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BIRDSALL HOUSE WEDDINGS



INTRODUCTION

Thank you for taking an interest in holding your wedding at Birdsall House. We are delighted to offer Birdsall as a stunning, historic wedding venue which, at its heart, remains a family home with a very personal feel. Whether you are looking to hold a formal Church wedding, a civil ceremony in one of our magnificent reception rooms or a more relaxed blessing amongst our 12th Century ruins, we strive to go the extra mile to ensure the day you dream of can turn into a reality.

We take great pride in working with each of our couples, discussing your thoughts and ideas to help you achieve your perfect wedding. Each wedding is tailored to your requirements and the house is exclusively yours for the duration of your celebrations.

If you would like to come and see us to talk through your ideas further please do get in touch and we look forward to meeting you and helping in any way we can,

Best of luck with your planning

Lady Cara Willoughby



PLANNING YOUR DAY

At Birdsall House we aim to offer you a truly bespoke experience when planning for and enjoying your wedding day. No two weddings at Birdsall are the same and we work with you, your hopes, ideals and budgets, to create the wedding of your dreams. We want you to enjoy holding your wedding in our magical and majestic surroundings, whilst not feeling too daunted or intimidated along the way.

We are delighted to offer a planning service that is included in the charge for Birdsall House. Our address book contains a huge range of contacts from stationers to florists and jugglers, photographers, tailors, jewellers and bakers. With experience of working with caterers and suppliers, as well as couples and their families, we work with each client to make sure that your individual style and personality is reflected in your special day.



The Little Temple





The Old Ruins

GETTING MARRIED

Whether you are thinking of a Christian wedding in St. Mary's Church, an Indian ceremony in our Ballroom, taking your vows under a Chuppah or having a civil ceremony in The Old Ruins, we talk through the options with you. We are licensed to hold civil ceremonies within all the reception rooms of Birdsall House as well as on the verandah at the front of the house and in The Old Ruins and The Little Temple within our gardens.

St Mary's, Birdsall is Church of England and situated within the parkland of Birdsall House. The Church is a two minute drive away or a beautiful 10 minute stroll up our avenue of 300 year old lime trees on a sunny day. The Church holds up to 200 people and our vicar is very happy to talk to couples who may wish to marry at St Mary's.





RECEPTION & WEDDING BREAKFAST

After your wedding it is the best feeling in the world to relax and celebrate with your family and friends. On fine days we can host relaxed drinks receptions in the gardens with flowing champagne and lawn games. Alternatively, we have five main receptions rooms in Birdsell House that can be used separately or combined to create the perfect area for your reception. Our stunning Ballroom, below, gives an impressive and yet intimate space that can host a wedding breakfast for up to 120 people or a drinks reception for more. It is also possible to combine this room and the adjacent Oval Room to create a wedding breakfast for up to 150 guests. For larger numbers of guests a marquee, along the terrace or in front of the ruins, overlooking stunning gardens, gives your family and friends a day to remember.



STUNNING SURROUNDINGS

THE DINING ROOM

Our stunning Dining Room can be used for a civil ceremony for up to 100 guests, a standing drinks reception or a seated wedding breakfast for up to 80 family and friends. Alternatively, why not host an intimate family dinner for up to 24 people in this room the night before your wedding?

THE LONG HALL

The Long Hall links the Dining Room with the Oval and Ballroom. You can use the Long Hall for a civil ceremony or as a quieter seating area to catch up with family and friends. Alternatively, the Long Hall can host a stand up reception for up to 100 guests.

THE OVAL ROOM & BALL ROOM

The breath-taking Oval Room can be used alone for a smaller civil ceremony, reception or wedding breakfast for up to 36 people. Alternatively, enormous doors link it with the Ballroom to create a large L-shaped room that can be used for up to 250 standing guests or 150 seated guests.

DANCING IN THE GARDENS

Our beautiful gardens with views of our lakes, woodland and the Yorkshire Wolds provide the perfect setting for civil ceremonies and celebrations that can last into the night. Marquees, tipis and yurts allow you to increase the size of your party and this is where we can host civil ceremonies, summer receptions and evening celebrations.





REVELLING IN THE GARDENS

The gardens at Birdsell House are very majestic and were initially set out in 1735 by the well known garden designer Thomas Knowlton, pupil of Capability Brown. They include spectacular unspoilt views of the Yorkshire Wolds, a series of lakes for wild swimming (if you are feeling brave), expansive lawns for games such as croquet, a 12th Century Church Ruin and, in May and June, we host an impressive display of Rhododendrons. Civil ceremonies, blessings, receptions and evening parties can all be held in the extensive gardens around the house which offer a huge number of photographic opportunities and total privacy.



