

Starters:

Soup of the Day £6.95
Please enquire with our staff for the soup of the day, served with a fresh home-baked Crusty Roll.

Classic Prawn Cocktail £7.50
Traditional dish of Prawns served with a homemade cocktail sauce on a bed of leaves with Brown Bread.

Spanish Potatoes (Vegetarian) £6.50
Crispy oven-fried Potatoes served tapas-style, topped with zesty Aioli Mayonnaise.

Scallops £9.50
Sautéed Scallops flambéed in Brandy on creamed Leeks with Thermidor sauce.

Hot & Spicy Chicken Wings £6.95
Chicken wings marinated with Red-Hot spicy sauce and served with homemade Stilton dressing.

Caprese Salad (Vegetarian) £6.50
A simple Italian salad, made of sliced fresh Mozzarella, Tomatoes and Sweet Basil, seasoned with Sea Salt, Balsamic Glaze & Olive Oil.

Sides:

Chunky Chips £3.50
Sweet Potato Fries £3.50
Turmeric Potatoes £3.50
French Fries £3.50
House Mixed Salad £3.50

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Mains:

***Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Thomas Paine Burger** £13.95
Beef Burger served in a traditional Brioche Bun and served with homemade Slaw & Chunky Chips. (Add cheese for £1.00)

***Pedigree Aberdeen Angus Steak:**
Choice of 6oz Rump £16.95 | 8oz Sirloin £20.95 | 8oz Ribeye £21.95
(Cooked to your liking with Tomatoes, Mushrooms, Chunky Chips & Onion Rings)

Traditional Goat Curry £15.50
Locally sourced from Cupola Farm in Lakenheath served with Zeera Rice, Naan & Pappad.

Traditional Lamb Shank £17.95
Slow cooked Lamb Shank served with mint Jus, Colcannon Mash & Seasonal Vegetables.

Moroccan Burger (Vegetarian) £13.50
Homemade crispy breaded Moroccan Burger filled with flavoured herbs & spices, served in a traditional bun with Fries.

North Indian Punjabi Rajma Chawal (GF, Vegan) £13.50
Red Kidney Beans cooked with exciting flavours, with an array of ingredients ranging from fresh Ginger, Garlic & green Chilli to Tomatoes & Onions, served with Zeera Rice & Onion Pakora.

South Indian Kofta (Pork) Curry £16.50
Cooked with Black Mustard seeds, fresh Ginger, Garlic, green Chilli, Curry Leaves, Coconut Milk & Coconut Cream, served with Boiled Rice and topped with fresh Coriander.

Salmon Miso Ramen £16.95
Marinated with Sesame seeds, Pure Honey, Sea Salt, Chilli flakes & Black Pepper served with fresh Pak-Choi, Edamame Beans & sprigs of fresh Coriander.

Chicken Milanese £16.95
A traditional Italian dish, Chicken breast covered in Panko bread crumbs and cooked in butter, served with Lemon & Pasta Arrabiatta.

**Pedigree Aberdeen Angus steaks sourced from the Lilac herd at Field Farm Norfolk. Grazed extensively in wood pasture. Locally supplied from J Peacock & Sons Hockwold.*

Desserts:

Dessert of the Day £5.95
Please enquire with our staff for the dessert of the day.

Brownie Sundae £5.95
Chunks of soft Brownie layered into a glass with scoops of Madagascan Ice Cream, drizzled with Cream & Chocolate sauce.

Sticky Toffee Pudding £6.50
Served with Madagascan Vanilla Ice Cream.

Warm Belgian Sugar Waffle £5.95
Served with Madagascan Vanilla Ice Cream & Toffee sauce.

Warm Chocolate Brownie £5.95
Served with Madagascan Vanilla Ice Cream & Chocolate sauce.

Eton Mess £6.50
Broken Meringue with crushed Strawberries mixed with fresh Cream, Sugar and Strawberry sauce.

Affogato £5.95
Madagascan Vanilla Ice Cream served with a shot of Espresso

Selection of Luxury Ice Creams

(1 scoop) £1.95
(2 scoops) £3.50
(3 scoops) £5.50

Cheese Plate £7.25
Served with a selection of Biscuits & fresh Fruit.

Allergy Advice - Although care has been taken in preparation. Some dishes might contain bones, please take care. We cannot guarantee that our menu items are free from nuts, nut trace elements or any other allergies. Please advise a member of staff if you have any allergies before placing your order so our kitchen can accommodate your dietary needs.

