

Welcome to World Service Restaurant and Lounge Bar

So many times we are asked about World Service and in particular the history of the building and how we've arrived where we are today. Well, we're delighted to share this with you.

Built in 1675, Newdigate House was a Renaissance design and erected to house the Newdigate family.

The next date of importance was 1704 and the Battle of Blenheim. Marshall Tallard surrendered himself and his French forces to the Duke of Marlborough who then sent the Marshall to live under parole at Newdigate House. Marshall Tallard was very courteous and proved an extremely popular 'prisoner'. In settling into his new life in Nottingham, he was more than happy to share many of his passions with those around him. He taught the wives how to grow roses and – perhaps with half an inkling of what this great building might become – he also taught them how to make white bread and prepare salads! It's said that he particularly missed celery and would you believe, having found it growing in the wild marshes of Lenton, he began cultivating it in the garden here. This is the first known use of celery in England! Marshall Tallard was housed here for over 8 years.

There's not much known of the building until the sixties when this Grade II listed building was restored to its former glory in 1966 and it became the current home to The Nottingham Club. The Nottingham and Notts United Services Club, founded in the 1920's, was originally housed in Maple Yard and although it continues to maintain close links with the armed forces, it now looks after the ever changing needs of the city's and county's professional and business men and women. Members continue to meet on the first floor of Newdigate House and the close association with World Service Restaurant ensures they are well fed for lunch, dinner and special events.

World Service Restaurant moved into Newdigate House in 2000 and with design influences from the Far East has combined with this beautiful, architecturally important building, to make this fine dining restaurant a pleasure to dine in. The name originates from a combination of the style of food, the décor and association with the "Services" club. It has enjoyed critical acclaim, both nationally and regionally, claiming top spot in the Nottingham Restaurant Awards a record four times.

We hope you continue to enjoy your meal and your surroundings.