

CLASSICAL  
MENU



CLEARWELL CASTLE

# FOOD & DRINK

SPRING / SUMMER











We understand the importance of great food and seamless meal service on your special day. Our substantial experience in wedding catering has allowed us to develop sumptuous menus, ideally suited for large wedding banquets, that your guests will be talking about for years to come. What's more, we employ our very own experienced team of specialist chefs and catering staff allowing us to ensure the highest standards of catering on your wedding day - without fail.

### OUR ETHOS: LOCAL, FRESH & HOME-MADE

We strive to provide food that is homemade by our chefs in our kitchens from fresh ingredients, sourced, where possible, from local producers and suppliers. We are located in a beautiful part of the world and we aim to support local businesses that produce quality ingredients; this in turn ensures that our catering continues to exceed our guests' expectations.

### HOW OUR MENUS WORK

As standard, the wedding breakfast includes a set meal consisting of a starter, a main course and a dessert, chosen for your guests from the menus enclosed. Tea and coffee served with delicious homemade petit fours is also included in the menu price. You will also need to choose your desired welcome drinks, canapés, meal and toast wines and the evening buffet option that you would like us to serve. You can personalise your meal by adding additional courses or choosing upgraded food and drink options marked with ♦ that will incur a supplementary cost.



### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS & ALLERGIES

All of our dishes can be adapted to be gluten free and we can cater for specific dietary requirements providing these meals are pre-ordered. We have delicious vegetarian (V) and vegan (Ve) options, and if you have guests who would prefer something from these menus, you can, of course, substitute your meal choice with an alternative starter and main course - just let us know the appropriate numbers. We understand the severity of allergens and food intolerances and the effects they may cause. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that cross contamination will not occur during menu preparation. However, if you are unsure of what may be contained in any of our dishes then please consult the office or your Personal Wedding Manager who will happy to help and advise.

### WHAT TO DO NEXT

As you read through the mouth-watering food and drink options, make a note of what appeals to you so that you will be ready when you meet with us at your planning meeting four to six months before your big day. Don't forget any drinks, dishes or courses marked with a ♦ incur a supplementary cost which can be found on the separate price list.



# WELCOME DRINKS

Welcome drinks are served to you and your guests whilst the photographs are being taken in the period of time after the ceremony and before the wedding breakfast.

Choose up to three choices from the selection below or talk to your Personal Wedding Manager about creating your own.

## Bottled Beers

Choose from Peroni, Corona, Asahi, Doom Bar, Rekorderlig or Thatcher's Gold.

## House Prosecco

Why not jazz up your Fizz by adding either Raspberry or Peach Liqueur

## Dadnor English Pink Sparkling Wine

Made from grapes grown in our own Vineyards in Herefordshire

## Tom Collins

Gin, fresh Lemon Juice & Gomme topped with Soda

## Pimms & Lemonade

A classic Pimms Number 1 topped with Lemonade & fresh English garden fruits

## Country House Garden

The Country House Weddings Collection staple, Gin, Elderflower, fresh Lime & Cucumber topped with Apple Juice

## The Paloma

Tequila, Gomme, Grapefruit Juice & topped with Soda

## Strawberry Daiquiri

A cocktail of White Rum, Strawberries with a kick of Lime Juice over ice

## Raspberry Daiquiri

A cocktail of White Rum, Raspberries with a hint of Lemon Juice over ice

## Classic Mojito

A refreshing Rum-based cocktail with Lime, Sugar & Soda, garnished with fresh Mint

## Flavoured Mojitos

Twists on the classic - choose from Raspberry, Watermelon, Passionfruit

## House Specials

Talk to your Personal Wedding Manager about the seasonal house specials that may be available for your wedding.

One welcome drink per day guest is included with the Classical package.

## Upgrade Options (◆):

We have an amazing array of Drink Stations available as added extras for your special day - please revert to our Price Lists & Finishing Touches brochure for more information.

You can also choose to increase the number of welcome drinks served after your ceremony, or you can introduce an additional round of welcome drinks for your day guests on arrival before the ceremony, or for your evening guests.



