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Weddings



Congratulations

Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding!

At the Thurrock Hotel your special day is as important to us as it is to you.

We aim to make every moment perfect, so you can treasure the memories for many years to come.

Excellent food, drink and caring attentive staff will create the right atmosphere, along with the décor or your choice all to make your reception the occasion of a lifetime.



The Thurrock Hotel | One of the most popular wedding venues in Essex

All our wedding reception packages include the essentials for a great wedding reception but can be enhanced by you with room decorations, flowers, chair covers, a toastmaster should you so desire.

Silver Package:

- Arrival drink of Bucks Fizz
- 3 Course meal from the Menu Selector
- Red, white wine or rose wine with the meal (1/2 bottle per person)
- Prosecco for the toast
- Evening Finger Buffet for the daytime guests
- Linen napkins & cloths
- Cake stand & knife
- Accommodation for the Bride and Groom on the night of the wedding, including breakfast in the morning.
- Red or White carpet to the ceremony or reception room

Gold Package:

Same as Silver Package but includes:

- Chair covers & choice of coloured sash
- Arrival drinks of Bucks Fizz, white wine or ½ pint of lager (choose 2 options)
- 3 Course meal from the Menu Selector
- Post honeymoon Sunday lunch for 2 with complimentary bottle of house wine to welcome back the newlyweds!

Platinum Package:

Includes all of the Gold Package Plus:

- Complimentary nights stay for the Bride and 1 guest for the night prior to the wedding including breakfast.
- Complimentary use of the Ceremony Room
- Champagne for the toasts

To enhance your wedding package we can recommend suppliers for room decorations, toastmasters, DJ's and more. Please ask for our events team for details. Please note that any DJ's booked directly by yourselves will be required to sign a health & safety statement regarding their equipment.

The Library at Thurrock Hotel is licensed to hold Civil Weddings and Partnership Ceremonies.

This means we can cater for a small intimate group or a large congregation of up to a maximum of 80 guests depending upon your individual requirements. There will be a room hire charge of between £300 and £500 for a Civil Ceremony depending on the day of the week, the number of people attending and whether you have booked a reception or function to follow the ceremony.



Wedding Menus

Please choose 1 starter, 1 main & 1 dessert from the package you have selected.

SILVER PACKAGE

Leek and Potato Soup Parsley Cream

Roast Tomato and Pepper Soup, Basil Oil

Pressed Smoked Ham Hock Terrine
with Piccalilli and Ciabatta Croute

Brie and Leek Tart with Tomato and Shallot Chutney

Smoked Mackerel and Horseradish Pate
with Crusty Bread and Pickles

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Pan Roasted Breast of Chicken
with Potato Gratin and Red Wine Jus

Baked Fillet of Salmon Crushed Garlic
and Chive Potatoes Tomato Fondue

Roasted Loin of Old Spot Pork with Bubble and Squeak,
Crackling, Apple Cider Jus

Pea, Spring Onion and Corn Risotto
with Pecorino and Herb Oil

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Milk Chocolate Tart, Praline Cream and Sesame Brittle

Lemon Curd Cheesecake Textures of Raspberry

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Treacle Sauce Vanilla Ice Cream

Ice Cream and Sorbet Selection With Brandy Snap Basket

GOLD PACKAGE

Roast Butternut Squash Soup with Cinnamon Cream

Chicken and Sweet Corn Broth
with Chilli, Garlic and Spring Onion

Terrine of Confit Chicken and Baby Leeks,
Bacon and Chilli Jam, Baby Leaf Salad

Tian of Prawn and Crab, Cucumber,
Tomato, Red Pepper Emulsion

Baked Marinated Goats Cheese,
Heritage Tomato and Basil Salad, Vincotta

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Slow Cooked Belly of Old Spot Pork,
Sweet Potato Puree, Crackling, Port Jus

Braised Feather Blade of Beef Bourguignon,
Garlic Creamed Potatoes

Poached Smoked Haddock, Potato & Herb Cake, Creamed Leeks

Courgette, Aubergine and Vine Tomato Bake, Spinach Salad

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Baileys Crème Brulee with Biscotti

