



WARM WELCOME TO THE MARYCULTER HOUSE HOTEL  
RESTAURANT

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Douglas Clubb, our Head Chef and Sous Chef, Dylan Thornton work with local and artisan producers to gather the ingredients they require to showcase and present Aberdeenshire's finest produce at an award winning level.

We hope you enjoy your evening and that it reflects the hotels historic surroundings and heritage in an atmosphere that is elegant, traditional and charming.



## TO START

HOT- SMOKED SALMON CULLEN SKINK.....£5.75  
*Served with Rustic Bread*

CHERRY TOMATO AND MOZZARELLA BRUSCHETTA .....£5.25  
*Pesto Salad*

TEMPURA KING PRAWNS.....£5.75  
*Pineapple and Chilli Jam*

CHICKEN LIVER PARFAIT .....£4.95  
*Toasted Brioche and Textures of Orange*

PAN SEARED SCALLOPS .....£7.25  
*Black Pudding, Cauliflower Puree and Parma Ham Crisp with Chorizo Oil*

OATMEAL CRUSTED BLACK HAGGIS FRITTERS.....£5.25  
*Wholegrain Mustard Mayo*

SPICED MORROCAN FALAFEL (V).....£4.95  
*Raita and Fruit Chilli Jam*



HOT SANDWICHES  
MADE WITH HOMEMADE CHUNKY BREAD  
WHITE or WHOLEMEAL  
*Served with salad, coleslaw and skinny fries*

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BOOKMAKER .....	£11.95
<i>4oz Ribeye Steak cooked Medium, Rocket, Wholegrain Mayo and Garlic Mushrooms</i>	
B.L.T. ....	£8.25
<i>Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato and Chorizo Mayo</i>	
MOROCCAN FALAFEL .....	£8.95
<i>Served with Fruit Chilli Jam, Rocket and Mayo</i>	
ROASTED HAM – BRIE- BRANSTON PICKLE.....	£8.55

COLD SANDWICHES  
MADE WITH HOMEMADE CHUNKY BREAD  
*Served with salad, coleslaw and skinny fries*

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TUNA MARIE ROSE .....	£6.50
ROAST- SMOKED SALMON .....	£7.25
<i>Served with Cucumber, Pesto Mayo</i>	
CORIANDER CHICKEN AND BACON MAYO .....	£6.50
EGG MAYO .....	£6.50



## THE MAIN COURSE

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BOURGUIGNON STEAK PIE ..... £ 12.95

*Served with Vegetables and Chive Garlic Mash*

COD THAI GREEN CURRY ..... £13.95

*Pan Seared Cod, Green Curry Sauce and Sauteed Potatoes*

(A VEGETABLE OPTION IS ALSO AVAILABLE)..... £10.45

BEER BATTERED NORTH SEA HADDOCK..... £12.95

*Served with Tossed Salad, Mushy Peas, Home-Made Tartare Sauce and Chunky Chips*

TEMPLAR BURGER..... £12.95

*Homemade 6oz Burger, with Smoked Bacon, Smoked Cheddar and an Onion Ring in a Buttermilk Bun, Served with Coleslaw and Chunky Chips*

CRISPY CAJUN CHICKEN BURGER..... £12.25

*With Baby Gem Lettuce, Tomato and Lemon Mayo in a Buttermilk Bun, served with Coleslaw and Chunky Chips*

ASPARAGUS AND MINT PESTO LINGUINE ..... £10.45

*Asparagus, Peas, Spinach, Green Beans and Mint in a Creamy Pesto Sauce with Parmesan.....**Add Chicken or Prawns for £12.95***



SALADS

CAESAR SALAD.....	£7.75
<i>Parma Ham Crisp –Parmesan Crisp</i>	
ADD CRISPY CAJUN CHICKEN .....	£2.00
 MARYCULTER HOUSE GREEN SALAD .....	£7.75
<i>With Parmesan</i>	

THE  
PRIORY GRILL

All our steaks are 21 day aged

8 OZ FILLET STEAK.....	£27.95
8 OZ RIB EYE STEAK.....	£22.95

All steaks are served with hand cut fries, tomato, mushrooms, onion rings and leaf salad plus a choice of either:

Garlic Butter  
Brandy & Peppercorn Sauce  
Port Sauce

SIDES

CHIVE MASH	GARLIC BREAD
HOMEMADE CHUNKY CHIPS	MINI GREEN SALAD
SKINNY FRIES	SEASONAL VEGETABLES
ONION RINGS	
.....	£2.50



## DESSERTS

MARYCULTER HOUSE STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING.....£5.95

PAVLOVA.....£5.95  
*please ask for todays topping*

## DEVENICK ARTISAN CHEESES

Served With Deeside Oatcakes, Crudités & House Chutney

**The Coos r Oot** - *A Traditional Mild Local Cheese*

**Monarch** - *Camembert Style with Local Twist & Flavouring*

**Badentoy Blue** - *Medium Blue, Creamy, with Softer Blue Tang*

**Smoked Deesider** - *Traditional Cold Oak Smoked, Medium Flavour*

**Granite City** - *Medium, with Lovely Prolonged Flavour*

3 CHEESES ..... £7.95

5 CHEESES ..... £9.95



## SUPPLIERS

Douglas and his team are proud to be supported by the following local suppliers:

**JAMES GAMMIE – FRESH FARM EGGS, BANFF**

**TURRIFF'S – FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES, MONTROSE**

**DEVENICK DAIRY – CHEESE & DAIRY PRODUCE, BANCHORY**

**M&J SEAFOOD – FISH & SEAFOOD, PETERHEAD SEA PORT**

**MCWILLIAM'S – ABERDEENSHIRE BUTCHER**





## MARYCULTER HOUSE AND THE PRECATORY OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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The Knights Templar were by origin an order of French Knights who banded together to escort and protect Christian pilgrims crossing Judea on their way to the Holy Land during the time of the Great Crusades. They were men of faith, inspired with a love of God and the Church.

