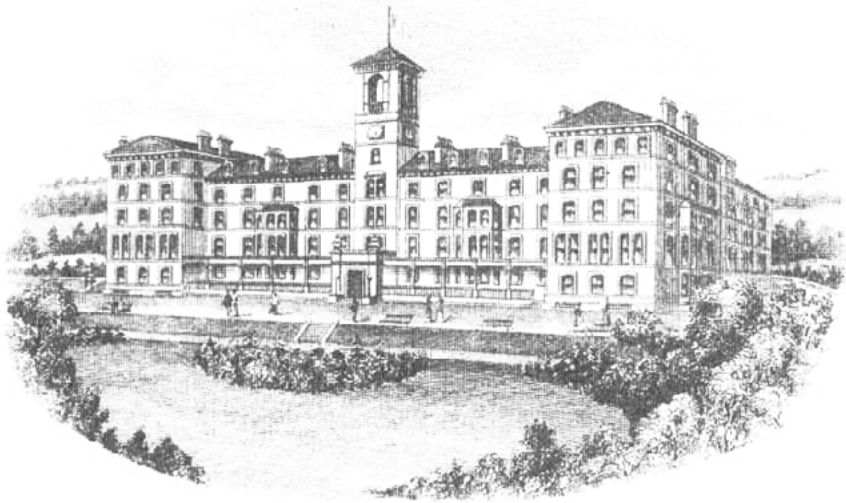

MEASURED IN MOMENTS

A cocktail menu told in chapters: each drink a moment in the Hydro's story. Historical reference courtesy of David H. Tate, former Assistant to the General Manager of Dunblane Hydro.

ALLERGENS

*Cocktails marked with * contain allergens.*
For allergen or dietary advice, please speak
to a member of our team before ordering.

1 *Gluten* • 2 *Crustaceans* • 3 *Molluscs* • 4 *Fish* • 5 *Peanuts* • 6 *Lupin* • 7 *Tree Nuts* • 8 *Soya*
9 *Eggs* • 10 *Milk* • 11 *Celery* • 12 *Mustard* • 13 *Sesame* • 14 *Sulphur Dioxide*

1813 BAR

SIGNATURE COCKTAILS

1813 *1828* *1875* *1878*

Chapter I

In 1813, Dunblane's future changed with the discovery of two mineral springs.

Their "medicinal value" quickly drew visitors, and by 1828 a small well house 'Clearwell' stood on the Laighhills, where waters were served each morning.

For decades, people travelled to Dunblane to drink, bathe and take part in the early rituals of wellness that defined the town long before the hotel existed. By the mid 1870s, that quiet tradition grew into ambition.

The Dunblane Hydropathic was commissioned to capitalise on the fame of the springs, and between 1875 and 1876, architects Peddie & Kinnear brought it to life.

Their vision blended Scottish confidence with an Italianate aesthetic: grand proportions, elegant symmetry, and a sense of arrival that still defines the hotel today.

This chapter marks the shift from natural spring to iconic structure, the moment Dunblane's story moved from landscape to landmark.

A SIP FOR GOOD

With every 1813 cocktail sold, £1 will be donated to The Dunblane Centre, supporting their incredible work in providing a safe space for people of all ages to enjoy, and come together.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE SPRING

Where the story begins - purity, origin, and the foundations of the Hydro.

1813* — *13.00*

Our signature serve. A tribute to the spring that started it all.

Brown-butter Deanston Virgin Oak • Butterscotch • Honey • Bitters • Saline [10, 14]

Peddie & Kinnear* — *12.00*

Named for the architects who shaped the Hydro, blending Scottish heritage with Italian influence. A fusion of cultures - Scottish gin meets Italian liqueur, in honour of their vision.

Tobermory Gin • Pistachio Liqueur • Cold Brew • Green Tea • Vanilla • Saline • Foaming Bitters [7, 14]

Clearwell Spritz — *9.00*

0% ABV

Inspired by the old Clearwell, the early well house where Dunblane's spring water was drawn each morning. This 0% spritz echoes that clarity, with mint and elderflower bringing a cool, refreshing lift.

Elderflower Cordial • NOUGHTY Dealcoholized Sparkling Chardonnay • Mint • Soda [14]

1878 *1891* *1962*

Chapter II

The Hydro opened in 1878 with spectacle: music from Bertram's Quadrille Band, and over 200 guests celebrating at the Grand Ball.

Visits to the Hydro were shaped by Victorian wellness culture, centred on hydropathic discipline and treatment, hot rooms and steam baths contrasted with cold plunges and cooling spaces, a strict rhythm designed to invigorate and restore.

A shift came in 1891, when Mr A. Philp purchased the Hydropathic and recognised that guests increasingly sought leisure alongside treatment. He invested in recreation, creating a nine-hole golf course beside the River Allan.

Indoor activities flourished too, with live entertainments and full dress balls filling every room.

By the mid 20th century, hydropathic treatments had become one part of a wider experience, as visitors arrived less as patients and more for holiday, tonic and the romantic pull of the Scottish landscape.

THE DUNBLANE HYDROPATHIC SOCIETY

Where ritual, restoration and rhythm defined daily life.

Laconia — *12.00*

Inspired by the Laconicum - the hottest room in the Victorian baths. A fiery, hibiscus-red nod to dry heat and ritual. Essentially: a spicy, elegant margarita.

Hibiscus-Infused Tequila • Peach Liqueur • Peach Bitters • Lime • Chilli

*Frigidus** — *12.00*

The Frigidarium was the cold room of the baths - a place of refreshment and reset. This serve captures that cooling moment in flavour form.

