



# The Bear Hotel

WOODSTOCK

## HISTORY

*The Bear Hotel at Woodstock is one of the original coaching inns of old England. It had already been dispensing hospitality for over 450 years when Queen Anne bestowed the Royal Manor of Woodstock in 1704 to John, the first Duke of Marlborough as a token of the country's gratitude for his victories over the French. Here Vanbrugh built the magnificent Blenheim Palace for the Duke and Duchess, and Capability Brown created the beautiful park with its great lake.*

*In about 1100 a.d. Henry I rebuilt the Manor House and surrounded the park with seven miles of stone walling. His grandson, Henry II spent much time at Woodstock with the beautiful Rosamund of Legend. It was from the days of Henry II that the "ville" of Woodstock grew, for it was King who granted land for his retainers to build their houses. The church was built then as is evidenced by the Norman arch in the south wall. It was then soon after that The Bear opened its doors to welcome the weary traveller.*

*By 1302 Woodstock had grown in importance and was returning two representatives to Parliament. In 1330 Edward, the Black Prince was born.*

*The local industry of glove making seems to have started and still to date Woodstock handmade gloves are still known throughout the world and can be obtained in several local shops. One user of Woodstock gloves was Queen Elizabeth I who was imprisoned in the Manor by her sister, Mary Tudor. Another industry that flourished in the town during the Middle Ages was the manufacture of Chain Mail.*

*The Manor fell into disrepair after the battering it received during the Civil War, when it was defended by Royalist troops, who finally had to surrender to Cromwell's men in 1646.*

*More recently, Woodstock claims fame as being the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill, who saw light of day at Blenheim Palace on 30th November 1874. The great man had a lasting affection for Woodstock throughout his long and eventful life and was a frequent visitor to his kinsmen, the Marlborough's. He was laid to rest in the quiet country churchyard at nearby Bladon.*

*Before leaving Woodstock, take a short walk down the street and through the Triumphal Arch of Blenheim. Here you will behold a view, which will entrance you over Capability Brown's lake and to the magnificent Palace beyond. Or, if you are more energetic, you may wander at will through the most beautiful park in England.*



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## Bar Nibbles

Pitted Mixed Olive Selection 50g	£4.00
Salted Pistachio Nuts 50g	£4.00
Roasted Vegetable Crisps 40g	£3.50

## Porthilly Rock Oysters

choose from the following garnishes:

Champagne & shallot vinaigrette or Tabasco & lemon	
3 Oysters	£10.00
6 Oysters	£15.00

## Scottish John Ross Jnr. Smoked Salmon

sourdough bread – cream cheese – dill – caper berries – yuzu pearls	£14.00
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## Charcuterie Board

cured & smoked meat – piccalilli – pesto – aged balsamic	£12.00
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## Roast Piquillo Pepper, Hummus & Halloumi

wild rocket – pickled shallot – basil oil	£12.00
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## Highland Wagyu Burger

wagyu beef – pulled pork – cheese sauce – onion ring	£20.00
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## Haddock & Chips

mushy peas – tartar sauce – burnt lemon	£16.00
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## Wild Mushroom Tagliatelle

spinach – white wine sauce – celeriac crumb	£14.00
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## Warm Chocolate Brownie

vanilla ice cream – chocolate sauce	£4.00
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## Selection of Ice Cream or Sorbets

homemade Bear shortbread - berries	£4.00
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## BEER & CIDER

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#### Bottled

Becks Blue (alcohol free) 275ml	£3.50
Budweiser 330ml	£4.50
Peroni Nastro Azzuro 330ml	£5.00
Asahi Super Dry 330ml	£5.00
Bulmers Original 500ml	£5.50

#### Draught

Aspall (Cider)	£5.00
Birra Moretti	£6.00

## SOFT DRINKS

### Minerals

Schweppes Soda 200ml	£2.00
Schweppes Lemonade 200ml	£2.50
Blenheim still/Sparkling water 330ml	£2.50
Diet Coke 330ml	£3.00
Coke 330ml	£3.20
Fentimans (Rose Lemonade, Ginger Beer)	£3.50
Selection of Juices	£3.50

### Fever Tree Mixers

Tonic Water	£2.50
Slimline Tonic	£2.00
Elderflower Tonic	£2.50
Mediterranean Tonic	£2.50
Ginger Ale	£2.50

## TEA/COFFEE

Espresso	£3.50
Americano	£3.50
Latte	£4.50
Cappuccino	£4.50
Flat White	£4.50
Selection of Loose Teas	£4.50

