

A brief history

Like most old country houses, Stifford Lodge, the most recent name of the property before it became a hotel, has undergone many renovations and alterations over the years.

There was a house on the site as early as 1327, when it was owned by Henry de Shirewell and was probably of timber frame construction.

This medieval house seems to have been substantially rebuilt in brick, probably by the Kingsman family in the mid-18th century.

When the trustees of Jasper and Ann Kingsman sold it to John Button in 1789, it was described as a "capital mansion house with all requisite offices, gardens and meadow land."

After John Button's death in 1806, Stifford Lodge was occupied by his son who was also called John and was presumably responsible for the early 19th century additions to the house.

When John's wife died in 1830, he assumed her surname Freeman and lived at the lodge until his death in 1853, at the age of 82.

John Freeman's daughter Elizabeth Frances inherited and retained the property until her death in 1868. The house then passed to her daughters who sold it to Mr. Edmund W. Brooks in 1901.

Between 1860 and 1901 the owners were not residents of the house, which had been let to a series of tenants, including, Arthur Wild, William Phillip Beech, George H. Frank, William Fitzgerald Scott and Herbert Edmund Brooks.

Herbert Brooks was prominent in local politics and was chairman of Essex County Council and the library fittings at the lodge are from his time.

Herbert Brooks died in 1931 and his widow remained in residence until 1933. The house was then occupied by the Crossley family until 1939 when it was taken over by the War Department and became a Canadian military hospital.

Temporary huts were erected for use as wards and these were dismantled at the end of the war by German prisoners.

After the war, the house was purchased by Colonel Sherwood who was the head of Sherwood Paints and was regarded as Stifford's last Squire.

He spent a good deal of time in Barbados and died there in 1966.

The house became a hotel after his death and in its time, it was known as the Thurrock Moat House, Park Inn, Thurrock and now privately owned, restored to the Stifford Hall Hotel.

STIFFORD HALL HOTEL

THURROCK

Breakfast menu

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Fruit Juices

Chilled Orange
Cranberry
Apple
Tomato

Selected Fruits

Grapefruit Segments
Orange Segments
Freshly Cut Fruit
Steeped Prunes
Dried Fruits
Apricots, Sultanas, Banana Chips,
Flaked Coconut, Sunflower Seeds

Assorted Muller Yoghurts



Cereals

Assorted *Kellogg's*
Breakfast Cereals and Muesli
Porridge Oats

Assorted Cheese and Charcuterie

Selection of English and Continental Cheeses
Sliced Cooked Ham

Baker's Basket

Brown and White Rolls
Croissant
Pain au Chocolat
Brown and White Toast

Preserves and Spreads

Selection of Fruit Jams and Marmalades
Honey • Marmite • Flora

Stifford Hall Cooked Breakfast

Farm Eggs prepared to your choice
Grilled Back Bacon
Premium Pork Sausages
Sautéed Mushrooms
Grilled Fresh Tomatoes
Baked Beans
Hash Brown
Black Pudding

Fish

Grilled Kippers and Parsley Butter
Poached Haddock

Vegetarian Breakfast

Farm Eggs prepared to your choice
Quorn Sausages
Grilled Fresh Tomatoes
Baked Beans
Sautéed Mushrooms
Potato Waffles

House Specials

Eggs Benedict
Smoked Salmon with Scrambled Eggs

Beverages

Freshly Brewed Coffee
Decaffeinated Coffee
Selected Teas and Infusions
Breakfast • Earl Grey • Herbal • Lemon Tea
Hot Chocolate

Enjoy
£11.95

If you have any special menu requirements, please do not hesitate to ask and we will do all we can to assist.

Thank you.