

KINGARTH HOTEL & SMIDDY BAR



WEDDING BROCHURE

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Simon and Maria Tettmar invite you to The Kingarth Hotel & Smiddy Bar, the perfect venue for a relaxing and yet very special wedding day. The only true Country Inn on Bute, we combine a relaxed and informal atmosphere with personal and friendly service, to ensure your wedding day is a stress-free and wonderful day to remember.

Having bought the hotel in October 1997, we have concentrated on developing it's potential to benefit both local and tourist guests. The Smiddy Bar was opened on 28th July 2001 following an extensive building project to convert an old blacksmiths barn, which was once run as part of the hotel. The Smiddy Bar now forms the heart of The Kingarth and plays host to everything from quiz nights and medieval banquets in wintertime, to summertime weddings and "al fresco" dining.

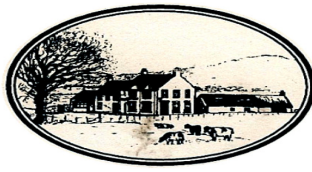
Our wedding receptions are held in the function suite, providing private facilities, whilst your guests can also mingle with the locals in the Smiddy Bar, enjoying some traditional Scottish hospitality.

We pride ourselves on our standards of service here at Kingarth. Maria will personally provide you with Wedding Planning services in the run up to your special day, making the planning process as straightforward as possible whilst ensuring every detail of your day is arranged for you exactly as you want it.

We are very proud of our friendly, professional team of staff led by John Angus MacDonald our General Manager who will be dedicated to your every need on the day of your wedding.

Our wedding planning, catering and drinks service skills are extended to outside catering events. We have a proven record of weddings and events in various locations on Bute including Mount Stuart House, Rothesay Pavilion and Rothesay Castle. We can also arrange a marquee for up to 250 people that can be erected on our car park here at Kingarth.

We do hope you will find this brochure of interest. Please contact Maria on 01700 831662 to discuss your specific requirements, or to arrange a meeting when we shall be happy to show you around Kingarth.



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Our Wedding Services

We offer you a complete set of services to cover all aspects of your wedding. Should you have any specific requirements that are not covered in this brochure, please do give us a call and we will endeavour to quote for them accordingly. Included in your Wedding Package are a number of complimentary services :

- Wedding Planning advice with Maria
- Hire of our Function Suite
- Personal Service on your day from our team led by Maria and John Angus MacDonald, our Front of House Manager.

The prices associated with each of the following wedding services are detailed in the table at the end of this brochure.

- Wedding Ceremony
- Champagne and Canapé Reception
- Three Course Meal with Coffee
- Buffet Options
- Children's Options
- Table Wine and Toast Drinks / Champagne
- Evening Snacks
- Evening Entertainment
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Outside Catering



Your Ceremony

Here at Kingarth we are licensed to host Civil Marriage Ceremonies. Our Function Suite and Decking Areas are fully approved and couples can choose the setting for their vows in conjunction with the Registrar.

The Function Suite is set up for your guests to witness the Ceremony and then afterwards, whilst you and your guests enjoy reception drinks in the Smiddy, our team will transform the Suite for your reception meal.

The charge for holding your wedding ceremony at Kingarth is £250.

Room Design & Décor

Our Function Suite seats an absolute maximum of 80 guests for a formal meal. You could invite more guests for the evening celebrations should you wish. However, the total number of guests should be no more than 100 as this is the maximum number of guests that our facilities can cope with whilst maintaining our standards of service.

For guest numbers of 60-80 our long tables will be used, and a top table of no more than 8 guests is advisable. This ensures there is sufficient space between tables on your day. For guest numbers of 60 or less we would suggest a top table of 8 to 12 guests and round tables with 10-12 guests at each.

The décor in our Function Suite is based around the warm colours seen throughout Kingarth of Navy, Cream and Claret. As standard, our table linen is ivory with navy linen napkins and navy chairs.

Should you require alternative table linen we can arrange this for you to complement your own personal colour scheme. Napkins, tablecloths, chair covers and swags can all be hired for your event. Photographs are available of our Function Suite in both its standard form and set up with a red and white scheme. Please ask for further information and a quotation should you require a tailored service.



Canapés and Champagne Reception

Upon your arrival at Kingarth, or following the Ceremony if you opt to be married here, there are various options for you to consider.

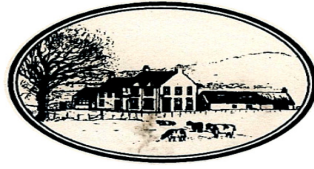
You may like to offer your guests Champagne, Sparkling Wine or a drink of their choice from the bar. Champagne is £4.50 per glass and Sparkling Wine £3.25 per glass. Bar prices for an unlimited choice range from £1.45 to £2.50 per drink.

