

AND RESTAURANT

The Tea House Chronicle

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Hello and a warm welcome from the English Tea House family...

March is fast approaching and we have some great new promotional items again for you to try, including the ever popular 'Victoria Sponge Cake', an English classic. I think you'll agree that along with the Scones and Crumpets, it is very likely to be a new favourite at the Tea House. So don't miss out on your sweet treat this month!

February has been quite an interesting month with the 'Chinese New Year' and 'Valentine's Day'. Despite the bad weather conditions most of the month, spirits were still high. In fact, many of you commented on how cosy and romantic it was during the power cut, dining by candle light. With such efficient staff everything ran smoothly. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for their hard work during the difficult circumstances!

Oh!...and remember we are on 'Facebook' and 'Trip Advisor'. So please drop us a message and give us any feedback regarding your experience with us.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

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March Promotions





Classic Victoria Sandwich

Our new addition to our traditional British sweets! Light sponge cake with strawberry jam & fresh cream filling

ONLY RM12.00++



Chicken & Leek Pie

served with mash potato and fresh vegetables

ONLY RM16.00++

TRY DUR REFRESHING NEW BEVERAGES

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English Rose

A dreamy blend of red grenadine, lime juice,and vanilla ice cream

RM13.00++



MOCKTAIL

Borneo Sling

A modern twist of gin, campari with pineapple, orange & lime juice

RM 23.00-



The crew from
'RTM TV1'
filming the
English Tea House
as part of a new
documentary





Happy Birthday Pury!

The birthday lady and family having a good ol' sing-a-long together

A beautiful Valentine's Day set up in the English Tea House garden this year



Afternoon Tea

Anna, the Duchess of Bedford (1788-1861), one of Queen Victoria's (1891-1901) ladies-in-waiting, is credited as the creator of teatime. Because the noon meal had become skimpier, the Duchess suffered from "a sinking feeling" at about four o'clock in the afternoon. At first the Duchess had her servants sneak her a pot of tea and a few breadstuffs into her dressing room.

Adopting the European tea service format, she invited friends to join her for an additional afternoon meal at five o'clock at Belvoir Castle. The menu centered around small cakes, bread and butter sandwiches, assorted sweets, and tea.

This summer practice proved so popular, 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. The practice of inviting friends to come for tea in the afternoon was quickly picked up by other social hostesses. Queen Victoria adopted the new craze for tea parties. By 1855, the Queen and her ladies were in formal dress for the afternoon teas. A simple jam and cream filled sponge cake was one of the queen's favorites. After her husband, Prince Albert, died in 1861, the Queen Victoria spent time in retreat at the Queen's residence (Osborn House) at the Isle of Wight. According to historians, it was here that the cake were named after her.



From Our Guest Book

"We enjoyed the afternoon tea so much that we decided to come back in the evening tea!" (Anna & Catarina-Sweden)

"Charming place and very relaxing, have had a lovely evening here. Try a Borneo Temptation mocktail, they're delicious" (Ireland)

"Thanks for a wonderful cup of tea in beautiful settings, with Peacock and Croquet on the lawn. Scones & fruit were excellent as well as outstanding service"
(Jeannie, Allen & Family-Denmark)