

# Breakfast Menu

Served from 8.00am

## Hayes Full Irish Breakfast — €8.95

Traditional Irish breakfast includes 2 bacon, egg, 2 sausages, black & white pudding, hash brown & mushrooms served with toast, tea or coffee

- AL(1)(2)(3)(14)

## Hayes Veggie Breakfast — €6.95

Scrambled egg, mushrooms, hash brown, tomato, beans and served with toast and tea or coffee

- AL(14)

## American Style Pancakes — €5.95

Served with a choice of Nutella, maple syrup or blueberry compote

- AL(2)(9)(14)

## Scrambled Egg — €4.95

Fluffy scrambled organic eggs served on home-made toast

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## Eggs Benedict — €6.95

Soft poached eggs served on a toasted bap with grilled bacon & hollandaise sauce

- AL(2)(14)

## Fresh Fruit with Natural Yogurt — €5.95

Served with crunchy granola

## Americano — €2.20

## Cappuccino — €2.80

## Espresso — €2.20

Extra Shot €0.80

## Macchiato — €2.80

## Pot of Tea (For 1 person) — €2.10

## A selection of Juices available — €2.00

## Hayes Mini Breakfast — €6.95

2 Sausages, 2 bacon and 1 egg served with toast and tea or coffee

- AL(2)(3)(14)

## Hayes Breakfast Bap — €5.95

Sausage, egg and bacon served on a toasted bap with tomato relish

- AL(2)(3)(14)

## Omlette(Your way) — €6.95

Choose from a combo of ham, cheese, mushrooms, cherry tomatoe, peppers or onions

- AL(14)

## French Toast — €4.95

Eggy toasted bread served with maple syrup

- AL(2)(9)(14)

## Creamy Porriage with Irish Honey — €2.50

With fresh fruit €3.50

- No allergens

## Wide selection of Breakfast bakes — From €1.50

Fruit scone, wholemeal brown scone, plain scone, peacon plait, croissant, raisin & custard swirl.

## Our Drinks

## Filter Coffee — €2.20

## Latte — €2.80

## Mocha — €2.80

## Hot Chocolate — €2.80

## Java Herbal Tea — €2.30

Wild Berry, Blood Orange, Ceylon Black, Gunpowder and Mango, Chamomile, Jasmine, Earl Grey, Green tea, Peppermint

.. Allergens ..

Molluscs (1) Gluten (2) Sulphur dioxide (3) Celery (4) Sesame seeds (5) Mustard (6) Crustaceans (7) Lupin (8) Milk (9) Nuts (10) Soybeans (11) Peanuts (12) Fish (13) Eggs (14)

# HISTORY OF HAYES HOTEL AND GAA

The inaugural meeting of the GAA was not an extravagant event by any means. At 3p.m., on the 1st of November 1884, Michael Cusack opened the meeting in the billiards room of Hayes 'Commercial and Family Hotel'. There is considerable confusion and contradiction as to how many people actually attended the first meeting but the adage 'Seven men in Thurles' has become the accepted number.

Maurice Davin issued a short statement pointing out the absurdity of Irishmen permitting Englishmen to organise Irish sport, emphasising that this had led to the decline of native pastimes and called for a body to draft rules to aid in their revival and to open athletics to the poor.

Michael Cusack followed with a longer speech lecturing the Irish media for ignoring Irish sport.. The election of officers resulted in Maurice Davin being elected as the first President of the Gaelic Athletic Association for the Preservation and Cultivation of National Pastimes; Cusack, John Wyse Power and John McKay were all elected Secretaries. Archbishop Croke, Charles Stewart Parnell and Michael Davitt were asked to become patrons.

With that the meeting ended and from that meeting grew the Gaelic Athletic Association that we know today. Seven weeks after the meeting Croke accepted the position of Patron; his powerful acceptance letter has come to be known as the 'de facto charter of the GAA'. Cusack later wrote that 'The Association swept throughout the country like a prairie fire' and this statement is particularly true of the first three years of the Association. Throughout the country influential nationalists got together and organised athletics meetings or formed football and hurling teams.

In January 1885 a hurling match under GAA rules was played in Galway between two local parishes in front of 6,000 spectators and in mid-February a football game under GAA rules was played at Callan between two Kilkenny teams. The Association continued to grow and caused something of a social revolution in rural Ireland. The athletics meetings drew crowds in comparison with O'Connell's repeal meetings of the 1840's and this happened at a time when there was no common radio, no television and when rural traveling conditions were unreliable at best.

While concentrating largely on athletics in these formative years, there is no doubt that football was re-energised and popularised while hurling was saved from almost extinction at the expense of cricket. Nothing highlights the immediate impact of the GAA more than the fact that within three years of its foundation an All-Ireland competition was held in both football and hurling. Underlying political differences and tensions within the Association were starting to show. By 1888 the Association had split along political lines.

Hayes Hotel played a pivotal role in the revival and reestablishment of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Had the founding meeting not occurred in Hayes Hotel one can only speculate how things might have turned out. Since the GAA's inauguration in Hayes Hotel, the association and the hotel continues to enjoy and are proud of the success and expansion of the Gaelic Athletic Association both here in Ireland and worldwide.

*Michael Cusack*