The Order of the Knights Templar were granted part of the land of Culter, which lay on the south side of the River Dee, now Maryculter, by King William the Lion in 1187.

Between 1221 and 1236 the powerful Bisset family, Lords of Aboyne founded the Preceptory or College of the Knights Templar on the site of Maryculter House Hotel. All that remains of these buildings are the Vaulted Chambers located underneath the Resident Lounge and the cemetery and Chapel ruins - opposite reception car park - dedicated to their patron saint St. Mary. This Chapel became the parish church to Maryculter in 1288.

In 1312 Pope Clement V and Philippe Le Bel King of France suppressed the Knights Templar and in accordance King Edward II followed. This resulted in the abolition of the Templars and their lands on Deeside.

In 1535 the Menzies family bought the land of Maryculter House and in 1618 extended their estate by purchasing the remaining lands of Maryculter.

The oldest part of the hotel dates back to the time of St. John in 1460 which is our present Resident's Lounge. In 1745 all six sons of the Laird at that time fought for Bonnie Prince Charlie.

In 1811 the last Laird John Menzie sold Maryculter Estate to the Honourable General William Gordon of Fyvie. The weather cock with the Gordon family crest dates from this period. He used to travel from Fyvie to Maryculter with a team of ox wagons carrying the luggage and servants. You can still see the stone stables where the oxen were stalled near the mains of Maryculter.

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The last Gordon Laird, Sir Cosmo Duff Gordon, one of the few male passengers who survived the Titanic disaster sold the estate to various different owners in the 1930's, and Maryculter House became a hotel soon after World War II. Currently the hotel is privately owned by a family who bought it in the early 1990's and have since added two accommodation blocks and our Templar Suite Ballroom. In 2011 they acquired fishing rights for the Culter Beat which is directly upstream of the Maryculter Bridge and has over 1 mile offering a wide variety of pools to fish.



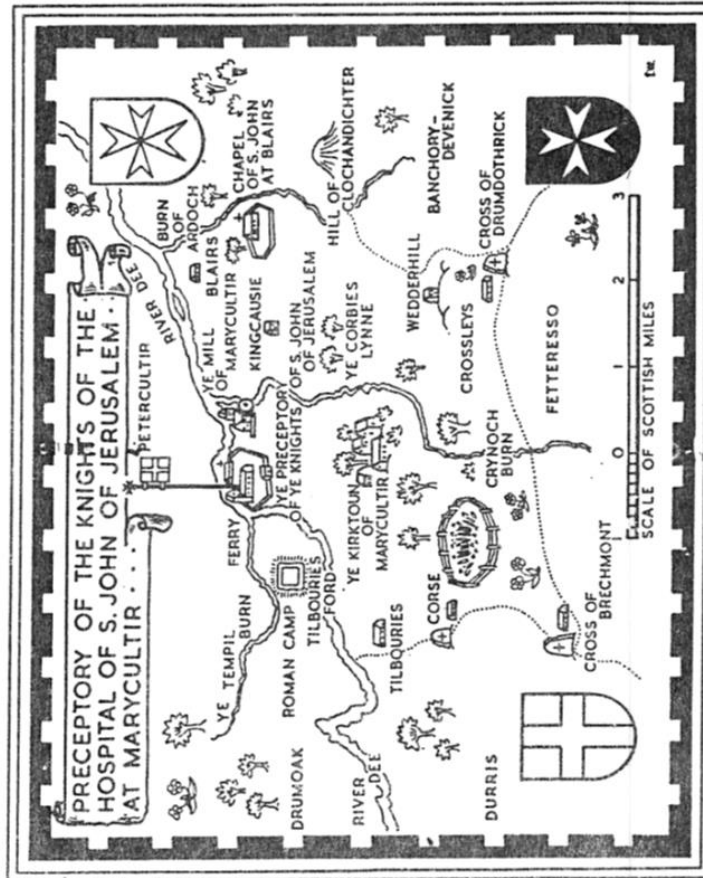




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## HOSPITAL LANDS AT MARYCULTER.

(1413)



Here is a description of the Hospital lands at that time. "Mary Culter lieth hard upon the Dee in the Mearns. It hath the Blessed Virgin Mary for its tutelair Saint . . . The Culter Lands pertained to St. John. To begin at the east half of the Burn of Ardoe as it descends in the water of Dee and so inland that burn to the Hill of Cloch-andichter. And so furth west to Drumothrick and so to the site of Crossley. And syne furth on the west half to the Cross of Brackmont. And syne down betwixt twa Ashentillys to Craig of Ashentilly. And syne down to Drumdarnach where there is a cross. And so in water of Dee.

The most famous of the Maryculter Knights was Johannes Fleming, Preceptor in 1415. He had signalised himself at the siege of Rhodes, and at Maryculter left a more enduring memorial than military fame, for the divisions of the estate and parish which he marked out are still ordered to, and there he erected arch stones upon which the faltese Cross reminds us that, in bygone centuries, his brave and gallant man old powerful away.

In all, the Order of St. John possessed over 8,500 acres including the estates of Altries, Auchlornies, Blair, Heathcot, Mains of Maryculter and Kingcausie.

For over 200 years they held these lands. Much of the land was cultivated by the Knights themselves and they proved good landlords.

