

Ashburnham Place Ploughman's

1 freshly made cheese scone with sliced gammon ham, 2 chunks of cheddar cheese, house chutney and butter, celery, grapes and salad garnish £6.30

Freshly Made Sandwiches

Available on white or multigrain bread with salad garnish & hand cooked crisps

Cheddar Cheese with chutney £4.40
Ham Salad with wholegrain mustard mayo, tomato and mixed leaves £4.50
Smoked Salmon with cream cheese and chive £5.60
Tuna Mayonnaise with sliced cucumber £4.50
Houmous with roasted peppers and mixed leaves £4.40
(Dairy free option. Served without butter unless requested)

Meze Platter

Houmous, Sliced Cheese, Roast Peppers, Carrot & Cucumber Crudités and Salad Garnish served with Pitta Bread £6.30

Soup of the Day

(Served from 12 Noon – 2pm)
Soup served with white or malted brown bread and butter £5.30
Soup served with Cheddar cheese scone and butter £6.30

Quiche of the Day

(Served from 12 Noon – 2pm)
Served with Salad. Please ask for today's selection £6.30

Toasted Paninis

Freshly prepared with a salad garnish & hand cooked crisps
Goats Cheese and Onion Marmalade £5.60
Cheddar cheese and sliced gammon ham £5.60
Brie with cranberry sauce and rocket £5.60
Pesto chicken, mozzarella cheese, sundried tomatoes and rocket £5.60

Tea (from Canton tea Company)
Tea for One - £1.90 Tea for Two - £3.40

English Breakfast High-quality Assam tea blended with two stunning teas from Kenya plus a Chinese traditional Yunnan Dian Hong

Darjeeling A well-balanced Second Flush Darjeeling

Earl Grey Chinese black tea, blended with bergamot oil

Lapsang Souchong A delicious and traditional pine-smoked tea

Decaf English Breakfast Traditional Ceylon tea. Caffeine free

Moroccan Mint Gunpowder green tea, spearmint & peppermint

Jasmine Pearls Green tea buds infused with jasmine blossom

Jade Tips Soft, sweet, easy-drinking Chinese green tea

Chamomile Soothing, caffeine-free chamomile flowers

Red Berry & Hibiscus An infusion of hibiscus blossoms, rose-hips and elderflowers

Wild Rooibos Grown wild in South Africa. Caffeine Free

Lemongrass and Ginger With a hint of liquorice root. Caffeine Free

Cream Tea
1 freshly made fruit or plain scone with clotted cream strawberry jam and butter, served with your choice of tea £4.75

Savoury Tea
1 freshly made cheese scone with red onion marmalade, a chunk of cheese and butter, served with your choice of tea £4.75

Handmade cake A slice from the counter £2.95
Served with clotted cream £3.80

Fruit or Plain Scone With butter & Jam £2.00
Served with Clotted Cream £2.85

Cheese Scone With butter and onion marmalade £2.00
Served with a chunk of Cheese £2.85

Hand Made Biscuits £1.10
Large Toasted Tea Cake with butter & jam £2.00

Hot Drinks

All coffees are served with a double espresso and with semi-skimmed milk as standard. Drinks are available decaffeinated, with skimmed milk, soya milk, rice milk or almond milk and with flavoured syrups (vanilla, caramel or hazelnut) at no extra charge.

Regular - £2.15 Large - £2.60

Cappuccino Latte Espresso coffee made with steamed and frothed milk
Espresso coffee made with steamed milk and a little bit of frothed milk on top and served in a tall cup

Flat White Espresso coffee made with velvety steamed milk. It is served in a slightly smaller cup for a stronger taste. (Available in one size only - £2.10)

Americano Espresso coffee topped with hot water. Add a little cold milk if you prefer your coffee white

Mocha Espresso coffee blended with hot chocolate and steamed milk

Chai Latte A blend of aromatic spices blended with milk & sweetened black tea.