Chocolate Brownie, Dark Chocolate Sauce, Vanilla Cream,

Mixed Berries' Eton Mess

Citrus Tart with Vanilla Cream and Berry Compote

PLATINUM PACKAGE

Confit Duck Leg Presse, Plum Compote, Watercress Salad

Roasted Beetroot Soup with Herb Crème Fraiche

Home Cured Salmon, Citrus and Fennel Salad, Salmon Caviar

Chicken, Smoked Bacon and Tarragon Terrine,
Sour Dough, Fruit Chutney

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Slow Cooked Shoulder of Lamb, Apricot Stuffing,
Boulangere Potato, Redcurrant Jus

Beef Wellington, Truffle Infused Mash, Bordelaise Jus

Roast Sea Bass Fillet, Basil Mash, Sauce Vierge

Gnocchi with Wild Mushrooms Roast Garlic and Parmesan

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Trio of Chocolate
(Brownie, Milk Chocolate & Cointreau Mousse,
White Chocolate Shake)

Assiette of Desserts
(Lemon Tart, Raspberry Cheesecake, Poached Fruits,)

British Cheese Selection with Quince Jelly and Biscuits

Iced Passion Fruit Parfait and Mango Salsa

Vegetarian and other dietary requirements are available.
Please request these when confirming your booking.

Enhance your Wedding Menu... Upgrade from Prosecco to champagne and/or add an additional course of English cheeses, celery, grape & biscuits for a supplement.

Children

Children ages under 12 years will be charged 50% of the adult price and will receive a child's portion of the adult meal. Any children requiring an adult sized portion will be charged at the adult price. Orange juice and fruit punch will be provided as children's drinks.

EVENING BUFFET

Please choose 7 items in total – 3 from menu A, 2 from menu B & 2 from menu C below.

Menu A

Choose 3 items from this list

- Spice Potato Wedges with Sour Cream
- Sausage Rolls Plain or Cheese & Pickle
- Assorted Sandwiches
- Mini Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney
- Mini Spring Rolls & Sweet Soy Dipping Sauce
- Crudites Cheese Straws & Trio of Dips
- Selection of Pizza Slices
- Season Pork Crackling

Menu B

Choose 2 items from this list

- Hot Wings with Blue Cheese Dip
- Southern Fried Chicken
- Honey & Mustard Glazed Chipolatas
- Plaice Goujons& Tartar Sauce
- Assorted Gourmet Wraps
- Sweet Potato Fries with Alioli
- Salt & Pepper Squid

Menu C

Choose 2 items from this list

- Slow Cooked BBQ Ribs & Hickory BBQ Sauce
- Mini Beef Sliders with Cheese & Relish
- Slow Cooked Pulled Pork Sliders with Creolaise
- Tempura Battered King Prawns with Sweet Chilli Dip
- Crispy Coated Pork with Sweet n Sour Sauce
- Nachos with Chilli, Sour Cream, Salsa & Cheese
- Beef Satay Skewers Thai Style
- Assiette Dessert Selection

Enhance your finger buffet further by adding some extra choices. All additional items are charged at £1.50 per item per person.



Countdown to a Wedding



We hope this countdown diary will help you with all the planning necessary to make your wedding a relaxed and happy occasion.

IMMEDIATELY

- Visit the minister or registrar and set the date
- Book your civil ceremony and /or reception at the Hotel and pay the deposit
- Compile the guest list
- Choose bridesmaids, best man & ushers
- Organise all the wedding clothes
- Book your honeymoon

9 MONTHS

- A further deposit of 15% to the Hotel for the reception

5 MONTHS

- Book wedding cars
- Book photographer/video company
- Have fittings for your dress and those for bridesmaids
- Shop for going away clothes, lingerie, etc
- Order wedding invitations

4 MONTHS

- Order your wedding cake
- Buy wedding ring(s)
- Order wedding stationary, for ceremony and reception
- Confirm all service details with your minister or the registrar

3 MONTHS

- Buy the presents for your attendants
- Organise all wedding flowers
- Confirm reception details
- Post wedding invitations

2 MONTHS

- Guests book accommodation to avoid disappointment
- A further deposit of 50% to the Hotel for the reception
- Make a list of acceptances and refusals as they come in
- Buy cake boxes for those unable to attend
- Arrange a seating plan for the reception
- Go to the hairdressers with your headwear & book final appointment
- Practice any new make-up
- Check all wedding clothes are near completion
- Prepare a newspaper announcement of your wedding if required

1 MONTH

- Send thank you letters for wedding presents as they arrive or this may be left until after the honeymoon

3 WEEKS

- Give final numbers of guests to the Hotel in writing 21 days before the day
- Balance of payment to Hotel for reception

1 WEEK

- Have a rehearsal of wedding ceremony
- Make final checks on catering cake transports flowers & photography
- Check all your wedding clothes
- Arrange to have going away clothes & suitcases taken to venue
- Have a Hen night and Stag night !
- Relax. You've made it. Now enjoy Yourself!!!!

