



The Crown & Thistle



Functions and Events



Welcome to the Crown and Thistle

With a history dating back to 1605, the Crown and Thistle on Bridge Street is a Grade II listed coaching inn made up of three individual buildings, gathered around a charming cobbled courtyard, framed by 200-year-old wisteria.

Carefully restored, many original features remain, from exposed timber beams and open brickwork to delightfully uneven window frames, creating character throughout the restaurant, expansive bar, elegant function rooms, and 18 individually styled bedrooms.

When the weather allows, our cobbled courtyard provides a beautiful setting for alfresco dining, while our historic function spaces offer a private and characterful backdrop for celebrations, events, and gatherings of all kinds.

Whatever the occasion, we look forward to hosting you.

Event Spaces

With three stunning spaces to choose from, the Crown and Thistle provides the perfect setting for any event or special occasion. Whether you're hosting a boardroom meeting, planning your dream wedding, gathering family and friends for a celebration, or organising the office Christmas party, our versatile spaces offer a stylish and welcoming backdrop for every event.

Our event spaces benefit from all the equipment you might need to run your event and a 25 space car park. To begin planning your occasion, please get in touch with our team today.

The Barn, Minstrels Gellery and Wisteria Pub can be booked separately or booked in any combination of 2, or for functions of 300+ people, all 3.

Whatever the occasion, our team will work with you to create a bespoke experience tailored to you and your guests.

The Barn

Accommodating up to 80 guests seated or 100 standing, the Barn beautifully combines the charm of 17th-century timber beams and characterful stone walls with all the modern amenities needed for a seamless event.



80 seated



100 standing



Event Spaces

Minstrels Gallery

Perfect for smaller, more informal occasions, the Minstrels Gallery can seat up to 30 guests for a banquet or welcome 40 standing for a drinks reception.

It also provides an ideal setting for boardroom style meetings for up to 20 guests.

The Minstrels Gallery makes the perfect dance floor or break out space for bigger functions, weddings or parties when combined with the Barn or the Wisteria Pub.



30 seated



40 standing



Event Spaces

The Wisteria Pub

The Wisteria Pub is a gorgeous 17th century space which could host a get together of 200 people standing.
(This area is not suitable for seated functions, but does adjoin onto the Barn Area.)

The pub is complete with 2 log fires, its own fully stocked bar, toilets and lounge seating.
Perfect for drinks functions, birthday parties, buffets and life celebrations.



200 standing



Bedrooms

From our individually styled Classic Rooms to our more spacious Superior Rooms, each space highlights the historic character of the building with thoughtful contemporary comforts.

All rooms feature crisp linens, plush pillows, and Hypnos mattresses for the ultimate comfort.

Elegantly appointed with complimentary WiFi, a smart TV, radio, hairdryer, and a selection of teas and coffee, including a Nespresso machine, premium biscuits, bottled water, and L'Occitane luxury amenities, every detail is designed to elevate your stay.

And, of course, all within a wonderful pub where you can feast from our Daily Menu and enjoy a cooked breakfast after a great night's sleep.



Meet

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At the Crown and Thistle, business and hospitality come together effortlessly.

The Minstrels Gallery offers a professional space ideal for board meetings, strategy sessions, client presentations and training days. With flexible layout options and a calm, characterful setting, it provides a focused environment without the formality of a traditional conference venue.

High-speed WiFi and HDMI-enabled screen ensures every meeting runs efficiently and without interruption. Beyond the boardroom, our hospitality sets us apart. Freshly prepared seasonal menus and attentive service will make your day easy and enjoyable.

For multi-day events or visiting delegates, our individual bedrooms offer refined comfort, allowing colleagues to relax and recharge on site.

Day Delegate Rate From £25 per person
For groups of 20 – 80 guests

Includes: • Private room hire • HDMI-enabled screen and presentation facilities • High-speed WiFi • Unlimited tea and coffee throughout the day • Morning pastries and fresh fruit bowl.

A range of seasonal buffet and dining options are available for lunch and dinner designed to fit your timetable, with the opportunity to extend your meeting into networking drinks or hosted dining.



Weddings

We love hosting weddings, whether you choose to hold your ceremony here at the Crown and Thistle, at Abingdon Registry Office, or in one of the two beautiful churches just a stone's throw away in the heart of town. Perfectly placed in the centre of Abingdon, we provide an idyllic setting for intimate wedding breakfasts, relaxed receptions, and joyful post wedding celebrations.

