with sour hints of hibiscus.

Dancing Rose and Violet

Dancing Rose and Violet tea has a delicate flavour with complex undertones and the ingredients are considered to be a great vitality booster.

Celon Decaffeinated

A robust black tea still retaining bite and strength but without the caffeine.

DRINKS

HOT BEVERAGES

Espresso	£7
Double Espresso	£8
Ristretto	£7
Lungo	£8
Americano	£8
Cappuccino	£8
Latte	£8
Flat White	£8
Hot Chocolate	£9

BARISTA SPECIAL'S

Matcha Latte	£12
Turmeric Latte	£12
Beetroot Latte	£12
Lavender Latte	£12
Iced Latte	£8

SOFT DRINKS

Tonic	£6
Lemonade	£6
Grapefruit Soda	£6
Ginger Beer	£6
Ginger Ale	£6
White Peach & Jasmine Soda	£6

JUICES

Orange	£7
Pineapple	£7
Apple	£7
Cranberry	£7
Grapefruit	£7
Tomato	£7
Super Green Juice	£7

REAL

Sparkling Tea Dry Dragon	£10
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COCKTAILS

The Drawing Room

No. 3 Gin ~ The OWO Afternoon Tea ~ Lemon ~ Champagne

£24

The Drawing Room – Alcohol-Free

Seedlip Spice 94 ~ The OWO Afternoon
Tea ~ Lemon ~ French Bloom

£14

London Sling

Sipsmith Raffles 1915 Gin ~ Strawberry & Oat

Sipello ~ Linden Tea ~ Cherry Bitters

£26

Singapore Sling

Sipsmith Raffles 1915 Gin ~ Merlet Cherry ~ Roasted Pineapple,
Bénédictine D.O.M ~ Cointreau ~ Lime ~ Pomegranate ~ Bitters

£25

Negroni

No.3 Gin ~ Campari ~ Sweet Vermouth

£24

COCKTAILS

Martini

Sapling Vodka or No. 3 Gin ~ Dry Vermouth ~ Twist
£21

Enemigo Margarita

Enemigo Blanco Tequila ~ Cointreau ~ Lime
£24

Espresso Martini

Sapling Vodka ~ Coffee Liqueur ~ Coffee ~ Sugar
£21

Churchill's Old Fashioned

The Lakes, The Whiskymaker's Reserve No. 7 ~ The
Churchill Tea Blend ~ Demerara ~ Bitters
£28

Mint Julep

Michter's ~ Mint ~ Angostura Bitters ~ Sugar
£24

WINE

CHAMPAGNE & SPARKLING

	125ml	750ml
NV Collection 245 Brut – Louis Roederer Champagne – France	£24	£144
NV Brut Reserve - Coates & Seely Hampshire - England	£25	£150
NV Rosé Brut - Nyetimber West Sussex - England	£26	£156
NV Cuvée Rosé Brut – Laurent Perrier Champagne – France	£32	£192
2015 Vintage Blanc de Blancs Brut – Pol Roger Champagne – France	£52	£312
2013 Vintage Brut – Dom Pérignon Champagne – France	£95	£565

WHITE WINE

	125ml	750ml
2022 Greco di Tufo Cutizzi Riserva - Feudi di San Gregorio Campania – Italy	£16	£96
2023 Vouvray Sec Les Arpents - Sebastien Brunet Loire Valley - France	£18	£108
2020 Pessac - Léognan - Château Lamothe - Bouscaut Bordeaux – France	£20	£120
2023 Rías Baixas Albariño Leirana - Forjas del Salnés Galicia – Spain	£22	£132
2022 Pouilly - Vinzelles – La Soufrandière Burgundy – France	£24	£144
2019 Puligny - Montrachet 1erCru Les Folatières – Domaine Dujac Burgundy – France	£145	£870

WINE

ROSE WINE

	125ml	750ml
2023 Côtes de Provence By Ott Rosé – Domaines Ott Provence – France	£16	£96

RED WINE

	125ml	750ml
2022 Hunuc Reserve - Domaine Bousquet Mendoza – Argentina	£16	£96
2021 Bourgogne Rouge – Domaine de Montille Burgundy – France	£22	£132
2021 Morgon James Côte du Py - Jean- Marc Burgaud Burgundy – France	£25	£150
2020 Barolo – Reva Piedmont – Italy	£27	£162
2017 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Estate – Buehler Vineyards California – United States of America	£28	£168
2009 Pauillac - Château Pichon Longueville Comtesse de Lalande Bordeaux – France	£142	£825

WINE

SWEET WINE

	125ml	750ml
2022 Côteaux du Layon Cuvée des Lys – Château la Tomaze Loire Valley – France	£15	£90
2016 Sauternes – Castelnau de Suduiraut Bordeaux – France	£22	£132
	125ml	750ml
2013 Tokaji Dorgó Aszú 5 Puttonyos - Disznókő Tokaj - Hungary	£33	£135

FORTIFIED WINE

	100ml	750ml
10 Years Old Tawny Port – Ramos Pinto Duoro – Portugal	£14	£105
NV Amontillado Tio Diego Pago de Macharnudo - Valdespino Sherry – Spain	£15	£105
2013 Vintage Port – Quinta do Seixo Duoro – Portugal	£16	£120
	100ml	750ml
NV Oloroso Abocado Alameda - Bodegas Hidalgo Sherry – Spain	£15	£60

ALCOHOL FREE SPARKLING

	125ml	750ml
2023 Alcohol Free Sparkling White - Wild Idol	£15	£90
2022 Alcohol Free Sparkling Rosé - Wild Idol	£15	£90

