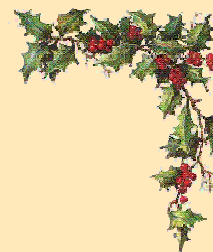


# the Italian

Fine food prepared by Italians and served by Italians



## Christmas Dinner Menu Selection : December 2009 £28.50 per person ~ from 5.30pm everyday



### Starters ~

#### Zuppa :

Homemade minestrone soup with fresh tomato, seasonal vegetables, short pasta and baby spinach.

#### Pate Di Fegato :

Our own chicken liver pate, served with toasted ciabatta and a cranberry sauce.

#### Insalata Caprese :

Layers of juicy mozzarella and ripe tomato topped with fresh basil and sat on a radicchio salad.

Dressed with sea salt, cracked pepper, extra virgin olive oil and pesto.

#### Funghi Alla Mediterranea :

Plump fresh mushrooms, stuffed with gorgonzola, basil and breadcrumbs. Dusted with parmesan and slowly oven baked with garlic butter.

#### Fantasia Di Trota E Salmone :

Roulade of smoked salmon and trout served on a rocket and spinach salad. Drizzled with a lemon and mustard dressing.

### Main Courses ~

#### Tacchino San Silvestro :

Succulent turkey breast served with all the festive trimmings.

#### Salmone Alle Erbe Aromatiche :

Grilled fillet of hot smoked salmon served with an aromatic herb white wine butter.

#### Tortelli Alla Pecorino :

Handmade tortelli stuffed with asparagus and pecorino. Served with garden peas in a tomato and mascarpone sauce.

#### Tagliata Ai Pepe Verde :

Succulent Aberdeen Angus sirloin steak chargrilled to your liking with the chef's pepper sauce.

#### Tortellini Alla Anatra :

Handmade tortellini stuffed with duck confit. Served with a rosemary and pink peppercorn butter.

### Deserts ~

#### Panna Cotta :

Our hand made panna cotta is made with fresh cream, speckled with vanilla and served with a cinnamon spiced rhubarb compote.

#### Torta Tiramisu :

Handmade with layers of savoiardi biscuits soaked in espresso, sweetened mascarpone cream and dusted with a rich cocoa powder.

#### Dolce Di Natale :

Rich, traditional Christmas pudding served hot with a vanilla sauce.

#### Profiteroles Nero :

Choux pastry parcels filled with fresh cream and served in a rich dark chocolate sauce.



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Please note that for parties of Seven people or more there will be a discretionary 10% service charge