

The Orangery



DANESFIELD HOUSE

The Present Neo-Tudor building was built in 1901 for Robert Hudson, on what had been geographically recognized as a prehistoric hill fort known as 'Danes Field Camp'. The property was requisitioned in WWII by the Committees Intelligence Collection Management whose staff were initially recruited from the Royal Air Force. The committee set up Signals Intelligence at Bletchley Park and Imagery Intelligence at Danesfield House.

An 'Orangery' was a building frequently found in the grounds of fashionable residences from the 17th to the 19th Century and given a classical architectural form. The Orangery was similar to a greenhouse or conservatory. The name reflects the original use of the buildings as a place where citrus trees were often wintered in tubs under cover, surviving through harsh frosts though not expected to flower and fruit.

‘At half past three, everything stops for 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. 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 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 walking 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 Danesfield Afternoon Tea **£21.00**

Selection of Finger Sandwiches, Selection of Scones, Strawberry Jam, Cornish Clotted Cream, Homemade Pastries and Selection of Loose Leaf Tea

Cream Tea **£12.00**

Your Selection of Loose Leaf Tea served with a choice of Plain or Fruit Scones, Strawberry Jam and Cornish Clotted Cream

The Danesfield Champagne Tea **£28.50**

The Complete Danesfield Afternoon Tea, Served with a Glass of Laurent Perrier Champagne, Bucks Fizz or Champagne Cocktail

Sugar free jams available on request. We also serve homemade sugar free and gluten free biscuits and cakes. These items are freshly made on the premises, please allow 30 minutes.

JING

Working very closely with JING Tea, we have selected a range of the finest whole leaf teas from around the world. Chosen on the basis of their hand production, fantastic taste and aroma, we suggest that you try your first cup of tea without milk to experience the full delicate flavours.

Black Tea

Assam Breakfast

The ultimate English breakfast tea blended from three tea gardens in Assam, India. A comforting and full breakfast classic, with rich malty sweetness and vivid ruby coloured infusion.

Darjeeling 2nd Flush

From May onwards, the famed Darjeeling summer teas are produced with succulent leaves and a sprinkling of silvery tips. Sprightly, lively, sappy and refreshing, with an enticing combination of fresh grass, plant sap and woodland earth.

JING Ceylon

From the high lands of Sri Lanka a rich, soft and full tea, with a gentle yet textured profile. The taste is long and satisfying with an almost creamy wealth to it.

Organic Bohea Lapsang

Produced on the first farm to ever ship tea to Britain, this tea is smoked over pine wood. Calm, serene and reassuringly smoky with a supple, creamy, liquorice-root finish reminiscent of a fine Scotch Whisky.

White Tea

Silver Needle - Bai Hao Yin Zhen

Long, soft and downy, Silver Needle is composed of hand-picked, first spring buds of the Da-Bai tea plant. Light, delicate, fruity flavours underpinned by cucumber and melon freshness yet surprisingly full textured with a stunningly velvety finish.

Green Tea

Organic Jade Sword Green Tea

Grown in misty gardens in Anhui province, China. Clean, rounded, full and grassy with faint seaweed complexities. The taste is brisk and refreshing with a textured finish.

Scented Tea

Earl Grey Supreme

Named after the 1830's Prime Minister, Earl Grey is the Western World's most popular scented black tea. This Supreme Earl Grey is made with a rich, whole Ceylon leaf, sprinkled with cornflowers and scented with Bergamot. Refreshing and sweet, with lifted citrus charm freshening the structured tenacity of the Ceylon leaf. A perfectly focussed classic.

Jasmine Scented Green Tea

A full bodied Chinese jasmine tea composed of high quality green tea, scented many times with fresh jasmine. The taste is sumptuous, round and deeply jasmine infused.

Tisanes

Whole Chamomile Flowers

The only way to appreciate the floral, summery elegance of chamomile is to put the whole flower in water. The result is a stunning freshness and light, cleansing flavour that you can only find by infusing the whole leaf. Bright, full, mellow floral depths are complemented by soft, refreshingly bitter vegetal complexities in the finish. Sweet yet austere - the definitive chamomile combination.

Rooibos / Redbush

High in anti-oxidants and caffeine free. JING's Rooibos is a superlative grade of Rooibos from South Africa. Soft, with a gently tangy flavour which combines dry straw with a hint of bitter Seville orange richness.

Whole Pink Rosebuds

Light and fragrant like a delicate perfume, this drink is soothing, refreshing and delicate on the palate. Danesfield's whole rosebud infusion is an outstanding herbal drink. Small but perfectly formed, these intensely fragrant and beautiful rosebuds release an almost euphoric aroma and flavour into the water.

Peppermint Leaf

Striking and strong, our peppermint infusion cleans your palate and aids digestion. Insistent, deep and full mint flavours are combined with an almost oily mid-palate, subsiding cleanly towards an intensely perfumed finish.

JING in your home

JING Glass Infuser Tea Pot £22.50

JING Loose Leaf Teas in their own Gold JING Tin

Assam Breakfast Blend(100g)	£ 9.50	Silver Needle White Tea	(50g)	£15.50
Organic Green Tea (50g)	£15.50	Jasmine Pearl Green Tea	(75g)	£15.50

All our other JING Loose Leaf teas are available in 8oz Jars at £9.50