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A Nobleman's Retreat: Strafford's Alehouse Opens Its Doors

Built in honour of the Earl of Strafford, Thomas Wentworth, this historic inn has been a cornerstone of village life for centuries. Once a retreat for nobility and travellers alike, today it continues the tradition – serving carefully crafted dishes, fine ales, and a warm welcome within walls rich with heritage.

Today, the Earl's legacy lives on – though the guests may have changed, the spirit of hospitality remains the same. Our kitchen celebrates this heritage with a menu of refined pub classics and seasonal dishes, while our bar pours ales and wines worthy of Strafford's name. Step inside and be part of the story.

Editor's Choice: While You Decide

Sometimes the best stories start slowly. A little something to share while you browse the menu – nibbles that buy you more time for conversation, laughter, and deciding what's next. Stretch out the moment, enjoy the company, and make the evening last just that little bit longer.

HUMMUS AND FLATBREAD NORTH AFRICAN KHOBEZ, CRISPY CHICKPEA, CHILLI DRIZZLE (vg, gfo)	5.95
OLIVES FRESH MARINATED MIXED OLIVES (vg, gfo)	5.50
BREAD AND OILS TOASTED CIABATTA, EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL, ROSEMARY BALSAMIC (vg, gfo)	4.95
MALDON EDAMAME SEA SALTED OR CHILLI SALTED EDAMAME BEANS (vg, gfo)	3.95



The building began life in the late 16th or early 17th century as a manor house—once owned by Sir Thomas Wentworth, the 1st Earl of Strafford, a notable adviser to Charles I who was later executed in 1641. His widow lived here until her death in 1688 and was reportedly buried in St John the Baptist Church—possibly alongside her husband and their daughter, with intriguing accounts of skeletons discovered during church renovations.

The structure is a Grade II listed building (listed in 1952), preserving its historical and architectural importance. Built from sandstone with hipped stone-slatted roofs, it features late 16th and 17th century elements visible at the rear—including a blocked Tudor-arched door and mullioned windows—as well as Georgian-era sash windows and an early 19th century porch.

The estate has evolved over centuries. In 1984, it transitioned from its hotel past to become a pub/hotel memory, with basement features like runnels believed to have been used for livestock slaughter—adding a macabre but fascinating dimension to its history.

Early Headlines: Starters

Making headlines since the 1600s — just like the Earl of Strafford himself, our starters are all about strong beginnings. From traditional classics like a prawn cocktail and a hearty Scotch egg, fit for the Earl himself, to international favourites such as soft shell tacos and bao buns, these opening dishes set the tone for the main story to follow.

HOISIN STEAK BAO BUN HOISIN RUMP STEAK, PICKLED RED ONION, FIRECRACKER DRIZZLE	7.95	DUCK SCOTCH EGG SOFT YOLK, BLACK PEPPER, HORSERADISH AIOLI (gfo)	7.95
SOFT SHELL BLUE TACOS CHOOSE FROM: HOT HONEY BUTTERMILK CHICKEN (gfo), <u>OR</u> FIRECRACKER VEGAN CHIQUIN (vg)	8.50	LOADED HALLOUMI FRIES CRISPY CHICKPEAS, POMEGRANATE SEEDS, MINTED YOGHURT DRIZZLE (v, gfo)	5.95
WHIPPED FETA NORTH AFRICAN KHOBEZ FLATBREAD, PISTACHIO CRUMBLE, HONEY DRIZZLE (v, gfo)	6.50	STICKY TEMPURA PORK BELLY BITES KOREAN BBQ MARINADE, KIMCHI	6.50
ITALIAN MEATBALLS BRITISH RED TRACTOR FARM-ASSURED BEEF & PORK MEATBALLS, RICH TOMATO RAGU, SHAVED PARMESAN	7.50	PRAWN COCKTAIL MARIE ROSE, CHERRY TOMATO, ICEBERG LETTUCE, CUCUMBER, BROWN BLOOMER (gfo)	8.50
		WINTER VEGETABLE SOUP TOASTED CIABATTA, WHIPPED SMOKED BUTTER (vgo, gfo)	5.50

THE EARL'S ULTIMATE SHARING PLATTER 34.95
HOISIN STEAK BAO BUNS, DUCK SCOTCH EGG, LOADED HALLOUMI FRIES, STICKY TEMPURA PORK BELLY BITES, WHIPPED FETA, SOFT SHELL TACOS. PERFECT AS A STARTER FOR FOUR OR MAIN FOR TWO!