SPIRITS

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	50ml
No. 3 London Dry	£16
Sipsmith Raffles 1915	£19
Monkey 47	£19
Bombay Sapphire	£20
Cambridge Truffle	£30

VODKA

	50ml
Sapling	£16
Boatyard	£17
Portobello Road	£18
Pod Pea	£20
Discarded Grape Skin	£19

TEQUILA

	50ml
Casamigos Blanco	£16
Casamigos Reposado	£20
Don Julio Reposado	£22
Fortaleza Reposado	£32
Casamigos Anejo	£36

SPIRITS

MEZCAL

	50ml
Ojo de Dios	£18
El Camino del Pensador	£22
Derrumbes Joven	£24
Vago Elote	£24
Corte Vetusto Tobala	£38

RUM

	50ml
Bacardí Carta Blanca	£16
Bacardí Ocho Reserva	£19
East London Liquor Co. Rum	£18
Takamaka Zannannan Pineapple	£19
El Dorado 21yo	£21

SPIRITS

SCOTCH

	50ml
Nc'Nean Original	£16
Balvenie 14yo Caribbean Cask	£22
Glenfiddich 18yo	£24
Glenmorangie Signet 18yo	£38
Dalmore 18yo	£70

WHISKEY ~ AMERICAN

	50ml
Michter's US*1 Kentucky Straight Bourbon	£16
Angel's Envy	£18
Bulleit Rye	£19
Maker's Mark 46	£22
Lot No. 40 Rye	£24

WHISKEY ~ IRISH

	50ml
Jameson	£16
Redbreast 12yo	£19
Green Spot	£20
Redbreast Lustau	£24
Yellow Spot	£26

WHISKY ~ ENGLISH

	50ml
The Lakes One Fine Blended Whisky	£18
The Lakes Distillery Single Malt Whisky	£30
Maker's Reserve No. 6	
The Lakes Whisky Maker's Editions Infinity	£40

SPIRITS

WHISKY ~ JAPANESE

	50ml
Toki	£17
Nikka from the Barrel	£20
Hibiki Harmony	£24
Hakushu Distiller's Reserve	£30
Togouchi 15yo	£38

WHISKY ~ TAIWANESE

	50ml
Kavalan Concertmaster	£20
Kavalan Solist Vinho Barrique	£65
Kavalan Solist Fino Sherry Cask	£70

COGNAC

	50ml
Courvoisier VSOP	£16
Remy Martin VSOP	£18
Martell XO	£32
Hennessy X.O	£36
Remy Martin X.O	£45

CALVADOS

	50ml
Avallen	£16
Dupont VSOP	£24
Adrien Camut 6yo	£25

ARMAGNAC

	50ml
Clés des Ducs XO	£22
Château du Tariquet VSOP	£30
Château de Gaube 1963	£110

SPIRITS

ALCOHOL-FREE SPIRITS

Seedlip	£14
Spice 94, Garden 108, Grove 42	
Everleaf	£13
Mountain, Marine, Forest	
Lyre's	£14
Italian Spritz, Coffee Original	
Tanqueray 0.0%	£13
Wavelength Ruby Aperitif	£13

BEER

Orbit Nico Köln Lager 4.8%	£10
London, England	
Noam Lager 5.2%	£10
Bavaria, Germany	
Orbit Ivo Pale Ale 4.5%	£10
London, England	
The Original Small Beer Company Session Pale 2.5%	£10
London, England	
Lucky Saint 0.5%	£9
Brewed in Bavaria, Germany and "de-alcoholised" in the UK	

WATER

Large Still	£7
Small Still	£5
Large Sparkling	£7
Small Sparkling	£5

OUR SUPPLIERS

Camellia's Tea House

Camellia's Tea House, a leading speciality and sustainable tea company who specialise in luxurious handmade bespoke teas, such as the Raffles London at The OWO bespoke tea selection, based on the history of London and the Old War Office. Their teas are designed and blended by master tea sommeliers who understand botanicals from around the world.

WorkShop Coffee

Established in 2011, Workshop Coffee is dedicated to showcasing the sweetest, cleanest, most sustainably produced coffees from around the world. They directly source clean, characterful coffees from dedicated producers with unique features from where they're grown, and how they're processed. They roast to bring out the innate sweetness and complexity of the coffees and are wholly committed, to the pursuit of creating memorable coffee experiences.

THE DRAWING ROOM TEA SHOP

TEAS

The Drawing Room 75g	£30
The Churchill 75g	£30
Between The Leaves 90g	£30

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT

In accordance with the Weights and Measures Act of 1985, the measure for the sale of Gin, Vodka and Whisky in these premises is 50ml and multiples thereof. Please note that champagne and sparkling wines, white & red wines are sold by the glass measured at 125ml, and Port and Sherry are sold by the glass measured at 100ml. Please note that all vintages were correct at the time of printing but are subject to change.

	12-13%
White & Red Wine	12-13%
Beers	0.05-5.5%
Vermouth	4-18%
Sherry & Port	5.5-20%
Gin	37.5-50%
Vodka	37.5-50.5%
Rum	37.5-50.5%
Tequila & Mezcal	38-50%
Whisk(e)y	40-70%
Cognac	40-70%
Absinthe	68%

Please note that all prices include VAT at the local stipulated rate.
A discretionary service charge of 15% will be added to your bill.
Our wines ABV is between 6% and 16%

Please inform your server if you have any allergies
or require information on ingredients used in our dishes.