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## SPIRITS

	25ml
<b>Vodka</b>	
Russian Standard Original	£5.00
Belvedere	£6.50
Grey Goose	£7.00
Black Cow Vodka	£6.00
<b>Rum</b>	
Bacardi	£5.00
Capt. Morgan Dark/White	£5.00
Sailor Jerry	£5.00
<b>Whisky</b>	
William Grants	£5.00
Jack Daniels	£6.00
Glenfiddich 12YO	£6.50
Talisker	£7.00
<b>Gin</b>	
Whitley Neil Raspberry/ Rhubarb and ginger	£7.00
Bombay Sapphire	£6.00
Tanqueray 10	£8.00
Bathtub Gin	£8.00

Please note that 50ml measures are also available, please ask our waiting team.

## COCKTAILS

Passion Fruit Martini	£10.00
Mojito	£10.00
Aperol Spritz	£10.00
Pimms	£10.00

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## CHAMPAGNE

	125ml	Bottle
Laurent Perrier Brut	£13.50	£80.00
Laurent Perrier Rose	£15.50	£95.00
Laurent Perrier Ultra Brut		£110.00
Krug Grande Cuvée Brut		£210.00

## ENGLISH SPARKLING WINE

	125ml	Bottle
Ridgeview	11.50	£55.00

## WINE

	175ml	Bottle
<b>White</b>		
Terre Forti Trebbiano Chardonnay, Italy	£6.50	£24.00
Nyala Sauvignon Blanc, South Africa	£7.00	£26.00
La Maglia Rosa Pinot Grigio, Italy	£10.00	£38.00
Le Versant Viognier, France	£11.00	£44.00
<b>Red</b>		
Terre Forti Sangiovese, Italy	£7.00	£24.00
Nyala Carbenet Sauvignon, South Africa	£7.00	£23.00
Valdivieso Pinot Noir, Chile	£9.00	£36.00
Catena Malbec, Argentina	£12.50	£50.00
<b>Rose</b>		
The Bulletin Zinfandel, USA	£6.50	£23.00
La Maglia Rosa Pinot Grigio Blush, Italy	£7.00	£24.00

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## TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

traditional finger sandwiches:

ham and celeriac  
chicken, sage and onion  
smoked and poached salmon  
pickled cucumber and dill crème fraiche

freshly baked fruit and plain scones with Devonshire clotted cream and strawberry preserve

assorted fresh fine pastries & cakes:

chocolate croustillant  
passion fruit slice  
pistachio and chocolate financier  
apricot almond tart  
£27.50

## RIDGEVIEW AFTERNOON TEA

as above with a glass of Ridgeview English sparkling wine  
£33.00

## LAURENT-PERRIER AFTERNOON TEA

as above with a glass of Laurent-Perrier Champagne  
£35.00

## CREAM TEA

freshly baked fruit and plain scones with Devonshire clotted cream and strawberry preserve  
£12.50

**\*All served with your choice of tea or coffee and can be made gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian and vegan.**

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## SELECTION OF TWININGS LOOSE LEAF TEAS

"Twinings Master Blenders travel the globe in search of the finest, rarest and most exciting teas. Discover black, green and white loose leaf teas and infusions - from delicate flowers to sumptuous herbs. Embark on a tea adventure and take your cup somewhere new today."

### Golden Tipped English Breakfast

Our Master Blenders sought to create the perfect English Breakfast tea. They looked high and low, finally finding it in the golden buds of the valleys of Assam, North East India.

### Mighty Assam

A rich, full bodied Indian tea that packs a strong malty punch

### London Strand Earl Grey

When an afternoon drags its heels, if you look for a lovely lift, you're in grand company. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl Grey could take a stroll along the Thames to Twining's on the Strand to collect his specially made tea.

### Darjeeling

The tea has a lovely sweetness and quality that is characteristic of Chamong Estate, from whom we've been buying tea since the 1880's.

### Pure Sencha Green

Elderflower flavour black tea with marigold flowers and pink cornflowers.

### Ceylon Orange Pekoe

This blend is made from gently steamed leaves of Chinese green tea

### Jasmine Bloom

Hand rolled pearls of jasmine scented green tea. Country of origin: China – Fujian Province

### Medley of Mint

The perfect blend of natural spearmint and peppermint for a refreshing, uplifting taste.

### Superfruity

A deliciously juicy and fruity blend packed with wonderful countryside flavours.

### Pure Camomile Infusion

By using whole pollen heads our Master blenders capture the sweet nature of camomile, creating a blend that carries you gently to the meadow of your imagination.

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