

# *Inform-à la-Tea*

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*Voted Best Afternoon Tea - Phoenix Magazine Best of the Valley*

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017



Queen's Birthday Parade last summer.  
I'm the one in the middle!

Dear English Rose Tea Room Customers:

Well, I was all ready to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New New, ask about your Christmas holidays and find out what your New

Year Resolutions might be...and now suddenly it's already February. I seem to remember the same thing happening last year.

I know people say that time passes quicker the older you get, but this is getting a little bit ridiculous. I last sent out a newsletter in October 2016, and now it's almost Spring! Can someone please stop the world for a minute, I need to get off and catch my breath.

We launched into 2017 with another busy season and welcomed some new faces to the Tea Room team, all of whom you will meet as you stop in for tea. The Tea Room looks as lovely as ever and our menu has some delicious new desserts to tempt you, plus we are now making our own crumpets in-house!



I recently met a lady who brought in her mother's china for us to sell at the Tea Room. My own mother had this pattern so it was very nostalgic for me; Royal Albert's Old Country Roses. Given the 'Victoria' theme to this month's newsletter, I thought it was rather fitting that we should show the tea set in all its glory.



We are planning a fabulous Victorian Tea Party in March (it was scheduled for January but we decided it was just too cold, it had to be at least 50 degrees!) Details about the party are in this newsletter and by the way, have you all seen *The Crown* on Netflix? Wasn't it just marvelous?

I became an Auntie again on February 1st. Say hello to my little American niece, Sylvie. Congratulations to my 'baby' brother Simon and my lovely 'sis-in-law' Elizabeth. Sylvie was also welcomed into the world by her little brother Windsor who was 2yrs old February 5th.



Enjoy this first newsletter for 2017 and remember to mark your calendars for all our upcoming events this season. We have lots of fun tea parties planned during the year, those of you who have already visited us know that we are a small venue and fill up fast, so call early for your reservations :-)

See you in for tea soon!

Cheerio,

Jo x

Jo Gemmill

Owner

English Rose Tea Room

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Our website has been update and is now more "mobile" friendly!

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CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE ENGLISH ROSE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14th, 2017



Bring your loved one in for lunch or Afternoon Tea.  
*I can't think of a better way to say "I love you".*

Call for reservations 480.488.4812



Our Yummy Valentine's Blend Tea is a black tea flavored with chocolate and rose petals, retailing for \$12.00 per tin, it's the perfect Valentine's Day gift for any discerning tea lovers.

## "VICTORIAN HIGH SOCIETY TEA"



Saturday March 4th, 2017  
10am to 5pm

**ALL DAY EVENT!**

The English Rose Tea Room is proud to present its own tribute to the Victoria series on PBS in the form of an all-day, celebratory tea party. Guests **MUST** come in period costume. We will have live music, Victorian carriage rides, photo opportunities and a Queen Victoria Trivia Challenge.

Afternoon Tea will be served (of course) and special goody bags to take home. If you are a royal fan, now is your chance to really prove it!

Cost \$50.00 per person

Call 480.488.4812



*"Great events make me quiet and calm; it is only trifles that irritate my nerves."*

*Queen Victoria*

PS..according to reliable sources, the couple that play Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in the PBS series are actually 'a couple' off the screen too!



I don't drink coffee I drink tea my dear...

Treat yourself to tea at our Tea Room.  
Open 7 days a week, call us for reservations.  
480.488.4812



OUR 15TH ANNIVERSARY  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST, 2017.



It's hard to believe that the pictures above are the same place as the ones below (and trust me the inside was way more depressing).

Fifteen years ago, on March 1st 2002, the English Rose Tea Room began its adventure as the first Tea Room in Carefree, Arizona. Who would have thought that a little bit of Britain could survive in the heat of the Arizona desert, only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.

Well, as we now know, that was then, and this is now! Happy Anniversary my to beautiful English Rose Tea Room, apparently the flower to give on a 15th Anniversary is a rose. Well fancy that.



We have loved serving you all these years and plan on continuing the tradition of tea in the desert for MANY more years to come.

During the day of our Anniversary we will be serving complimentary anniversary cake, so call now and make a reservation. 480.488.4812. Come and celebrate 15 years with us!

### **Customer Spotlight.**

Over the years we have seen many loyal customers who have come to the Tea Room to celebrate birthdays, weddings, baby showers, or simply to sit and chat over a cup of tea. We would like to take a moment to recognize Mary Johnson from Iowa who has been coming to the Tea Room for over 10 years. Mary is a "snowbird" and when she arrives in Arizona with her cowboy husband Bill, she makes a point of heading straight to the English Rose Tea Room (her 'happy place').

During her time in Arizona, we see Mary almost every day. Usually Mary takes up residence at the small table in our Gift Shop. On this particular day, another customer snapped a photo of her sitting at a shady spot on our patio.