"I recently had my wedding at Birdsell House and it was the most perfect venue in every way! The Birdsell team were second to none and so accommodating all the way through. I cannot sing their praises enough, no ask was too much and everything was made easy and simple. I would strongly recommend Birdsell if you are looking for a gorgeous English wedding with the option to be either inside or outside of a beautiful house in a stunning landscape." Hannah & Chris



COCKTAILS & CANAPÉS

CATERING

At Birdsall House we work with a number of fantastic caterers and we ask that you use one of our five recommended caterers to provide the food for your wedding. Each caterer has worked with us at Birdsall and we know can be relied upon to design, cook and serve your guests an outstanding meal using local, fresh ingredients. They will work with you to create a bespoke menu to ensure you have exactly what you want on your big day, whilst catering for food allergies and dietary requests.

DRINKING

Why not offer your guests a cocktail or non-alcoholic mocktail on arrival at your reception? We are delighted to offer a choice of bar companies for weddings at Birdsall House. The Yorkshire Bartender and Louisiana's are both highly experienced, respected and skilled bartender companies, who offer different drinks packages as well as the possibility of creating a completely bespoke package for your guests. They offer a wide range of cocktails, mocktails, bubbles and beer to suit every taste and budget and can work with open bars, pay bars or a hybrid of the two. It is also possible to bring your own wine for a corkage fee. We look forward to chatting over a cocktail or two to see what would work best for you.



STAYING AT BIRDSALL

We hope your guests will enjoy your wedding at Birdsall House and why not make a weekend of it with a dinner for your close family and friends the night before the wedding and a welcome brunch the morning after? We have a sumptuous Bridal Suite, with its own dressing room and bathroom (complete with double bath) where you and your wedding party can prepare for your wedding day. We also have five further stunning en-suite bedrooms to accommodate your guests. We have recently renovated all our bedrooms to ensure we make your stay as comfortable as possible.

For more guest accommodation nearby we work closely with Langton Hall which is two miles from Birdsall. Langton Hall can be taken exclusively and sleeps over 50 guests in self catering accommodation. A minibus will be provided to run wedding guests between the two houses. If glamping is more your scene we are able to organise this within our stunning gardens.



A FEW KIND WORDS....

“Having the freedom and flexibility to plan the wedding we wanted, rather than being restricted by a set package, was most appealing to my husband and I. We wanted a day that was utterly unique and Birdsall House gave us that and so much more. Indeed, we are sure that Lady Cara and her team will make certain that no two weddings are ever the same.”

Helen & Jason

“The family feel you bring creates a unique atmosphere and during our wedding, instead of it feeling like a corporate set-up wedding venue, it felt like getting married in a family home. You went above and beyond, making us feel at ease and so very welcomed.”

Becky & Daniel

“We had the most wonderful wedding at Birdsall House and it was everything we had hoped for. We felt welcomed like family during the planning and set up of the wedding and well hosted guests on our wedding day. All of the Birdsall team were so friendly, welcoming and went the extra mile from the initial set up through to breakfast the next morning. Above all it was the whole day felt very personal and bespoke to us as a couple. We couldn't recommend Birdsall House more highly as a destination for future couples looking for a truly magical venue.”

Alex & Danny

“Not wanting a manufactured 'package' wedding, Lady Cara listened to what we wanted and she, along with the whole team, achieved a perfect balance of style, elegance and relaxed informality that was so important to us and made our guests feel so welcome. So many commented that it was the most perfect wedding that they had ever been to!

Thank you so much for the memories!”

Simon & Lizzie

For more testimonials please visit our website www.birdsallhouse.com



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I PROVISIONALLY BOOK A DATE?

We can hold a date for you for two weeks after your viewing. If we have not heard from you after two weeks we will release the date.

HOW DO I CONFIRM A BOOKING?

Whilst wedding insurance is unavailable (2022) we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £1,000 along with a signed contract agreeing to our Terms and Conditions. Once insurance becomes available, we will ask for the balance of the 50% deposit. Final balance is due 8 weeks prior to your wedding day.

HOW DOES OUR PLANNING SERVICE WORK?

