



## **Your Wedding At The Oakland's.**

May we take this opportunity to congratulate you on your forthcoming marriage and extend to you our very best wishes, now and in the future; from all of the staff; here at The Oakland's Hotel.

### **The Willow Suite Weddings**

Our splendid Willow suite is a spectacular purpose built function room, which has just undergone a fabulous makeover, with a high vaulted ceiling offering an open spacious feeling, the French windows open out on to the beautiful gardens bringing natural light to the entire room, and it offers the very best in facilities for every occasion. The Willow suite can easily accommodate up to 130 guests for an afternoon wedding breakfast and 200 + for an evening reception. The suite has a beautiful private entrance lobby and is graced by a charming Clock Tower at the entrance, making the suite totally self contained and the perfect choice. The costs below are based on a Friday, Saturday or bank holiday Sundays. Discounts are available for week day weddings.



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**Our Restaurant Weddings** For those wishing to have a more intimate wedding of 70 for the wedding breakfast and a 100 for the evening reception we offer our beautiful restaurant, tastefully decorated with a modern twist, with beautiful views from the conservatory overlooking the gardens and direct access to our Victorian glazed veranda.

Our restaurant has been decorated in soft pastel colours; the tables have been exclusively designed, made from cherry wood and finished with black granite table tops. The chairs were imported from Holland, manufactured by Joris Trading; therefore there is no need for the additional costs for hiring chair covers or room decoration. However we do offer a room and table decoration service for those who like additional touches. The restaurant carries a reduced room hire of £225.00

## **There is a charge for all Oakland's Wedding Packages**

### **and includes the following :**

Round Cake Stand and Knife

Master Of Ceremonies / Toast Master for the day (Duty Manager)

Room Hire (excluding civil ceremonies)

Overnight accommodation for the bride and groom

£395.00

### **Bar**

The Willow Suite Bar and the Main Bar is licensed until 2.00am, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Most Guest stay in the Willow intill 1am and then finish the evening in the main bar until 2.00am

### **Civil Wedding Ceremony**

At The Oakland's we are licensed to hold Civil Wedding Ceremonies, if you are interested please give us a call or drop in for a chat, we would be only too happy to help. There is a room hire charge for Civil Ceremonies of £295.00 The Registry Office number for Chester is 0300 1237037.

### **Music**

Whatever your music requirements we can help with the arrangements, whether it is a disco or something a little different. If you require a disco you may use our resident D.J., the cost is £250.00, please make us aware of your intentions within the letter of confirmation. We also have access to a wide variety of bands and solo artists, If you require assistance with any of your arrangements please do not hesitate to contact us, we would be only to happy to help.

### **Accommodation**

At the Oakland's we have 13 bedrooms, there are a mixture of double, double for single occupancy, twin rooms and a family room, the rooms are not booked automatically, if you would like to book bedrooms for your guests then we require a non refundable deposit of £20.00 per remaining room, along with a letter of confirmation. This is then returned to you after the Wedding, providing all rooms were used. This deposit is in addition to the deposit for the Wedding Reception as stated at the end of the brochure.

## **Drinks to Accompany Your Meal**

A selection of the most popular drinks combinations are listed below, these are priced per person and include a drink on arrival, wine with the meal and a glass of wine for the toast. If any of the packages do not appeal to you please choose from the lists supplied and create your own, for which we will give you a price.

### **PACKAGE - A**

**£14.95**

#### **For Your Reception**

Kir Royale

#### **With Your Meal**

House Red or White (1 glass per person)

#### **For The Toast**

A Glass of Sparkling Wine

### **PACKAGE - B**

**£18.95**

#### **For Your Reception**

Bucks Fizz

(with sparkling Wine)

#### **With Your Meal**

House Red or White Wine (2 glasses per person)

#### **For The Toast**

A Glass of Sparkling Wine

**PACKAGE - C**

**£23.95**

**For Your Reception**

Pimms Cocktail

**With Your Meal**

Pinot Grigio or Rioja (2 glasses per person)

**For The Toast**

A Glass of Champagne

**Arrival Drinks** (*prices are per person*)

The Oakland's Special Summer Punch	£5.75
A Glass of House Wine 125ml (red or white)	£5.50
A Glass of Pinot Grigio or Rioja 125ml	£5.50
A Glass of Sparkling Wine	£5.90
A Glass of House Champagne	£7.75
A Glass of Veuve Cliquot Champagne	£8.50
A Glass of Bucks Fizz made with Sparkling Wine	£5.90
A Glass of Bucks Fizz made with house Champagne	£7.75

For the benefit of children and those who are designated drivers a non - alcoholic alternative will be offered.