Thank you Mary for being such a wonderful supporter and friend of the Tea Room...and sorry Bill that your house is now full of mementos from every time she visits us!



HELP WANTED

As we head into our busy season we are looking for some extra help. We need an energetic person to help in the Tea Room.

Help clear and set tables, make tea and be of general assistance to servers and kitchen staff. Ideally would suit student looking for week day work, Days would include Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 11.30am to 4.30pm (flexible).



No experience necessary (and you don't have to wear the outfit shown in the picture!)

Call 480.488.4812 ask for Jo or email resume to [carefreetea@aol.com](mailto:carefreetea@aol.com)

## BEAUTY & THE BEAST TEA PARTY

Sunday April 2nd, 2017.

3pm to 5pm.



The new Disney movie Beauty and the Beast comes to movie theaters soon, so to celebrate we are hosting our own Beauty and the Beast Tea Party. Suitable for Princes and Princesses of all ages, we invite you to attend a special Afternoon Tea at the English Rose Tea Room.

Cost \$30.00 person  
(includes tea-time treats, gifts and a special guest appearance!)

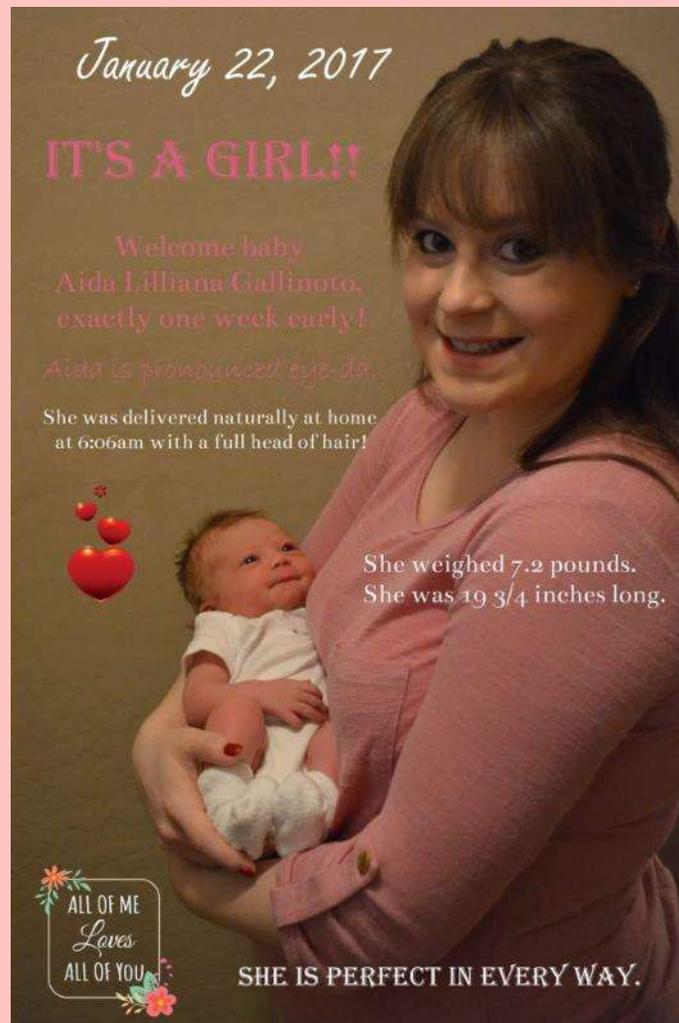
Call for reservations 480.488.4812.

We encourage you to dress as your favorite character from the movie, or alternatively your favorite Disney Prince or Princess.

PS. Remember Belle aka Emma Watson? She used to be in the Harry Potter movies...we are having a tea party all about that too later in the year.

### More Baby News...

Congratulations to our Tea Room's new 'Mommy' Kira, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Aida Lilliana on January 22nd 2017. We all send our love and best wishes to the new family.



And finally...  
a few of my favorite tea drinkers that I thought I would share with you. Enjoy!





STUDIO BY FRANCIS HUGH SAGE Co. Queen of England photograph showing the latest fashion in tea.





2017 event calendar

February:  
14th Valentine's Day

March:

1st Tea Room's 15th Anniversary

4th Victorian High Society Tea

April:

2nd Beauty and the Beast Tea Party

21st Queen Elizabeth's "Actual" 91st Birthday

May:

14th Mother's Day High Tea

June:

17th Queen Elizabeth's "Official" 91st Birthday

July:

31st Harry Potter's Birthday Tea Party. (details coming soon!)



Everyone is treated like royalty  
at the English Rose Tea Room,

See you soon for tea.

Jo Gemmill, Owner.

Make your reservations today by calling 480-488-4812.



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