About Us

The Thomas Paine Hotel has been owned by Gez & Rosy Chetal for 8 years now.

We would like to welcome you back after lockdown with this commemorative menu, as we cannot re-use paper menus currently we thought you might like to take it home to read about Thomas Paine.

During a lockdown, a copy of a 1970's menu from the hotel was passed to us. We have recreated it here with the same history, information, colours, layout and font.

The hotel has changed a bit since the 1970s, back then they had 16 bedrooms, now we have 9 larger en-suite rooms. We also have two function rooms, the restaurant and bar. Take a look at our new bar-top by the way, we had it fitted recently.

We hope you have an enjoyable meal.

Gez & Rosy Chetal

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Thomas Paine, A Brief History

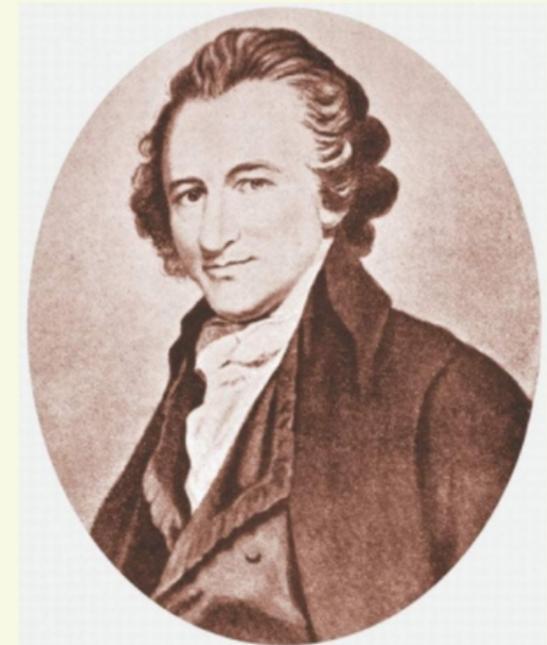
Few great historical characters are as ignored or misunderstood as Thomas Paine. He was born in Thetford in 1737, reputedly within the curtilage of the hotel, and educated at the local grammar school across the town bridge. The son of a Quaker staymaker, Tom followed his father's trade at intervals during his life but, on attaining manhood, he went to sea in a privateer and later spent two periods working as an exciseman. In none of these activities was he particularly successful, his real gifts being as a writer, particularly in popularising ideas. On a recommendation from Benjamin Franklin, he sailed to America in 1775 where he obtained a position as a newspaper editor. He was soon advocating independence noticeably in his pamphlet "Commonsense" of which G.M Trevelyan had said that it would be difficult to name any human composition that has had an effect at once, so instant, so extensive and so lasting. It converted the simmering rebellion into revolution. Paine remained with Washington through the darkest days of the ensuing war, cheering the American soldiers in his "Crisis" pamphlets, one of which coined the phrase "The United States of America". With the Government established he became the first Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a position for which his frank speech would seem to be particularly unsuitable. He soon retired to private life and returned to England with the design for an iron bridge which was built to his specifications, erected in London and later rebuilt over the River Wear in Sunderland.

Opportunity for political action came once more with the French Revolution. Like many others, Paine was misled as to its true meaning and saw it as a democratic movement. In his defence, he wrote his book "Rights of Man" which was published in 1791 and brought prosecution from the British Government. As Trevelyan has said the greater part of Paines "criminal propositions" are accomplished facts of the present day and it is this work that forms the basis of the Democratic movement in England.

Paine fled to France and was elected to the National Assembly. Although Paine himself was an ardent Republican he showed his courage in pleading for the life of Louis XVI. Shortly after this Paine was arrested and it was only by luck that he did not follow the King to the guillotine. On his release, he returned to the US where he continued his writings.

The most notorious of his latter works was "The Age of Reason" when, with customary frankness, Paine, an ethical deist attacked revealed religion and thus forfeited the friendship of many who had supported his democratic ideas. Although Paine sowed many a seed he was too forceful a person and too lacking in worldly wisdom to nurture the young plants. The controversy that Paine caused in his own day has resulted in this great champion of individual rights being branded as a prototype Communist. It is, therefore, ironical that it fell to the Conservatives to enfranchise the industrial working class and in Disraeli's own phrase "To revive the doctrine of Tom Paine".

The Thomas Paine Hotel



Commemorative edition Menu

