

Melanzana

The history of Battersea

- ∞ The early history of the Battersea Square area is uncertain, although discoveries of Saxon pottery in Althorpe Grove nearby indicate the presence of a late Saxon settlement centred on Battersea Square itself.
- ∞ Battersea probably takes its name from “Baduric’s” or “Badric’s isle”, this area during the Saxon period characterized by a gravel and sand bank which was surrounded by marshy lowland, hence the term “isle”. It is believed that “Battersea” was first used in 1595. The name of Battersea could also have come from “Patrick’s-eye,” a link to St. Patrick or St. Peter, as in 1067 William the Conqueror gave the Manor of Battersea to the Abbey of St. Peter at Westminster. It was referred to in the Domesday survey of 1086 as a Manor or agricultural estate.
- ∞ Battersea’s church was also referred to in the Domesday Book, and again in a papal bull of 1157, at which time the profits from the Rectory endowments were given by Pope Adrian IV to the Abbey for the founding of a dependent chapel in Wandsworth. The medieval village is most likely to have occupied the same site as the Saxon settlement, with the present-day Battersea Square as its focal point, though there were shifts in the settlement pattern of the medieval period
- ∞ After the Dissolution of Westminster Abbey in 1540 the manor of Battersea belonged to the Crown and on 16th March 1627 the manor of “Batrichsey with Waynesworth” was sold to Sir Oliver St. John (a descendant of Lord Bolingbroke). The St. John family owned the land until 1763 when it was sold to Lord Spencer.
- ∞ Battersea was by this point in its history a dynamic and sought-after location due to the rise in population and expansion of the city, and the manor house reflected this with its H-shaped design and large formal garden landscape to the north and east.
- ∞ Rocque’s map of 1741 clearly shows the village of Battersea centred on Battersea Square. Battersea High Street, Battersea Church Street, Vicarage Crescent and Westbridge Road are also much in evidence. In 1700 the Sir Walter St. John School was founded on Battersea High Street, at the same time as Devonshire House in Vicarage Crescent appeared.
- ∞ In 1763 the manor was sold by the St. John family to Lord Spencer. He opened up the isolated village by building a bridge across the River Thames in 1772. This led to the construction of a number of villas in the southern part of Battersea as residences for city merchants, the first time the village had been opened as an early commuter area for outsiders. The village was a small but thriving community. *The Raven public house (where you are sitting right now)* had been built around the middle of the seventeenth century, and was used as a meeting place to discuss the rebuilding of St. Mary’s church by Joseph Dixon in 1775-7.
- ∞ The Village remained largely isolated until the Victorian period when the construction of the railway (particularly from the 1860s with the building of Clapham Junction) encouraged the suburbanisation of London. The new road bridge designed by Sir Joseph Bazalgette in 1886-90 replaced the old wooden bridge across the Thames built in 1772 under the directions of Lord Spencer.
- ∞ Battersea suffered badly from bombing during the Second World War, but the Battersea Square area was not so badly affected. The Square itself was largely restored and enhanced following a long period of neglect, and was completed in 1990. Today the Battersea Square area is predominantly residential, with a great array of pubs, bars and restaurants catering for its more leisure-oriented use.



The Menu



Panini

Grilled Mediterranean Vegetables & Goat Cheese	£8.90
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Salami, Mozzarella & Fresh Tomato	£8.90
Ham, Cheddar & Fresh Tomato	£8.90
Mozzarella, Fresh Tomato & Pesto	£8.90
Parma Ham, Emmental & Rocket	£8.90
Parma Ham, Buffalo Mozzarella & Rocket	£8.90
Chicken Escalope, Fresh Tomato, Mayo & Green Leaves	£8.90
Tuna & Mayo	£8.90