You may also like to consider offering your guests canapés to accompany their drinks. Guests can sometimes particularly appreciate this when the Bride and Groom are having a photo session after the ceremony. Hot and cold canapés can be provided at a cost of £2.25 per guest.

Wine and Toast Drinks

Our wine list is regularly updated and we would suggest that you choose wine when finalising your wedding details a few weeks before the day. As a guide, our current wines are priced from £11.95 per bottle for a Chardonnay or Merlot to £16.95 for a Pouilly Fuisse or Shiraz. Our list has a wide range of New World and Traditional wines. Sparkling Wine is currently priced at £15.95 per bottle, and Moët champagne at £35. Although the prices may fluctuate slightly by the time of your wedding, this will give you a good indication of the range we offer. To calculate your wine requirements you should allow six glasses of wine per bottle. Alternatively you may wish to provide your own bottles of wine for the tables. Our corkage fee for this would be £6.00 per bottle.

You may choose to offer Champagne or Sparkling Wine to your guests for the toasts. Some couples however, prefer to offer a liqueur or a drink of the guest's choice from the bar. The cost usually works out very similar either way. Should you choose the bar drink option, our team of waiting staff will take an order from each of your guests during the dessert course and their drinks will then be served with coffee ready for the speeches.



Wedding Menus

Below is a selection of starters, main courses and desserts for you to pick and mix to create a menu tailored to your specific requirements. Your menu can have two choices for each course and can include a vegetarian main course in addition. Please remember that these dishes are only suggestions - we can accommodate most tastes if you require something particular.

Starters

Prawn and Fresh Pineapple Cocktail
Smoked Salmon Terrine with Oatcakes and Crisp Salad
Homemade Chunky Vegetable Soup (or a soup of your choice)
Smooth Duck Pate with Cumberland Sauce and Oatcakes
Fresh Asparagus wrapped in Parma Ham with Balsamic Dressing
Baked Goats Cheese with Mulled Wine Beets

Main Courses

Roast Sirloin of Bute Beef with all the trimmings
Loin of Pork with a Sage and Calvados Stuffing and Creamy Dijon Sauce
Roast Leg of Bute Lamb with an Apricot Stuffing
Fresh Salmon Fillet with a Leek & Cream Sauce
Roast Breast of Chicken with Haggis and a Drambuie and Onion Sauce
Mushroom and Pine Nut Tart with a Creamy Stilton Sauce

Desserts

Fresh Strawberry Cheesecake
Baileys Cheesecake
White Chocolate Mousse with Dark Chocolate Sauce
Tarte au Citron
Chocolate Bavaoís
Oaty Apple & Plum Crumble



Wedding Buffet Alternative

As an alternative you may like to consider a formal buffet style meal. Your guests would have a choice of two starters which would be served at their table; followed by a buffet style main course; and then a choice of two desserts which would also be served at their table. The main course buffet would include:

Whole Dressed Salmon, Cold Slices of Gammon and Turkey, Quiches, Hot New Potatoes, French Bread, Homemade Coleslaw, Potato Salad, Savoury Rice, Mixed Leaves with Cherry Tomatoes, Cold Sliced Roast Beef, Prawn, Langoustine & Smoked Salmon Platter, Waldorf Salad, Mixed Bean Salad.

Children's Meals

Young guests at your wedding may require smaller portions or children's meals. A half-portion for each course from your chosen menu is available at a cost of £10 per child.

Evening Snacks

During the evening you may wish to offer your guests a light snack, particularly if you have additional guests joining you for the evening celebrations.

We have found that the most popular food to offer is a large selection of local Bute, Scottish and Continental cheeses served with fruit, oatcakes and crackers, presented on our large wooden cheese blocks. Alongside this large platters of mini bacon rolls will be served for those who have worked up a healthy appetite on the dance floor!

Many couples choose to serve their wedding cake at this time, and homemade shortbread, tea and coffee is also available. The cost of our Evening Snacks is £4.50 per guest.



Entertainment

Entertainment can be arranged through "Bright Nights" who provide live vocalists for background music during your meal and/or live evening entertainment and disco. Please see Bright Nights brochure or contact them on mobile 07883 064631 or email brightnightsbute@yahoo.co.uk

We also have contact numbers for pipers and céilidh bands if you would like a more traditionally Scottish theme to your entertainment.

