



# AFTERNOON TEA

AT HANBURY MANOR, A MARRIOTT HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB



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# *A History of Hanbury*

*The story of the house originally known as Poles, of the families to whom it was home, and the convent school that was here for over half a century.*

The history of the house goes back to the eighteenth century, where the original house stood. Sampson and Agatha Hanbury came to live at Poles in 1800. He continued to enlarge and improve the house and lived there until death in 1835 where the house passed to Agatha Hanbury for her life. When she died in 1847, the Poles estate passed to her nephew, Robert Hanbury, the second son of Sampson's brother. Robert Hanbury further enlarged the house and extended the gardens. Being a keen horticulturist, he employed over twenty gardeners and built the Walled Garden where the greenhouses became famous for their orchids.

The Poles estate passed to his grandson Edmund Hanbury and his wife Amy upon his death. In 1889, they spent time planning a new house. The old house was pulled down and foundation work started for the new Poles. The architect was Mr Ernest George, the celebrated architect. In 1876, George was joined by Harold Peto, son of Sir Morton Peto, the great railway builder. The new Poles, completed in February 1<sup>st</sup> 1892 was a magnificent house.

In 1913, the estate was sold to the King family who in turn sold it in 1923 to the Faithful Companions of Jesus, who turned it into a school with six students. By 1928, there were fifty students and a new block was added for the expanding school. After sixty three years, Poles convent closed in July 1986.

In 1986, it was announced that the new owners had gained planning permission for a hotel and work began in 1988 converting the house of 1890 and the 1930 school block into a hotel. As the building had a grade 2 listing, work was carried out in close conjunction with the English Heritage.

The luxury hotel, newly named Hanbury Manor, opened for business on August, 20<sup>th</sup> 1990.

## *Afternoon Tea, a very English Tradition*

Tea, the most quintessential of English drinks, is a relative latecomer to British shores. Although the custom of drinking tea dates back to the third millennium BC in China, it was not until the mid 17th century that tea first appeared in England.

Afternoon tea was introduced in England by Anna, the seventh Duchess of Bedford, in the year 1840. The Duchess would become hungry around four o'clock in the afternoon. The evening meal in her household was served fashionably late at eight o'clock, thus leaving a long period of time between lunch and dinner. The Duchess asked that a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake be brought to her room during the late afternoon. This became a habit of hers and she began inviting friends to join her.

This pause for tea became a fashionable social event and during the 1880's upper-class and society women would change into long gowns, gloves and hats for their afternoon tea which was usually served in the drawing room between four and five o'clock.

Traditional afternoon tea consists of a selection of dainty sandwiches including of course thinly sliced cucumber sandwiches, scones served with clotted cream and preserves. Cakes and pastries are also served. and tea grown in India or Ceylon is poured into delicate china cups.

## Traditional Afternoon Tea

Finger Sandwiches

Ham & cheese on multiseed bread  
Smoked salmon, cream cheese on granary bread  
Cucumber on dill bread  
Egg mayonnaise, cress on white bread

Warm raisin and plain scones from our bakery  
Served with clotted cream and strawberry jam

Selection of pastries and cakes

Choose from our selection of speciality tea  
£23.00

## Champagne Afternoon Tea

Traditional Afternoon Tea  
with a glass of Duval-Leroy Champagne

Duval-Leroy Brut

£30.00

Duval-Leroy Rosé

£33.00

### Champagne by the glass

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Duval Leroy Brut               | £14.00 |
| Duval Leroy “Collection Paris” | £15.00 |
| Duval-Leroy Rosé               | £17.00 |

## From our Pastry Kitchen

### Finger Sandwiches

Ham & cheese on multiseed bread  
Smoked salmon, cream cheese on granary bread  
Cucumber on dill bread  
Egg mayonnaise, cress on white bread

£8.50

Warm raisin and plain scones from our bakery  
Served with clotted cream and strawberry jam

£7.00

Selection of pastries and cakes

£7.00

## Tea Selection

### English Breakfast

*The perfect “pick-me-up” tea to drink at any time of the day, the traditional English breakfast tea is both bright and full-bodied*

### Decaf English Breakfast

*Using the flowery Orange Pekoe from the Dimbula region of Sri Lanka, this Ceylon tea is full-bodied and retains its balanced astringency and floral notes*

### Earl Grey

*A light tea, pale gold in colour using natural flavours and oils balanced with the natural brightness of Ceylon tea that gives the Earl Grey its distinctive flavour of bergamot without the overpowering perfume*

### Lady Grey

*Dried lemon and orange peel provides a citrusy twist and a piquant taste for a delightful alternative to the Earl Grey*

### Bukhial Assam

*Grown on the south side of the Brahmaputra River in remote region of Nagaland, this Assam tea grows slowly with a lower yield resulting in the intense flavours of strong, rounded malt*

### Tukdah Darjeeling

*From Tukdah tea estate high in the hills, this classic Darjeeling tea is bright and full-flavoured with its characteristic muscatel flavour and hints of nuttiness*

### Lovers Leap Ceylon

*Delightfully medium bodied tea grown in high altitude steep hillside of Sri Lanka. Piquant with the distinct flavours of Ceylon tea*

## Tisane and Speciality Tea Selection

### Japan Sencha

*Used in traditional Japanese tea ceremonies, this green tea has a distinctive glossy feel and full, rich aromas*

### Jasmine Blossom

*Green tea with exotic eastern flavours of jasmine that blooms in May for the most intense aroma*

### China Pai Mu Tan

*The top two very pale green, almost grey white leaves and bud covered by velvety fuzz are plucked and perfectly withered to give it a light but flavourful tea*

### Exotic Strawberry and Kiwi

*Bold and intense strawberry and kiwi flavours make for a truly thirst quenching tea*

### Delicious Berry

*Intensely refreshing with the combined flavours of hibiscus, rosehip, blackcurrant, elderberry and raisin.*

### Peppermint

*Cool and refreshing caffeine-free alternative*

### Egyptian Camomile

*Perfect growing conditions of sandy loams and nutrients from the Nile for the distinctive camomile renown for its health benefits*

### Rose Congou Superior

*Wonderfully refreshing black tea with scents of freshly cut roses from natural oils and the layering of rose petals 5 times in the process*

### Zesty Lemon Rooibos

*This herbal tisane combines the sweetness of Rooibos with the zesty tanginess of lemongrass*

## Hot Beverages

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| Pot of Tea      | £4.00 |
| Pot of Coffee   | £4.00 |
| Cappuccino      | £4.00 |
| Caffe Latte     | £4.00 |
| Single espresso | £3.00 |
| Double espresso | £4.00 |
| Hot Chocolate   | £4.00 |

For further information of to make a booking please call the hotel on:  
01920 487 722

Afternoon Tea slots available from 2–4pm

All prices are inclusive of VAT. If you are concerned about food allergies e.g. nuts you are invited to ask one of our team members for assistance.

*Bookings Subject to availability.*

*Prices subject to change as this is a sample menu.*



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