## NON ALCOHOLIC

## Sparkling Peach Tea

Peach Black Tea, Sugar Syrup, Fresh Lemon Juice & Tonic

## Pink Lemonade

Cranberry, Berry Syrup, Lemonade & fresh Berries

## The English Garden Mocktail

Elderflower Syrup, Apple Juice topped with Soda, Cucumber & Mint

## Classical Raspberry Nojito

Apple, Raspberry or Lime topped with Soda & Mint

## Mocks Fizz

Seedlip Spice 0% Spirit, Orange Juice, Spice Syrup, topped with non-alcoholic Prosecco

## Zero Alcohol Beers

Peroni, Corona, Heineken





## CANAPÉS

Canapés are ideal appetisers that we traditionally serve during your welcome drinks reception following your ceremony. You can choose up to four options from the below selection.

### SAVOURY COLLECTION

Panko King Prawn Tail, Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce  
Hoi Sin & Sesame Fried Chicken  
Salt & Pepper Squid  
Coronation Chicken Mini Poppadum  
Goats Cheese Crostini, Olive, Sweet Drop Pepper (V)  
Somerset Brie & Cranberry Croûte (V)  
Stilton Mousse, Toasted Crouton, Fruit Chutney (V)  
Roast Beef, Horseradish Cream, Wholemeal Toast  
Mature Cheddar Cheese & Caramelised Onion Quiche (V)  
Butternut Squash Tart, Bacon Crisps  
Mini Spring Roll, Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce (V)  
Vegetable Pakora (V)  
Quail Scotch Egg

### SWEET COLLECTION

Caramel Profiterole (V)  
Black Forest Gateau (V)  
Apple & Custard Crumble (V)  
Chocolate Orange Ganache Tart (V)  
Banana & Toffee Pie (V)

Opt for Additional Covers (◆):

One cover per day guest is included with the Classical package - however, as with welcome drinks, you can choose additional covers of canapés, for pre, post ceremony or for evening guests.

## MINI AFTERNOON TEA ◆

Perfect for spring & summer weddings, these miniature versions of the nation's favourite afternoon tea delicacies are the ideal accompaniment to your celebratory drinks.

Selection of Finger Sandwiches on White / Granary Bread

Homemade Leek & Smoked Cheddar Quiche (V)

Sausage Meat & Caramelised Red Onion Scotch Egg

Traditional Sultana Scones with Clotted Cream & Strawberry Jam (V)

Mini Carrot Cakes topped with Sweet Cream Cheese & Vanilla Bean (V)

Chocolate Eclairs filled with Caramel Cream (V)

◆ Supplement indicated on separate price list





## STARTERS

You can choose up to two starter choices, including one vegetarian / vegan-friendly option.

### Sliced Smoked Chicken

Coronation Slaw, Apricot  
Puree, Coriander Salad

### Sticky Soy & Ginger Glazed Pork Belly

Yuzu dressed Oriental Salad

### Warm Brie & Caramelised Onion Tart (V)

Spring Onion & Radish Salad

### Chargrilled Chicken Salad, Cos Lettuce

Croutons, Caesar Dressing,  
Parmesan Shavings

### Beetroot & Shallot Tart Tatin (V)

Goats Cheese Mousse, reduced Balsamic

### Crayfish Cocktail, Bloody Mary Ketchup

Baby Leaves, Ciabatta Wafer

### Hot Roast Smoked Salmon

Pea Shoots, Capers,  
Lemon Crème Fraiche

### Pressed Ham Hock Terrine

Piccilli, Apple Salad, toasted Crouton

### Smooth Chicken Liver Parfait

Toasted Brioche, Onion Marmalade

### Cod & Chorizo Fish Cake

Baby Leaf Salad, Pineapple  
& Chilli Jam

Torn Mozzarella,  
Semi-Dried Plum Tomato (V)  
served with dressed roquette salad

Feta & Watermelon Salad (V)  
Toasted Walnuts, Mint Dressing

Pimento & Pea Risotto (V)  
Grana Padano Shavings, Herb Oil

Courgette, Pea & Mint Risotto (Ve)  
Herb Oil, Herb Salad

Roast Garlic & Tomato Bruschetta (Ve)  
Thyme & Olive Oil, Salad Shoots





## PERFECT SOUPS

Ideal as a starter and also available as an extra course (◆).

