

The Priests House and Old Chapel

Barden Tower

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Defining history; Creating memories

Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding. Welcome to The Priests House and Old Chapel.

This is a very special time for you both. For that, you need a very special venue.

The Priests House is certainly that, sited in the shadow of Barden Tower, a 12th century former fortified hunting lodge, now a ruin but nevertheless a fabulous and imposing structure perched overlooking the Upper Wharfedale valley. The whole site is grade 1 listed and provides a truly historic setting in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales.

The Priests House specialises in ceremonies for up to 90 guests and receptions from just the two of you up to 70 guests in the recently renovated "old chapel".

As a family run business we are proud of the service and attention to detail we provide. The many delighted couples over the years are a testament to that. We only ever undertake one wedding on any particular day so you will have our undivided attention throughout as well as exclusive use of the House, Chapel and grounds.

We look forward to showing you round and working with you to create your perfect day.

Debbie, Mark and team.



The Site

The Barden Tower site is on the northern edge of the land managed by the Chatsworth Estate, in the Upper Wharfedale valley. It is roughly equidistant between the towns of Grassington, Ilkley and Skipton.

The whole site is grade 1 listed largely due to the ruin of Barden Tower, originally a 12th century hunting lodge, but extensively enlarged and fortified in the 15th and 16th centuries.

As the name implies, The Priests House and the Chapel were originally the place of worship for the parish of Barden. The chapel had been stood derelict for many years but was extensively renovated in 2016 to create a fabulous new venue for holding civil ceremonies and other private functions.

The exit from the Chapel presents excellent views of the valley whilst the rest of the site is protected by the majesty of the Tower and the neighbouring woods. A site of peace and tranquility - a truly relaxing setting for an exclusive and relaxing wedding.



All prices in this brochure are inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate. An optional service charge representing 10% on food and drink only to a maximum of £200 will be added to the bill.

An intimate ceremony in the Old Chapel

If you are looking for that fairytale ceremony, then the Old Chapel will exceed your wildest expectations. With her grand windows, original stone and woodwork and bespoke chandeliers and wall lights the Chapel has been fabulously restored.

You will have exclusive use of the venue, a dedicated service team and the grounds and buildings to provide you with a range of stunning backdrops for your wedding photographs.

Venue hire costs can start at £650 on Monday to Thursday and £1,000 on weekends*. A post ceremony drink must be purchased.

The price includes:

- Ceremony for up to 90 guests
- Three hours exclusive use
- Chair covers and a choice of hessian or ribbon tiebacks
- A dedicated service team to make sure your ceremony runs smoothly
- Use of the grounds

* selected weekends only



...What an amazing venue! Debbie was on hand right from the very beginning and made the ceremony go very smoothly indeed. The chapel is magical...and the ambience created perfect for an intimate wedding...

An intimate wedding of up to 32 guests

Over the past decade or so, we have built an unblemished reputation as a truly special wedding venue. With exclusive, stunning location and inclusive service, we make a perfect choice for your more private wedding. You can hold the ceremony in the Old Chapel, use the grounds for your photographs and enjoy a superb wedding breakfast in the House itself, which provides a truly intimate and historic ambience for the smaller gathering.

Venue hire costs can start at £1,000 on Monday to Thursday and £1,200 on weekends*.

The price includes:

- Ceremony in the Old Chapel, wedding breakfast in the House and use of the grounds for up to 32 guests
- six hours exclusive use
- Chair covers and a choice of hessian or ribbon tiebacks
- A dedicated service team to make sure your day runs smoothly

We welcome parties of all sizes and for those smaller than 15 guests speak to Debbie for a bespoke quote

* selected weekends only



"Our guests still rave about the food and say its the best they've had..."

Exclusive ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception

There are distinct advantages of holding the full day in one venue - especially at one as stunning as the Old Chapel. No messing around transporting guests, flowers, cake etc between venues. We would be delighted to host your whole day.

Venue hire costs are £2,495 on Monday to Thursday and £3,495 on weekends.

