

THE  
**Orangery**  
RESTAURANT

BY SEARCYS

**Pre-Performance Menu**



BLENHIM PALACE

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*“He hath eaten me out of house and home; he hath put all my substance into that fat belly of his”*

Mistress Quickly, Henry IV, Act II, Scene I

*Shakespeare’s plays are filled with references to food and wine. Often laden with meaning, food and drink lend themselves as vessels for Shakespeare’s metaphors.*

*Our menu has been inspired by Shakespeare’s works and the Elizabethan age, and we hope you enjoy eating us “out of house and home”.*

## MAIN COURSES

Sallet of smoked Bibury trout  
English flower salad, Bibury smoked trout

*“I climbed into this garden, to see if I can eat grass, or pick a sallet another while, which is not amiss to cool a man’s stomach this hot weather”*  
Jack Cade, Henry VI, Act IV, Scene X

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Spiced Elizabethan Blenheim lamb and fruit casserole

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Lenten pie

Smoked haddock fish pie, summer beans, peas, seasonal buttered new potatoes  
*Romeo asks Mercutio what he has found, who replies, “no hare, sir, unless a hare, sir, in a Lenten pie – that is, something stale and hoar ere it be spent”*  
Mercutio, Romeo and Juliet, Act II, Scene IV

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Fritters of spinach and peas, whipped Windrush goats’ cheese curd, Blenheim honey (v)

*“Have I lived to stand at the taunt of one that makes fritters of English?”*  
Falstaff, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act V, Scene V

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## PUDDINGS AND CHEESE

Summer berry ‘marchpane’ (marzipan) crumble, clotted cream (v)

*“Good thou, save me a piece of marchpane...”*  
First Servant, Romeo and Juliet, Act I, Scene V

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Gooseberry fool, Shrewsbury cake (v)

*“All the other gifts appurtenant to man, as the malice of this age shapes them, and not worth a gooseberry”*  
Falstaff, Henry IV, Act I, Scene II

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Lemon posset, shortbread biscuit (v)

*“Yet be cheerful, knight: though shall eat a posset to-night at my house...”*  
Page, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act V, Scene V

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Rectory Farm strawberries, cream (v)

*“My Lord of Ely, when I was last in Holborn I saw good strawberries in your garden there, I do beseech you, send for some of them.”*  
Richard, A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Act III, Scene IV

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Charles Martel’s Hereford Hop cheese, quince cheese (v)

*“Heavens defend me from that Welsh fairy, lest he transform me to a piece of cheese!”*  
Fairies, The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act V, Scene V

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Coffee or tea with William Curley chocolates £4.00

2 courses £26.00 per person

2 courses and a glass of Greyfriars English sparkling wine £32.00 per person

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(v) = vegetarian | (ve) = vegan | (veo) = vegan option. Dishes described within this menu may contain nuts and other allergens. Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements.

A 12.5% discretionary service charge will be added to your final bill. All prices include VAT at 20%.