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## Approved Premises for Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships

Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding!



Thank you for considering holding your wedding ceremony and or lunch here at The Black Horse Inn. We are delighted you are thinking of us and our lovely gardens for such an important occasion. The location and gardens provide a beautiful backdrop for the smaller intimate wedding party from 2 to 40 guests.

You can get married in the lovely gazebo in the private gardens overlooking the duck pond between April and October. Your reception drinks will be served in the gardens to enable you and your guests photograph and relaxation time. You will then take your sit down meal in the restaurant. If the weather is fine you may wish to return to the gardens, however please note that we close the private gardens at 6.00pm. During October to March you can get married in the conservatory which is light and airy and move to the restaurant after the ceremony.

We do not cater for evening receptions, but small parties who are staying may wish to book a late dinner in the restaurant if your party is not continuing elsewhere. Guests may also use the facilities of the bar.



We have 30 en-suite bed and breakfast rooms in the grounds so please ask for availability and prices. You design your own wedding menu from a large selection of dishes which enables you to work to your own budget!

Hire charges for private gardens, **gazebo**, pergola with chairs, music facilities for ceremony and light background music, reception drinks served by staff, restaurant hire and free parking are as follows:-

Mon to Thursday:     £235 (2011)   £250 (2012)  
Friday:                £355 (2011)   £370 (2012)  
Saturday:             £395 (2011)   £415 (2012)  
Sunday, Bank Holidays and February 14<sup>th</sup> - Sorry we do not hire  
We only do 'Ceremony Only' on Monday to Thursday

Hire charges for **conservatory** and restaurant with staffing: (28 seated up to 40 with guests standing)

Mon to Friday:        £100 (2011 and 2012)  
Saturday:             £150 (2011 and 2012)  
Sunday, Bank Holidays and February 14<sup>th</sup> – Sorry we do not hire.

To help provide an excellent service, sit down meals should be scheduled for 12.15 or 2.30pm or later with a finishing time of 6.30pm. Guests may however use the bar or garden to continue the celebration later. For ceremonies inside the conservatory the ceremony can be held between 12.00 and 3.00 Monday to Friday or 12.00 noon only on Saturdays.



HIRE CHARGES EXCLUDE REGISTRAR FEES which are payable direct to KCC who can be contacted on 01622 221015

We recommend [www.confetti.co.uk](http://www.confetti.co.uk) for some beautiful table decorations and ideas. Telephone 0870 840 6060 for a catalogue or see website.

If you wish to view the lovely grounds and discuss your day further please contact us on 01622 737185 or e-mail [info@wellieboot.net](mailto:info@wellieboot.net) we will be pleased to offer you an appointment convenient to you.

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*Design your own Wedding menu by choosing two starters, two main courses and two desserts. Your guests will need to pre-order their preferences. If you prefer your guests not to pre-order then please make one choice from each section. Special diets and vegetarian meals can be arranged.  
Menu prices may be subject to slight increases.*

### STARTERS

*Classic Prawn Cocktail with Crispy Lettuce and a Marie Rose Dressing £6.95*

*Tomato and Buffalo Mozzarella Salad with Pesto, Basil Dressing £6.25*

*Smooth Chicken Liver Pate with Kent Apple Chutney and Toast £6.50*

*Smoked Salmon with Horseradish Cream £6.95*

*Choose one from the following Soups: £5.50*

*Cream of Carrot and Coriander*

*Leek and Potato with Chives*

*Tomato and Red Pepper with Basil Crème Fraiche*

*Cream of Mushroom with Herb Croutons*

### MAIN COURSES

*Confit Belly of Pork with an Apple and Cider Sauce £14.25*

*Rump of Romney Marsh Lamb with a Port and Rosemary Jus £15.95*

*Pork and Leek Sausages with Mash and Caramelised Onion Gravy £10.95*

*Breast of Chicken Stuffed with Mozzarella and wrapped in Pancetta with a Honey and Grain Mustard Sauce £14.50*

*Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding £11.50*

*(minimum order of 10 please)*

*Chicken Breast with a White Wine, Cream, Mushroom and*

*Tarragon Sauce £13.95*

*Supreme of Salmon with a Lemon and Dill Cream Sauce £12.95*

*Pan Fried Breast of Duck with a Plum and Ginger Sauce £14.50*

*All Main Courses served with Chefs Choice of Potatoes and Selection of Vegetables*

