

THE HISTORY BEHIND KILWORTH HOUSE

This glorious grade II listed Italianate country house was built as a family home towards the end of the 19th Century for John Entwisle, the High Sheriff of Leicestershire. After the death of Mr Entwisle's second wife in the 1960s, the house passed to the Snowdon family who lived here until the present owners bought it in 1999.

John Bertie Norreys Entwisle had public service in his blood. He was an only son, born in 1856 at Foxholes near Rochdale to a family in which his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all been High Sheriffs of Lancashire. His grandfather was also MP for Rochdale. The family made their money through the Lancashire woollen mills.

John Entwisle subsequently moved to the Midlands where he became a successful local businessman. Census records for 1881 show him living as a bachelor in North Kilworth with a household retinue of nine. It was in that year that he married Sophia Dalton, niece of Baron Lisgar, the second Governor General of Canada.

In 1888, aged just 32, John Entwisle became High Sheriff of Leicestershire. He must have felt the need for a home to match his status; in that same year he commissioned Mr A E Purdie to design Kilworth House. The entire project took two to three years. Accounts reveal that the cumulative costs of developing the building and grounds amounted to £39,000.

By 1890, Mr and Mrs Entwisle were firmly established in their new home. Mrs Entwisle's own meticulous records show that she retained five maidservants, one of whom – the second housemaid – earned just £22 a year. This was the era of grand entertaining at Kilworth House, when the cream of Leicestershire's Victorian society came to dine with the High Sheriff and his wife.

Sophia Entwisle died childless in 1916. Three years later, John Entwisle married again – to Florence, third daughter of Sir Alex E Ramsay. But she too remained childless.

So John Entwisle passed away in 1945 without issue, and the house and his entire estate passed to his second wife, valued at just over £210,000.

When Florence died during the 1960s, the Snowdon family bought Kilworth House. At last, almost a century after it was built, the house and grounds rang with the laughter and carefree joy of family life that John Entwisle had hoped for.

During the late 1970s, rock culture briefly touched on Kilworth House when Tony Iommi, the Black Sabbath guitarist, lived here while dating one of the Snowdon daughters.

In 1999, the Snowdons sold Kilworth House to the current owners who began a meticulous project of restoration and redevelopment. Their vision was to secure the future of Kilworth House and its grounds, and transform it into a beautiful hotel that would delight visitors for many years to come.

DRINKS LIST

Whisky

Canadian Club
Jameson's
Jack Daniel's
Johnnie Walker
Black Label
Makers Mark
Malt Whisky
Balvenie
Dalwhinnie
Glenmorangie
Lagavulin
Laphroaig
Macallan
Highland Park
Oban
Talisker
Cognac & Armagnac
Remy Martin V.S.O.P
Courvoisier X.O.
Calvados
Jannet V.S.O.P

Spirits

Bombay Sapphire Gin
Tanqueray Gin
Tanqueray No. 10 Gin
Hendricks Gin
Burleighs Gin
Grey Goose Vodka
Ciroc Vodka
Chase Vodka
Belvedere Vodka
Bacardi White Rum
Lamb's Dark Rum
Morgan's Spiced Rum
Liqueurs & Aperitifs
Amaretto
Baileys
Cointreau
Drambuie
Grand Marnier
Tia Maria
Campari
Malibu
Pernod
Martini Dry
Martini Bianco
Martini Rosso

Lager, Bitter & Cider

Krusovice
Thwaites Smooth
Kilworth House Bitter
Magners
Strongbow
Somersby's Fruit Cider
Budvar
Peroni
Becks
Innis and Gunn
Guinness Surge
Celia Gluten Free Lager
Yardbird Pale Ale

Soft Drinks

J2O
Appletiser
Lemonade
Schweppes Tonic
Fever Tree Tonic
Fentimans Ginger Beer
Fentimans
Victorian Lemonade

TEA INFUSIONS

Legend suggests that the Chinese Emperor Shennong discovered tea around 2737 BC, when leaves fell into his cup of boiling water.

The legend also describes Shennong as a curious man trying many herbs, some of which were poisonous, and using tea as the antidote.

Herbal

A selection of Herbal, Fruit and Wellbeing infusions.....£4.00

Loose Leaf Teas

English Breakfast.....£3.50
Full bodied, robust and rich.

Assam.....£4.00
A black tea grown at sea level that boasts a malty flavour and bright colour.

Earl Grey.....£4.00
A distinctive flavour and aroma derived from the addition of oils from the bergamot orange.

Darjeeling.....£4.00
Light in appearance with a taste connoisseurs refer to as 'Muscatel', a musky spiciness.

Lapsang Souchong.....£4.00
Also known as 'Smoke tea', the tea leaves are withered over cedar wood, then pan-fired before being dried over burning wood.

Green.....£4.00
A "True" tea, meaning it is only made from un-oxidized Camellia Sinensis leaves.

COFFEE

Throughout modern history coffee has played an important role in society. In Africa and Yemen it was used in religious ceremonies causing the Ethiopian Church to ban its consumption. Coffee was again banned in Ottoman Turkey in the 17th Century for political reason, and was also attributed to rebellious political activities in Europe.

Cafetière of Coffee.....£4.00
Decaffeinated or regular.

Café Latte.....£4.00
Espresso, frothed milk, smooth.

Cappuccino.....£4.00
Espresso, foamed milk, full flavoured.

Macchiato.....£4.00
Espresso with a touch of foamed milk.

Espresso.....£4.00
Short dark and strong.

Americano.....£4.00
Short dark and served with hot water.

Hot Chocolate.....£4.00
All of our coffees are made from full flavoured Columbian coffee beans and served with, or made from, semi-skimmed milk.

