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### SUMMER IN THE CITY...

It has been a fantastic summer for Blue Strawberry and Table Talk that has seen us providing our delicious food for an exciting array of events. From weddings, birthday parties and store openings to star-studded events for VOGUE 'Fashion's Night Out' to name but a few. Here is a snippet of some of the most exciting events that have taken place.... If you haven't already, do make sure that you have a look at our new autumn/winter menus that many are already enjoying.

### NEW AUTUMN/ WINTER MENUS...

Our talented chefs have been hard at work sourcing local and seasonal ingredients to create delicious menus. Succulent Shetland scallops, pressed ham hock and suckling pig, partridge, venison with haggis mash, our own smoked duck and a ravioli of chestnut and winter squash on a Jerusalem artichoke purée -our new autumn/winter menus are guaranteed to tempt every tastebud! To find out more and see further images please click [here](#).



## ENTERTAINING ALL OVER LONDON...

### Quod Party at Somerset House

Somerset House was transformed into a quintessential English garden complete with croquet lawn. The evening started with classic Pimms and our refreshing vodka-based cucumber, pressed apple and elderflower English Country Garden cocktail. The male-dominated crowd enjoyed an array of delicious canapés including cool cucumber cups filled with mackerel fillet and apple mayonnaise and British classics such as fish and chips with tartare sauce and Launceston lamb pie. The 250 guests were served by stunning waitresses and entertained by a dazzling female magician before moving to the Portico Rooms as the sun set over the famous courtyard. DJ Lyndsay Evans and the all-girl group Sahara really got the party going....



### Media Dinner at Banqueting House

Table Talk served a delicious dinner for 320 guests at Banqueting House. The bespoke menu, designed to be the finale to the World Broadcaster Meeting consisted of glorious fresh trays of sushi followed by a traditional main course of roast beef, served with a surf and turf twist of homemade lobster ravioli, fresh summer peas and asparagus. An array of miniature chocolate and fruity desserts, including an elderflower brûlée, were served on individual cake stands at each table; the perfect way to complete a fabulous dinner and a lengthy day of meetings!



### **Charlie Langton's Sculpture at Ralph Lauren**

Following renovations at the Brompton Cross store, Ralph Lauren, in conjunction with Highclere Stud, hosted an evening of British bubbles and canapés. Artist and sculptor Charlie Langton's stunning equine sculptures and sketches were displayed throughout the store. A sumptuous mix of canapés from poached cured salmon on Brixton rye bread to duck rilette on a thyme and olive oil biscuit with spiced damson chutney were enjoyed with chilled champagne.



### **VOGUE Fashion's Night Out**

What a night...! We saw the leading names in fashion team around Bond Street for London's biggest fashion street party. Fashion icons including Gwyneth Paltrow, Daisy Lowe and Erin O'Connor were among the famous faces in the hordes of Britain's fashion-adoring public. Table Talk hosted several electrifying events including the drinks reception at Ralph Lauren, Links and the evening at Stella McCartney's Boutique where Livia Firth and Laura Bailey co-hosted a dance off which really got tongues wagging!



To watch exciting footage from within the Links store click [here!](#)

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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS...

### **Birthday with star performance from Michael McIntyre**

The perfect way to party... Blue Strawberry delivered delicious food for a spectacular 50th birthday celebration in the King's Gallery at [Kensington Palace](#) with a mix of stunning canapés for over 100 guests. The chic crowd then moved into the Orangery where they enjoyed a late summer-inspired dinner to the sounds of an elegant string quartet of crab ravioli and chicken stuffed with truffle and mascarpone followed by a tangy trio of summer fruit desserts. The joyful occasion was further enhanced with a hilarious performance by the comedy genius Michael McIntyre who later illustrated his funky moves on the dance floor... what more could you ask for at a party!



*\*Venue photography courtesy MPP Image Creation.*

### **1920's party at One Mayfair**

Swing bands, feathers and flapper dresses, the 1920's themed event at the glitzy [One Mayfair](#), was an incredible way of celebrating a fun and unique 50th birthday party. Guests sipped from old-fashioned champagne saucers and enjoyed Blue Strawberry's canapés including seared organic beef carpaccio on toasted sourdough as well as asparagus and parmesan truffle tarts served on silver trays. Meanwhile a game of murder mystery, that continued throughout the dinner, further enriched the roaringly ritzy evening.



## A WONDERFUL SUMMER OF WEDDINGS...

### Kew Gardens Wedding

A sumptuous wedding ceremony was followed by rose petal martinis and bramble cocktails in the stunning Nash Conservatory at Kew Gardens. Under a flower arch, the guests enjoyed dinner ending with an Eton Mess wedding cake while the beautiful venue was transformed with stunning lighting and production. Meanwhile fun and games were had by all in the Boothnation photobooth. Live music performed by band Payback added to the celebratory atmosphere; a truly memorable night had by all.