The price includes:

- Ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception for up to 70 guests
- Up to ten hours exclusive use
- Chair covers and a choice of hessian or ribbon tiebacks, table linen and runners, table centre pieces and decor, easel for table plan, cake stand and knife
- Use of piano
- Fire torches, candles and fairy lights outside in the evening
- A dedicated service team to make sure your day runs smoothly

To be fair to our accommodating neighbouring farms, the bar licence ends at 11pm, with music concluding at 11.15pm and carriages home before midnight



Drinks and other services

Drinks

We do not restrict you to specific drinks packages, preferring instead to let you decide what configuration of drinks you would like. We charge as follows:

- ÿ Post ceremony Pimms or Bucks Fizz £4.95 per glass
- ÿ Prosecco £5.95 per glass
- ÿ Bottle of Prosecco £28.95 (serves 5 approx)
- ÿ Bottle of champagne from £42.95
- ÿ Bottle of house wine £18.95

All other drinks are per our normal bar prices. Please note we do not allow corkage.

Decor and flowers

We can provide a range of tasteful decor for your day which we can hire, rather than purchasing your own for a one off event. Given the setting that already exists in the house and chapel, you really shouldn't need much.

Fresh flowers are always a lovely addition. You can either arrange these yourself or Debbie can make them for you to your requirements, she has three decades of designing floral arrangements and knows what works best at the venue. She can provide:

button holes (from £7), brides bouquets (from £75), bridesmaids bouquets (from £35) napkins / chair tie backs (from £1 per place) and even decorate the outside steps and trees, font and archway (from £125 each).

Registrar

The Priests House has a civil wedding licence and thus any ceremony cannot have any religious connotations. Having provisionally agreed a date and approximate time for the ceremony with us, you must contact the Superintendent Registrar at:

Skipton Registration Office, Water Street, Skipton,
BD23 1PB Tel 01609 780780.



The Wedding Breakfast

We provide a superb quality wedding breakfast which is prepped and cooked by our head chef and part owner Mark. After years of being the private chef for top ranking officials in the British Army, to being a head chef in several city centre restaurants, Mark has called The Priests House his home for the last 14 years.

As a result we know you and your guests will be made to feel both fully satisfied and extremely content - we do not do small portions here!

Over the next few pages you will find the available menus to choose from. For wedding breakfasts in the House, your guests will be able to select from all the options from your menu on the day. For meals in the Chapel you will need to select one option from each course for all guests (subject to vegetarian and other allergy requirements) in advance.

We are always happy to discuss potential alternative options.



" Just one word of warning, don't fill up before you arrive, the food is absolutely fabulous and very plentiful. Thank you for a day that will never be forgotten and will be talked about for many years to come.."

Menu 1
£45.95

Soup of the day with a kaiser roll and butter

Chicken liver paté, roast figs, plum compote, charred multi-seed toast, mixed leaves

Smoked salmon parcel, cream cheese, prawns, crayfish, herb bilini, lollo rosso

Herb crusted goats cheese, red onion and basil jam, granary disc, wild rocket V

Roast "Yorkshire Shorthorn" beef, yorkshire pudding, and a rich demi-glace

Chicken supreme, fondant potato, crisp Parma ham, sweet cider jus

Grilled salmon steak, leek layonnaise, chive beurre blanc

Vegetable wellington, roast pepper and tomato purée V Contains

Sticky toffee pudding with custard, cream or ice-cream

Glazed vanilla cheese cake,
mixed seasonal berries, lone physalis

Chocolate and orange torte, raspberry coulis, tuile curls

Selection of local cheese, biscuits, grapes and malt loaf

Menu 2
£58.95

Sweet potato and squash soup, chive crème fraiche

Smoked chicken terrine, mango and grape compote, sesame and soy dressing, toasted ciabatta

Trout paté, horseradish cream, mixed leaves, poppy seed roll

Baked camembert, apple and cranberry compote, sundried tomato ciabatta, mixed leaves V

Glazed barbury duck breast, orange, honey, coriander seeds, plum and Hoi Sin coulis

"Nidderdale" lamb rack, herb crust, mint roast aubergines, cherry tomato jam, demi glace

Baked cod loin, buttered spinach, burnt shrimp butter, asparagus spears

Vegetable tower, celeriac puree, red pepper pesto, crisp basil leaves V

Salted caramel tart with a sticky toffee ice-cream

Individual chocolate and brioche butter pudding,
Vanilla pod ice-cream, cream or crème anglaise

Lemon tart, melange of seasonal berries, raspberry coulis

A grand cheese selection, biscuits, malt loaf, grapes, tomato chutney

Menu 3

£62.95

Roast beetroot and thyme risotto topped with pea shoots

Seared tuna steak, thai spiced noodles, wilted greens,
lemon oil, snipped chives

Duck 3 ways, confit, spring roll and smoked, hoi sin and madeira reduction, julienne
cucumber

