



BEDFORD AFTERNOON TEA

Served from 12.00pm until 4.00pm

Anna Maria Russell, Duchess of Bedford (1783 – 1857) was a lifelong friend of Queen Victoria whom she served as a Lady of the Bedchamber between 1837 and 1841, however she is best remembered as the creator of the “afternoon tea”.

In the 19th Century, it was customary for the upper classes in England to have their evening meal rather late, say 8 - 9pm, it was understandable then that they might become hungry in the late afternoon.

Sometime around 1840, Anna Russell, the 7th Duchess of Bedford, complained of a “sinking feeling” and requested that some light food and a pot of tea be brought to her private living quarters to help ward off her mid-afternoon hunger. This light food probably included bread, butter, and perhaps biscuits.

The idea proved so successful that it soon became routine, and the Duchess decided to invite a few of her friends to her private rooms for tea in the afternoon. A new social event was born in which the invited guests would have an opportunity to meet with friends, catch up on the latest news, discuss recent events, etc...



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LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

*Open chicken, bacon, lettuce and tomato Artisan sandwich
Cream cheese, chive and cucumber roulade on wholemeal bread
Individual freshly baked quiche
Mini classic prawn cocktail
Victoria sponge
Freshly baked scone, clotted cream and preserve
Individual dessert of the day
Unlimited tea or coffee
£19.95 per person*

GENTLEMAN'S AFTERNOON TEA

*Open ploughman's Artisan sandwich
Freshly baked hand-raised pork pie accompanied by fruit chutney
Hot 'Philly' steak sandwich
Mini fish and chips with a pot of our homemade tartare sauce
Victoria sponge
Freshly baked scone, clotted cream and preserve
Unlimited tea or coffee
£19.95 per person*



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PROSECCO AFTERNOON TEA

*Either the Ladies or Gentleman's Afternoon Tea served with a 200ml
bottle of La Marca Prosecco*

£23.95 per person

CHAMPAGNE AFTERNOON TEA

*Either the Ladies or Gentleman's Afternoon Tea served with a glass of
Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label*

£27.95 per person

CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON TEA

Clarence Court egg mayonnaise sandwich

Ham sandwich

Fries and ketchup

Chocolate brownie

Novelty ice cream

Marshmallows

Fruit bowl

£11.25 per person



THE WICKENTREE TEA SELECTION

Please choose one of the following teas:

English Breakfast

Earl Grey

Decaffeinated

Green

Peppermint

Strawberry and Mango

Camomile

Alternatively, coffee is also available upon request.