

One Devonshire Gardens

A HISTORY OF AFTERNOON TEA

Tea consumption increased dramatically during the early nineteenth century and it is around this time that Anna, the 7th Duchess of Bedford is said to have complained of “having that sinking feeling” during the late afternoon. At the time it was usual for people to take only two main meals a day, breakfast, and dinner at around 8 o'clock in the evening. The solution for the Duchess was a pot of tea and a light snack, taken privately in her boudoir during the afternoon.

Later friends were invited to join her in her rooms at Woburn Abbey and this summer practice proved so popular that the Duchess continued it when she returned to London, sending cards to her friends asking them to join her for “tea and a walking the fields”. Other social hostesses quickly picked up on the idea and the practice became respectable enough to move it into the drawing room. Before long all of fashionable society was sipping tea and nibbling sandwiches in the middle of the afternoon.

AFTERNOON TEA

£30 PER PERSON

Chef's selection of savoury finger sandwiches, including Loch Fyne smoked salmon and traditional Scottish cheeses. Freshly baked One Devonshire Gardens plain and fruit scones with clotted cream and fruit preserves. An assortment of seasonal pastries and cakes to satisfy both chocolate and citrus taste buds alike.

CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA

£35 PER PERSON

Our afternoon tea served with a glass of Hotel du Vin Lombard Cuvée Champagne.

DRINKS SELECTION

SELECTION OF FRESHLY BREWED COFFEES

WIDE RANGE OF SPECIALITY TAYLORS OF HARROGATE TEAS

Our kitchen is always happy to accommodate any dietary requests you may have to allow you to enjoy the best afternoon tea experience.

Served Friday and Saturday from 12.30pm – 3.30pm

For special dietary requirements or allergy information, please speak with a member of our team before ordering. Although we endeavour to do so, we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes are allergen free or fulfil dietary requirements due to possible cross contamination during production. [NGH] = Does not include any gluten containing ingredients. [NGIA] = Alternative available that does not include any gluten containing ingredients. [VGI] = Does not include any ingredients derived from animals. [VGIA] = Alternative available that does not include any ingredients derived from animals. [V] = Vegetarian. [VA] = Vegetarian alternative available. All of our prices include VAT. A discretionary service charge of 10% will be added to your bill.



For further information on allergens please scan here.