The Main Story

The Old Favourites Column

Traditional British dishes that never leave the menu — comforting, homely, and always worth another serving.

<p>THE EARL'S STEAK & ALE PIE MASHED POTATO OR PROPER CHIPS, SEASONAL VEG OR PEAS, PROPER GRAVY</p> <p>BEER-BATTERED FISH & PROPER CHIPS GRIMSBY HADDOCK, CRUSHED PEAS, TARTARE SAUCE, CHARRED LEMON (gfo)</p> <p>CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE RING & MASH GARDEN PEAS, RICH ONION GRAVY</p> <p>VEGAN SAUSAGE & NEW POTATO MASH GARDEN PEAS, VEGAN GRAVY (vg)</p> <p>FISHERMAN'S PLATTER CRISPY HADDOCK, SCAMPI, POPCORN SHRIMP, SHELL-ON PRAWNS, MOULES A LA CREME, SKINNY FRIES, TARTARE SAUCE</p>	<p>14.95</p> <p>15.50</p> <p>13.50</p> <p>12.50</p> <p>22.95</p>	<p>GRIMSBY SCAMPI & PROPER CHIPS CRUSHED PEAS, TARTARE SAUCE, CHARRED LEMON</p> <p>PAN-SEARED SEA BREAM CRUSHED NEW POTATOES, TENDERSTEM, LEMON, DILL & CAPER BUTTER SAUCE (gfo)</p> <p>CRISPY BELLY PORK WHOLEGRAIN MUSTARD MASH, SEASONAL VEG, APPLE CIDER JUS (gfo)</p> <p>SALMON EN CROÛTE PUFF PASTRY, SPINACH, CHEESY POTATO GRATIN, TENDERSTEM, HERBED BECHAMEL</p>	<p>13.95</p> <p>16.95</p> <p>15.50</p> <p>17.95</p>
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MAKE SURE TO ADD ONE OF OUR FABULOUS SIDES!

Hot Off The Grill

All served with roasted flat mushroom and tomato, dressed rocket salad, smoked butter and proper chips unless otherwise stated - delicious!

<p>8oz SIRLOIN (gfo)</p> <p>6oz RUMP (gfo)</p> <p>12oz RUMP (gfo)</p> <p>10oz RIB EYE (gfo)</p>	<p>19.95</p> <p>14.95</p> <p>21.95</p> <p>24.95</p>	<p>BARNESLEY CHOP (gfo)</p> <p>HALF CHICKEN (gfo) PERI-PERI OR LEMON & HERB</p> <p>THE EARL'S MIXED GRILL FOR TWO 6oz RUMP, BACON CHOP, BARNESLEY CHOP, HALF CHICKEN, CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE RING, TWO FRIED DUCK EGGS</p> <p>BACON CHOP (gfo) FRIED DUCK EGG, PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY</p>	<p>18.95</p> <p>17.95</p> <p>49.95</p> <p>15.50</p>
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The Stacked Edition

Big flavours between soft buns — from juicy beef patties and crispy chicken to plant-based stacks with all the toppings. Served with skinny fries and homemade coleslaw, because every good story needs a strong sidekick.

