



The
**Queens Head
Riverside Inn**

Weddings



Congratulations

On your forthcoming wedding & we would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for the future.

At the Queens Head Riverside Inn, Nassington your special day is as important to us as it is to you. We want you to enjoy the occasion & every special moment, so that you can treasure the memories for years to come.

Excellent food & drink, caring & attentive staff, a charming atmosphere and a fabulous riverside setting will make your reception the occasion of a lifetime.



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Where wedding dreams come true...

All our Wedding Reception menus are complete packages including everything except flowers, which we leave for you to match with the colour scheme you require, to make your special day a memorable one. You can relax with your guests in the knowledge that our experienced staff will help and advise you from the initial enquiry, through all the planning stages to the table plan and final numbers. On the day you can sit back and enjoy the occasion, secure in the knowledge that every detail will have been taken care of exactly as agreed.

We are licensed for civil ceremonies so you can get married and hold your reception here or you can choose to get married in a church or other venue and hold your wedding reception at the Queens Head.

The wedding packages include:

- A reception drink of Red or White Wine or Fruit Punch on arrival
- Your chosen Wedding Breakfast Menu
- Red and White wine with the meal
- A glass of Sparkling Wine for the toast
- White linen napkins and tablecloths
- Use of the Wedding Cake Stand and knife
- Hire of the Function Suite for the day and evening
- Your chosen Finger Buffet for the evening reception.



A Marquee Wedding Reception

If your heart is set on having a wedding reception in a marquee, the lawn & terrace facing the River Nene is a glorious setting in the countryside.

The lawn area can accommodate marquees for up to 120 people with a dance floor & can be styled for your event. The marquee will accommodate your guests in comfort with easy access to the main facilities of the Queens Head.

Please contact us to discuss your requirements for a marquee and we would be delighted to arrange a personalised quotation for your wedding.

Exclusive Use Option

Have you considered having the exclusive use of the entire Queens Head Inn for your wedding?

The Exclusive Use Option is available for just £9 500 and includes the wedding reception package of your choice, 9 bedrooms for one night with welcome packs for your guests, full English breakfast, use of the bar, restaurant and gardens, car parking and other facilities of the hotel.

This is without doubt a wonderful way to ensure a truly intimate & exclusive wedding reception in a beautiful setting.

The Exclusive Use Option is based on 60 day guests, and an additional 60 evening guest, using the Garden suite & includes VAT @20%, service and the wedding reception catering. A wedding ceremony, if required, other catering, bar drinks and additional night's accommodation are not included. Exclusive use commences at 12 noon and concludes at 10 am the following day.



Wedding Menus

Please choose one of menu A, B, C, or D as part of the wedding package.

MENU A

Prawn and Crab Tian, Herb Crème Fraiche, Spiced Toast

or

Herb Crusted English Goats Cheese, Beetroot Croute, Sweet Pepper and Balsamic

Roast Breast of Chicken, Sage and Thyme Crust, Pancetta Mousseline, Wild Mushroom Sauce

or

Escalope of Shetland Salmon, Creamed Leeks and Saffron Sauce

Served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Home-made Profiteroles with Chantilly Cream and Hot Chocolate Sauce

or

Vanilla Cheesecake and Black Cherry Sauce

Freshly Filtered Coffee and Chocolate Mints

MENU B

Sliced Serrano Ham with a Salad of watermelon and Feta

or

Smoked Mackerel Ballotine, Fresh Horseradish, Baby Leaves and Garlic Croutes

Roast Sirloin of Beef aged on the bone for 28 days and Yorkshire Pudding

or

Pan-fried Fillet of Sea Bass, courgette Provençal and salsa Verde

Served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Dark Chocolate and Grand Marnier Torte, Raspberry Coulis

or

Glazed Lemon Tart and Orange Sorbet

Freshly Filtered Coffee and Chocolate Mints

MENU C - Carved Buffet

Oak Smoked Salmon with Capers, Lemon and Horseradish Cream

or

Smoked Gressingham Duck Breast, Orange and Watercress Salad, Hazelnut Dressing

Roast Sirloin of Matured Beef
Honey Glazed Ham on the Bone
Breast of Warwickshire Turkey
Whole Dressed Salmon

Beef Bourguignon in a Rich Red Wine Sauce
Hot Spinach and Ricotta Strudel

Served with

Buttered New Potatoes • Hot Pilaf Rice
Home-made Coleslaw • Rocket and Tomato Salad • Potato Salad
Pasta Salad with Roast Peppers and Pesto

