

Secrets & Spies

CHILDREN'S 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.



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SANDWICH SELECTION

Cheddar

Tomato Bread ~ Cheese

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Milk)

Arlington White Egg

White Bread ~ Watercress

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

Cucumber

Seeded Bread ~ Mint

~ Cream Cheese

(Gluten - Barley - Wheat, Soya, Sesame)

Honey Roast Ham

Caraway Bread ~ Ham

~ Butter

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

SCONES

Traditional Buttermilk & Sultana Scones

Cornish Clotted Cream ~ Strawberry Jam

(Gluten - Wheat, Milk, Egg)

PASTRIES

Operation Sweetcase

The "spy suitcase" was a suitcase containing concealed communication devices or other spy equipment, used by secret agents during World War II. These suitcases often looked like normal everyday cases, but they allowed special agents to transmit vital information to their headquarters, such as about enemy movements and target locations. A suitcase radio was once used by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) during the war.

Milk Chocolate ~ Caramel

(Gluten - Wheat, Milk, Egg, Soya)

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MI6

The origins of MI6 lie in the Secret Service Bureau (SSB), founded in September 1909 in this very building and dedicated to the collection of foreign intelligence, both through foreign missions and domestic counter-intelligence. Established by Mansfield Cumming, agents were recruited across the world and practised what became known as “tradecraft” — secret writing, disguises, inventions, and mechanical gadgets. These gadgets and gizmos, which Mansfield Cumming trialed in his own lab, were part of the inspiration for Ian Fleming’s ‘M’ in the James Bond novels.

Shortbread ~ Raspberry Jam

(Gluten – Wheat, Egg, Milk)

Morse Code

Morse Code is a system of dots and dashes representing letters and numbers. It was invented in the USA in the 1830's by Samuel Morse to enable long-distance communication. The codes are transmitted as electrical pulses of varied lengths or by mechanical or visual signals, such as flashing lights. It became a standard method for radio communication and was widely used during World War II.

Vanilla Cream ~ Citrus

(Gluten – Wheat, Milk, Egg), Soy