

# THE OFFICERS POCKET – BOOK

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# THE OFFICERS MESS

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In an obvious nostalgia for the 1940s, it blends, what’s probably the best inventive and quirky cocktails together with an amazing variety of live performance guest-star shows and some high-spirited background jazz music. What more for the perfect recipe, for a great night out?

Our ambiance is unique too!

The bar, a distressed Tudor gem in the heart of Stratford’s historic centre, is packed with WW2 memorabilia. It could have just come out of a Black and White war-time movie. Bar-staff dressed in the forties, young officers of all sorts and all kinds, hanging out for a night to remember, as if there is no-tomorrow. Ready for anything and everything as life cannot be postponed and must be enjoyed while it lasts. Cocktail Mixologists with their shakers, their mixers and their shot glasses try to sell their exotic creations in an unmistakable déjà vu approach. Ladies, dressed to kill, assess their prey, while Billie Holiday in the background, sings her heart out, trying to convince everybody that “she’s got her love to keep her warm”. Magic, sheer magic!

The songs, meticulously selected from every part of the Empire, wake up memories and bring back fond stories of a romantic past that may be gone, but never forgotten.

Our Drink-Lists and cold Food-Platters are divine!

Only too aware of the fact that Food and Drinks constitute pleasures in life, we propose items to remember.....! and talk about to all your friends the day after!

The “Officers Mess” simply, cannot be missed!

### Start your evening with a shaker

Officers Mess Nibble Tray **£12**

All served in a sharing tray

Sea Salt Crisps, Mix Nuts, Salted Popcorn, Toffee Popcorn,  
Fizzy Cola Bottles, Salted Pretzels



## OUR COCKTAILS NEED YOU

### The Officers Signature Cocktail

The signature drink of The Officers Mess, is Absinthe.  
Served the classic French way, slowly diluted with fine sugar, trickled  
with ice cold water from our vintage fountain.

Our signature drink is only served in 50ml measures and is  
the finest 68% La Fee Parisian Absinthe.

Distilled in Paris based on a 19th Century recipe containing  
wormwood and is the only absinthe authenticated by Marie-Claude  
Delahaye, founder and curator of the  
absinthe museum.

**£9**

### Its A Wonderful Life £12

Bergamot Liqueur, Ginger, Elderflower, Grapefruit,  
Prosecco, Orange Bitters

*A 1946 film about a man who has given up his personal dreams, for his love, for his family and his fellow man. The lesson that we learn is that sometimes we need to follow our dreams, but if it doesn't happen, good things can come from it. You have to look at the positive side of things and make it good your own way.*

### Dig For Victory £10

Gin, Rhubarb, Ginger Ale & Grapefruit Bitters

*The 'Dig for Victory' campaign was set up during WWII by the British Ministry of Agriculture. Men and women across the country were encouraged to grow their own food in times of harsh rationing. We have based this cocktail on the famous slogan.*

### Orwell's 1984 £12

Anejo Tequila, Lillet, Benedictine & Peychauds Bitters

*The dystopian novella by George Orwell published in 1949 follows the life of Winston Smith, a low-ranking member of 'the Party', who is frustrated by the omnipresent eyes of the party, and its ominous ruler Big Brother. 'Big Brother' controls every aspect of people's lives.*



### **Cherry Bakewell £12**

Gin, Amaretto, Cherry Liqueur, Benedictine, Pineapple,  
Lemon, Angostura

*Dating back to the 19th century, when a woman named Mrs Greaves, who was the landlady of the White Horse Inn, in Derbyshire, created the Bakewell pudding. Since its creation there have been many adaptations of the famous pudding. We being impartial, believe we offer the best.*

### **Aviation - £12**

Engine Oil Gin, Maraschino, Crème Violette, Clarified Lemon

*First making its debut, in the last cocktail recipe book published by Hugo Ensslin, before Prohibition the recipe appeared again in Harry Craddock's - The Savoy Cocktail Book. This time without the crème de violette. Perhaps Craddock was in a hurry and copied Ensslin's recipe down wrong, or perhaps he thought it just tasted better without it. Nobody will ever know.*

### **The King's Speech £12**

Busker Whisky, Disaronno, Elemakule Tiki Bitters,  
Cinnamon Smoke

*"After nearly five years of toil and suffering, we must renew that crusading impulse on which we entered the war and met its darkest hour. We, and our Allies, are sure that our fight is against evil and for a world in which goodness and honour, may be the foundation of the life of men in every land"*

### **77 Smoke Grenade £12**

Rye Whisky, Cocchi Vermouth Di Torino, Angostura,  
Orange, Celery Bitters, Oak Smoke

*The No.77, was a British white phosphorus grenade, introduced in September 1943 and used during the second World War. Consisting of around 225 grams of white phosphorus, an impact fuse and a tin casing, It was intended for laying down smoke screens and as a signalling device.*

### **The Cadillac - £11**

Busker Irish Whisky, Applejack, Baked Apple, Ginger

*Hotel Cadillac, unlike other New York hotels, became famous for its burlesque and cabaret shows as well as its famous bartenders. The original building was demolished in 1940, after many famous names raised a drink in its name.*

### **Mai tai - £11**

Blanco & Reposado Tequila, Falernum, Lime,  
Vapor Distillale Bora Bora

*The story goes that one evening, in 1944, Victor Jules Bergeron, or trader "Vic", tested a new drink on two friends from Tahiti. After the first sip, one of them exclaimed "Mai roa ae" which means 'Out of this world - the best!' the name was adopted on the spot.*

### **Churchill's Cigar £10**

Dark Rum, Salted Coffee Saccharum, Tobacco Bitters

*Although Churchill spent just a few months in Cuba, he almost immediately became hooked, on one of it's most famous products, cigars. While he would sometimes smoke other brands, it was two Cuban ones, 'Romeo y Julieta' and 'L'a Aroma De Cuba', which became his favourite cigars! Both of which are still available today.*