Baked Pear in Puff Pastry, Vanilla Ice-cream and Chocolate Sauce

or

A Selection of Fine British Cheeses, Preserves and Biscuits

Freshly Filtered Coffee and Chocolate Mints

MENU D

Organic Salmon Gravlax with Blood Orange Caviar and Orange Puree

or

Twice Baked Roquefort Souffle with Celery, Grape and Hazelnut Salad

Classic Beef wellington with Potato Dauphinoise, Fine Beans in Bacon and Truffle Jus

or

Fillet of Turbot and Crispy Chicken Wing with Pommes Puree, Baby Spinach & Poultry Jus

Warm Chocolate Fondant with Grand Marnier Ice-cream

or

Mango and Passion Fruit Delice, Caramelised Pineapple and Lemon Sorbet

Freshly Filtered Coffee and Chocolate Mints

BBQ Menu - Available for a supplement instead of menu A or B

4oz Sirloin Steak

Lamb Kebabs Marinated in Yoghurt

Slow Roasted Spare Ribs

Salmon Lollipops

Corn on the Cob

Caesar salad

Home-made Coleslaw

Mixed Salad

Garlic Bread

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

Enhance Your Wedding Menu...

Upgrade from Sparkling wine to champagne and/or add an additional course of English Cheeses, celery, grape and biscuits for a small supplement. Prices are available on request.

Evening Finger Buffet

The wedding package includes an evening finger buffet for the number of guests attending the main reception. We also offer the option of upgrading to an evening BBQ or a Hog Roast instead of the finger buffet. If you are inviting additional guests for the evening they will be charged at the published tariff price.

EVENING BUFFET

Please choose 5 items from the list below that will be served alongside an assortment of sandwiches

HOT

Spiced Potato wedges with sour Cream and chives
Marinated Buffalo Wings
Mini chicken Fajitas
Hot Sausage Rolls
Vegetable and Seafood Dim Sum
Cheddar Cheese and Leek Tartlets

COLD

Serrano Ham and Melon Brochettes
Mini Chicken Caesar Salads
Focaccia Topped with Tomato, Olives and Mozzarella
Hand Raised Pork Pie with Pickles
Smoked Salmon and Cream cheese Bagels
Baby Gem Lettuce with Dips

SWEETS

Fresh Cream Eclairs
Mixed Berry Shortcake
Mini Strawberry Pavlova

Additional items are available at a supplement

BBQ MENU

AVAILABLE FOR A SUPPLEMENT
INSTEAD OF THE EVENING BUFFET

Home-made Hamburger and Relish
Cajun Chicken and Herb Yoghurt
Owen Taylors Award Winning Sausages
Spiced Potato Wedges
Tomato, Red Onion and Feta Salad
Home-made Coleslaw
Green Salad

HOG ROAST MENU

AVAILABLE FOR A SUPPLEMENT
INSTEAD OF THE EVENING BUFFET
MINIMUM 100 PEOPLE

Whole Spit Roasted Warwickshire Hog
Mediterranean Vegetable and Mozzarella Baps
Sage and Onion Stuffing
Chunky Apple Sauce
Spicy Potato Wedges
Corn on the Cob
Home-made coleslaw
Tomato, Red Onion and Feta salad
Green Salad

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.

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

13 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

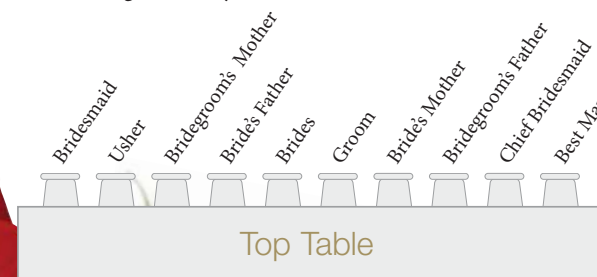
- The father gives the bride away. He receives guests at the reception. He pays for the wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses, cars (except bridegroom's), photographs, church and reception flowers, invitations and press announcements (if any).

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.

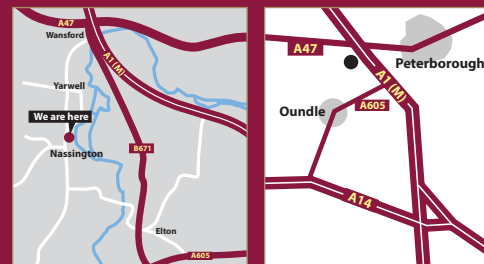
SEATING PLANS

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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