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October until December

Bedminster

AN AUTUMN MENU TO FALL FOR

Chefs cook up a storm in the kitchen

They're not ones for blowing their own trumpet, but this season's new menu at The Steam Crane really is the cat's meow. The wonderful residents of Bedminster and beyond should prepare to be truly delighted by the freshly-made and locally-sourced fayre on offer at one of the tastiest nosebaggeries this side of the river. Even the bread is made fresh in-house every morning, and you can pre-order a loaf or two for home ~ just e-mail kitchen@thesteamcrane.co.uk

SERVING
FOOD
DAILY
MON TO FRI
12 UNTIL 3PM
6 UNTIL 9.30
SAT 12
UNTIL 9.30
SUN
12 UNTIL
4.30
CAKES
COFFEE
AND HOME
BAKED
BREAD
01179
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Light Bites

Soup of the day, fresh bread (v)
£3.95

Scotch egg, piccalilli
£4.25

Bruschetta, roasted peppers,
red onions, olives, anchovies
£4.95

Baked hen's egg in a
tomato & marinated pepper sauce,
mascarpone, toasted focaccia (v)
£5.50

Tomatoes, mozzarella,
basil pesto, aged balsamic (v)
£6.50

Pan-fried scallops,
cauliflower puree, chorizo
£7.25

Mussels cooked in a local cider,
parsley & thyme cream sauce with
fresh home-made bread
small £6.25 large £8.95

MAINS

PAPPARDELLE PASTA (V)
wild mushrooms in a mascarpone sauce, truffle oil, parmesan
£9.95

BEER BATTERED FISH & CHIPS
minted bashed peas, triple-cooked chips, tartare sauce
£9.95

45-DAY-AGED BEEF BURGER
brioche bun, pickles, tomatoes, aioli, triple-cooked chips
£10.50

BBQ PULLED PORK BURGER
brioche bun, pickles, tomatoes, black pudding, triple-cooked chips
£10.95

SALT MARSH LAMB BARNSELY CHOP
cheesy polenta chips, purple sprouting broccoli, baby carrots,
salsa verde, sweet turkish onion gravy
£13.95

PIE OF THE DAY
served with seasonal veg, triple cooked chips, gravy
£11.00

SIRLOIN STEAK
whole roasted onion, field mushroom,
horseradish crème fraiche, chunky chips, watercress
£14.50

FRESH CATCH

OUR FISH IS LINE-CAUGHT AND DELIVERED FRESH.
PLEASE ASK OUR STAFF FOR DETAILS

SHARING BOARDS

VEGETARIAN £12
CURED MEATS £15
BOTH SERVED WITH OLIVES,
FRESH BREAD, OLIVE OIL
AND BALSAMIC VINEGAR

DESSERTS

STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING, CARAMEL SAUCE & VANILLA ICE CREAM £5
CHOCOLATE CREAM POT & CRUSHED BUTTER BISCUITS £4.50
PORT-POACHED PEARS, VANILLA ICE CREAM, HONEYCOMB & MERINGUE £5.50
A SELECTION OF ICE CREAMS OR SORBETS £1 PER SCOOP

All ingredients are locally-sourced and organic where possible. Some dishes may contain traces of nuts ~ most allergens can be removed from a dish at customer's request.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

~ MAN KILLED BY A LION ~

February 21st 1827 – On Thursday evening last, the following dreadful occurrence took place. At the Star Inn, Bedminster, was a caravan of wild beasts, and the keeper being in want of an attendant, a person who had from his infancy been accustomed to the business, offered his services on the Wednesday, and was accepted. He was, however, cautioned not to go within reach of any of the beasts; this caution he unhappily neglected. A party came to see the animals, and as the lion was asleep and did not appear willing to rise, the man imprudently went into his den. The beast suddenly awakened, and probably hungry and alarmed at the presence of a stranger, darted forward with a paw, with which he seized the showman by the shoulder, at the same moment with the other he dreadfully lacerated the face. The miserable man cried piteously, and struggled to get loose, but his efforts were in vain, the lion, now infuriated, seized him by the throat with his mouth, and held him in that situation until death put a period to the too horrible sufferings of the victim. A gentleman happening to pass, who lived in the neighbourhood, immediately brought his pistols; and another person called to a blacksmith, who had a piece of iron red hot, to afford assistance, but it was 20 minutes before the animal would quit his prey, although his mouth was much burned; at length the head of the unhappy man fell from his jaws, a spectacle too horrible for description, when the body was drawn from the cage. We understand that under ordinary circumstances the animal was exceedingly quiet and docile, so much so, indeed, that two women and two children had actually been in the cage with him on the preceding day. We hope this will be a warning to persons not to entrust themselves within the reach of such ferocious animals; and we should be glad to learn that the disgusting practice of hallooing down the throats of lions and tigers was discontinued – *Bath Journal*

WINE LIST!

White Wine

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
KLEINE ZALZE, BUSH VINES CHENIN BLANC (13.5%) Stellenbosch, South Africa 2014/15	£3.60	£4.10	£5.75	£15.95
DA LUCA, PINOT GRIGIO (12.5%) Terre Siciliane, Italy 2014/2015	£3.80	£4.50	£6.35	£17.50
WAIPARA HILLS, SAUVIGNON BLANC (13.5%) Waipara Valley, New Zealand 2014/15	£4.50	£6.20	£8.30	£22.50
BOGLE, VIOGNIER (14.5%) Clarksberg, USA 2013	~	~	~	£22.50
LA FONT FRANCAISE, PICPOUL DE PINET (12.5%) Coteaux du Languedoc, France	~	~	~	£22.50
MONSTERS, MONSTERS ATTACK! SOME YOUNG PUNKS RIESLING (10.8%) Clare Valley, Australia 2014	~	~	~	£29.95

Red Wine

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
SHORT MILE BAY, MERLOT (12.5%) South Eastern Australia	£3.25	£4.00	£5.65	£15.50
STARVE DOG LANE, SHIRAZ (13.5%) South Australia	£4.10	£5.65	£7.85	£22.00
MARQUES DE MORANO RESERVA, RIOJA (13.5%) Spain 2010	~	~	~	£24.00
RAVENSWOOD OLD VINE, ZINFANDEL (14.8%) Lodi County, USA 2013	~	~	~	£25.00
DIETER MAIER PURO, MALBEC ~ ORGANIC (14.5%) Mendoza, Argentina 2014	~	~	~	£24.95
FLAGSTONE WRITERS BLOCK, PINOTAGE (14.5%) Western Cape, South Africa	~	~	~	£27.00
PASSION HAS RED LIPS, SOME YOUNG PUNKS CABERNET SAUVIGNON/SHIRAZ (13.5%) Clare Valley, Australia 2013	~	~	~	£29.95

Rosé Wine

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
MARCHESINI, PINOT GRIGIO ROSE (12%) Italy	£3.30	£4.10	£5.65	£15.50
GRAN FEUDO EDICIÓN ROSADO (13%) Navarra, Spain	£3.90	£4.85	£6.85	£18.95

Prosecco & Champagne

				Bottle
GALANTI PROSECCO NV (10.5%) Italy	~	~	~	£22.50
LOUIS ROEDERER BRUT PREMIER CHAMPAGNE (12%) Reims, France	~	~	~	£45.00
DOM RUINART BLANC DE BLANC CHAMPAGNE (12.5%) Reims, France	~	~	~	£75.00