



briarfields

TITCHWELL



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Your Perfect Venue

Briarfields has an individual charm and welcoming atmosphere, situated in the quiet coastal village of Titchwell, with stunning views across the marshes to the RSPB nature reserve and the North Sea. Formerly a farm building, Briarfields has been renovated using local carrestone, flint and timber. The mature gardens and outside seating areas provide an attractive setting for drinks receptions and photographs.

Our emphasis is on quality of service; the team at Briarfields will attend to everything with an experienced, friendly and professional approach.

With our excellent reputation for food and wine you have the perfect venue for your big day.

Planning your Wedding

Organising your wedding can be a daunting task. We will be only too pleased to assist you with any aspect of your wedding day, from planning your seating and menus, to recommending florists and entertainment.

With many years of experience, we are able to offer you a highly professional service which will help you to explore all possible options to ensure we give you not only a day to remember, but one which you feel is uniquely yours.

During the weeks prior to your wedding we will always be at hand to offer guidance, reassurance and suggest a meeting six weeks prior to the wedding to go through your final arrangements.

On the day itself a senior member of staff will personally coordinate the day's events, so that you are able to relax and enjoy your wedding day.

Please contact us to arrange an appointment with a manager who will be able to answer your questions and show you the hotel's facilities.

Your Wedding Day

Included on the day

When you have decided on your dining arrangements and have chosen your menus and drinks, the following are included with our compliments:

- Venue with no extra charge
- Menu tasting for your food and wine choices
- Double bedroom for the bride and groom
- Guidance and assistance to help meet individual requirements
- The services of the wedding team, who will be there to make sure everything runs smoothly
- Use of our grounds
- Use of our cake stand and knife
- Extensive car parking



Entertainments Licence

Our licence allows your evening function to finish at 1am Friday and Saturday, midnight on Sunday to Thursday. The Bar will close half an hour before your function ends.



Your Wedding Accommodation

Your Guests

To have sole use of the hotel you must occupy all twenty two rooms. If your guests would like to stay the night prior or night after the wedding a discounted rate will be offered. Should we be unable to accommodate all your guests, we will offer assistance in securing alternative accommodation. Confirmation of all reservations must be received eight weeks prior to your wedding day via letter and credit card details.

Rooms are available for check-in from 2.00pm onwards.



Terms & Conditions

Bookings on a Saturday in the peak season (May to September), must be a minimum of 95 full paying adults. For Sunday to Friday weddings a minimum of 80 full paying adults are required. The hotel can be for your own private use if your guests occupy all twenty two bedrooms. To hold an option on your preferred date, please telephone the reception to check availability. Options can only be held for a maximum of 14 days. Bookings not confirmed within 14 days will automatically be released.

To confirm your reservation we must receive the appropriate deposit. Please note all deposits received are non-refundable and non-transferable. Final numbers are requested four weeks in advance of the wedding and we reserve the right to charge for any shortfall from the contracted minimum numbers.

All prices quoted are current prices only and we reserve the right to amend these prices should circumstances beyond our control influence their composition. Prices quoted include VAT.

Cancellations and Insurance

In the unfortunate event of you having to cancel your booking within 6 months of the event, the hotel reserves the right to levy a cancellation fee. The amount charged would be dependent on the timing of the cancellation. We recommend that insurance is taken out.

Menus at Briarfields 2011

We offer bespoke menus for your wedding, and will help you select your menu and offer a food tasting session when we will suggest which wines would complement your meal.

Canapés - £1.50 each

Meat

Mini Yorkshire puddings filled with beef and horseradish
Ham hock and parsley terrine, quail egg
Roast beef tartare, cornichons
Carpaccio of beef on parmesan and rocket
Honey and mustard roasted chipolatas
Lamb koftas, tzatziki

Poultry

Duck spring rolls with hoi sin sauce
Coronation chicken papadums
Gravadlax of duck, pear and pickled walnut
Chicken Caesar salad

Fish

Smoked salmon and soured cream blinis
Mini fish and chips with tartare sauce (£1 extra)
Salmon, pink grapefruit and basil ceviche
Tiger prawn, avocado and mayo granary crôuté
Brancaster crab and dill beignet, lemon mayo
Gazpacho shot, skewered prawn

Vegetarian

Spinach and feta filo roll
Mini baked potato with crème fraîche
Waldorf salad
Baby aubergine stuffed with peppers and pine nuts
Cheese scone, cream cheese, sundried tomato and fresh basil
Three cheese and chive gougère
Deep fried Somerset brie, gooseberry relish

Sweet

Lemon meringue pie
Chocolate éclair
Malteser cake
Scottish tablet
Chocolate truffle
Coconut square
Mini Bakewell
Honey and pecan scone, mascarpone cheese



Starters

Soups pea and ham,
carrot and coriander,
leek and potato,
roasted red pepper,
tomato and basil,
mushroom and garlic,
fish soup with rouille

Spicy beef strips, stir-fry vegetables, egg noodles

Coarse farmhouse pâté, pickled vegetable salad, granary toast

Ham hock terrine, pickled vegetable salad and granary roast

Tian of Brancaster crab and prawn, avocado and tomato with salad leaves and preserved lemon vinaigrette

