

BARTER BOOKS



Station Buffet

Main Menu

12.00pm - 6.00pm

Please place your order at the Buffet counter.
(The till needs your table number to take an order.)

Hot Sandwiches

Hot Roast Beef Sandwich	11.60
Served with onion gravy and small portion of thrice-cooked chips.	
Bacon Butty (4 rashers best back bacon in white or brown roll)	6.60
Sausage Sarnie (3 farmhouse sausages on white or brown roll) (Try with our home-made red onion marmalade. Awesome. 40p)	7.60
Fish Finger Butty (on white or brown roll)	9.60
Hamburger (Served with tomato, lettuce, pickle & crisps)	9.60
Cheeseburger (as above but topped with vintage cheddar)	10.60
All-American Hot Dog 6.60 // with fried onions	7.60
Chip Butty V (VE option available)	6.60
Cheese Toastie V (Gourmet two-cheese blend)	7.60
Cheese Toastie with Onion or Tomato V	8.60
Cheese Toastie with Tuna	9.60
Ham & Cheese Toastie	9.60
Beans on Toast (served with salad) V (VE option available)	5.60
Avocado Toast – a modern classic V, VE	7.60
Small Avocado Toast (1 slice) V, VE	£4.20
Made with a multi-grain toast base (option gluten-free toast) topped with a thick layer of our own avocado mash, and then a light sprinkling of red chilli flakes. Avocados are both filling, packed with nutrients (including more potassium than a banana) – and delicious.	
with poached egg V 9.60 // with crumbled bacon 9.80	
Magical Mushroom Sandwich V	9.60
In which one great vegetarian recipe built around the wonderful Portobello mushroom, basil leaves, cherry tomatoes, feta cheese & pesto mayo (both good for you and delicious) can be magically tailor-made gluten-free just by using GF bread. Please specify.	

Cold Sandwiches

(All our sandwiches contain mayonnaise)

Ham Salad	6.60
Cheese (Please note: <u>vintage</u> Cheddar) V	5.60
Ham & Cheese	7.60
Coronation Chicken	6.60
Egg Mayo v	5.60
Tuna Mayo	6.60

**The Station Buffet is not a franchise.
It is owned and operated by Barter Books.**

Hot Food

(See blackboard for daily specials)

Soup du Jour (Fresh-made every day; see "Soups" blackboard.)	6.60
Fillet Steak & Chips Served with either thrice-cooked chips, or oven-baked potato, plus grilled Portobello mushroom and small house salad with avocado garnish.	19.60
Minute Steak & Chips Served with either thrice-cooked chips, or oven-baked potato, plus grilled Portobello mushroom and small house salad with avocado garnish.	14.60
Fish & Chips Either in batter or baked. Served with our thrice cooked chips (with Mushy Peas on request)	18.60
Northumbrian Rarebit V Traditional recipe with a mustard twist. Served with thrice-cooked chips and dressed mixed leaves.	9.60
Macaroni Cheese An old friend we treat with respect. Topped with breadcrumbs and sliced tomato. with crumbled bacon on top £11.80	9.60
Craster Fishcakes, Salad & Chips (from the famous Robson smoke-house!) With thrice-cooked chips, or baked potato.	11.60
Beans & Chips V (Beans, thrice-cooked chips & toast)	7.60
Sausage & Chips (3 sausages, thrice-cooked chips)	9.60
Oven Baked Potato with salad & butter (onion optional) V with Cheese V or Baked Beans V, (VE option available) 8.60 with Tuna Mayo, or Crispy Bacon, or Coronation Chicken, or Cheese & Beans .. 9.60	7.60

Side Orders & Extras

Thrice-Cooked Chips V, VE	Small 3.60	Large 4.60
2 Extra Bacon or 1 Sausage		2.60
Extra Egg V		2.40
Crumbled Bacon (for top of mac cheese, baked potato – or anything else!)		2.20
House Salad V 2.60 // with Avocado		4.60

All our cakes and traybakes are made on site.