Transport Arrangements

There are various options for transport both to and from Kingarth. The Bridal Party may like to consider a horse and trap, vintage car or open top bus. Please see the "Local Contacts" page for details.

Stagecoach Western Buses have a white coach that seats up to 52 guests should you wish to provide transport for your guests. The current cost of a return trip to and from Kingarth is £160.

Our minibus seats a maximum of 14 guests and can be provided with a driver on call all evening at a cost of £60.

Accommodation

At Kingarth we currently have very limited hotel accommodation. There are three rooms in total, comprising two twin rooms and one double. All our rooms are en suite with full facilities and hospitality trays. Accommodation is £25 per person per night on a bed and breakfast basis.

We have recommended additional accommodation for your guests in the Useful Contacts section on page 12.



Booking Procedure

As soon as you have decided upon the date of your wedding, please contact us to provisionally reserve the date in our schedule. We will then write to you to confirm the date and the various details agreed so far.

To confirm your booking, please send a deposit of £500, together with a letter confirming your expected number of guests. We ask you to send this deposit no later than three months before your wedding day. The deposit secures your wedding date and is non-refundable in the event of cancellation for any reason.

Approximately one month before your wedding we would ask you to arrange an appointment to discuss and finalise all the details of your day, including the final number of guests you are expecting. At this time full payment of the quantifiable amount due is payable. Any further expenses which are not determinable before the wedding day, such as a bar account, are payable no later than one week afterwards.

The prices quoted for each of our services are fully inclusive of VAT although gratuities for our staff are left to your discretion. Prices are correct at today's date and are subject to increase at management discretion.

Three course meal and coffee	£26.95 per guest
Wine (see wine list)	From £11.95 per bottle
Reception Drinks / Toast drinks	£1.45 to £2.50 per guest
Canapés for arrival	£2.25 per guest
Evening Snacks	£4.50 per guest
Transport	£60 minibus for entire evening £160 coach for 54 guests (1 return trip)
Wedding Ceremony	£250
Entertainment	Please refer to "Bright Nights" information
Accommodation	£25 per person per night (B&B)



OUTSIDE CATERING

Our wedding planning, catering and drinks service skills are extended to outside catering events. We have a proven record of weddings and events in various locations on Bute including Mount Stuart House, Rothesay Pavilion and Rothesay Castle. We also offer the option to hold your reception in a marquee for up to 250 people that can be erected on our car park here at Kingarth.

We can offer every service detailed in this brochure in alternative venues. There are however several additional details for you to consider :

Outside License

We can arrange the necessary license to sell and/or distribute alcohol from your chosen venue and we will cover the cost of the application.

Menus

Depending on your expected number of guests and the facilities in your chosen venue, it may be necessary to limit your menu options.

Equipment Hire

Depending on the equipment available in your chosen venue, it may well be necessary to hire glasses, crockery, cutlery and table linen. We can arrange a quotation for this service as required.

Costings

Set out below are the prices that differ for outside catering from those previously quoted in this brochure. Our prices for these events reflect the necessity for increased staff time to set up, serve and clear up in your chosen venue whilst maintaining our high standards of service to you our client.

Three course meal and coffee	£40 per guest (subject to survey of venue & facilities available)
Equipment Hire	P.O.A.
Outside License	Free of charge



Useful Contacts

FLOWERS	"Flowers by Janine"	Janine on 01700 502084.
HAIR & BEAUTY	"Nadia's" Hair Salon	Kate on 01700 503683
ROOM DRESSING & CHAIR COVERS	JKN Wedding Hire	jknweddinghire@aol.com Kate on 07733 896513
TRANSPORT	Horse & Trap Coach	Alan Ewing on 01700 504214 Stagecoach 01700 502076
PHOTOGRAPHER	David Brown Dougie MacDonald	David on 01700 831274 Dougie on 01700 500434
WEDDING CAKE	Sandra's Cakes	Sandra on 01700 503410
ENTERTAINMENT	"Bright Nights"	Anna or Ricky 01700 504699
	Bute Ceilidh Band	John Morrison 07929 521667
	Piper	Contact Kingarth Hotel
ARGYLL & BUTE REGISTRAR	Lorna Barrett	01700 503331
MINISTER	Rev. Ian S Currie MBE BD	01700 504502
ACCOMMODATION	St Blanes Hotel Balmory Hall Cannon House	01700 831224 01700 500669 01700 502819
MARQUEE HIRE	Tents & Events	Graham on 01369 706123
LARGER VENUES	Mount Stuart House Rothesay Pavilion	Donna or Christine on 01700 503877 James McMillan on 01700 504250

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