Caramelised red onion tart, goats cheese crust,
bell pepper chutney, sauce verge V

“Yorkshire” rib eye steak, cognac and peppercorn sauce, lambs lettuce

Venison loin, buttered savoy, fondant potato, port and wild mushroom sauce

Grilled fillet of sea bass, asparagus tips, bubble and squeak, lobster bisque

Glazed carrot, mushroom and hazelnut tart, tarragon and tomato sauce V

White chocolate and basil posset, balsamic glazed strawberries,
shortbread fingers

Steamed syrup sponge, stem ginger ice-cream

Cherry and almond bakewell tart, crème anglaise,
roast figs

Dark chocolate basket filled with a mango sorbet,
melange of seasonal berries, raspberry coulis

Cheese board selection, biscuits, grapes, malt loaf

Canapé's

We can offer a wide selection of canapé's
which are perfect accompaniment to your
post ceremony drink

£15.95 for 5 with a glass of House
Champagne

£12.95 for 5 with a Pimms, Mulled wine,
Bucks Fizz

Parmesan cheese straws

Mini Yorkshire puddings with various fillings

Greek feta and olive stack

Brie and tomato tatin

King Crevette and a sweet chilli crème fraiche

Mini duck spring rolls with a plum
and hoi sin dip

Chicken satay

Camembert and cherry tomato tower

Smoked salmon and herb bilini

Evening snack

Pie and peas or hot sandwiches

£8.95

Cheeseboards (serves 5)

£27.95

Accommodation

We are not a hotel, but on the other side of the Tower is the Barden Bunk Barn, which can sleep up to 24. We recognise this is not suitable for everyone, but is perfect for families and for those wanting to make a weekend of it or those not wanting to worry about drinking and driving. It is also ideal as a base to use for changing or giving the kids a bit of a break....

If you are having the full day with us, then we strongly recommend you book the barn too as it will provide total exclusivity for the site and also provide additional car parking facilities.

The barn has recently been refurbished to a higher specification.

See www.bardenbunkbarn.com



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. BOOKING & CANCELLATION

To confirm and secure your reservation, we require a deposit of £250 for the use of the House or Chapel and £200 for the Barden Bunk Barn if required. This can be by any means, but bank transfer is preferred.

In the unfortunate circumstance that you need to cancel then this must be notified in writing (email acceptable). Deposits are in principle non refundable, but we will endeavour to rebook the day and if we are successful in securing another booking for an approximately comparable event we will refund the deposit in full. This will be undertaken on a best endeavours basis and we cannot guarantee to be successful.

If the cancellation is within 16 weeks of the event date, then the full house fee and bunk barn cost, less the deposit already paid, is payable. We strongly recommend that wedding insurance is taken out.

The Priests House reserves the right to cancel a booking and without any liability on its part in the event of any factors beyond its reasonable control such as fire or other natural causes, loss of power or water supplies, food supplies, or statutory closures through events such as foot and mouth disease etc or where management consider the event will cause damage to property or potential safety issues to guests and employees.

2. PAYMENT

All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT. The balance of payments for smaller weddings using the House is payable either by bank transfer beforehand or by card/cash on the day.

For chapel weddings the balance is payable at least 4 weeks prior to the event date. This invoice will be based on the numbers provided and will cover the known estimated cost including food, reception drinks, wines and room hire. Any outstanding balance should be settled on the day.

3. BEHAVIOUR OF GUESTS

The person booking the event accepts full responsibility for the behaviour of all guests. If in the reasonable opinion of The Priests House, the behaviour of any guest(s) is such that there is concern to the security of the property, other guests or staff, then the behaviour will be brought to the attention of the responsible person. If such behaviour continues and the offending guest(s) refuse to leave when requested then The Priests House reserves the right to terminate the event and ask everyone to leave. There will be no refunds paid.

Damages to property arising from improper behaviour or actions must be paid for.

4. GENERAL

Only food and beverages purchased at the Priests House may be consumed on the premises. If food or beverages are brought in for consumption, a charge will be made equal to the selling price for that or an equivalent product. Sorry but corkage facilities are not available.

5. SERVICE CHARGE

We add an optional service charge to the bill representing 10% of food and drink to a maximum of £200.