Mint Vodka • Lychee Liqueur • Crème-de-Menthe Pastille • Lychee • Lemon • Soda [10]

*Parlour Tonic** — *9.00*

0% ABV

As entertainments flourished and guests arrived at the Hydro for holiday as much as for health, the Parlour became the centre of conversation, colour and gathering. This bright, berry-forward alcohol-free sour captures that shift toward leisure, blending wellness with the pleasure of simply being together.

Blackberry Purée • Orgeat Syrup • Cranberry Juice • Lemon Juice • Saline • Foaming Bitters • Dehydrated Lemon [7]

*Champagne Weather** — *17.50*

Back in Victorian times, rainfall was cheerfully dubbed "Champagne weather," a cue to add a little fizz to a grey day. If the skies decide to open, we say lean into tradition and lift the mood with a glass of Champagne Lanson. [14]

1962 *1972* *2015*

Chapter III

By 1962, the Hydro stood at a crossroads, still proud, still storied, but in need of fresh energy. That spark arrived with Sir Reo Stakis, the Cypriot-born hotelier whose instinct for hospitality was matched only by his flair for reinvention.

Stakis didn't simply take ownership; he moved into the building, walked its corridors, listened to its guests, and rebuilt its future from the inside out.

His era ushered in mid-century glamour: polished wood, soft lighting, modern décor, and a new social rhythm that carried through every room.

Evenings became livelier, dances more frequent, and in 1972, the Hydro opened the area's first discotheque. Its reputation grew as a place where Scotland came to celebrate.

Music filled the air, led by Jim MacLeod, whose band became the heartbeat of the hotel. Their lively sets, tea dances, and Hogmanay broadcasts shaped a new identity: confident, sociable, and full of sparkle.

THE STAKIS ERA

Reinvention, mid-century glamour, and a new energy for the Hydro.

Jessie O' Flower*

12.00

Inspired by the stained-glass artwork above the grand staircase and the old Scottish love song "Jessie." A celebration of local craft, with Stirling Gin at its heart.

Stirling Gin • Galliano Vanilla • Green Apple Liqueur • Honey • Lemon • Apple • Foaming Bitters • Finished with stained-glass isomalt [14]

Scotch Snap

15.00

Named for the musical note found in ceilidh tunes, and for Jim MacLeod's band, who played here for decades. A whisky highball with Cranachan soul.

Glenfiddich 12 • Drambuie • Honey • Lemon • Raspberry • Crème de Framboise • Soda

Stakis Spirit

9.00

0% ABV

A zero-proof tribute to Sir Reo Stakis - bright, modern, and full of mid-century optimism.

Pineapple • Orange • Coconut Cream • Lime • Saline

2015 *2025* *Present Day*

Chapter IV

Since the Stakis era, the Hydro remained a place people loved, full of memories, full of character, but over time, some of its original spark began to fade. In 2025, refurbishment began, marking the start of a new chapter with Apex, bringing that feeling back to life.

It's about making the Hydro the place where Scotland comes to celebrate again, putting love into every corner of the building, and modernising with care while honouring the rich history that defines it.

This chapter reflects Apex's intention to add their mark thoughtfully: refreshing spaces, elevating comfort, and creating moments shaped by joy, connection, and genuine hospitality.

It's guided by the things Apex believes in, warm, people-first experiences, thoughtful sourcing, provenance, and doing things the right way for both guests and the planet.

A fresh spark for a Scottish icon, and a new rhythm for the story still unfolding.

THE APEX ERA

Renewal, modern warmth, and a new chapter for a Scottish icon.

Drumstick* *12.00*

A serve loved by guests for over ten years, nostalgic, familiar, and returned to time and time again, now re-imagined with an Apex twist.

Vanilla Vodka • Raspberry Vodka • Chamberyzette • Aperol • Grenadine • Vimto • Lemon • Foaming Bitters [1, 14]

Waste Not, Walnut* *12.00*

A celebration of renewal. Crafted with recycled and re-purposed ingredients, reflecting Apex's sustainability ethos.

Featuring Scottish brands Discarded and Langs.

Discarded Cascara • Langs Banana Rum • Recycled Coffee Syrup • Frangelico • Walnut Bitters • Espresso [7, 14]

Biscoff Espresso No-tini *9.00*

0% ABV

Inspired by the simple comfort of a coffee-and-biscuit break. A little indulgence that makes our guests feel right at home. A guilt-free treat with espresso depth and biscuit sweetness.

Lyre's Coffee Originale 0% • Single Shot Coffee • Speculoos • Demerara • Saline

CLASSIC COCKTAILS

Old Fashioned

Woodford Reserve Bourbon • Demerara • Orange Bitters

12.00

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*Negroni**

Tanqueray • Cocchi Di Torino • Campari [14]

12.00

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Mojito

Havana Club Añejo 3 Años • Mint • Lime • Demerara • Soda

11.00

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Espresso Martini

Absolut Vanilla • Kahlúa • Demerara • Espresso

12.00

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Pornstar Martini

Absolut Vanilia • Passoã • Passionfruit Purée • Prosecco • Lime • Pineapple

12.00

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French Martini

Absolut Raspberry • Chambord • Pineapple

12.00

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*Margarita**

Blanco Tequila • Triple Sec • Gomme • Lime [14]

11.00

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*Hugo Spritz**

Elderflower Cordial • Prosecco • Tanqueray • Soda [14]

11.00

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*Aperol Spritz**

Aperol • Soda • Prosecco [14]

11.00