Traditional Wedding Etiquette and Special Duties

ARRIVALS

If you employ a Master of Ceremonies he will announce the guests as they arrive and direct them to the receiving line. The bride's mother and father, the groom's mother and father, the bride and groom (and if you wish the attendants) form a line and greet the wedding guests. At less formal gatherings the bride and groom could receive guests on their own.

TOASTS AND SPEECHES

Speeches are an important part of every wedding. They should be brief, sincere and to the point. A good joke is worth a lot but the guests do not want to sit through a detailed history of the bride's childhood or an embarrassing account of the couple's romance leading to the aisle.

The toasts are usually made in the following manner:

- **The bride's father or an old family friend** proposes a toast to the health of the bride and groom.
- **The bridegroom** replies. He should thank the bride's parents for giving the wedding (if the bridegroom paid for all or part of the wedding he should thank the parents for their time and help). He then thanks the guests for their presents and rounds off by proposing a toast to the attendants.
- **The best man** replies on their behalf and may conclude by reading the Telemessages.

If you employ a toastmaster or master of ceremonies, he will announce the speeches and make sure that the cake cutting and departure of the bride and groom are heralded with all the aplomb they deserve.

THE BRIDE

- The bride selects the type of service.
- She decides on her dress and the bridesmaids attire.

THE BRIDEGROOM

- The bridegroom selects the best man and ushers (if any).
- He buys the rings and pays the church fees.
- He can also buy presents for the bridesmaids, best man and ushers as a gesture of gratitude for their help.
- He buys flowers for his bride, bride's mother, his own mother, bridesmaids, and buttonholes for himself and the best man.
- He arranges and pays for transport for himself and the best man and for the bride and himself after the wedding.

BEST MAN

- The best man is the bridegroom's right hand man.
- He keeps the ring and ensures the bridegroom gets to the church on time.
- He pays the church fees on behalf of the bridegroom.
- He checks and ensures transport for all guests to the reception and that any travel arrangements for the honeymoon are in order.
- At the reception it is the best man's honour to read any congratulatory messages.

CHIEF BRIDESMAID

- She assists the bride to dress, holds the bouquet during the ceremony and organises other bridesmaids.

BRIDE'S FATHER

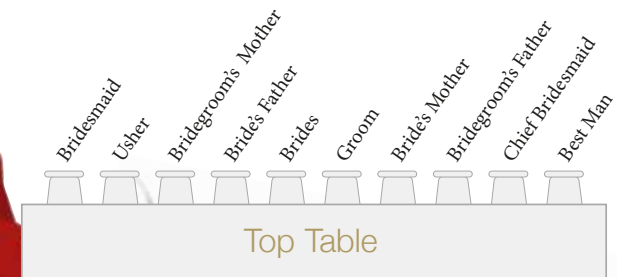
- The father gives the bride away. He receives guests at the reception. He pays for the wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses, cars (except bridegroom's), photographs, church and reception flowers, invitations and press announcements (if any).

BRIDE'S MOTHER

- The bride's mother is traditionally in charge of all the proceedings.
- She decides on the guest list together with the bridegroom's mother and the venue for the reception. After the wedding ceremony, the bride's mother and father, together with the bride and bridegroom and his parents, greet the guests at the reception.

SEATING PLANS

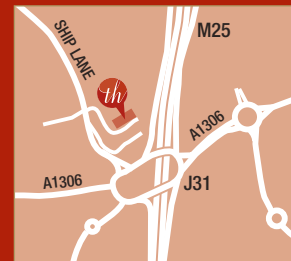
If there is to be a sit down meal it is usual to have a top table for the Bridal party. It is not essential to have a full seating plan for all of the guests but the top table is usually planned as the diagram shows. At an informal reception, the bride and groom may circulate and only move to the table for the cake cutting ceremony.





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