**Corkage**

We have compiled the listed drinks packages to offer as wide a range as possible for our customers, we believe it offers an excellent choice and therefore we do not allow guests to bring their own drinks to functions. If you are not happy with the wine on offer then the full wine list is available

## **Table Decoration**

As standard we provide white linen table cloths, paper napkins, all glasses, silverware free of charge.

For those who prefer something a little different we can provide the following at a charge of £10. Coloured tablecloths including Ivory, Red; Black for evening, etc.

Napkins: Linen napkins folded or fanned £1 each. We also offer a hand made napkin adornment to include ribbon, flowers, beads, hearts, bows, butterflies. Priced Individually.

Centre pieces for the tables include glass mirrors, glass bowls with floating candles, tall glass vases to accommodate quality bride flowers arrangements or fresh flowers, table candles, confetti, glitter, flowers, balloons, cameras, favours.

We offer a bespoke service for designing table plans and place settings to match your colour schemes.

Balloons, balloon arches, for above the dance floor and balloon net.

We do a decoration package for £250, Please ask for details and prices.

Chair Covers with sash are £3.

## **Function Buffet Menu**

### To Start

Soups – Fresh Homemade Vegetable	£5.95
Fresh homemade Tomato and Basil	£5.95
Fresh Homemade Wild Mushroom	£5.95
Fresh Homemade Cream of Celery and Stilton	£5.95
Fan of Honeydew Melon	£6.75
Prawn Salad Marie Rose	£6.95
Pate with Melba Toast	£6.95
Smoked Salmon Salad	£8.25

## **Main Courses**

Roast Sirloin of Beef served with Yorkshire Pudding	£19.95
Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage and seasoning	£18.50
Roast Ham glazed with honey and mustard	£17.50
Roast Stuffed Loin of Pork with apple sauce	£17.95
Roast Rack of Lamb with mushroom and redcurrant sauce	£21.95
Supreme of Chicken with a coarse grain mustard and tarragon sauce	£17.95
Poached Fillet of Salmon in a lemon, Honey Marinade	£17.50
Fillet of Beef Wellington	£24.95

All Main courses are served with a selection of vegetables and potatoes.

## **Carvery**

Carvery main course option consists of a choice of **two** meats; choose between Honey Roast Ham, Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Turkey, Roast Loin of Pork or Roast Lamb. Served with all the trimmings, Homemade Yorkshire Puddings, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy.

Price per person	£19.95
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## **Desserts**

Apple Crumble served Warm with cream or Ice cream	£6.75
Profiteroles and Chocolate Sauce	£6.75
Homemade Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce	£6.75
New York Cheesecake	£6.75
Fresh Fruit Salad	£6.75
Deluxe Chocolate Cake	£6.75
Cheese and Biscuits	£6.75
Platter of Cheese and Biscuits	(per table) £42.00
Freshly Ground Coffee or Tea with after dinner mints	£1.95
Freshly Ground Coffee or Tea with petite fours and after dinner mints	£3.95

Please choose one dish from each of the sections above to create your menu for the day. Unfortunately it is not possible to have a choice of dishes for a wedding Party.

## **Alternative Dishes For Vegetarian Guests**

Mushroom Stroganoff with Rice, Butternut Squash Risotto, Pasta Provencale, Vegetable,  
Lasagne and Nut Roast

In order for us to maintain the standard and service that we pride ourselves on, it is necessary for all vegetarians to be served with the same meal. Please note for cost purposes the vegetarian options are a direct substitute for the chosen main course.

## **Evening Buffet Menu**

Please select from the following list. You must select a minimum of 6 items from the list below.