Tea Time or Any Time

Cheese Scone (Vintage farmhouse cheddar and Thomas Hoe red Leicester)	3.20
Buttered Crumpets (2)	3.20
Fruit Scone (Traditional sultana scone recipe with a hint of lemon) (with jam 30p)	3.20
Shortbread (Traditional Border Country recipe)	2.60
Barter Bikkies (Ginger or Chocolate Chip)	1.30
Toast (2 slices with butter and jam or marmalade)	2.60
Toasted Teacake with butter (with jam 40p)	3.20
Cinnamon Toast (3-6pm only)	3.60

Cakes, etc

Carrot Cake (With orange icing and walnuts)	3.20
Lemon Drizzle (Needs no hype. Loved)	3.20
Poppy Seed Cake	2.80
Earl Grey Fruit Cake (Try with a slice of vintage farmhouse Cheddar - 80p extra)	5.20
Brownies (Another classic - crusty top, soft interior)	2.40
Traybakes: Malteser Crunch (addictive) · Chocolate & Pistachio Tiffin	2.80

Children's Menu

Cold Sandwiches	2.80
Cheese, Cheese & Tomato, Ham, Ham & Cheese, Tuna	
Hot Sandwiches (Bacon or Sausage)	3.20
Baked Beans on Toast V (VE option available)	3.80
Baked Beans & Chips V (VE option available)	3.80
Macaroni Cheese	6.60
Sausage, Chips & Beans	6.60
Fish Fingers, Chips & Beans	7.60

All our eggs are free-range
And our chicken is from RSPCA approved sources.

Hot Drinks

Teas

Pot of Tea (Jane Austen couldn't live without)	2.60
Pot of Earl Grey (Originally made up for the famous PM, 2nd Earl Grey of nearby Howick Hall)	3.20
Pot of Birchall Award Winning Teas (Ask to see the menu – including black, green & herb teas)	3.20
Hot Chocolate (Much-loved drink introduced to the Spanish by the Aztecs in the 16th c.)	3.40

Coffees

Café Gabriele Filter Coffee	1.80
Espresso (The strong foundation for most types of Italian coffee varieties)	1.80
Americano (Espresso topped with hot water)	2.20
Macchiato (Espresso plus small amount of milk froth)	2.40
Cappuccino (Equal parts espresso, steamed milk, milk froth)	3.20
Latte (1 part espresso to 3 parts steamed milk, plus milk froth)	3.20
Flat White (Latte but with more espresso topped with small amount of steamed milk)	3.20
Mocha (Café latte with chocolate added)	3.20
Cortado (Equal parts Espresso with steamed milk provided on the side)	2.40

Large size 60p extra Syrups available 40p
Decaf and/or Skinny on request · Soya Milk also available.

Takeaway

Please note that our little blue and white 'Willow Pattern' souvenir box is a facsimile copy of an authentic North Eastern Railway lunch box in use until the 1920s. Barter Books has altered only the text within the ovals to reflect our own history. Please feel free to ask that the box be used for any suitable take-away items.

AND DON'T FORGET NEXT DOOR IN PARADISE!

ICE CREAM IN 12 DELICIOUS FLAVOURS! BARISTA COFFEES! A MINI BUFFET MENU!

All our food is homemade, and all our meat is locally sourced.
We also use the best local produce whenever possible.

Cold Drinks

Fresh Milk	1.20
Coca Cola™	1.30
Diet Coke™	1.30
Freshly squeezed Orange Juice	2.80
Fanta and a selection of other canned drinks	1.30
Bottled Apple or Orange Juice	1.90
Fruit Shoot	1.60
Fentimans (Dandelion & Burdock, Elderflower, Ginger Beer, Lemonade, Rose Lemonade)	2.10
Still or Sparkling Water	1.20

Wine & Beer

House Wines

Our current house wines are from Spain and Italy.

The White is a medium dry white wine with a floral aroma and fresh peachy flavours. 12.5% ABV

The Rosé is a fresh, fruity and creamy rosé wine made from the Tempranillo grape. 12% ABV

The Red is from the Tempranillo grape, famed for its use in the Rioja region, a deep violet red with red berry and plum flavours with a hint of vanilla. 13% ABV

	125ml	175ml	250ml	Bottle
By the glass or bottle	3.20	3.80	5.40	14.60

Ales and Beers

Light Guest Ale	500ml
Dark Guest Ale.	4.60
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Speciality Wines

(Complete with descriptions guaranteed to impress)

White

750ml bottle

Sora Valle delle Venezie - Pinot Grigio (Italy) 12.5% ABV

18.60

A light crisp dry white with a melony flavour.