**Spring Vegetable (Ve)**  
Brioche Sippets, Herb Pistou

**Green Pea & Mint**  
Crispy Pancetta Croutons, Herb Oil

**Cream of Five (V)**  
Crispy Leeks, Ciabatta Wafer

**Roast Plum Tomato & Pimento (Ve)**  
Basil Oil, Granary Croutons

## A REFRESHING SORBET COURSE ◆

Sorbet is served between the starter / fish and the main course to cleanse the palate, so as you may fully enjoy the next course.

Our sorbet is made with fresh fruit and garnished with mint and served in a frosted glass. Pick your favourite from the selection below:

**Sharp Lemon Sorbet**

**Blood Orange Sorbet**

**Strawberry Sorbet**

**Cucumber Sorbet**

**Mango Sorbet**

### BESPOKE SORBETS

If you would like to add a kick to your sorbet course then why not consider one of our sorbets with alcohol?

**Tanqueray Gin with Loganberries**

**Old J Spiced Rum with Blackberries**

**Champagne with Strawberries**

**Tequila with Lime**

Please refer to our price list for the additional cost of a sorbet course (◆).



# MAIN COURSES

You can choose up to two mains choices, including one vegetarian / vegan-friendly option.

## Twice-Cooked Belly of Pork

Bubble & Squeak, Black Pudding, Stout Gravy

## Pesto Crusted Darne of Salmon

Warm Salad of New Potatoes  
shaved Fennel & Orange, Caper Vinaigrette

## Pan-Fried Supreme of Chicken

Olive Oil Pomme Purée  
Mushroom & Tarragon Fricassée

## Slow Braised Confit Duck Leg

Rissolle Potatoes, Baby Onions,  
Wilted Spinach, Star Anise Jus

## Garlic & Rosemary Marinated Rump of Lamb

Fondant Potato, Spring Vegetable Casserole

## Roast Sirloin of British Beef

Herb Yorkshire Pudding  
Buttery Mash, rich roast Gravy

## Slow Roast Loin of Suffolk Pork

Apricot Stuffing, Lyonnaise  
Potatoes, Cider Apple Gravy

## Roast Breast of Chicken on the Bone

Sage & Onion Roast Potato,  
Poultry Gravy, Bread Sauce

## Steamed Fillet of Sea Trout

Parsley Mash, Samphire, Vanilla Butter Sauce

## Roast Leg Of Lamb

Lyonnaise Potatoes, Baby Carrots,  
Basil & Mint Pesto

## Pan Roasted Hake

Slow-Roasted Cherry Tomatoes, Baby  
Potatoes, Tarragon Salsa Verde

## Lemon, Honey & Thyme Chicken Breast

Tenderstem Broccoli & Crushed New Potatoes

## Cumin Roast Cauliflower Steak (Ve)

Jewelled Cous-Cous, Laksa Broth

## Pan-Fried Potato Gnocchi (Ve)

Roasted Squash, Lemon & Cracked  
Pepper, Wilted Rocket

## Portabello Mushroom En Croûte, Mushroom Fricassée (V)

Spring Greens, rich Tomato Sauce, Basil Pesto

All our main courses are served with Chef's  
choice of potatoes & seasonal vegetables.





# DESSERTS

You can choose up to two dessert choices, including one vegan / free-from option.

## Chocolate Caramel Brownie

Chocolate Ice Cream, Dark Chocolate Sauce

## Burnt Cambridgeshire Cream

Cinnamon & Apple Flapjack

## Warm Apple & Sultana Stewed Tart

Vanilla Custard (Ve)

## Sticky Toffee Pudding

Clotted Cream, Butterscotch Sauce

## Chilled Lemon Posset

Lavender Shortbread, Raspberries

## St Clements Eton Mess

Crushed Meringue, Lemon Curd,  
Vanilla Cream

## Warm Chocolate Fondant

Black Forest Cherries, Clotted Cream,  
Chocolate Sauce

## Classic Tart Au Citron

Compote of Raspberries, Clotted Cream

## Lime Cheesecake

Blackcurrant Purée, White Chocolate

## Minestrone of Fresh Fruits

Mint Syrup, Ice Coconut & Mango Parfait,  
Crunchy Granola (Ve)

## Baked Cheesecake

Ginger Biscuit Crumb, Rhubarb Compote

## 65% Bitter Chocolate Tart

Clotted Cream, Macerated Summer Berries

All our puddings are vegetarian-friendly.