**Served till 4 pm*



Antipasti - Starters

Insalata Caesar Caldini® (v) <i>The Classic 1920 Caesar Caldini's Salad</i>			£8.90
Arancini di riso Con Mozzarella e Vegetali (v) <i>Deep fried breaded rice balls with mozzarella and vegetables.</i>			£11.90
Mozzarella di Bufala con Vegetali Grigliati <i>Buffalo mozzarella served with grilled vegetables</i>	Single	£12.90	Double £17.90
Carpaccio di Manzo con Carciofi <i>Beef carpaccio served with artichoke, capers, rocket & parmesan shaving</i>	Double		£17.90
Gnocco Fritto con Burrata & Parma (Serves two) <i>Deep fried Pizza dumplings with soft hearted mozzarella and Parma Ham</i>			£18.90
Tagliere dello Chef (Serves two) <i>Chef's Special: A selection of Italian Cold Cuts, Cheeses & roasted mediterranean vegetables</i>			£19.90
Frittura Mista (Serves two) <i>Deep fried seafood platter</i>			£17.90
Calamari Grigliati Con <i>Grilled squid with source</i>			£12.90
<i>Italian salad with feta NEW</i> <i>Romaine lettuce, chickpeas, red bell pepper, red onion, feta cheese, and olives in a vinaigrette dressing</i>			£10.90
<i>Bruschetta NEW</i> <i>Tomato, garlic, onion, olive oil, fresh basil and balsamic glaze</i>			£8.90
<i>Prosciutto e melone NEW</i> <i>Italian ham & melon</i>			£11.90



Pasta & Risotto

Bolognese Tradizionale con Paglia & Fieno <i>Home-made Tagliolino with traditional beef ragu</i>	£13.90
Spaghetti alla Carbonara <i>A speciality of Rome; Spaghetti in an Egg-based sauce, pecorino cheese, bacon, and black pepper.</i>	£13.90
Tortelloni Di Zucca, Burro E Salvia ^{NEW} <i>Home-made pasta stuffed with Pumpkin, Butter, topped with pecorino cheese, sage and speck.</i>	£13.90
Lasagna fatte in casa <i>Chef's special; Home-made Lasagne</i>	£13.90
Gnocchi con Salsiccia, Spinacetti & Stracchino <i>Home-made Gnocchi with Italian sausages, baby spinach & Stracchino cheese</i>	£15.90
Tagliatelle ai Funghi Porcini con Olio al Tartufo (v) <i>Home-made Tagliatelle with Cep mushrooms & truffle oil / Add sausage</i>	£15.90
Risotto of the day ^{NEW} <i>Home-made risotto please ask member of staff</i>	£13.90
Melanzane alla Parmigiana (v) <i>Chef's special; Layers of aubergine, Mozzarella and Parmesan in tomato sauce</i>	£12.90
Penne al Salmone <i>Penne with smoked & fresh Scottish salmon, rocket, delicate cream sauce</i>	£13.90



Orecchiette con Salsiccia, Broccoli & Peperoncino

Orecchiette (pasta) with Italian Sausage, Broccoli & Fresh Chilli **£14.90**

Tagliolino Nero di Seppia e Gamberoni

Home-made black pasta with prawns, baby spinach and fresh tomato **£16.90**

Linguine all'Astice

Linguine pasta with Lobster, Cherry tomato and white wine sauce **£23.90**

Pesto pasta NEW

Pene pasta with pesto sauce **£11.90**

Fettucine alfredo NEW

*Fettucine in a light cream sauce with a touch of garlic
extra topping: chicken add £2.90* **£13.90**

Pappardelle pasta NEW

Italian sausage, peas, parmesan, olive oil **£14.90**

linguine ai frutti di mare con cozze e calamari NEW

Italian seafood linguine with mussels and calamari with our homemade tomato sauce added with a touch of garlic and parsley **£17.90**

Canneloni NEW

*Tomato sauce, ricotta, mozzarella, olive oil
extra ragout £3.00* **£14.90**

Gluten free pasta is available upon request (+£3.50)



Pizza

Margherita V <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella & Oregano</i>	£11.90
Cacciatora <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Chicken, Mushrooms, Onion & Olives</i>	£14.90
Cheesarama (v) <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella & A selection of the finest Italian Cheeses (Gorgonzola, Taleggio, Pecorino, Fontina & Parmesan)</i>	£14.90
Capricciosa <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Ham, Pepperoni, Mushrooms, Artichoke & Olives</i>	£14.90
Prosciutto e Rucola <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Parma Ham, Rocket & Parmesan</i>	£14.90
Diavola <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Spicy Salami & Chilli Flakes</i>	£14.90
Numero Sei <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Italian Sausage, Spicy Salami, Mushrooms & Parmesan</i>	£14.90
Bufalina V <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Buffalo Mozzarella, Cherry Tomato & Basil</i>	£14.90
Vegetariana V <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Selection of seasonal vegetables</i>	£14.90
Fiorentina (v) <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Baby Spinach, Egg & Parmesan</i>	£14.90
Calzone <i>'Closed' pizza with Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Ham, Pepperoni, Mushrooms & Artichokes</i>	£14.90



