



PALM HOUSE



Afternoon Tea History

Anna Russell, the 3rd Duchess of Bedford, introduced the wonderful idea of English afternoon tea in around 1840.

The Duchess would become hungry around 4pm, so she would often ask for a tray of tea, bread, butter and cake to be brought to her room.

This became a habit of hers and she started inviting friends to join her.

A "pause for tea" soon became a fashionable social change into long gowns, gloves and ornate hats for their Afternoon tea, which was usually served in a formal drawing room between 4-5pm

You can now enjoy your Afternoon Tea in
The Palm House
and relive those glorious days gone by.