Black pepper panacotta, gravadlax, granary crumble

Caramelised fig, Mrs Temple's Binham blue cheese bon bons, rocket, toasted seeds

Melon, champagne sorbet, minted strawberry sauce

Pigeon breast, crushed peas, bacon and jus

Seafood bar



Main Courses

From the Land

Roast sirloin of beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, red wine jus

Loin of pork saltimbocca, celeriac puree, caramelised apple, dauphinoise potatoes, cider jus

Duo of lamb, braised shoulder and 2 bone rack, rosemary pesto, baby jacket potatoes, red wine and roast garlic jus

Butter poached chicken breast, baby fondant potatoes, caramelised fennel and honey carrots

Roast rack of free range pork, coriander crackling, duck fat potatoes, sage and onion gratin, apple sauce

Pan-fried duck breast, confit leg, dauphinoise potatoes, wilted greens, baby carrots, black cherry and brandy sauce

From the Sea

Grilled fillet of seabass, East Anglian baby vegetables, saffron and rape seed oil mayo

Steamed cod, brown shrimp butter, champ potatoes, seasonal vegetables

Fillet of salmon, grilled garlic prawn, warm potato salad, herb oil

Fillet of sea bream, aromatic vegetables, parsnip puree, puy lentils and sweet cured bacon

Poached fillet of salmon, hollandaise sauce, new potatoes, local asparagus

Vegetarian

Pan fried herb gnocchi, butternut squash, broccoli, spinach and seed salad

Squash and cheese fondue, ciabatta bread sticks

Penne pasta, courgettes, pine nuts, peas and mint



Desserts

Lemon tart, blueberry and cinnamon compote

Lemon meringue pie, pouring cream

French summer fruit tart, clotted cream

Strawberry shortcake stack

Summer fruit trifle, toasted almonds, flower petals

Crème brûlée, homemade shortbread finger

Panacotta, summer berries, baby meringues

Chocolate torte with bitter orange sauce

Tiramisu with black cherry brandy compote

Chocolate brownie, vanilla ice cream, salted caramel sauce

Celebration of chocolate; chocolate torte, milk chocolate mousse, chocolate brownie

Profiteroles filled with confectioner's custard, warm chocolate sauce

White chocolate cake, local berries, crème fraîche

Seasonal fruit pie, vanilla custard

Sticky toffee pudding, toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream

Pistachio and olive oil cake, rhubarb compote

Treacle and pecan tart, clotted cream

Pear and almond tart, vanilla custard

Baked cheesecake, cherry compote

British cheeses and biscuits
with chutney, celery and grapes



Evening Buffet

This is charged per person

Bacon or scrambled egg rolls	£3.50
British cheeses and biscuits with chutney, celery and grapes	£6.50
Selection of cold meats, pâté, cheeses, pickles and French bread	£8.50
Arthur Howell's hog roast, bread rolls, apple sauce, coleslaw, crackling, whole brie and stilton , biscuits and chutney	£9.50
Seafood bar	£12.50



Countdown to your 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 and ushers
- Book your honeymoon

13 Months

- A further deposit to the hotel for the reception

5 Months

- Book wedding cars
- Book photographer/video company
- Have fittings for your dress and for your 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 to the hotel for the reception and confirmation of all reservations
- 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 and book final appointment
- Practice any new make-up
- Check all wedding clothes are near completion
- Prepare a newspaper announcement of your wedding if required

4 Weeks

- Give final numbers of guests to the hotel
- Balance of payment to the hotel

1 Week

- Have a rehearsal of wedding ceremony
- Make final checks on catering, cake, transports, flowers and photography
- Check all your wedding clothes
- Arrange to have going away clothes and 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

The Bride

The bride selects the type of service.
She decides on her dress and the bridesmaid's attire.

The Bridegroom

The bridegroom selects the best man and ushers (if any).
He buys the ring and pays the church fees.
He should 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 mother, bridesmaids, and buttonholes for himself and the best man.
He arranges and pays for transport for himself and the best man to the wedding 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 the travel arrangements for the honeymoon are in order.
At the reception it is the best man's honour to read any congratulatory telegrams.

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, bridesmaid 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.
She handles any catering arrangements and ensures the wedding cake is ready.
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.

Useful Local Contact Names and Telephone Numbers

	TYPE	NAME	CONTACT DETAILS
R	Flowers	Victoria Arrowsmith	Victoria@arrowsmiths.biz 07787 100149
	Flowers	Scent with Love	01485 535568
R	Wedding Stationary	Michael Witley Witley Press Limited	sales@witleypress.co.uk 01485 532543
R	Disco	Mark Stamford	01553 817311
	Disco	Dick Ropa	www.dickropa.com support@dickropa.com 01553 692035
	Bands	McCready Music Ivan or Jackie	www.mccreadymusic.com info@mccreadymusic.com 01485 600234
R	Photography	Anglia Photography	www.angliaphotography.com 07880 773007
	Photography	Mick Bye	www.mickbye.com photography@mickbye.com 01485 542297
	Photography	Catherine Carter Photography	www.catherinecarterphotography.co.uk 04106 425628 07799 481565
	Balloons	Divine Inspirations Julie Plumb	plumster22@tiscali.co.uk 01553 675322

R – Recommended

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