

EDINBURGH HOTEL RAISES GLASS TO BICENTENARY – AND WORLD GIN DAY

An Edinburgh Hotel launched its anniversary celebrations today (8 June) with a nod to World Gin Day, unveiling a bespoke blend of botanicals in homage to the hotel building's long standing place in Edinburgh's skyline.

Staff at Apex Waterloo Place Hotel raised a glass of its new gin, 'The 1819', to celebrate the hotel's 200th anniversary and upcoming World Gin Day on 8th June.

They also showcased five signature cocktails incorporating the unique blend, created in collaboration with favourite Scottish gin brand, Eden Mill.

The new tippie, which takes its name from the property's date of completion, draws inspiration from one of the hotel's famous guests – world renowned botanist Isa Gray, who counted Charles Darwin as a close friend, and who frequented the hotel in the 1800s.

The bespoke spirit has the hotel at its heart, created by seven staff members across its bar and restaurant, as well as general manager Alan Harbisher.

Alan, who has been general manager for ten years, said: "Waterloo Place Hotel has seen a rich history throughout its 200 years here in Edinburgh. Many famous faces have resided in the property, from royalty to film stars and everyone in between. Our new gin, 'The 1819', seemed a fitting way to not only celebrate its anniversary, but give a nod to one famous guest in particular – botanist Isa Gray – whilst marking the day of one of the world's trendiest tippie.

"The bespoke spirit was a real team effort and I'm sure our customers and guests will taste the labour of love that went into getting the blend just right. The cocktails that our talented bar staff have created, to release the full potential out of the gin, will certainly be a hit. What better way of celebrating 200 years on Waterloo Place than by raising a glass of the good stuff."

Created at the Eden Mill Blendworks in St Andrews, the floral gin combines a number of key ingredients including the citrus notes of juniper berry, the aromatic taste of rosemary and rounded off with smoky hints from Allspice.



For a short time, the hotel will be serving five signature cocktails, including The Botanist and Origin of Species, starting from £9.00. Fans of the new '1819' will also have the chance to get their hands on a bottle of the premium gin, but with only 12 bottles of the limited edition blend available, you will have to be quick.

For further information or to book a table contact the hotel direct on 0131 523 1819 or visit www.apexhotels.co.uk/apex-waterloo-place-hotel

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