<b><u>ITEM</u></b>	<b><u>Price per Head</u></b>
<b><u>Finger Buffet Choices</u></b>	
Assorted Sandwiches	£2.95
Sausage Rolls	£2.45
Quiche	£2.45
Tomato and Cheese Pizza	£2.70
Feta Cheese Salad	£2.45
Chicken Thighs BBQ or Plian	£2.95
Satay Pork	£2.15
Spicy Chicken Wings	£2.25
Potato Wedges	£2.25
Indian Vegetable Samosas/Bhaji	£2.45
Freshly Battered Fish Goujons	£2.95
Home made Chips	£2.35
Crisps and Nuts	£1.70

## **Special Gala Buffet**

These are served direct to the tables on large platters. This enables fast delivery of your meal and no queuing for your guests. The platters consist of the following:

Chicken Wings, Curry, Naan Bread, Parma Ham, Olives in Honey and Balsamic Dressing, Chilli Cheese Nachos, Blackened Chorizo Sausage, Sundried Tomatoes and Stuffed Peppers, Feta Cheese, Loaded Potato Skins, Fish Goujons, Chips and Dressed Mixed Salad served with dips (mango, Tzatziki, Tartar Sauce and sweet Chilli).

**Price per person**

**£16.95**

## **Fork Buffet Choices**

**(Select two main dishes at £17.50 or three main dishes at £23.50 per person)**

Sliced Meats (choice of two from – Beef, Ham, Turkey or Chicken)

Beef Bourguignon including Savoury Rice

Chicken Pieces in a creamy mushroom sauce including Savoury Rice

Chilli Con Carne including Savoury Rice

Chicken or Beef Curry (mild) including Savoury Rice

Tiger prawns and julienne vegetables tossed in a red Thai cream sauce, with grilled naan bread (£2 additional supplement per person)

**All of the above dishes are served with a selection of mixed salads**

## **Optional Extras**

Hot New Potatoes (price per bowl – approx.10 portions)	£22.00
Bread Rolls	£ 1.20
Dressed Salmon (Subject to availability, In multiples of 40 people)	£Market Price
Desserts	£6.75
Coffee / Tea	£1.95

## **Late Night Snacks**

Sausage or Bacon Sandwiches	£5.25
Homemade chips	£2.15



## **Wedding Etiquette**

To aid you in the planning of your day and assist in its smooth running, we have compiled this list of useful things for you to bear in mind. These details are useful whether you have chosen a formal or informal arrangement; these points do help to keep things looking professional.

### **The Receiving Line**

This offers the Bride and Groom the opportunity to meet and greet all of their guests, and for the guests to offer personal notes of congratulation. It also gives the parents of the Bride and Groom the ideal opportunity to meet the guests who are there to share your happy day.

The line would usually consist of:

**The Grooms Mother**

**The Brides Father**

**The Bride**

**The Bride Groom**

**The Brides Mother**

**The Grooms Father**

The line would normally be in this order, although changes are easily made.

### **Grace**

If Grace is to be said it would normally fall upon the Vicar or a Family Friend to say it. The M.C. / Toastmaster is also available to say it if you have not chosen a particular person.

## **The Top Table**

Who sits at the Top Table with the Bride and Groom is adaptable to your own requirements; the traditional way however is as follows:

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### Key

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| 1. The Best Man  | 6. The Bride         |
| 2. Bridesmaid    | 7. The Brides Father |
| 3. Grooms Father | 8. The Grooms Mother |
| 4. Brides Mother | 9. Bridesmaid        |
| 5. The Groom     | 10. Chief Bridesmaid |

## **Speeches**

To take away the worry of the speeches and their order, we have produced the following guide, this should give you a good indication of what should happen and who should make which announcements. Traditionally the Best Man or the M.C. announces the cutting of the cake once coffee has been served. On cutting the cake, the Groom should take the knife and place it near the centre of the bottom tier, his wife should then place her left hand over his, and together they push the knife into the heart of the cake. This completes the formal cutting of the cake and the staff will then remove it for portioning and distribution to your guests.

