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The Duchess of Bedford's 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 to her butler. 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 walk in 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.

The Bedford Swan Traditional Afternoon Tea
£12.95 per person
£15.95 per person with a glass of Pigalle Brut dry sparkling wine
£18.95 per person with af glass of Mercier Brut Champagne

The traditional afternoon tea includes:

Smoked salmon and cucumber, ham & egg mayonnaise finger sandwiches

Warm homemade scones, strawberry jam & clotted cream

chefs selection of cakes

Choose from our unique selection of speciality teas & infusions
Traditional English, Earl Grey, Assam, Darjeeling, Fruit Infusions

Scones *£2.50*

Most special dietary requirements can be catered for,
please inform your server who will endeavour to assist you

Bar & Lounge Menu

Available in all areas of the hotel, seven days a week between 10am -10pm

Soup of the day served with bread (v)	£6.50
Beer battered haddock fillet with mushy peas, tartar sauce, lemon & chips	£12.95
Homemade 100% ground beef burger in a toasted bun, with cheese, burger relish & chips	£11.95
Chicken burger in a toasted bun, with chips	£11.95
Rib eye of scotch beef, flat mushrooms, grilled tomato & chips	£19.50
Compliment your steak with a choice of stilton, béarnaise or peppercorn sauce	£1.50
Grilled local sausage & mash potato with onion gravy	£11.50
Classic Caesar salad, with croutons, parmesan & anchovies	£9.00
with chicken	£10.95
Thai green chicken curry with rice *chicken cooked in a blend of ginger, chilli, lime, garlic, coriander and finished with coconut cream and green vegetables*	£10.95
Pan fried lambs liver with bacon, mash potato, onion rings and red wine jus	£9.95

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Sandwiches

All served with crisps and coleslaw

Please choose from the following fillings:

Oak smoked Scottish salmon with cream cheese & chives

Honey roast ham and mustard coleslaw

Coconut & ginger poached chicken with a sweet chilli mayo

Mature cheddar cheese & tomato relish with mixed leaves

Medium rare roast beef with plum tomato and horseradish sauce

Prawn cocktail with baby gem lettuce

Tuna mayonnaise & sweetcorn

Please choose from a choice of bread:

White or brown bloomer bread	£6.95
White Baguette	£6.95
Soft tortilla Wrap	£6.95

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Platters to share

Asian Platter: Selection of Asian spring rolls, dim sums & wontons with dipping sauces and crackers	£15.00
Anti pasti: Artichokes, sun blushed tomato, olives, hummus, grilled halloumi, roast garlic & bread	£13.20
Meat antipasti: Parma ham, salami, chorizo, cold summerhill farm sausage, piccalilli, pickled onion, gerkins & bread	£14.10
Cheese platter: Mature cheddar, bath soft, blue cheese, tornegus with bread, pickle onion, chutney, apple and dressed leaves	£14.50
Seafood platter: Prawns, crayfish, scampi, smoked mackerel, smoked salmon, mayonnaise lemon with bread	£14.50

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Tea & Coffee Menu

Coffee	£2.60
Tea	£2.60
Cappuccino	£2.75
Latte	£2.75
Espresso	£2.30
Double Expresso	£3.10
Hot Chocolate	£2.85

Why not enjoy your tea or coffee with a slice of cake from our selection

Please ask your server for the selection of flavours

£2.50 per slice

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Bar & Lounge Soft Drinks Menu

The real thing since 1886, nothing refreshes like coca-cola, £1.20 half pint

A light 'Coke' taste and a low calorie lift for a lighter option, £1.20 half pint

Gently sparkling, 100% fruit juice and 1 of your 5-a-day £2.40

Baby Mixers	**£1.85**
Baby Fruit Juices	**£2.00**
J2O Assorted Flavours	**£2.80**
Small Mineral Water	**£1.75**
Large Mineral Water	**£3.50**
Sol	**£3.70**
Budweiser	**£3.70**
Peroni	**£3.70**
Magners	**£4.30**
Becks	**£3.85**
Stella	**£4.00**
Boddingtons	**£3.85**
Bombardier	**£3.85**
Guinness	**£4.00**

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Wines by the Glass

Mercier Brut
Fat, ripe fruitiness, definitely bubbly
125ml £7.15

Pigalle Brut
-France-
Crisp apple juices bursting with bubbles
125ml £5.10

Monte Verde Sauvignon Blanc
-Chile-
Tantalising, zesty tropical gooseberries
175ml £5.10 **250ml £5.90**

Corte Vigna Pinot Grigio, Pavia
-Italy-
Racy, crunchy green fruit with a floral flourish
175ml £5.25 **250ml £6.10**

Outback Chase Semillon-Chardonnay
-Australia-
Delicious citrus and lemiongrass notes
175ml £5.10 **250ml £5.90**

Whispering Hills White Zinfandel
-USA-
Fruit-packed, fun-packed, simply sociable
175ml £5.10 **250ml £5.90**

Monte Verde Merlot
-Chile-
Dynamic, intensely ripe red berries and plums
175ml £5.10 **250ml £5.90**

Mill Cellars Shiraz
-Australia-
A glass full of blackberries, redcurrants and raspberries
175ml £5.10 **250ml £5.90**

Le Caprice Cabernet Sauvignon
-France-
Rich blackcurrants exude cedarwood charm
175ml £5.15 **250ml £6.30**

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