## TEA, COFFEE & PETIT FOURS

Tea, coffee & petit fours come as standard and are served after dessert.

Our petit fours are homemade and our coffee is ground on-site  
using beans freshly roasted by an independent roaster.



## TRIO OF DESSERTS ♦

If it really is just too difficult to choose... have all three! Here are some suggestions but please feel free to discuss with us your own ideas!

### SELECTION 1

**Classic Tart Au Citron**  
Compote of Raspberries,  
Clotted Cream

**Baked Cheesecake**  
Ginger Biscuit Crumb,  
Rhubarb Compote

**Chocolate Caramel Brownie**  
Chocolate Ice Cream,  
Dark Chocolate Sauce

### SELECTION 2

**Burnt Cambridgeshire  
Cream**  
Cinnamon & Apple Flapjack

**65% Bitter Chocolate Tart**  
Clotted Cream,  
Macerated Berries

**Lime Cheesecake**  
Blackcurrant Purée,  
White Chocolate

### SELECTION 3

**Sticky Toffee Pudding**  
Clotted Cream,  
Butterscotch sauce

**Chilled Lemon Posset**  
Lavender Shortbread,  
Raspberries

**Warm Apple  
& Sultana Stewed Tart**  
Vanilla custard (Ve)



## A DELICIOUS CHEESE SELECTION ♦

Cheese is often served after the dessert course, just in time for the speeches! Alternatively, you may decide to add a cheese selection to your evening buffet. All our cheeses are sourced from local suppliers; simply choose three of your favourites from the list below.

### Black Waxed Cheddar

Rich, full-flavoured Cheddar with a slight fruitiness and a sharp bite

### Cropwell Bishop Blue Stilton

A traditionally made rich blue cheese - the queen of blue Stiltons!

### Applewood Smoked Cheddar

Naturally smoked with apple wood embers

### Wensleydale with Cranberries

An attractive cheese that has a moist and crumbly texture

### Somerset Brie

A creamy British alternative to the French classic!

### Oxford Blue

A creamy cheese flavoured with a hint of Dark Chocolate, Wine & Tarragon - divine!

### Artisan Camembert

Soft and creamy with a crumbly texture

### Singleton's Farmhouse Lancashire

A cloth-wrapped cheese, moist and crumbly with a robust, fuller flavour

### Red Leicester

A mellow alternative to Cheddar with a delicately sweet flavour

### Sage Derby

A distinctive coloured Cheddar with a mild sage flavour

The cheese selection is served with an assortment of savoury crackers and orchard fruit chutney. A selection of ports and liqueurs is also available upon request ♦

### CHEESE PLATTERS ♦

A Chef's selection from a choice of Cheddar, Stilton, Smoked Cheddar, Brie and Oxford Brie delivered on a platter to each table served with savoury crackers & orchard fruit chutney

♦ Supplement indicated on separate price list.





# VEGETARIAN & VEGAN ALTERNATIVES

## CANAPÉS

- Vegan Chocolate Brownie (Ve)
- Strawberry & Pineapple Kebabs (Ve)
- Bang Bang Cauliflower on a Mini Poppadum (Ve)
- Hummus & Sundried Tomato Crostini (Ve)
- Smashed Avocado & Chilli Croûte (Ve)
- Olive & Tomato Straws (Ve)

## STARTERS

- Cracked-pepper Hummus, Toasted Tortilla (Ve)
- Marinated Olive & Vegetable Salad
- Courgette, Pea & Mint Risotto (Ve)
- Herb Oil, Herb Salad
- Beetroot & Shallot Tart Tatin (V)
- Confit Cherry Tomato, Soft Cheese
- Roast Garlic & Tomato Bruschetta (Ve)
- Thyme & Olive Oil, Salad Shoots
- Carrot, Orange & Avocado Salad (Ve)
- Focaccia Croutons, Dressed Leaves

