

## LAINSTON HOUSE AFTERNOON TEA

*by Nicolas Bouhelier, Head Pastry Chef*

### **AMUSE BOUCHE**

Chilled rhubarb and ginger soup  
(both fresh from our garden)

### **SAVOURY**

Finger Sandwiches:

Scottish smoked salmon and cream cheese  
Honey roast ham, cheddar cheese and red onion marmalade  
Duck egg mayonnaise and cress

Mini brioche roll:

Brie and apple mango chutney

### **SWEET**

Watermelon macaroon  
Chocolate and nut bar  
Passion fruit tartlet and pink peppercorn meringue  
Peach and champagne mousse

Fruit and Plain Scones

served with home-made strawberry jam and Cornish clotted cream

### **TEA**

Choose from our selection of world class teas sourced  
from Char of Winchester.

£32.50

or enjoy with a glass of Ridgeview Bloomsbury ~ £42.50

with a glass of Ridgeview Fitzrovia Rosé ~ £46.50

with a glass of Taittinger Champagne ~ £45.50

Children under 14 are charged at half the adult price. We are very pleased to cater for special dietary requirements, such as gluten and dairy free when ordered in advance.

Please do advise us of any food allergies or intolerances.

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill.



### **The history of Ridgeview**

Ridgeview was founded in 1994 by Mike and Chris Roberts and is dedicated to creating world class sparkling wines in the South Downs of England. Their vineyards specialise in growing classic grape varieties to make the highest quality bottle fermented sparkling wines. The world class status of the wines is reflected by the number of national & international medals and trophies they have received since the release of the first wines from the 1996 vintage. Ridgeview is regularly served by Her Majesty the Queen and the official reception sparkling wine at No. 10 government receptions.

Ridgeview Bloomsbury is clean, crisp, pure and refreshing with notes of lemon, citrus and gentle honey.

Ridgeview Fitzrovia Rosé has an abundance of freshness and finesse with pronounced characteristics of strawberry and redcurrant.



CHAMPAGNE  
**TAITTINGER**  
*Reims*

### **The history of Taittinger**

Champagne Taittinger's origins date back to 1734 when the original house was founded by Jacques Fournieux. Today it remains one of the few top Houses actively owned and run by the family named on the label and to own a significant number of vineyards, providing control from the vine to the bottle. With many of the Champagnes being matured in the 4<sup>th</sup> century Taittinger's magnificent Roman cellars, the Hallmark of these wines is the high percentage of Chardonnay used, which gives them elegance, delicacy and finesse.

Taittinger is dry, light and graceful with small, fine bubbles. It's fresh, citrus fruit and subtle, weightier tones of peach and brioche combine to provide elegance.



**LAINSTON HOUSE**  
AN EXCLUSIVE HOTEL

Welcome to Lainston House.

We sincerely hope that you have a relaxing time, enjoying one of England's fine traditions, dating back to the 1840's.

Here at Lainston, our Pastry Team, led by Nicolas Bouhelier is focused on providing a traditional setting and all the elements of an afternoon tea with a French twist.

Nicolas Bouhelier is from Besancon in France, has worked at Lainston since January 2015. He was classically French trained and worked previously at Le Manoir with Benoit Blin & Raymond Blanc.

Our tea is freshly made to order and we do hope you enjoy your time shared and then have the opportunity to roam the grounds or take a visit to the kitchen garden and meet our birds of prey. Maps of the grounds and further details on the history of the hotel are available at reception.

Hopefully, you will return for the next seasonal afternoon tea indulgence, a cookery school class with Nicolas or to enjoy a falconry experience. Why not consider purchasing a gift voucher for a friend's birthday or special occasion, available from reception.

Now, relax and enjoy!



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## OUR TEA SELECTION

Lainston House is proud to present a tea selection of the highest standard from our tea partner Char of Winchester. It is our intention to make your tea experience exceptional and so the teas we have selected are all loose leaf teas sourced for us by Char. No fillers, no fannings dust, no dye and no artificial flavourings. This was the clear standard as we selected these teas for you.

### ENGLISH STYLE BLACK TEAS

Lainston House Breakfast tea

A blend of rich malty tasting mid season Assam and Highgrown Ceylon tea delivering strength combined with taste. Your best English breakfast experience yet.

Lainston House Afternoon tea

Our own afternoon tea – this special blend of rich premium-quality Assam mid season tea is blended with the champagne of teas, a first flush Darjeeling. The result is a tea with both strength and refinement, well balanced, aromatic, soft and malty. Best without milk

Char Darjeeling Supreme 1<sup>st</sup> Flush

Known as the champagne of teas and grown in the foothills of the Himalayas, this 1<sup>st</sup> pick of the year (known as 1<sup>st</sup> flush) Darjeeling tea produces an infusion with an enticing amber colour. The taste is fresh and slightly spicy.

Connoisseur Assam Tea ~ Halmari Gold

Halmari is a jewel amongst the Assam tea estates. Halmari Gold is renowned for being of the highest grade available. It contains an extraordinary quantity of golden tips to produce a superior flavour. This tea is served only in the most prestigious hotels around the World. It is malty, full bodied and invigorating.

### ROOIBOS TEA

Rooibos Organic

Rooibos tea comes from the Cape Province of South Africa. It is naturally caffeine and tannic acid free. This is a super grade organic Rooibos. Rooibos as it should be.

### PERFUMED TEAS

Earl Grey Supreme.

Top quality Ceylon tea, well perfumed with the finest natural bergamot oil and decorated with cornflower petals. Perfect with milk or without. Earl Grey as it should be.

Lady Winchester

Premium quality Assam, Sumatra and Darjeeling tea exquisitely flavoured with orange, lemon, grapefruit and bergamot. Then, as a final touch, we have added orange peels and jasmine flowers. A tea fit for a lady. Try without milk.

### SMOKED TEA

Lapsang Souchong

Produced more mature leaves which have been withered and dried and then smoked, this tea is for those who love strong, bold flavours. Low in caffeine, it is traditionally loved by outdoor enthusiasts and often drunk after long walks. A real Lapsang Souchong

### GREEN TEA

Temple of Heaven Gunpowder Tea

Gunpowder tea is so named as it resembles the appearance of the gunpowder used by British warships of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This tea also known as zuccha or pearl tea. It has a softer aroma and less bitter taste. Best without milk.

### HERBAL INFUSIONS

Peppermint (caffeine free)

Peppermint is an English herb. Char has selected only the finest leaves for this premium quality peppermint. Excellent as an aid to digestion and known for its calming qualities.

Chamomile (caffeine free)

Whole loose chamomile flowers. No fillers and no flavourings. This the true taste of chamomile. Wonderful with a spoonful of honey.

### FRUIT INFUSION

Winchester Fruit Basket (caffeine free)

A selection of delicious garden fruits and berries to entice you. Hibiscus blossoms, rose hip peel and apple pieces are combined with, elderberries, whole blackberries, strawberries and raspberries. A true fruit infusion.

### DECAFFEINATED TEA

Char Assam decaffeinated

The finest Assam gently decaffeinated using the CO2 method. This gives a true Assam taste for any tea lover but without caffeine.

# THE LAINSTON HOUSE HAMPSHIRE GIN COLLECTION

**Make this an Afternoon G and Tea!**

Winchester £

Bulldog £

Winchester £

Winchester £

All served as 50ml measures, unless otherwise requested. 25ml available.

## **GIN MARTINI**

## **GIN COCKTAILS**

A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added to your bill.