Cookies.....£1.50

Slice of cake.....£2.00

LIGHT BITES

Breakfast

Served from 7.00am - 10.00am

Danish.....£2.50

Toast and preserves.....£2.50

Hot bacon sandwich.....£4.50

Sandwiches

The modern day sandwich is named after the 4th Earl of Sandwich and although the exact circumstances are still debated on the creation of the sandwich, it is an ironic twist that the Earl's middle name happened to be Mayonnaise.

All sandwiches and lite bites are available 10.00am - 7.00pm and will only be served in the seated lounge areas.

Hot Bites

Kilworth Club Sandwich.....£10.95

Vegetarian Club Sandwich.....£8.95

Houmous, roasted pepper, cos, flat mushroom and grated carrot.

Grilled chorizo, cheddar, apple and rocket sandwich.....£7.95

Thick cut chips.....£3.00

Cold Bites

Sun-dried tomato and goat's cheese with watercress.....£6.95

Smoked salmon bagel with sour cream and chive.....£8.50

Tuna with cucumber and crème fraîche.....£8.50

Ham hock and piccalilli.....£7.95

Roasted chicken with garlic and lemon aioli.....£7.95

Bacon, lettuce and tomato with truffle mayonnaise.....£7.95

All of the above are available on white bread, granary bread or wraps.

Salads

Niçoise salad.....£7.50
Tomato, green beans, new potatoes, olives, boiled egg.

Chicken caesar salad.....£10.95
Bacon, lettuce, croutons, Parmesan, anchovies.

Waldorf salad.....£7.50
Apple, celery, walnut, grape, mixed leaves.

Panzanella bread salad.....£7.50
Rocket, basil, sun-dried tomato.

English pea salad.....£7.50
Frozen Ragstone goats' cheese.

COCKTAILS

Cocktails became popular in the United States during the alcohol prohibition. It was necessary for barmen to mask the taste of bootlegged liquor or face the possibility of jail. However, records suggest that they date back some 70 years earlier to the 1850's in New Orleans with the creation of the Sazerac by Antoine Amedee Peychaud.

Champagne Cocktails

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| Champagne Cocktail | £12.50 |
| <i>Brandy, sugar, bitters, Champagne.</i> | |
| Kir Royal | £11.25 |
| <i>Cassis, Champagne.</i> | |
| Ritz Bar Fizz | £11.25 |
| <i>Pineapple juice, grapefruit juice, grenadine, Champagne.</i> | |
| Bellini | £11.25 |
| <i>Peach Schnapps, Champagne.</i> | |
| Raspberry Bellini..... | £11.25 |
| <i>Chambord, Champagne.</i> | |
| Volcano..... | £11.25 |
| <i>Chambord, Blue Bols, Champagne.</i> | |
| Aperol Spritzer..... | £11.25 |
| <i>Aperol, Prosecco, Soda.</i> | |

Virgin Cocktails

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| Orange Velvet | £6.00 |
| <i>Cream, fresh orange and pineapple juice.</i> | |
| Shirley Temple..... | £4.50 |
| <i>Grenadine and ginger ale.</i> | |
| Virgin Mary..... | £4.50 |
| <i>Tomato juice, Tabasco, Worcestershire sauce, cellar salt, white pepper and a twist of lime.</i> | |

Classic Cocktails

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| Singapore Sling..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Cherry brandy, gin, triple sec, soda.</i> | |
| Cosmopolitan..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Vodka, triple sec, lime, cranberry juice.</i> | |
| Lady Diana..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Gin, Campari, sugar syrup, lime.</i> | |
| Gin Sling | £9.00 |
| <i>Gin, triple sec, lemon juice, soda.</i> | |
| Moscow Mule | £9.00 |
| <i>Vodka, lime, ginger beer.</i> | |
| Raspberry Collins | £9.00 |
| <i>Gin, Chambord, lemon juice, sugar syrup, soda.</i> | |
| Amaretto Sourz..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Amaretto, lime juice.</i> | |
| French Twist..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Bourbon, brandy, Grand Marnier, lemon juice.</i> | |
| Mojito | £9.00 |
| <i>Lime, white rum, sugar-soda and mint.</i> | |
| Long Island Ice tea..... | £9.00 |
| <i>Vodka, white rum, Cointreau, gin and tequila.</i> | |
| Martini | £9.00 |
| <i>Vodka, gin – dry or wet.</i> | |
| Bloody Mary | £9.00 |
| <i>Vodka, tomato juice, Tabasco, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper and a twist of lemon.</i> | |

WINE

| Champagne | Glass | Bottle |
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| BARON DE BEAUPRÉ BRUT NV, Charles Ellner..... | £11.00 | £52.00 |
| BARON DE BEAUPRÉ BRUT ROSÉ NV | £13.00 | £66.00 |
| Sparkling | | |
| PROSECCO BRUT NV, 'Pergolo' La Pieve, Italy | £8.00 | £34.00 |
| PINOT GRIGIO ROSÉ, Vetriciano, Italy..... | £8.00 | £34.00 |
| White | | |
| | 175ml/250ml | Bottle |
| SAUVIGNON BLANC, Rio Lento, Chile..... | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| CHARDONNAY, Coorong Estate, Australia | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| PINOT GRIGIO, Alverdi, Italy..... | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| Rosé | | |
| PINOT GRIGIO BLUSH, Alverdi, Italy | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| Red | | |
| MERLOT, Rio Lento, Chile..... | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| SHIRAZ, Coorong Estate, Australia | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |
| TEMPRANILLO, Camina | £6.50/£8.50 | £25.50 |