

# STAR CHAMBER

The Star Chamber was an English Court of Law, which sat at the Royal Palace of Westminster, from the late 15<sup>th</sup> century to the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century.

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The Star Chamber was so called, because the ceiling was decorated with bright stars, so convicts could gaze up at them when sentenced at the Court of Westminster.

The Chamber was originally established to ensure the fair enforcement of laws, against socially and politically prominent people, so powerful that ordinary courts would probably hesitate to convict them of their crimes. However, it became synonymous with social and political oppression through the arbitrary use and abuse of the power it wielded.

Many crimes which are now commonly prosecuted, such as attempt, conspiracy, criminal libel, and perjury, were originally developed by the Court of Star Chamber.

In 1641 The Long Parliament, abolished The Star Chamber with an Act of Parliament: The Habeas Corpus Act 1640.

The Chamber itself stood until demolished in 1806, when its materials were salvaged.

The door now hangs in the nearby Westminster School and the historic Star Chamber ceiling, with its bright goldstars and four tapestries depicting the four seasons, now the perfect venue to serve our range of fabulous selection of Afternoon Teas.

# AFTERNOON TEA

— AT LEASOWE CASTLE —

£14.95 PER PERSON

## FINGER SANDWICHES ON WHITE & BROWN BREAD

Cheese & Pickle | Honey Roast Ham  
Cucumber, Cracked Pepper | Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese

## FRESH SCONES SERVED WITH CLOTTED CREAM, STRAWBERRY OR BLACKBERRY JAM

## SELECTION OF HOMEMADE SWEET TREATS

Rich Chocolate Brownie | Raspberry Pavlova  
Maple Pecan Tart | Vanilla Macaroons

(Items are subject to change due to availability)

## CHOOSE YOUR CHOICE OF TEA FROM A SELECTION OF

English Breakfast | Earl Grey | Gunpowder Green  
Mixed Berry Infusion | Peppermint | Redbush Rooibos  
Decaffeinated English Breakfast or a Pot of Freshly Ground Coffee

All our coffee and tea is provided by local supplier Adams & Russell

ADD A GLASS OF FIZZ

£4.00PP

ADD A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE

£6.00PP

ADD A 100ML CUP OF WARM NOVELTEA

£6.50PP

Food allergies & intolerances: before ordering food & drink, please speak to a team member if you would like to know more about our ingredients.

— PRE-BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL —

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