We understand how important it is to find the perfect venue for your special day, and we take great pride in looking after every couple and their guests. From your first enquiry to the final toast, our team will ensure your wedding runs smoothly while making the planning process as enjoyable and stress free as possible.

From saying "I do" in delightful surroundings, to a drinks reception that spills out into the Wisteria Pub and our beautiful courtyard, followed by dining in the barn and dancing the night away in the Minsrals Gallery, we offer a seamless flow to your day. With beautiful bedrooms available for you and your guests, everything you need for a truly memorable celebration is right here under one roof.

With years of experience, we're delighted to offer trusted advice and recommendations for all those special finishing touches – from photographers and florists to cakes and decorations. We're proud to support the Abingdon community, and many of our carefully chosen suppliers are wonderful local businesses we know and trust.



Occasion Menu

3 courses £45pp

Add Puccia bread and gordal olives for the table £5pp

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Starters

Smoked salmon, cucumber, grape and dill salad, salmon roe and horseradish

Griddled courgette, pomegranate, coconut feta salad, orange dressing (vg)

Chicken, apricot and pancetta terrine, remoulade, focaccia

Buffalo mozzarella, pesto, herb pangrattato and toasted seeds (v)

Mains

Thyme roasted chicken breast, truffle and ricotta gnocchi, butternut squash purée, sherry jus

Salmon and smoked haddock fishcake, poached egg, white wine, tomato, caper sauce

Mushroom bourguignon pie, olive oil mash, red wine gravy, sauteed greens (vg)

Braised feather of beef, horseradish mash, buttered greens, red wine gravy

Desserts

Rich dark chocolate posset, blackberry sorbet, honeycomb (vg)

Mascarpone and lemon cheesecake, raspberry compote (v)

Sticky toffee pudding, whisky toffee sauce, vanilla ice cream (v)

Selection of British and French cheeses, celery, grapes, quince jelly, spiced apricot chutney, biscuits (£5 supplement)

For reservations of 20 or more guests. Reservations of 20 to 40 guests can pre-order an individual selection from the menu.
For bookings of 40+ guests – One dish from each section to be selected for all guests (allowances can be made for dietary requirements).

Buffet Menu

£35pp

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Severn and Wye smoked salmon fishcakes, samphire, caper mayonnaise
Roasted souvlaki chicken thighs, tzatziki, puccia bread
Griddled courgette, pomegranate, coconut feta salad, orange dressing (vg)
Apple, celeriac and fennel remoulade (v)
Crispy green yasai vegetable gyozas, chilli mango dip (vg)
Roasted red pepper, blush tomato and goats' cheese quiche (v)
New potato salad, whole grain mustard, chive and crème fraiche (v)
Chips (vg)

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Napoli salami and Nduja Pizza - fior di latte mozzarella, fresh garlic, and red chillies
Margherita Pizza - tomato, fior di latte mozzarella, fresh basil (v)
Funghi and truffle Pizza - mascarpone and truffle cream, fior di latte mozzarella, sautéed mushroom (v)

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Triple chocolate brownie, Chantilly cream (v) (£4 Supplement)

Pizza Buffet

For reservations of 20 or more guests.

Pizzas are individually priced – see our daily menu for the current selection.

Canapé Menu

8 for £20pp

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Smoked salmon, salted cucumber, horseradish cream, crostini

Buttercross farm pork, sage and apple sausage rolls

Prosciutto, lemon whipped goats' cheese, balsamic, crostini

Crispy wild mushroom arancini, tarragon mayonnaise (v)

Tempura king prawn, Siracha mayonnaise

Crispy chicken gyozas, ponzu dipping sauce

Brie bites, apricot carrot chutney (v)

Tomato & red pepper hummus, crispy chickpeas and toasted flatbreads (vg)

For reservations of 20 or more guests.

Additional Menu Information

For food allergy and calorie information please ask our crew for assistance,
who will be able to direct you to the accurate and up to date allergy and calorie information on our website.

The menus in this brochure are subject to occasional change.

v - vegetarian, vg - vegan





Contact us

Interested in booking an event with us? Please contact our dedicated events team.

Drop us a line, give us a call or fill in an enquiry form via our website and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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With thanks to the wonderful couples who have allowed us to share photos of their special day here with us and to the talented photographers who captured them;

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Our high street location makes us a destination venue for events and gatherings of all kinds,
and our team can help you create a bespoke experience for you and your guests.