Hot Chocolate Sweetened chocolate drink made with steamed milk (with cream, flake and marshmallows - add 60p)

Cold Drinks

Ashburnham Place Apple Juice (glass) £2.25
The apples (and a few pears for sweetness) are grown on site in our walled garden and pressed locally to make this delicious juice

Breckland Orchard Posh Pop (250ml bottle) £2.35
Sloe Lemonade
Pear & Elderflower
Ginger Beer with Chilli
Strawberry & Rhubarb

Folkington's Juices (250ml bottle) £2.35
Orange Juice
Summer Berry Juice
Old Fashioned Pink Lemonade
Mango Juice

South Downs Natural Mineral Water *(Still / Sparkling - 330ml bottle)* £1.55
Coca Cola (330ml bottle) £2.20
Diet Coke (330ml bottle) £2.10

The Orangery

The Orangery, which is properly known as a Conservatory, was built by **Lancelot Capability Brown in 1777** as a “seven bayed Greenhouse” at the end of his period at Ashburnham Place. Originally it had a central doorway with side and central beds for exotic plants and trees.

However in the early 1830’s the door was moved to its current position to make way for the planting of what are now some of the oldest surviving camellias in the country. The Orangery was refaced with brick in the 1850’s at the same time as the house.

Dining in the Orangery Tea Room

Please find an empty table and when you are ready to order make a note of your table number and come to the counter to order. We will then serve your food and drinks at your table once it is prepared. You can either pay at the time of ordering or open a tab to add extra items then pay when you finish.

Table Bookings

We only take table bookings for afternoon teas (2 - 20 people). The afternoon tea includes 1 freshly made fruit scone served with clotted cream, strawberry jam, and butter, a slice of cake, a selection of sandwiches, and a pot of tea. **£12.00 per person.** All afternoon teas are served within a set area inside of the Orangery.

We accept bookings up to 3 months from the time of booking. Telephone the Orangery on **01424 894203** to check table availability and book.

For groups of 20-60 people we can offer a set menu cream tea or afternoon tea in the Oak Dining Room on weekdays, located in the main house. Call our group bookings team on **01424 894238** to check availability and book.

Food Allergies & Intolerances

Please speak to our team if you have any questions about food ingredients or their preparation.

Walking In The Grounds

The Ashburnham Christian Trust has over 220 acres of beautiful woodland, lakeland and parkland. Part of the grounds are available for you to walk and enjoy. We do not receive regular external funding. The upkeep is funded from contributions from visitors and guests to Ashburnham Place. To support this ongoing work, we suggest a small donation of £4 which will go directly towards the upkeep of these historic grounds. Please pay any donation at the counter.

Ashburnham Place: History and Present Day

Ashburnham Place has a colourful and fascinating history that weaves back through some of the world changing historical events of the last eight centuries. Kings and queens, wars and intrigue, wealth and poverty have all played their part. The Ashburnham family line can be reliably traced back to Reginald ‘de Esburneham’ who in 1194 gave land to the monks of Battle Abbey and of Robertsbridge. The Ashburnham family can be found fighting in the battles of Agincourt and Boroughbridge as well as providing 679 Ashburnham oaks to assist with the royal works at Dover and Pevensey Castles.

The Ashburnham family developed close relationships with royalty, most notably between John Ashburnham, also known as John the Cavalier (1603 - 1671) and the ill-fated Charles I. John, who served as the King’s Groom of the Bedchamber, reportedly organised the King’s flight across the country to the Isle of Wight in an attempt to escape the Parliamentary forces. While the King met a grisly death the Ashburnham estate was brought to near ruin by Parliamentary attacks.

The heyday of Ashburnham Place was between 1850 - 1900 at which point the house was full of rich furnishings, art treasures and antiques together with an exceptional literary collection. The house had 9 main state rooms, a dairy, bakehouse, brewhouse, laundry, kitchens, 38 bedrooms, 52 chimneys and 365 windows! The grounds and gardens were maintained by a team 37 gardeners.

The Ashburnham family line finally came to an end in 1953 with the death of Lady Catherine filling the 45th and last crypt space prepared over three hundred years earlier. The house and its Capability Brown designed grounds and gardens then passed to a young clergyman, John Bickersteth. Seven years later he gifted the house and surrounding parkland to the Ashburnham Christian Trust. Over the last 50 years many people have found it to be a haven of peace, a place of blessing and an oasis in the busyness of life.

Today the Trust continues to be committed to extending this incredible gift to people from all walks of life. We are developing ways in which we can provide learning and training that enable others to have positive and life-giving impact throughout society. Our desire is that people will come to Ashburnham Place and find exceptional levels of welcome, refuge, challenge, inspiration, learning and peace. While in the Orangery Tea Room we pray that you find rest, nourishment and a mighty fine cuppa!

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