*\*Venue photography courtesy of Stuart Oakley.*

### Wedding at the Dulwich Picture Gallery

Blue Strawberry catered a magnificent vintage themed wedding. The 100 guests enjoyed a Pimms and champagne reception and then dinner of slow cooked sea trout with its own tartare, avocado, horseradish cream, and golden trout caviar and a magnificent desert of pistachio and olive oil cake with fresh roasted apricots and nougat ice cream while surrounded by spectacular flowers created by The Urban Flower Firm which set-off the venue perfectly.



*\*Venue photography courtesy of Tony Hart.*

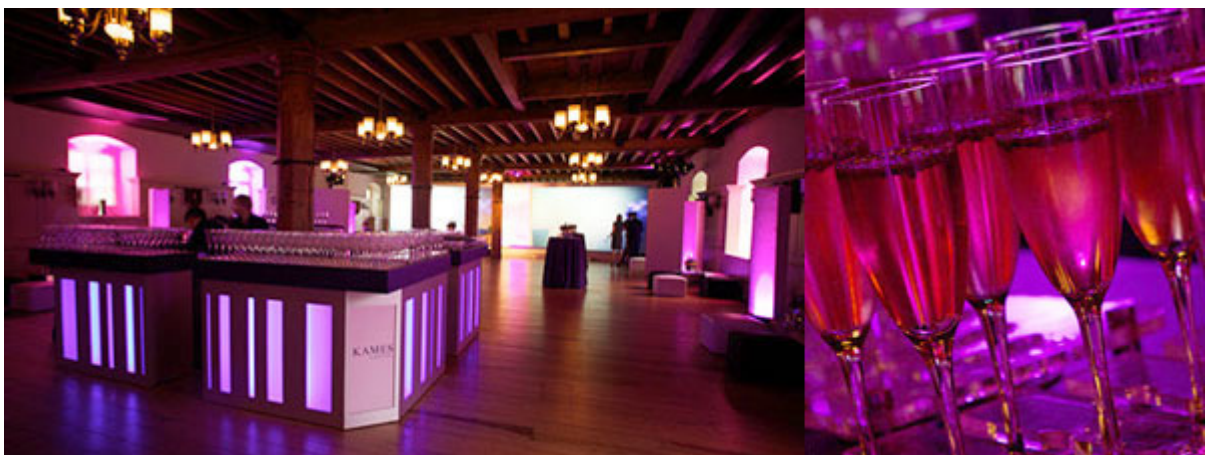
### Exciting wedding at Syon

Blue Strawberry made a spectacular return to Syon House as they provided the much heralded catering for over 100 guests in the stunning Conservatory. In a fitting tribute to the groom's Polish roots a continuous stream of Zubrovka vodka was consumed throughout the day enhancing the merriments keeping the party in full swing!



### One historic venue, two stunning events

The Tower of London has many fantastic venue spaces in which to host events, but none was more talked about than the New Armouries when in the space of two weeks, this versatile venue was transformed twice with two stunning but very different looks. Dynamic financial services marketing company the MIP Agency transformed the room into a welcoming reception space, using lighting to create an 'intimate club' feel. Guests enjoyed a range of canapés and mini meals with a traditional British flavour, including luxury fish pie, venison and juniper sausage rolls with Cumberland sauce and steak and chips with a béarnaise sauce washed down with blueberry caviar bellinis.



*\*Photographs courtesy of MIP Agency.*

Just a week earlier guests from both sides of the Atlantic came together to celebrate a stunning wedding reception. Held also in the New Armouries. The venue was transformed with an abundance of seasonal blooms which included cream roses and stocks with an aroma of rosemary, all created by florist Pinstripes and Peonies. Guests dined on a salad of homemade buffalo cheese, steak and triple-cooked chips with a watercress sauce followed by deconstructed cheesecake and slices of the delicious three flavour wedding cake created by Peggy Porschen. As darkness descended over the historic venue, guests were escorted outside by candlelight to witness the official locking up of the Tower before departing.



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### **NEW VENUES...**

Table Talk are thrilled to have secured listings at Guildhall, Middle Temple and Battersea Power Station, and sister company Blue Strawberry has also secured a place at Middle Temple.

**Guildhall**, has been the City powerhouse since the twelfth century. Situated in the heart of the City of London, the world's leading financial and business centre, this rare and magnificent medieval Grade I listed landmark offers a spectacular backdrop for corporate events and banquets. For more information or to book a site visit please contact [ruth@tabletalk.co.uk](mailto:ruth@tabletalk.co.uk)



**Middle Temple**, located in the heart of London's legal quarter, is one of the four ancient Inns of Court. Just a few minutes from Fleet Street, The Strand and Embankment and overlooking the River Thames, the secluded environment lends itself to corporate and private events. It also boasts a riverside stunning garden for summer entertaining. For more information or to book a site visit please contact [james@bluestrawberry.co.uk](mailto:james@bluestrawberry.co.uk)



**Battersea Power Station** is one of London's most iconic buildings. Its fantastic architecture and unique size makes it an incredible setting for any event. Events are held in a clearspan structure underneath the famous Boilerhouse chimneys. For more information or to book a site visit please contact [clem@tabletalk.co.uk](mailto:clem@tabletalk.co.uk)

