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 a 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.

WHAT IS AFTERNOON TEA?

Afternoon Tea is a tea-related ritual, introduced in Britain in the early 1840s. It evolved as a mini meal to stem the hunger and anticipation of an evening meal at 8pm.

Afternoon Tea is a meal composed of sandwiches (usually cut delicately into 'fingers'), scones with clotted cream and jam, sweet pastries and cakes. Interestingly, scones were not a common feature of early Afternoon Tea and were only introduced in the twentieth century.

Afternoon Tea was initially developed as a private social event for ladies who climbed the echelons of society. It was only when Queen Victoria engaged in the Afternoon Tea ritual that it became a formal occasion on a larger scale, known as 'tea receptions'.

These receptions could have as many as two hundred guests with an open 'at home' invitation to visit between 4pm and 7pm, during which they could come and go as they pleased; this was the genesis of the Afternoon Tea as we know it.

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AFTERNOON TEA MENUS

THE TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

(Served 12.00 ~ 4.00 p.m.)

The classic and most popular afternoon tea choice.....

Assorted finger sandwiches:

Roast Ham and Pease Pudding
Cucumber and Cream Cheese
Smoked Salmon and Dill Mayo
Egg Mayonnaise and Watercress

Scones:

Fruit & Cheese Scones, Served with
Strawberry Jam & Clotted Cream

Selection of cakes:

Chef's Selection of Cakes
& Sweet Treats

Your choice of Tea or Coffee

£28.00 per person

For that extra special touch**....**

Why not indulge in a chilled glass of Billecart Salmon Champagne for only £13.50 per person

Or try a Kir Royale or a Bellini for only £15.00 per person

CONFECTIONER'S AFTERNOON TEA

(Served 12.00 ~ 4.00 p.m.)

For those of you with a sweet tooth.....

Selection of cakes & sweet treats:

Chef's selection of cakes
& sweet treats

Scones:

Fruit & Cheese Scones, Served with
Strawberry Jam & Clotted Cream

Your choice of Tea or Coffee
£21.50 per person

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THE GENTLEMAN'S AFTERNOON TEA

(Served 12.00 ~ 4.00 p.m.)

A great choice if you prefer something a little less dainty and a bit more hearty…

To include the following:

Haggis Bon Bon with Mustard Mayonnaise

Homemade Sausage Roll with Sage

Tomato and Chedder Cheese Quiche

Mini Pork Pie with Piccalilli

Selection of cakes:

Chef's selection of cakes
& Sweet treats

Your choice of Tea or Coffee

£29.50 per person

Upgrade to a Kir Royale or Bellini for only £15.00 per person

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA

We offer a yummy selection of sandwiches, cakes, and scones for the little ones…

Please choose one of the following sandwich options:

Nutella
Peanut butter
Strawberry jam
Ham & cheese

Cheese Scone

The sweet stuff:

Selection of Cakes
Fruit Juice

£19.95 per child

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TEA & COFFEE MENU

TEA SELECTION

ALL £4.00

ENGLISH BREAKFAST ~ Robust character and lively flavour with a strong & refreshing taste

CLASSIC EARL GREY ~ Light, slightly smokey and zesty

SPECIALITY TEAS

A selection of fruit and herbal teas are also available:

Peppermint – Lemon & Ginger - Camomile –
Berry & Elderflower – Green - Decaffeinated

COFFEE SELECTION

AMERICANO	£4.25
CAPPUCCINO	£4.75
LATTE	£4.75
MOCHA	£5.00
ESPRESSO	£3.75
DBL ESPRESSO	£5.25

HOT CHOCOLATE

HOT CHOCOLATE £4.75

Delicious, smooth, and creamy hot chocolate.

Prices shown are per person, served with hot or cold Milk, Cream or Lemon

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