

A History of the Nelson Arms Tavern

The Nelson Arms Tavern was originally three 14th century farm cottages that belonged to Castle Farm, part of the Bishop of Winchester's estate & residence at Farnham Castle. The frameworks of these cottages form the rear section of the pub where the ceilings are at their lowest. The cellar beneath the pub also follows this pattern and disappears into a sealed tunnel that is rumoured to run to the Castle.

In 1604, only the north (uphill) part of the building was a Public House, and it was known as the Hand-and-pen, named for the Scriveners that worked in Castle Street duplicating important legal documents for the Bishop & Law Courts of Winchester. Most of the interior structures you can still see in this part of the pub were in-situ at this time, with the forward supporting beams and uprights believed to have been recycled from a Tudor warship.

The pub name is a result of the local support for Admiral Horatio Nelson. His visits to the town to see his paramour Lady Hamilton, who lived on Firgrove Hill (a large house since replaced by Trafalgar Court), probably played a part in this. Their last meeting in Farnham is believed to have been in the grounds of Farnham Castle and there are many rumours of their visits to the pub.

The Arms displayed by the pub are of a design that predates the Battle of Trafalgar and are unusual in that they are hand carved. The pub once held a famous 'Nelsons' glass eye lodged in one of the wooden beams, but alas, it was liberated long ago.



Terms & Conditions

All Christmas menu reservations require a pre order which needs to be in four days prior to the booking at the very latest. Failing to do so may result in the loss of your table.

Although we do not take a deposit for your booking the organiser's card may be used to secure the reservation for larger tables.

If guests are unable to attend a notice period of 24 hours is required, failure to do so will result in the full amount being charged for any/all absentees.

Pre ordering wine and champagne is recommended for large bookings.

A service charge of 10% will be added to the final bill of all parties of 8 or more.



Christmas 2019

Nelson Arms, 50 Castle St, Farnham GU9 7JQ
Tel: 01252 727222

3 COURSE DINNER

£27 per person

Starters

Stilton & Broccoli Soup (v) served with a warm baguette

Duck Pate served with fig & apple chutney & toasted bread

Brie & Spinach Tartlet (v) served with candied walnuts & balsamic glaze

Pan Fried Scallops served with celeriac puree & dried parma ham

Grilled Artichokes & Fennel (vg) served with blood orange dressing & candied walnuts

Mains

Roast Turkey served with Brussel sprouts, pigs in blankets, parsnips, Yorkshire pudding, cranberry sauce, gravy and apricot stuffing

Pan Fried Hake served with dauphinoise potatoes, green beans and a caper butter

Pork Tenderloin stuffed with chorizo, served with winter veg, mash and a red wine jus

Vegan Wellington (vg) with red lentils, butternut squash & walnuts in a vegan puff pastry, served with cranberry, gravy & stuffing

Roasted Vegetable & Stilton Lasagne (v) served with a side salad & garlic bread

Desserts

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with brandy sauce

Sticky Toffee Pudding served with ice cream or custard

Vegan Chocolate Truffle Cake (vg) served with raspberry coulis

Poached Pear served with raspberry sauce, clotted cream & candied walnuts

Cheese Board of stilton, cheddar, brie, grapes, fig & apple chutney & celery

BOOKING FORM

This menu is for pre orders only. Please complete the booking form and return to a member of staff.

NAMES

STARTER

Stilton & Broccoli Soup (v)

Duck Pate

Brie & Spinach Tartlet (v)

Pan Fried Scallops

Artichokes & Fennel (vg)

MAIN

Roast Turkey

Pan Fried Hake

Pork Tenderloin

Vegan Wellington (vg)

Vegetable & Stilton Lasagne (v)

DESSERT

Christmas Pudding

Poached Pear

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Vegan Chocolate Cake (vg)

Cheese Board

Organiser's Name

Company Name (if applicable)

Address

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Postcode Tel No.

Email

Date of Function.....

No. in Party Preferred Time

Deposit enclosed / paid £

Please tick if deposit has been paid by card over telephone

Please list any allergies for each person

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(v) = Vegetarian (vg) = Vegan