The speeches follow the cutting of the cake; these can be introduced individually by the M.C., or by the Best Man. The order of the speeches would normally be as follows:

### **The Brides Father**

The Brides Father proposes a toast to the Bride and Groom, he makes his speech first, which would normally be of a semi - serious nature and possibly cover:

1. The happiness he and his wife have experienced bringing up their daughter.
2. A couple of interludes in her life.
3. A welcome into the family to their new son - in - law.
4. An episode concerning the Bride and Groom.
5. The toast to health, wealth and happiness of the couple.

## **The Bridegroom**

It is customary for the Bridegroom to reply on behalf of his wife and himself, thanking the guests for their good wishes and gifts, their parents and all those who have helped to make their Wedding day a success, concluding with the Bridesmaids. The Bridegroom would at this point present any gifts that need to be given, and then propose a toast to the Bridesmaids. He may also like to refer to:

1. The thanks he owes to his parents and anything they may have provided for the couples future.
2. The thanks he owes to his wife's parents and anything they may have provided for the couples future, especially the birth of their daughter.
3. Perhaps a short interlude in his meeting with his wife.
4. A reference to the Bridesmaids and his thanks for their help during the day.

## **The Best Man**

The Best Man responds on behalf of the Bridesmaids. The speech should be as light and humorous as possible. He may refer to :

1. The Grooms luck in meeting his Bride.
2. The difficulty in getting the Groom to the alter
3. A few well chosen stories on the Grooms character, but never referring to ex - girlfriends, politics or religion.
4. He may read some of the cards from well-wishers who could not attend.
5. And of course, the thanks of the Bridesmaids for the compliments of the Groom

The Best mans speech would usually conclude the formal proceedings of the day.

## **The Duties of the Toastmaster / M.C.**

The Toastmaster / M.C. is usually the Manager on duty on the day of your Wedding, they are there to look after you and your guests and to perform special duties to make things easier for you.

The M.C. will meet and greet you and your guests at the entrance of the Willow Suite and direct you to the arrival area, where the arrival drinks will be served. They will help to organise the guests for photographs and arrange the receiving line. Their next task will be to introduce yourselves into the reception room to a standing ovation from your guests and helping you to your seats, at this point they will introduce whom ever is saying Grace or say Grace for you depending on the arrangements made. From here they will ensure things are kept running smoothly for you until it is time to cut the cake, at which time the Best Man or themselves will call on you to cut the cake, after which the cake will be removed. The speeches follow the cutting of the cake and the M.C. will introduce each speech in turn, according to the arrangements made.

During the evening the M.C. takes on a slightly different roll where they are there to help if you encounter any problems but leave you to enjoy the evening.

## **To Make Your Booking**

- First check with us to ensure that your chosen date is available.
- Make a provisional booking, this will be held for a period of 14 days. The deposit is required by the end of this time to maintain the booking. If the deposit is not received by then end of this time the provisional booking will be removed from the diary.
- The non refundable deposit is £500.00 and is required to secure your booking, along with confirmation which should include your estimated numbers and the full names of bride and groom, along with a contact telephone number and address.
- Approximately two months before your Wedding please make an appointment to see us and finalise your requirements.
- One week prior to the Wedding the outstanding amount is payable. (any differences for either party will be settled within seven days of the Wedding.)
- Children to the age of 12 are charged at half of the adult's price for a Half Portion. Children under 2 years of age are free of charge.
- V.A.T. is included in all prices at the current rate.
- Please note prices and charges shown in this brochure are correct at time of print and are valid until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 (excluding wine, drinks and D.J which are not set by ourselves), and are subject to change without prior notice. All Bank Holiday Weekends are excluded from our special offers.
- We reserve the right to offer an alternative, of equivalent or greater value, should an item become temporarily unavailable.
- It is a recommendation at the Oakland's Hotel that wedding parties take out wedding insurance as added security to cover all eventualities.

## **HOTEL TARIFF**

Double/Twin Room	£75.00
Single Occupancy	£65.00
Family Room (sleeps 5)	£115.00
Z- Bed (1 per room)	£15.00
(Z – Beds suitable for children)	

(Inclusive of VAT)

Price includes

Full English Breakfast

Evening Meal Available in the Amoré Restaurant

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