



Weddings at the Kingston Estate

2009

Michael & Elizabeth Corfield, together with the staff at Kingston, would like to offer you congratulations on your forthcoming marriage, and are delighted that you have enquired about holding your wedding reception at The Kingston Estate.

As a magnificent example of early eighteenth century architecture, set in formal gardens and complimented by the period cottages surrounding the cobbled Courtyard, there can be few settings offering a more romantic location for the special occasion of your wedding. Whether your plans are for a select party of close friends and relatives, or a larger formal reception, the private country estate of Kingston is ideally situated to offer the finest food and wines, and exceptional accommodation, in the tranquil setting of the South Hams region of South Devon, whilst being conveniently located only four miles from the A38 Devon Expressway.

Planning a wedding can seem a daunting prospect at the outset, but at Kingston we offer our guests the luxury of decisions without the headache of arranging the details. From cake icing to chauffeured vintage cars, and from musicians to florists, we have a proven team of skilled people to ensure the success of your reception, whatever your anticipated guest list.

The following pages offer information which, we trust, will assist you in your decision as to whether Kingston is the right place for you to have your

Wedding Reception, we hope that you will find the points mentioned helpful and informative, whatever your decision may be.

Licensed for Civil Weddings

The Marble Hall is the licensed venue at Kingston. Rows of gilt chairs are placed leaving an aisle for the Bride to reach The Registrar's table. In the summer, beautiful flower arrangements scent the hall, the lovely scenery and gardens are framed in the windows. In winter, the huge fireplace is filled with burning logs, seasonal arrangements set the scene and Summer & Winter, candles and sconces can be lit, making a very romantic setting at any time of the year.

The Garden Suite

The Garden Suite provides a customized facility for larger Wedding receptions without the need and expense of erecting a marquee. This suite consists of a main room complete with oak floor for dancing and large enough to seat 100 guests at round tables. The room is fully fitted with sound and air handling systems, and an audio loop helps the hard of hearing. This overlooks the Baroque Gardens complete with Fountain. Adjacent is a licensed bar and Buffet Room, which can either be used for smaller events or be ancillary to the main room. In short The Garden Suite is designed to provide a flexible facility suitable for a wide range of Weddings, only one of which is held at a time, so maintaining exclusivity.

Fine Dining at Kingston

Excellent food is a vital constituent of any major occasion, and at Kingston we specialize in the very best cuisine with as much produce as possible grown in our kitchen gardens.

All food served at Kingston is cooked by our own Chefs to the highest standards, and if guests have a preference for a style of cookery, or even a particular dish that they would like for their reception, then we will be delighted to oblige. Sample menus are available by request for your perusal and discussion; however the menu for each reception is planned and agreed individually with the clients themselves to suit their specific requirements.

Accommodation at Kingston

Within Kingston House itself there are three restored period suites; The Blue Suite, (the master suite of the house incorporating a copy of a 1735 double Angel Tester bed), The Green Room, (with its 1830 double four poster bed), and The Red Suite decorated in the style of 1740 with twins or expansive double bed shrouded in red and gold silk hangings). Adjoining the house are the nine Five Star Graded cottages, all in period buildings dating from 1650 to 1830, that have been sympathetically converted to a high standard and which provide a further eighteen bedrooms. For larger wedding receptions it is an ideal location if all twenty one bedrooms at Kingston are booked for two days, providing total exclusivity. For smaller parties a proportion of the accommodation may also be taken.

Wines

We have an extensive cellar of fine wines from all over the world from which to choose, and for larger occasions we offer a range of more competitively priced wines. Vintage ports, Armagnac and Cognacs are available and we will always endeavor to source a preferred choice of wine if it is not usually part of our standard list. In the event that you already have some wine that you would like to drink, we will be happy to serve your own wines for a corkage fee.

Wedding Cakes

As the business of creating a professionally iced cake is a specialized skill, we prefer to arrange for a local expert to design and make the cake to suit our guests' specific requirements and have a book of example photographs.

Music

We are able to arrange a broad spectrum of music from jazz bands to ceileigh and from Harpsichord recitals to string quartets, for a background to a reception, or for dancing.

Flowers

We have an excellent florist who will produce arrangements and displays in colours of the Bride's choice, incorporating any specific preferences. Our florist will also be happy to arrange the bride's bouquet, buttonholes, bouquets, , church decorations, or anything that is required. Please just ask.