Pizza

Romana (v)

£14.90

Tomato sauce, Mozzarella, Goat Cheese, Mushrooms, Rocket & Truffle Oil

Napolitana

£14.90

Tomato, sauce, Anchovies, olive, capers

Friarisa

£14.90

Tomato sauce, mozzarella, broccoli, salami, crushed, chilli

Pizza Marinara NEW

with tuna, capers, olives and red onion

Pizza Melanzana NEW

£14.90

eggplant, mozzarella, tomato, sauce



Kids menu

Margherita (V) <i>Tomato sauce, Mozzarella & Oregano</i>	£8.90
<i>Bolognese Tradizionale con Paglia & Fieno</i> <i>Home-made Tagliolino with traditional beef ragu</i>	£8.90
<i>Lasagna fatte in casa</i> <i>Chef's special; Home-made Lasagne</i>	£8.90
<i>Spaghetti alla Carbonara</i> <i>speciality of Rome; Spaghetti in an Egg-based sauce, pecorino cheese, bacon, and black pepper</i>	£8.90
<i>chiken nuggets</i> <i>deep fried chicken nuggets &chips</i>	£8.90
<i>Beef burger</i> <i>grilled beef burger served with chips or salad</i>	£8.90
<i>chiken burger</i> <i>grilled chicken burger served with chips orsalad</i>	

Small kinds meal
TILL 5 PM



condi - Meat & Fish

Cotoletta di Vitello alla Milanese <i>Veal coated in breadcrumbs and pan-fried with marinated tomato.</i>	£19.90
Paillard di pollo con spinaci <i>Chargrilled chicken breast with spinach</i>	£16.90
Filetti di Orata al profumo di Menta <i>Bream fillet cooked with mint, cherry tomato, onion, olive oil</i>	£15.90
Costa Di Manz <i>Grilled Rebeve Served With Rost Potato Or salad</i>	£20.90
Duck breast NEW <i>with a caramelized onion touch of lemon served with steamed veg</i>	£ 16.90
Pan fried salmon NEW <i>served in a mushroom, spinach and double cream sauce paired with steamed veg</i>	£16.90
Costolette Di Angello NEW <i>Grill lam ribs served with salad ,rost potato</i>	£19.90



Contorni - Side Dishes

Olives	£5.90
Potato Chips	£4.90
Roasted Potatoes NEW <i>With garlic and rosemary</i>	£5.90
Steamed Spinach with Lemon	£5.90
Mixed Steamed Vegetables	£5.90
Focaccia Bianca <i>Garlic bread</i>	£6.90
Focaccia Melanzana <i>Garlic bread with extra virgin olive oil & balsamic vinegar</i>	£6.90
Focaccia Caprese <i>Garlic bread, Mozzarella & Cherry Tomato</i>	£7.90



Dolci - Dessert

Tiramisù fatto in casa <i>Home-made Sponge base with Mascarpone cream, Espresso & Cocoa</i>	£7.90
Semifreddo Al Torroncino Affogato Al Cafe Soft nougat ice cream soaked in Espresso	£7.90
Chocolat Soufflé <i>Warm chocolate soufflé served with vanilla ice cream</i>	£7.90
Gnocchi con Nutella <i>Home-made Gnocchi stuffed with Nutella & Vanilla ice cream</i>	£8.90
Panna Cotta <i>Classic Italian cream-based desert served with fresh berries coulis</i>	£7.90
Gelato <i>Your selection of 3 scoops of ice cream</i>	£7.90
Profiterole <i>Soft Choux pastries filled with Chantilly cream, all covered with chocolate cream</i>	£7.90
Pizza con Nutella <i>Pizza Base With Nutella & Topping Banana Or Marshmallow</i>	£9.90



Gluten free pizza

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Napolitana <i>Tomato,sauce,Anchovies,olive,capers</i>	£17.90
Friarisa <i>Tomatosouse,mozzarella,broccoli,salami,crushed,chilli</i> £17.90	



Gluten free pizza

Pizza Marinara NEW

Tomato sauce ,tuna fish ,olives , red onion

£17.90

Pizza Melanzana NEW

Eggplant ,mozzarella ,Buffalo mozzarella,tomato sauce

£17.90



Melanzana special

Cotolette di pollo con pasta arrabiata

Fried chicken breast served with pasta arrabiata

£16.95

Vitello grigliato con pasta arrabiata

Grilled veal served with pasta arrabiata

£18.95



