

AFTERNOON TEA

'At half past three, everything stops for 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.

Stoke Place Champagne Tea

A Selection of Finger Sandwiches, Homemade Scones,
Mini Patisseries and Cakes,
Cornish Clotted Cream, Berry Jam, and Your choice of JING Tea,
Accompanied with a Glass of Champagne.
Price per person £34.95

Traditional Afternoon Tea

A Selection of Finger Sandwiches, Homemade Scones,
Mini Patisseries and Cakes,
Cornish Clotted Cream, Berry Jam, and Your choice of JING Tea.
Price per person £24.95

Cream Tea

A Selection of Homemade Scones, Cornish Clotted Cream,
Berry Jam with Your choice of JING Tea.
Price per person £10.95

We cannot guarantee that dishes do not contain nuts. If you have any allergies please inform us prior to ordering and we will try to recommend a suitable dish. All prices include VAT. A 12.5% discretionary service charge will be added to your bill.