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at Scarcroft Park

THE HISTORY OF AUDLEY SCARCROFT PARK

Scarcroft Lodge holds a rich history dating back to the early 19th century when it was founded by the prosperous Quaker wool merchant, Newman Cash. Cash, hailing from Coventry, settled in Leeds in 1815 and soon became renowned as the founder and chairman of the Leeds-Thirsk railway company, amassing considerable wealth in the process. His success allowed him to erect the grand Scarcroft Lodge, a testament to his prosperity.

In 1881, the estate changed hands when it was purchased from Newman Cash by Robert Tennant, a prominent solicitor in Leeds. Tennant's ownership was relatively short-lived, as he later sold the property to the Earl of Mexborough. Under the Earl's stewardship, Scarcroft Lodge underwent significant refurbishments, and his daughter, Lady Mary Saville, took up residence within its elegant confines.

The 1920s saw another transition in ownership as Albert Braithwaite, a former Mayor of Leeds, acquired the estate. It is believed that during Braithwaite's tenure, additions such as the bowling green and cricket ground were made to the property. However, in 1938, the house changed hands once more.

The association of Scarcroft Lodge with sporting activities became evident during this period. The Scarcroft Cricket Club, intertwined with the history of the lodge, flourished on the grounds. Nearby, the Scarcroft Golf Club, established earlier, gained prominence, hosting its inaugural County competition in 1938. However, the outbreak of World War II in 1939 cast a shadow over these recreational pursuits, necessitating the clubhouse to be blacked out, with members assuming fire-watching duties.

Beyond its sporting connections, Scarcroft boasts ties to notable individuals. Sue Ryder, born in Scarcroft in 1924, spent her formative years in the village. A dedicated humanitarian committed to alleviating suffering, Ryder's legacy is commemorated with a historic blue plaque adorning her family home.

Today, Scarcroft Village and its surrounding countryside remain highly sought after, characterized by its prestigious status as a hub for horse racing and its picturesque nature reserve. With its storied past and enduring allure, Scarcroft Lodge continues to stand as a symbol of tradition and refinement in Yorkshire's landscape.

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AFTERNOON TEA MENU

Traditional Afternoon Tea

Finger sandwiches served on white and wholemeal bread

Ham and sundried tomato, smoked salmon and cream cheese, egg mayonnaise, cheese and chutney

Two scones, clotted cream and strawberry preserve

Selection of Afternoon Tea cakes

£24.50 per person (GF*/ V*/ VE*)

Children's Afternoon Tea

Sandwich triangles on white bread Ham, Cheese, Strawberry jam

Plain scone and strawberry preserve

Selection of sweet treats
Jelly pot
Brownie
Shortbread
Fresh fruit skewer

£12.50 per person (GF*/ V*/ VE*) (recommended for children up to the age of 10)

REFRESHMENTS

The 'Fizz and Tea'

Add a glass of Prosecco to your
Afternoon Tea experience
Add £5.95 per glass or £32.00 per bottle

The 'G and Tea'

Fancy an Afternoon Tea with a quintessentially
English gin and tonic?
Add £5.75 Beefeater G&T
Add £7.20 Hendricks G&T

Hot Beverages

Our Afternoon Teas are inclusive of unlimited tea or filter coffee
And unlimited orange or blackcurrant squash for our younger guests

Tea selection by Teapigs

English breakfast tea, Earl Grey, Peppermint, Superfruits, Darjeeling, Green tea, Decaffinated breakfast tea

Speciality coffees

Cappucino £3.20 Cafe Latte £3.40 Flat White £3.20 Hot Chocolate £3.40

(GF) Non-gluten containing ingredients (GF*) Can be made with non-gluten containing ingredients (V) Suitable for vegetarians (VE) Suitable for vegans (VE*) Vegan option available (N) Dishes contain nuts.

Please advise our staff of any allergies or special dietary requirements. We can help identify suitable dishes for you and provide a list of all dishes containing allergens. Adults needs around 2000 calories a day.