<p>THE EARL OF STRAFFORD BURGER 8oz BEEF PATTY, STREAKY BACON, MATURE CHEDDAR, BABY GEM, TOMATO, ONION RELISH, BURGER SAUCE (gfo)</p> <p>BUFFALO BUTTERMILK CHICKEN BURGER BREADED BUTTERFLY CHICKEN BREAST, BUFFALO HOT MAYO, MATURE CHEDDAR, BABY GEM, TOMATO, BURGER SAUCE (gfo)</p> <p>VEGAN BURGER REDEFINED VEGAN PLANT PROTEIN PATTY, SMOKED APPLEWOOD VEGAN CHEESE, BABY GEM, TOMATO, TOMATO CHUTNEY, BALSAMIC ROCKET (vg, gfo)</p>	<p>14.95</p> <p>14.95</p> <p>13.95</p>	<p>THE ULTIMATE SLIDERS CAN'T DECIDE? MINI VERSIONS OF YOUR FAVOURITES: THE EARL OF STRAFFORD BURGER, THE BLACK & BLUE BURGER, THE BUTTERMILK CHICKEN BURGER</p> <p>BLACK & BLUE BURGER CAJUN-CRUSTED 8oz BEEF BURGER, BLUE CHEESE, BABY GEM, TOMATO, ONION RELISH, BURGER SAUCE (gfo)</p> <p>CLASSIC BUTTERMILK CHICKEN BURGER BREADED BUTTERFLY CHICKEN BREAST, MAYO, MATURE CHEDDAR, BABY GEM, TOMATO, BURGER SAUCE (gfo)</p>	<p>16.95</p> <p>14.95</p> <p>14.95</p>
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ADD PROPER ONION RINGS FOR 3.95
THE PERFECT BURGER SIDE DISH!

WHY NOT UPGRADE?
UPGRADE TO SALT & PEPPER CHIPS FOR 1.95
UPGRADE TO LOADED PIZZA FRIES FOR 2.50

World News

Travel by tastebud - A collection of international favourites, all making headlines on our menu.

<p>FIRECRACKER CHICKEN POKE BOWL FRAGRANT RICE, KIMCHI, CHUKA WAKAME SEAWEED, CUCUMBER, SPRING ONIONS</p> <p>CRISPY YUZU CAULIFLOWER POKE BOWL FRAGRANT RICE, KIMCHI, CHUKA WAKAME SEAWEED, CUCUMBER, SPRING ONIONS (vg)</p> <p>HOISIN RUMP STEAK POKE BOWL FRAGRANT RICE, KIMCHI, CHUKA WAKAME SEAWEED, CUCUMBER, SPRING ONIONS</p> <p>BANG BANG FIRECRACKER CHICKEN NOODLES, PAK CHOI, TENDERSTEM BROCCOLI, SESAME SEEDS, CHILLI</p> <p>BANG BANG CRISPY YUZU CAULIFLOWER NOODLES, PAK CHOI, TENDERSTEM BROCCOLI, SESAME SEEDS, CHILLI (vg)</p> <p>BANG BANG HOISIN RUMP STEAK NOODLES, PAK CHOI, TENDERSTEM BROCCOLI, SESAME SEEDS, CHILLI</p> <p>FRIED HOT HONEY CHICKEN & WAFFLES BLACK PEPPER BACON, MAPLE DRIZZLE</p>	<p>13.95</p> <p>11.95</p> <p>15.95</p> <p>14.95</p> <p>13.95</p> <p>17.50</p> <p>14.95</p>	<p>THAI GREEN CHICKEN CURRY FRAGRANT RICE, PAK CHOI, CARROT (gfo)</p> <p>THAI GREEN VEGGIE CURRY FRAGRANT RICE, PAK CHOI, CARROT (vg, gfo)</p> <p>SALT & PEPPER FIRECRACKER CHICKEN CHINESE FIVE SPICE PEPPERS & ONIONS, PROPER CHIPS, SIDE SALAD (gfo)</p> <p>CRISPY YUZU SALT & PEPPER CAULIFLOWER CHINESE FIVE SPICE PEPPERS & ONIONS, PROPER CHIPS, SIDE SALAD (vg)</p> <p>HOISIN SALT & PEPPER STEAK CHINESE FIVE SPICE PEPPERS & ONIONS, PROPER CHIPS, SIDE SALAD</p> <p>HOT HONEY BUTTERMILK CHICKEN TACOS SOFT SHELL BLUE TACOS, PICO DE GALLO, SKINNY FRIES, SALAD (gfo)</p> <p>FIRECRACKER VEGAN CHIQUIN TACOS SOFT SHELL BLUE TACOS, PICO DE GALLO, SKINNY FRIES, SALAD (vg)</p>	<p>14.95</p> <p>12.50</p> <p>15.95</p> <p>13.95</p> <p>17.95</p> <p>14.95</p> <p>13.95</p>
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The Italian Supplement

From stone-baked pizzas to bowls of rich, comforting pasta — a special edition of Italian classics.