### **Screw Me Over - £10**

**Vodka, Orange, Sangue Morlacco, Cherry**

*Originated during World War II when Americans in China and Turkey mixed neutral spirits with orange juice. The first recipe dates from 1943.*

### **Moscow mule - £10**

**Vodka, Ginger Syrup, Ginger Beer, Lime, Mint Foam**

*Invented in 1941. John "Jack" Morgan made a ginger beer that customers were uninterested in. John Martin was also trying unsuccessfully to get consumers to buy his vodka. The two Businessmen got to talking about their inability to sell those two products. Following a serious discussion, they ended up combining the two and created a new drink, which was an instant success.*

### **Pink lady - £10**

**Gin, Bandarra Vermouth, Coconut, Raspberry, Lemon**

*The Pink Lady became a favourite of high-society ladies in the 1940s. Like many Post-war era cocktails its invention, was very much the solution to the cheap gin available at the time. The addition of other ingredients help tremendously in masking the unpleasant flavour of war time gin.*

### **The Bessies - £10**

**Vodka, Rum, Dry Curacao, Guava, Lemon**

*During and post war, necessity changed everything and an eager fleet of lady bartenders were born. Courageous women broke ground within the well-guarded liquor industry by conceding to a few pesky social norms. At the time, raising a pint in the comfort of friends provided a key escape from the horrors and uncertainties of a war-stricken society.*

**We do also offer a large selection of classic cocktails  
Please just ask our staff and they will be more  
than happy to help you**

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*Please make us aware of any allergies. We will try our best to accommodate your choice. Although utmost care is taken in preparation of all drinks and food, we cannot guarantee cross contamination between the various ingredients used.*

# OFFICERS FINEST SPIRIT CABINET

The selection below of spirits are 50ml measures,  
and includes a mixer

## Ragid Rum

Admiral's Old J Spiced £8  
Lambs Spiced £8  
Brugal Blanco £8  
Admiral's Old J Dark £9  
Kraken £9  
Zacapa 23 £17

## Victorious Vodka

Skyy Passionfruit £8  
Moonshine Vodka £9  
Belvedere £9  
Gray Goose £10  
Oak Smoked Chase £15

## Glorious Gin

Anges Arber Rhubarb £9  
Anges Arber Pineapple £9  
Roku £9  
Chase £9  
Tanqueray £9  
Monkey 47 £16

## Liqueur

Disaronno £8  
Torres 20 Hors Brandy £10.45  
Bulas 20 Year Tawny Port  
£10.45  
Cointreau £10.45

We have a large selection of guest spirits, come to the bar to see them,  
we always have something for someone!

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## MIXERS

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Coke Zero

Coca Cola

Lemonade

Ginger Ale

Ginger Beer

Light Tonic Water

Elderflower Tonic

Mediterranean Tonic

Premium Indian Tonic

Soda Water

Tomato Juice

Orange Juice

Cranberry Juice

Pineapple Juice

Grapefruit Juice

### **The Whiskey & Bourbon Barrel**

Our Whiskey and Bourbon are 50ml measures

Please be aware these are not served with a mixer

Oban 14 year old single malt scotch whisky £20

Rare Eagle 10 Year Old Bourbon £12

Bulleit Rye Whiskey £12

Haig Club Mediterranean Orange £11

Jack Daniels Single Barrel Whiskey £13

Glenfiddich 21 Year Old Single Malt Whiskey £25

Glenmorangie 10 year - £12

## **THE OFFICERS WINE LIST**

### **White Wine**

Pinot Grigio

**Bottle      250M      175ML**

**£24.95    £8.95    £7.95**

Sauvignon Blanc

**£24.95    £8.95    £7.95**

House White

**£21.95    £7.95    £6.95**

### **Rose Wine**

House Sweet Rose

**Bottle      250M      175ML**

**£21.95    £7.95    £6.95**

House Dry Rose

**£21.95    £7.95    £6.95**

### **Red Wine**

Merlot

**Bottle      250M      175ML**

**£21.95    £7.95    £6.95**

House Red

**£21.95    £7.95    £6.95**



### **Sparkling Wine**

Prosecco Glass 175ml	£8
Prosecco Bottle 750ml	£32

### **Champagne**

Lanson Black Label	£95
Charles Vercy Cuvee Champagne	£55
Charles Vercy Cuvee Champagne Rose	£60
Glass Of House Champagne	£10

## **BOTTLED ALCOHOLIC & SOFT DRINKS**

### **Beer, Cider & Ale**

Spitfire 500ml	£5
Newcastle Brown Ale 500ml	£5
Estrella Damm Premium 330ml	£6
Peroni	£6
Pearson's Medium Cider	£6
Sandford Orchards Berry Cider	£6

### **Soft Drinks**

Fever Tree Indian Tonic	£3
Fever Tree Ginger Beer	£3
Fever Tree Ginger Ale	£3
Lemonade	£3
Coca Cola	£4
Coca Cola Zero	£4
Spring Still Water	£3
Sparkling Water	£3

## **Mocktails £8**

No Alcohol included

### **o% Bellini**

Dry Prosecco Essence, Aromatic O % Bitters,  
Peach Puree, White Grape

### **o% Mojito**

Flavoured O% Rum, Mint, Sparkling Water,  
Lime Juice, Sugar Syrup

### **Cold Brew Coffee**

Stryyk Not Rum, Cold Brew Coffee,  
Salted Caramel

## **Non-Alcoholic Beer / Cider**

Old Mout Berries & Cherries O%

**£4**

Peroni Libera O%

**£4**