Rosé

Alain Marcadet Touraine Rosé (France) 12.5% ABV

19.60

Refreshing taste with aromas of wild strawberries and a ripe soft summer fruit flavour.

Red

Chianti (Italy) 12.5% ABV

18.60

Ruby red with an aroma of violets and soft ripe cherry flavour with earthy, tea leaf notes.

Domaine de Cabrials - Pinot Noir (France) 13% ABV

19.60

Elegant and medium bodied with gentle red fruits flavour and silky tannins.

Finca la Linda - Malbec (Argentina) 13.5% ABV

22.00

A rich deep red with a full, velvety texture, with flavours of Morello cherries and a touch of spice.

(All the above wines supplied by Sue Bolam at www.rothburywines.co.uk)

Sparkling Wines

Prosecco Vino Spumante

Bottle (120ml) 5.60

Bottle (750ml) 14.60

OK, so it's not Dom Perignon. But it is instant happiness!

Bucks Fizz 9% ABV

6.60

3 parts Prosecco to 1 part fresh orange juice.

How a Lost Room Became a Buffet

Background

Back in 2008, the shop manager of Barter Books, David Champion, went scouting around the premises to find more badly needed office space. And he not only found it, he found a whole room – a room no-one in the shop even knew existed. (There were no windows and the access door wasn't on the bookshop side of the central platform.) As the shop founder, Mary Manley, would be among the first to benefit from this new office space (until then Mary, herself, had had to work from home), he immediately sought her out. This would be great news! On their way to the room, David warned Mary that the room was virtually derelict. And so it was. After turning the large old-fashioned key in the lock, David slid open the heavy door to reveal a room seemingly untouched by time since the last train left Alnwick Station almost half a century before. For a moment, Mary was speechless. All the more as this lost room revealed yet more surprises: first, attached to the far wall, a magnificent green fern miraculously alive after all these years thanks to water from a nearby leaking drain pipe and (the second surprise) light from a totally unexpected source – a large glass skylight. “Look”, said David, “our office!” “No”, said Mary, looking from the fern up towards the skylight, already conjuring up something she had wanted far longer than a desk, a chair, a lamp – “This is our Buffet”.

The Skylight Room

The Skylight Room is the original 'lost' room, the 'window' in the corner marking where the sliding door had been. The room had started out as the Station's boiler room, one whose use most of us had never even heard of. The large boiler it originally housed was used to fill metal foot warmers (available to passengers for rent) as the carriages, especially in winter, could be freezing. (While you're in this room, do have a look at the facsimile copy of the North Eastern Railway's tile map of 1903 showing their rail network – then the largest in the world.) The fern, to Mary's grief, was cut down during an over-zealous cleaning job.

The Red Room

The original Buffet was soon enlarged to include the room just beyond it, now known as The Red Room. This room was originally the 1st Class Gents' Waiting Room. Its original mantelpiece has vanished; the present one was salvaged from Ilderton Station. (While you're in this room, note the painting above the mantelpiece; it was painted by our mural artist, Alnwick-born Peter Dodd (an Oscar-nominated animator), and shows the arrival of the Prince and Princess of Wales in Alnwick Station in 1908 – red carpet and all! (The royal train, by the way, is now on view in the great National Railway Museum in York.)

The Green Room

The next room along, The Green Room, was originally the passageway between Platforms 1 and 2. (Note the beautiful Victorian hand-made glazed brick, which was also used in our Old Waiting Room – the latter intended for 3rd class passengers.)

The Blue Room

The Blue Room was the former 1st Class Ladies' Waiting Room. This room retains its original marble mantelpiece. The painting, again by Peter Dodd, is of the last top-hat stationmaster in Alnwick, John Patterson, with the station, itself, depicted on the upper left. The pitch pine seating in the booths is made up of pews salvaged from St George's Church in Greenock, Scotland. And while you're here, have a look at the black and white check Northumberland Tartan. This tartan – a cloth woven with the wool of black and white sheep – is acknowledged as the oldest tartan of them all, thought to date back as far as late Roman times, the 4th c A.D.

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