

THE ICE HOUSE HISTORY

The Ice House (originally called Iceland Cottage or Iceland House) in Ballina, County Mayo is located on the east bank of the River Moy in an area known as Crocketstown. The ice store incorporated within the house is older than the rest of the building. A similar solution was employed in Maidenhead, Castle Hill, Berkshire, where two large ice pits were constructed in 1850 by a local fishmonger called William Hamblett.

When he died circa 1890, the pits fell into disuse and his widow constructed a tall, two storey building over them to utilise the ground. The Ice House, however, retained function as an ice store subsequent to its incorporation into domestic residence. Even in its residential capacity, the building served a functional purpose: while the basement was used as a cold store for salmon exports, the rest of the house itself was used to accommodate the manager of the Moy Fishery Company.

THE ICE HOUSE COUNTRY KITCHEN BREAKFAST MENU

Served Daily Monday to Friday 07.30 – 10.30am and Weekends 08.00 – 11.00am

Full Traditional Irish Breakfast

Served with your choice of Free Range Poached, Fried or Scrambled Eggs

Eggs Benedict

Poached Free Range Eggs Served on Toasted Brioche, Locally Sourced Ham & Hollandaise Sauce

Clarke's Local Smoked Salmon

With Free Range Scrambled Egg

Organic Hot Oatmeal Served with Honey & Brown Sugar

Omelette of your choice

Toasted Bacon & St Killian's Brie Bagel

Ballymaloe Relish