## DESSERTS

*All desserts £6.35*

*Chocolate Profiteroles filled with Fresh Cream*

*Lemon Tart with Citrus Lime Crème Fraiche*

*Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce and Ice-Cream*

*Strawberry Cheesecake with Cream*

*Chocolate Fondue – A melting pot of Belgian Milk Chocolate served with Strawberries, Grapes, Pineapple, Shortbread and Marshmallows – for 2 to share*

*Eton Mess – Softly Whipped Cream with Raspberries and Strawberries with Meringue*

*Seasonal Fruit Salsa with Lemon Sorbet*

*Warm Apple Pie with Custard or Clotted Cream*

*Brie, Cheddar and Stilton with Biscuits and Grapes  
(Can also be an extra course buffet style per table)*

## CHILDREN

*Under 12 years old - £12 Under 4 years – please discuss menu and price*

*Tomato Soup*

*Crisps and Vegetable Crudités with Cream Cheese Dip*

*Melon with Strawberries*

*Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Beans or Peas*

*Chicken Breast with New Potatoes and Vegetables*

*Sausage and Mash or Chips with Beans or Peas*

*Cheeseburger with Chips and Salad*

*Macaroni Cheese*

*Vanilla Ice-Cream*

*Please Note – A 10% service charge will be added to food only  
(not on total bill)*

## Terms and Conditions for A Kentish Ceremony

- Provisional Bookings will be held for a period of 14 days pending your completed booking form. After 14 days, we reserve the right to cancel your booking.
- Confirmation – You will be required to complete the booking form with your ceremony co-ordinator.
- Tables in the restaurant must be vacated by 6.30pm or earlier for evening guests of The Black Horse Inn.
- Catering – All catering is to be undertaken by The Black Horse Inn
- Deposits – A non-refundable deposit of £250 is required to secure your booking
- Final numbers will be required 14 days in advance and an invoice will be issued and due for payment. All prices are inclusive of VAT. If paying by cheque, please note that we would need to ensure that the cheque has cleared prior to your ceremony date. Cash, Cheque or Credit Card will be accepted. If paying by credit card a 2% fee will be added to cover the charges. A 10% service charge will be applied to food only (not whole bill) which will go to staff.
- Any drinks purchased on the day must be paid for in full – no credit accounts will be authorised.
- Cancellation – Notice of cancellation must be given in writing. Your deposit is non-refundable in the event of cancellation unless your date can be replaced with another ceremony. We reserve the right to cancel any booking forthwith and without liability on our part in the event of any damage or destruction of the facilities by fire, storm or other cause, any shortage of labour or food supplies, strikes, walkouts or industrial unrest or any other cause which shall prevent us from performing our obligation in connection with any booking. In these circumstances all monies will be refunded.
- If Cancellation notice is less than 12 weeks you will be charged for 25% of the estimated bill
- We reserve the right to charge for any damage caused by you or your guests during an event.
- We observe the licensing laws without exception
- You may wish to have photographs in the private gardens. The gardens will be closed at 6.00pm.
- All guests should adopt reasonably smart dress appearance. You and your guests are required to act responsibly during and after the event. If staff are not happy with the behaviour of any guests they will be asked to leave without any further negotiation. You or an appointed person should remain on the premises until all guests have left.
- Any property of the customer (eg Flowers, decorations) must be removed by 11am on the day after the event or earlier should the gazebo be in use the next day. Any decorations in the conservatory need to be moved to the restaurant after the ceremony.

- Car Parking- This is available free of charge. We cannot guarantee any spaces, which are on a first come first served basis. We will not be held responsible for any loss or problems arising from the car parking and do not accept any responsibility for theft of/from or damage to vehicles left in the car parks.
- All children should be strictly supervised at all times.
- Insurance – We strongly advise you take out wedding/function insurance to protect against unforeseen circumstances.
- Music – Low volume music is allowed in the gazebo garden area. The volume of music will be controlled by staff only and is not negotiable.
- Accommodation – Check in for accommodation is 3pm. If guests require early check in we will do our best but cannot guarantee as previous occupants do not have to check out until 11am. For guests who want to ‘get ready’ in their rooms it is best that they book a room the night before the ceremony. All guests are required to check out by 11am on date of departure.

I hereby acknowledge receipt of The Black Horse Inn Terms and Conditions which are understood and accepted.

Signed.....

Signed.....Date.....