

THE ABBEY HOTEL



Afternoon Tea

There are many different stories that claim to explain the origin of the afternoon tea, one of the most widely accepted is that the Duchess of Bedford (1783-1857) came up with the initial concept! The noon meal had become smaller, and so the Duchess suffered from "a sinking feeling" at about four o'clock in the afternoon.

At first the Duchess had her servant's sneak her a pot of tea and some buttered bread. After a short time indulging in this light meal alone, she decided to invite some friends to join her in her rooms at Belvoir Castle. The menu centred around small cakes, sandwiches, assorted sweets, and of course tea. This 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 walking the fields" This practice of inviting friends to come for tea in the afternoon soon became widely enjoyed.

The Abbey Hotel is justifiably proud of serving traditional afternoon teas in all their glory in our dining room. A perfect setting for friends to catch up on gossip or a mother and daughters to get together, a real treat for birthdays, mother's day or any day!

Abbey High Tea £16.95 pp

Only available by reservation

Your table will be laid with white table cloths and napkins, vintage plates & cake stands filled with a wonderful array of dainty sandwiches, cakes, scones, jam, fresh strawberries, double cream and lots of piping hot Tea and Coffee
Why not add some bubbles!

Small bottle Italian Prosecco £8 large bottle Italian Prosecco £20.95

Champagne also available on request