Vintage Cars

Liveried chauffeurs driving classic or vintage cars to transport the bridal party to the church and thereafter to bring the newlyweds to the reception can be arranged.

Sample Costs & Venue Charges For Wedding's during 2009

Venue Charge for Exclusive use of Kingston House

Exclusive use of Kingston House for larger Wedding receptions is available.. A maximum of 130 guests can be seated using a marquee in the West Garden including a Civil Wedding ceremony's (if required), and accommodation in the three house suites for two nights bed and breakfast. The cost per night is £1290.00.

The Garden Suite

The self-contained suite makes an ideal venue for the perfect wedding reception. With a seating capacity of up to 120 people, a dance floor, and a private bar area. The exclusive hire charge for this Suite is £20.00 per head, with minimum hire charge of £850. This is to include flowers of the bride's colours in large arrangements and table decorations.

Civil Ceremony & Reception in the Marble Hall.

The hire of our fine Marble Hall for a Civil Wedding Ceremony is £595, with a maximum of three children strictly under control as we do not usually take children in the house. This price includes flowers of the bride's colours. An ideal combination would be to take, the Garden Suite in conjunction with the marble Hall, for that perfect day. Smaller wedding receptions for up to 40 adults can be facilitated in the marble hall at a cost of £900.

Marquees

(Gatherings of up to 130)

White Marquee (70'x 30') with walkways and service tent, to include blue carpeting, linings (ivory pleated with choice of swag colour), lighting, dance floor (20'x 20'), tables and seating for up to 130 guests. (This cost is subject to formal quotation.)

Approx £5,000.00 plus equipment hire of £30.00 per person

Optional extras: -

Heater with fuel, £ 250.00

Public address system £150.00

(Prices for smaller Marquees are available on request)

Accommodation Charges

We regret that it is not possible to accept accommodation bookings for wedding guests in the Kingston Estate cottages unless they are for a minimum of two nights and out of peak periods. All accommodation booked for Weddings includes the use of Exercise Pool, Sauna, Spa, Gym & Games Room, not open on a Wedding afternoon & evening for safety reasons.

Cottages

Charges for the cottages, booked on a bed and breakfast double occupancy basis are **£80.00** per person for the Master Bedroom in each cottage and **£68.00** per person for twin bedded en suite rooms per night. In the Bird cottages, the master bedroom is **£65.00** per person per night and **£50.00** per person in the twin rooms. This is inclusive of a full cooked English breakfast (cottages are dependent on availability and are subject to seasonal restrictions).

House Rooms

The Green Room **£190**, The Red Suite **£200**, The Blue Suite **£215**, these prices are for double occupancy and include full English breakfast. Discounts apply to stays of three nights or more.

Fine Dining - Sample Prices

Three course Wedding Breakfast; **£42.00**

Four course Wedding Breakfast; **£46.00** per head

Or

Wedding Breakfast Buffet; **£42.00** per head

Evening Buffets

Finger buffets **£20**

Canapés

£5.00 per head

Sample Wine Prices

Sparkling Wines - depending on choice from **£18.50** per bottle

Champagne from **£35.00** per bottle

These prices are subject to change

House Corkage

(For those who wish to supply their own wine)

Wine per 70cl bottles **£8.50**, Champagne per 70cl **£15.00**

(Larger bottles charged pro rata.)

Wines can be ordered to individual requirements from our extensive wine list or ordered specially. Wine prices are correct at time of printing but we Reserve the right to alter without prior notice, a full estimate will be available at date of enquiry.

Musicians

Naturally the rate for bands will vary considerably, dependent on the number of members in the group. A guide price of approximately £250 - £500 gives an indication of likely cost. All music must be recommended or approved by Kingston, since Music- Alcohol Licensing is strictly monitored.

At Kingston every wedding is different and unique, and so, rather than offer our clients an 'off the peg' reception option, we prefer to tailor our services to the precise requirements of the couple concerned. From your first visit to Kingston we trust that you will find our individual service to be to your complete satisfaction.

Wedding Insurance is mandatory at Kingston since it not only ensures against any damage but also covers the Bride and Groom for most eventualities.

All prices include V.A.T.

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For bookings in 2008 and beyond, an allowance of approx 5% - 7% per annum is recommended