THE NEWES from AMERICA

THE FAMOUS COLONIAL PUB AT THE KELLEY HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE OF EDGARTOWN, MARTHA'S VINEYARD



JUMP STARTERS

Pony Express 8

OJ, raspberry puree and sparkling wine

Tom Brady 8

Espresso vodka, Brady's Irish cream and coffee

Bunker Hill

Kick start your day with a choice of one of our fine beers or rack of beers

Bayonet 10

Jalapeno vodka with house made Bloody Mary mix, 2 shrimp and jalapeno



BREAKFAST

TRADITIONAL FARE

Newes Pub Griddle 7

2 eggs, Canadian bacon and cheddar cheese on English mussin or croissant

Bacon & Eggs 7

Simple and easy: a couple of eggs, some bacon & toast

French Toast 12

Plain, strawberry or banana walnut

Old Style Stuffed Popovers 12

Two freshly baked Popovers filled with bacon & fried egg

Pub Steak & Eggs 15

Marinated pub steak with two eggs, home fried potatoes & toast

Bagels & Lox 15

Fresh smoked salmon, cream cheese, capers & raw onion with toasted bagel

Traditional Omelette 13

Tomato, scallions, cheddar cheese, potatoes & toast

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Fruit & Granola Parfait 7

Fresh yogurt, granola & mixed fruit

Fruit Bowl 7

Fresh melon & berries

If you have any food allergies please inform your server.

*Consuming raw or under cooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase the risk of food-borne illness.

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That's Newes To Me!

Eggs-Piration Date

One of the Vineyard's best-known characters was Nancy Luce, who died in 1890. She turned personal eccentricity into a cottage industry. Tourists travelled miles by oxcart to see this peculiar, hollow-eyed spinster who allowed only female animals on her farm, and who wrote long, heartfelt elegies for her chickens. To support herself, Ms. Luce sold photos of herself, books of her verse, and eggs. When tourists arrived home with their souvenirs, if they looked closely, they found that each egg had an inscription on its shell: the name of the hen that laid it, and the egg's date of "birth." By her own reckoning, some of Nancy's eggs were years old. Probably very few ended up in an omelette.

Sides

Bacon 3 • Bangers 5

Toast 3 • Two Eggs 3

Home Fried Potatoes 5

Beverages

Jim's Organic Coffee 3

Tea 3 • Milk 3

Juice 4

Orange, Cranberry or Tomato

A History of the Kelley House



The hotel, popularly called the tavern, was kept on the site of the Kelley House in the first half of the eighteenth century. The present structure was erected by Milton and Sweet in 1742. Little is known of them but they produced a building of outstanding architectural merit, and the roof-lines of the Kelley House of today have been widely admired and copied. In 1748 the inn was managed by John Harper who was succeeded by his son-in-law, Lemuel Kelley, in 1772.

Lemuel Kelley had been a mariner and on his death bed in 1797, his wife, the former Bathsheba Harper, took over the inn. Their son William Kelley assumed control in 1801 and the building was later bought by William H. Milton and Joseph W. Kelley who raised it and made other changes. Toward the middle of the nineteenth century L. Marcy assumed management and continued the inn as the Marcy House, under which name it acquired considerable fame.

In 1847 William Roberts succeeded Mr. Marcy and used the name Marcy Tavern. In 1867 Joseph Kelley moved into the hotel and operated it as the Vineyard House presumably until 1878 when it was closed to guests. It was in 1891 that the late Mrs. Elizabeth A. Kelley, with her husband William Kelley, famous teller of tall stories, re-opened the hotel and called it the Seaview House. This was the beginning of the almost legendary period during which the hospitality reflected not only Mrs. Kelley's capable management but her husband's rare personality. After a time the name was changed to the Kelley House and it was at the Kelley House that judges, statesmen, generals and other famous personages enjoyed a rare atmosphere and listened to William Kelley's stories.

After Mr. Kelley's death in 1907, Mrs. Kelley continued to operate the hotel with great success until her own death in 1935. In 1936 Richard L. Colter, nephew to the late Mrs. Kelley and new proprietor of the Kelley House, renamed it Great Harbour Inn. Great Harbour was the original name of the town of Edgartown, later changed to curry favor with the royal house of England to which a young prince, Edgar, had just been born. The Great Harbour Inn then revived the old Kelley House name and symbolized the long tradition with which the hotel itself has always been associated. Anne B. McKay worked various jobs both in Lexington and the Vineyard where her mother's family had a long history.

This included working at her family's business, the Kelley House, during the 1930's where she befriended many of the noble guests of the period, including etiquette expert Emily Post and famed Vaudeville and radio comedian Ed Wynn. She had also graced the banner of the Vineyard Gazette with a line of poetry. In June of 1975 Edgartown resident Robert Carroll, an Edgartown selectman at the time was cast as an Amity Island selectman during the filming of Jaws. "Every week they had a meeting to cancel that movie but they pulled it through," Mr. Carroll said. "I was lucky. They did a lot of business through me, with the restaurants, and we had just expanded the Kelley House. Five weeks turned into five months, and that was just fine."