## SOUP COURSE ♦

- Spring Vegetable (Ve)
- Brioche Sippets, Herb Pistou
- Cream of Five (V)
- Crispy Leeks, Ciabatta Wafer
- Roast Plum Tomato & Pimento (Ve)
- Basil Oil, Granary Croutons

## MAIN COURSES

- Cumin Roast Cauliflower Steak (Ve)
- Jewelled Cous-Cous, Laksa Broth
- Pan-Fried Potato Gnocchi (Ve)
- Roasted Squash, Lemon & Cracked Pepper, Wilted Rocket
- Portabello Mushroom En Croûte, Mushroom Fricassée (V)
- Spring Greens, Rich Tomato Sauce, Basil Pesto
- Spiced Chick Pea & Aubergine Dahl (Ve)
- Braised Coconut & Lime Basmati Rice, Coriander Naan
- Mediterranean Vegetable Frittata (V)
- Wilted Spinach, Tomato & Herb Reduction

## DESSERTS

- Chocolate Fudge Brownie (Ve)
- Vegan Ice Cream, Forest Berries
- Minestrone of Fresh Fruits (Ve)
- Mint Syrup
- Iced Coconut & Mango Parfait (Ve)
- Crunchy Granola
- Chargrilled Pineapple (V)
- Rum Soaked Sponge
- Cinnamon Spiced Apple Crumble Tart (Ve)
- Vegan Custard



# CHILDREN'S MENU

## STARTERS

**Melon Boats (V)**

**Garlic Ciabatta (V)**

Served with a BBQ, Mayonnaise  
or Tomato Sauce Dip

**Vegetable Crudités & Dips (V)**

**Cream Of Tomato Soup (V)**



## MAIN COURSES

**Roasted Free Range Chicken**

Served with Mashed Potato & Gravy

**Toad in the Hole**

Served with Mashed Potato & Gravy

**Breaded Free Range Chicken Goujons**

Served with Chips & Peas

**Pasta Bolognaise**

Served with Penne Pasta

**Macaroni Cheese (V)**

Homemade Creamy Cheese Pasta Bake



## DESSERTS

**Chocolate Fudge Sundae (V)**

**Trio of Ice Creams (V)**

**Toffee & Banana Trifle (V)**

**Giant Choux Bun (V)**

Served with Chocolate Sauce

**Pancake with Nutella & Banana (V)**

**Fruit & Ice Cream Smoothie (V)**

Babies under 2 years old are not chargeable as parents will provide milk / baby food. Toddlers up to 2 years old who are recently on solid foods, children (3-10 years old) and teenagers (11-17 years old) incur different rates as additional guests beyond your minimum guest numbers - please refer to the price list. ♦



One starter, one main and one dessert can be chosen from this menu - alternatively half portions of the adult meal choices are also available as a children's option.



## AFTER DINNER DRINKS ♦

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You may wish to have drinks served following your dessert, perhaps to accompany your cheese course. These are some suggestions but let us know if you have any other favourites.

Courvoisier VS (25 ml)

Remy Martin VSOP (25 ml)

Hennessy XO (25 ml)

Disaronno Amaretto (25 ml)

Baileys (50 ml)

Tia Maria (25 ml)

Harvey's Bristol Cream (25 ml)

Croft Sherry (25 ml)

Cockburn's Fine Ruby Port (50 ml)

Glemorangie 10 year (25 ml)

Talisker 10 year (25 ml)

Laguvulin 16 year (25 ml)



## LIQUID REFRESHMENT

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### MEAL WINE

Our Bar & Beverage Manager is constantly updating our wine list as we source new and exciting wines and so a current wine list will be forwarded to you about six months before your wedding, just before your planning meeting.

For the wedding breakfast, our house wines are the most popular choice. We include half a bottle of wine per person for the wedding breakfast in your package. It usually works out that non-drinkers are more than made up for by the heavy drinkers. Additional bottles of house wine can be added to your wedding breakfast, should you wish to offer more. Any wine not consumed during your meal will then be served to your guests free of charge during your evening reception. You may decide to choose different wines to complement each course and you can discuss this in more detail at your planning meeting.