<p>MEATBALL LINGUINE RED TRACTOR FARM-ASSURED BEEF & PORK MEATBALLS, RICH HERB TOMATO RAGU, SHAVED PARMESAN, GARLIC CIABATTA</p> <p>KING PRAWN LINGUINE GARLIC BUTTER SAUCE, CHERRY TOMATO</p> <p>PEPPERONI & HOT HONEY PIZZA PEPPERONI, MOZZARELLA, HOT HONEY</p>	<p>14.95</p> <p>15.95</p> <p>16.95</p>	<p>CHICKEN ALFREDO LINGUINE GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST, PARMESAN CREAM SAUCE, SHAVED PARMESAN, GARLIC CIABATTA</p> <p>VEGAN MAC & CHEESE CREAMY VEGAN CHEESE SAUCE, ROASTED CAULIFLOWER, GARLIC CIABATTA (vg)</p> <p>THE CLASSIC MARGHERITA PIZZA FRESH TOMATO, MOZZARELLA, BASIL (v, vgo)</p>	<p>15.95</p> <p>12.95</p> <p>13.95</p>
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ADD SKINNY FRIES OR PROPER CHIPS FOR 3.95

The Green Sheet

<p>CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD BABY GEM, SHAVED PARMESAN, HOMEMADE CROUTONS, ANCHOVIES (gfo)</p> <p>STEAK & BLUE CHEESE SALAD RUMP STEAK, BLUE CHEESE DRESSING, RED ONION, CHERRY TOMATOES, CUCUMBER, RADISH (gfo)</p>	<p>13.95</p> <p>14.95</p>
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ADD SKINNY FRIES FOR 3.95 BECAUSE WHY NOT!



Supporting Acts

From loaded fries to extra greens, our sides are the perfect scoop to accompany your main story.

<p>LOADED PIZZA FRIES (gfo)</p> <p>SKINNY FRIES (vgo, gfo)</p> <p>PROPER CHIPS (vgo, gfo)</p> <p>SALT & PEPPER CHIPS (vgo, gfo)</p> <p>PROPER ONION RINGS (vgo, gfo)</p> <p>SWEET POTATO FRIES (vgo, gfo)</p> <p>CRISPY BACON SPROUTS (gfo)</p> <p>HOUSE SALAD (vg, gfo)</p> <p>HOMEMADE SLAW (gfo)</p>	<p>4.95</p> <p>3.95</p> <p>3.95</p> <p>3.95</p> <p>3.95</p> <p>4.95</p> <p>3.95</p> <p>4.95</p> <p>3.95</p>
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Every good paper deserves a strong back page — and ours is filled with puddings worth talking about. From a hot baked cookie skillet, perfect for sharing (or not), to a traditional seasonal crumble, along with indulgent classics and lighter treats, this is the sweetest way to bring your meal to a close.

Closing Headlines: The Pudding Post

CHURROS CINNAMON SUGAR, SALTED CARAMEL & CHOCOLATE DIP (v)	5.95
BAKED COOKIE SKILLET TO SHARE HOT & FRESH FROM THE OVEN, BAKED COOKIE, VANILLA ICE CREAM, BROWNIE CHUNKS, SALTED CARAMEL DRIZZLE (v)	11.95
THE EARL'S NUTELLA CHOCOLATE BROWNIE NUTELLA GANACHE, PISTACHIO CRUMB, RASPBERRY RIPPLE ICE CREAM, FRESH RASPBERRIES (v, gfo)	6.95
BISCOFF & MASCARPONE CHEESECAKE BISCOFF DRIZZLE, LOTUS BISCUIT (v)	7.95
LEMON CURD WAFFLE BELGIAN WAFFLE, HONEYCOMB ICE CREAM (v)	5.95
SEASONAL CRUMBLE VANILLA CUSTARD, CREAM OR VANILLA ICE CREAM (v, gfo)	5.95
VEGAN BERRIES & CREAM FOREST FRUITS COMPÔTE, VEGAN STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM, TOASTED CRUMBLE TOPPING (vg, gfo)	4.95
TRIO OF ICE CREAM THREE SCOOPS OF YOUR CHOICE: MADAGASCAN VANILLA, STRAWBERRY OR CHOCOLATE (v, gfo)	4.95

