



~ Tavern Set Menu ~

To start

Roudham Farm Norfolk asparagus, mixed leaf salad and hazelnut dressing (V)

Smoked mackerel pâté with beetroot, potato and horseradish

Terrine of ham hock with grain mustard and parsley, home baked country toast

Soup of the day with Bleeding Heart baked bread (V)

To follow

Smoked haddock and salmon fishcakes, spinach and hollandaise sauce

Char-grilled lamb burger with salad and hand-cut fries

BBQ baby chicken with watercress and chips

Leek, pea and broad bean tartlet with rocket and Parmesan (V)

After

Strawberry pannacotta, summer berry compote

Blueberry Bakewell tart with clotted cream

Chocolate brownie, vanilla ice cream

Selection of home-made ice creams and sorbets



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Some dishes may contain nuts -please tell us if you have any allergies.

VAT is inclusive at current rate. A discretionary 12.5% service charge will be added to your bill

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The History of the Tavern

"DRUNK FOR A PENNY AND DEAD DRUNK FOR TWO PENCE".

The first record of the Bleeding Heart Tavern, on the corner of the Bleeding Heart Yard and Charles street (as Greville street was then called) is in the 1746 edition of the London Register of Innkeepers and Alehouse Keepers.

The licensee was listed as one Roger Hebden, "a gentleman with no criminal convictions." At that time Charles Street, had virtually a tavern on every corner - indeed Holborn boasted one tavern for every five private dwellings. Drunkenness and Debauchery were rife, and some taverns boasted their customers could be "drunk for a penny, and dead drunk for two pence".

Some local taverns offered a back room with "free straw" where drunken customers were laid out end to end to sleep off until they were ready to carouse once more.

The Bleeding Heart Tavern continued to trade until 1946. In that year the Tavern relinquished its license to become The Windsor Grill, and Charles Street was renamed Greville Street.

The Legend of the Bleeding Heart Yard

LADY HATTON AND BLEEDING HEART

Lady Elizabeth Hatton was the toast of 17th century London society.

The widowed daughter-in-law of the famous merchant Sir Christopher Hatton (one time consort of Queen Elizabeth 1st), Lady Elizabeth was young, beautiful and very wealthy. Her suitors were many and varied, and included a leading London bishop and a prominent European ambassador. Invitations to her soirées in Hatton Garden were much sought after and her annual winter ball on January 26, 1626 was one of the highlights of the London social season.

Halfway through the evening's festivities, the doors to Lady Hatton's grand ballroom were flung open. In strode a swarthy gentleman, slightly hunched of shoulder, with a clawed right hand. The party hushed, for it was Lady Hatton's most recently jilted lover. He took her by the hand, danced her once around the room and out through the double doors into the garden.

A buzz of gossip arose. Would Lady Elizabeth and the European Ambassador (for it was he) kiss and make up, or would she return alone?

Neither was to be. The next morning her body was found in the cobblestone courtyard-torn limb from limb, with her heart still pumping blood onto the cobblestones. And from thenceforth the yard was to be known as *The Bleeding Heart Yard*.

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