

# The Crown Colchester Sample Menu

## Sharers & grazers

Sticky platter - maple-glazed chicken wings, prawns & chorizo in garlic butter, lamb koftas, feta-stuffed bell peppers and a stone-baked garlic flatbread £15.75

Box-baked camembert\* topped with cider-soaked raisins, served with celery and rustic bread (v) £10.75

Handmade dough sticks served with garlic butter, pesto and a chipotle chilli mayonnaise (v) £4.95

Stone-baked flatbread topped with garlic butter (v) £4.75  
Add: Cheddar cheese (v) £1

## Starters

Oven-baked button & portobello mushrooms in a garlic & mature cheddar sauce served with rustic bread (v) £5.25

Duo of pâté\* - coarse pork & Madeira pâté and duck liver parfait served with Bramley apple butter, baby gherkins and rustic bread £5.95

Salt & pepper calamari with chorizo-flavour seasoning and chipotle chilli mayonnaise £5.25

Chargrilled lamb koftas served with tzatziki and dressed slaw £5.50

Today's soup with rustic bread (v) £4.25

Prawn & lobster cocktail\* dressed with lobster mayonnaise, served with rustic bread £5.95

Black pearl scallops & prawns baked in garlic butter, served with rustic bread £7.95

## Main courses

Lamb duo\* - pan-fried lamb rump and a cheddar-topped shepherd's pie, with seasonal vegetables and a red wine jus £14.50

Steak & mushroom pie\* - slow-cooked beef in a red wine sauce, topped with puff pastry, served with mash, seasonal vegetables and a jug of gravy £11.25

Chicken & thyme pie\* in a creamy chenin blanc sauce, topped with puff pastry, served with spring onion mash and seasonal vegetables £10.25

Hunter's chicken - chargrilled chicken breast, topped with smoked cheddar and a 4oz gammon steak, served with triple-cooked chips and barbecue sauce £11.25

Roasted butternut squash & portobello mushroom tart with caramelised red onions and Blacksticks Blue cheese sauce, served with a dressed side salad (v) £9.95

Salmon & spring onion fishcake\* in a kale crumb with broccoli, roasted vegetables and a basil dressing. Small £7.75, large £10.75

Yorkshire ham and free-range egg served with triple-cooked chips. Small £7.75, large £10.75

Fish & chips\* - beer-battered cod with triple-cooked chips, mushy peas and a tartare sauce £11.50

Seared fillet of sea bass\* with crushed baby potatoes, asparagus and a lobster & samphire sauce £16.50

Slow-cooked ham hock\* with a whisky & orange marmalade glaze. Served on spring onion mash with honey-roasted carrots and a white wine cream sauce £10.95

Roasted salmon with bell peppers, green beans, baby potatoes and a basil dressing £12.50

### **Steaks**

Our steaks are aged for a minimum of 28 days for superb flavour and tenderness & come served with triple cooked chips, homemade onion rings & a thyme roasted tomato.

8oz Rump £11.95, 10oz ribeye £18.95, 7oz fillet £20.95

Add: Garlic prawns £3, oven-baked garlic & cheese mushrooms (v) £2.50, extra homemade onion rings (v) £2.50

Add: Béarnaise\*, beef dripping sauce, Blacksticks Blue cheese or brandy peppercorn sauce\* £1.50

### **Burgers**

**All served with triple-cooked chips.**

7oz British beef burger served in a brioche bun, topped with smoked cheddar, served with bacon chutney and homemade onion rings £10.50

Wagyu burger premium beef, specially bred for its unique texture and mouthwatering flavour, served in a brioche bun, with a spicy tomato salsa, homemade onion rings and mixed leaf & horseradish salad £12.95

Add: Bacon chutney £1, smoked cheddar £1, sweet cured streaky bacon £1

Spiced chickpea, aubergine & spinach burger served in a rustic roll, dressed with a spiced red pepper sauce, served with a pesto and tomato dip (v) £9.95

### **Stone-baked pizzas & salads**

All our pizzas are made with hand stretched dough, stone-baked to order and are served with triple-cooked chips.

Spicy diablo pepperoni, chorizo, Guindilla chilli peppers, mozzarella and a chipotle chilli jam £11.75

Meat feast chicken, pork & fennel sausage, crispy bacon, mozzarella and a red onion chutney £11.75

Roasted vegetable & pesto red pepper, butternut squash, red onion, spinach and mozzarella (v) £10.50

Caesar salad dressed cos lettuce with bacon lardons, anchovies and Gran Moravia cheese, served with a stone-baked garlic flatbread £8.25

Add: Chargrilled chicken breast £3, salmon fillet £3, chargrilled halloumi £3

Wholefood salad broad bean houmous, honey-roasted carrots, feta cheese, avocado and pomegranate (v), small £7.75, large £9.75

Add: Chargrilled chicken breast £3, salmon fillet £3, chargrilled halloumi (v) £3

### **Sandwiches**

**All our sandwiches are served on a rustic roll with skin on fries or triple-cooked chips. Available until 5pm. Monday - Saturday.**

Cod fish finger\* - beer-battered cod goujons and tartare sauce £5.95

Chicken BLT - chargrilled chicken breast, sweet cured streaky bacon, gem lettuce and tomato £6.25

Ham and cheese melt served warm from our stone-baked oven £6.25

Chargrilled rump steak with horseradish mayonnaise and fried onions, 4oz £7.25, 8oz £9.25

Spicy vegetable wrap - tomato, aubergine, spinach and kidney beans, served in a tortilla wrap with Asian slaw (v) £6.50

Add: Upgrade to sweet potato fries for £5.0p

### **Sides**

Triple-cooked chips (v) £2.50

Sweet potato fries (v) £3

Baby potatoes (v) £2.50

Seasonal vegetables (v) £2.50

Dressed side salad (v) £2.50

Homemade onion rings (v) £2.50

Garlic & cheese mushrooms (v) £2.50

Tenderstem broccoli with Blacksticks Blue cheese sauce (v) £3

### **Puddings**

Classic vanilla crème brûlée (v) £5.25

Crumble of the day (v) £5.75

Toffee & nut trio\*† £6.75

Chocolate ganache tart (v) £5.25

Belgian chocolate brownie\* (v) £4.95

Melba mallow mess (v) £5.75

Pudding tasting platter\*† (v) £8.95

Coconut milk sorbet (v) £5.25

Bramley apple pie (v) £4.95

Raspberry milkshake cheesecake (v) £5.25

Sticky toffee & apple pudding\* £4.95

British cheese board\*† (v) £7.95

**Hot drink and a mini pudding £4.95**

Choose one of our hot drinks with one of these mini puddings. Add a liqueur to your hot drink for an extra £1.35

Bourbon pecan pie\*† (v), Melba mallow mess (v), Bramley apple pie (v), crème caramel panna cotta, Belgian chocolate brownie\*(v)

Contains alcohol. † Contains tree nuts and/or peanuts