

AFTERNOON TEA

Served daily between 3pm – 5.30pm

“There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea”
Henry James (Author)

Afternoon Tea; that most English of customs is actually a relatively new tradition. The act of tea drinking first dates to China in the third millennium BC. King Charles II and his wife Catherine de Braganza first made tea drinking popular during the 1660's. It was not until the mid 17th century that the concept of afternoon tea first appeared.

The Duchess of Bedford introduced afternoon tea to England in 1840, asking for a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake to be brought to her room in the late afternoon. This soon became normal practice, with friends often invited to join her. The idea soon caught on in fashionable circles during the 1880's with society women changing into long gowns, gloves and hats for the occasion, with their afternoon tea usually being served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock.

Traditional afternoon tea includes a selection of dainty sandwiches, scones served with clotted cream and preserves, alongside cakes with either India or Ceylon tea.

Your order will be taken at the table (For those wishing to eat outside – please order at the bar)

Pot of tea for one served with homemade biscuits £3.50
Pot of speciality tea, herbal or fruit infusion for one served with homemade biscuits £3.50
Mug of milky hot chocolate topped with whipped cream & chocolate flakes £3.20
Iced tea / coffee £3.50 / £4.50
Café latte £3.95
Americano £3.50
Espresso £3.50
Cappuccino £3.95

Toasted teacake for one served with butter £3.50
Toasted crumpet for one served with butter £3.50
Toasted waffle with maple syrup and Dorset clotted cream for one £6.50

DORSET CREAM TEA

Freshly baked plain scones, Dorset clotted cream & strawberry jam served with a choice of leaf tea or fairtrade coffee £9.50

We require 24 hours' notice for the following

ALEXANDRA SPARKLING TEA £29.95
As above served with a glass of local award winning Furleigh Estate Classic Cuvee

THE ALEXANDRA TEA £19.95
Homemade scones served with Dorset clotted cream & strawberry jam, selection of finger sandwiches & a selection of homemade cakes served with your choice of leaf tea or coffee

VEGETARIAN TEA £19.95
Homemade scones served with Dorset clotted cream & strawberry jam, selection of vegetarian finger sandwiches & a selection of homemade cakes served with your choice of leaf tea or coffee

CHILDREN'S TEA (for children of 12 years and under) £16.95
Homemade scone served with Dorset clotted cream & strawberry jam, selection of finger sandwiches or assorted crudités, chocolate brownie, mini Alexandra mess served with a glass of orange or apple juice

Gluten and dairy free full teas are available