### TOAST WINE

For toasts, we include one glass of the house sparkling wine per guest in your package, however you can choose to upgrade from a selection of sparkling wines or Champagnes and you should work on five glasses per bottle.

### PORTS & BRANDYS

We have a selection of ports to serve with a cheese course which is usually served during the speeches and you may choose to offer Baileys and brandy as an alternative.

### BAR TABS

For the evening party you can decide whether you would like a card or pre-paid bar and if you choose to pay for the drinks we can help you decide on a probable amount at your planning meeting. The only type of card that is not accepted at the bar is American Express. All bar tabs are arranged on a pre-paid basis. The easiest option is to add this to your bulk invoice payable four weeks prior to your wedding but you pay make the payment at the bar on the day if you prefer. Any unused bar tab will be refunded to you on your reconciliation invoice within 14 working days of your wedding.

We regret that the provision of your own wines and drinks is not permitted.

# EVENING FOOD COLLECTION

Please select one of the following food selections to serve to your guests for supper during your evening reception.

## PLOUGHMAN'S BUFFET

Sliced Gala Pie  
Freshly Carved Suffolk Ham  
Mature Cheddar Cheese, Colston Basset  
Stilton, Somerset Brie  
Herb Coleslaw  
Potato & Grain Mustard Salad  
Plum Tomato, Cucumber & Red Onion Salad  
Chunky Fruit Pickle, Piccalilli, Pickled Onions  
Freshly Cut Crusty Bread & Savoury Crackers

## FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Served in chip shop-style cones...  
Mini Beer-Battered Fillet of Haddock  
Battered Sausages  
Vegetable Burgers  
Battered Halloumi  
Thin Cut Chips  
Katsu Curry Sauce  
Minted Mushy Peas  
Salt & Vinegar

## SLIDER BUFFET

Mini Beef Burgers, Smoked Back  
Bacon, Farmhouse Sausages  
Vegetable Falafels, Grilled Halloumi  
& Sweet Chilli  
Served in a Selection of Mini Slider Buns  
Salt & Pepper Wedges, Coronation Coleslaw  
Chunky Tomato & Herb Salsa,  
Grated Cheese, Fried Onions

## HOT & COLD FORK BUFFET

Buttermilk Chicken Goujons, Aioli Dip  
Sausage & Grain Mustard En Croûte  
Mature Cheddar Cheese  
& Caramelised Onion Quiche (V)  
Korean Pulled Pork Slider Buns  
Sesame & Honey Barbeque Chicken Thighs  
Crispy Breaded Cauliflower  
& Katsu Curry Sauce (V)  
Vegetable Mini Spring Rolls,  
Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce (V)  
Salt & Pepper Wedges & Sour Cream (V)







## EVENING FOOD UPGRADES ♦

Why not really treat your evening guests with our legendary Hog Roast or BBQ Grill?

### CLEARWELL CASTLE HOG ROAST ♦

A whole succulent pig slow-cooked for over 8 hours until crispy and tender. It will be carved by one of our experienced Chefs and served with the following accompaniments:

Soft Floured Baps, Sage & Onion Stuffing, Apple Sauce, Salt & Pepper Wedges, Herb Coleslaw and Tomato & Onion Salad.

### BBQ GRILL ♦

Perfect for the Spring & Summer seasons, our BBQ Grill is cooked in front of your guests, serving mouth watering delights including:

Peppered Sirloin Steak, Butcher's Meaty Sausages

Beef Burgers, Garlic & Thyme Chicken Thighs

Halloumi & Pepper Skillet, Sweet Chilli King Prawns

Salt & Pepper Wedges, Crusty French Bread

Soft Floured Rolls, Herb Coleslaw

Balsamic Tomato & Red Onion Salad, Mixed Salad Leaves

♦ Supplement indicated on separate price list.



## CLEARWELL CASTLE

Contact your Personal Wedding Manager or the office team  
to find out more about our Food & Drink offerings.

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The images of food & drink contained within this brochure are of real food & drink prepared by our chefs and bar staff, and are indicative of the standard of presentation that we aim to achieve. However, we cannot guarantee that exactly the same presentation, cutlery or crockery will be provided on your wedding day.