We are here to help you achieve your perfect day and can help with sourcing new suppliers, gaining quotes or working logistics out for you. We will be there on the day to ensure everything runs to plan.

FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES, DO WE NEED TO CONTACT THE REGISTRARS?

As soon as you have decided on a date please ensure you check availability with the registrar. We are legally unable to contact them on your behalf. Payment for your ceremony is to be made directly with the registrars and once booked please advise us of the ceremony time.

Malton Registration Office Tel: 01609 780780 Email: registrars.malton@northyorks.gov.uk

WHEN CAN WE & OUR SUPPLIERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE VENUE?

Access for suppliers starts from 9am the day before the wedding and they must clear by 12 noon on the day after the final wedding event. For the bridal party, access is very flexible and arranged with us. All preparations and deliveries prior to your wedding are to be arranged with our wedding co-ordinator.

CAN WE PROVIDE OUR OWN CATERING?

All food, with the exception of the wedding cake and evening food, is to be provided by one of our preferred caterers. If alternative caterers are required for ethnic or religious reasons this can be arranged.

CAN WE SUPPLY OUR OWN ALCOHOL?

We have a choice of two bar companies, The Yorkshire Bartender or Louisiana's, both high experienced and professional companies that can offer drinks packages or free flowing drinks all night. For a corkage fee you are able to bring your own wine and champagne. We do not allow caterers to run wedding bars.

CAN WE CHOOSE OUR OWN SUPPLIERS?

With the exception of food and alcohol you are free to choose your other suppliers, such as photographers or florists. Our team is here to help you find the right one for you.

IS THE VENUE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE?

We have a ramp (if required) for guests with walking difficulties to get up the front steps and access is possible to all the downstairs rooms. Whilst we do not have any bedrooms that can be accessed by wheelchairs we can advise on local accommodation that is accessible.

WHAT ARE THE BAR AND MUSIC FINISH TIMES?

The bar and music must stop by midnight and guests must leave the property immediately, apart from those staying in the house.

DO YOU SUPPLY A PA SYSTEM?

Yes, we have a portable PA system for you to use during the day.

WHERE CAN WE DANCE?

We do not allow dancing within the house but we have two evening options; two fantastic garden sites for a marquee in the gardens; on the Terrace or by The Old Ruins. From 2023, we are offering the option of continuing your evening celebrations in our newly renovated space, The Old Kitchens, a new nightclub in the basement of Birdsall House, exclusively for the use of your wedding party. Please ask us for details.

ARE CANDLES AND TEA LIGHTS ALLOWED AT THE VENUE?

Naked flames are not to be used inside the house except on dining tables. Outside the house candles and tea lights can be used, provided they are in fireproof containers. The positioning of these must be agreed with the venue.

CAN WE HAVE FIREWORKS & LANTERNS?

Low noise fireworks and sparklers are permitted, we do not allow Chinese lanterns or confetti cannons.

CAN GUESTS PARK OVERNIGHT AND WHAT ABOUT TAXIS?

Yes, guests can park in the guest car park overnight. However, all cars must be removed by noon the following morning. Taxis MUST be ordered in advance of the wedding as the local firms get booked up very quickly. We can give you the taxi firm numbers to pass on to your guests.

CAN THE GIRLS WEAR STILETTOS IN THE HOUSE?

We do not allow stilettos in the house and advise that couples warn their guests prior to the wedding.

IS THERE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION NEARBY?

Langton Hall is in the next village and couples are able to book it exclusively for over 50 guests in self catering holiday cottages. (www.langtonhall.org). Burythorpe House Hotel is 2 miles away and has 14 rooms available (www.burythorpehouse.co.uk). The town of Malton is 4 miles away and also has a number of local hotels and AirBnB's or we can organise glamping in our gardens for your guests.

CAN WE LAND A HELICOPTER AT BIRDSALL?

Absolutely, we have an area for landing and can liaise with pilots to make the necessary arrangements.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? Please email us weddings@birdsallhouse.com for further information.

COSTS FOR 2023

Once we have met with you and outlined how you would like to hold your wedding at Birdsall House we can create a detailed quote for you but this is a guide to our 2023 venue prices.

Intimate ceremony & reception in
Birdsall House for less than 50 guests £8,000
including one nights bed and breakfast for up to twelve guests

Ceremony & reception in Birdsall House £12,500
for 50 - 150 guests (Monday - Thursday)
including one nights bed and breakfast for up to twelve guests

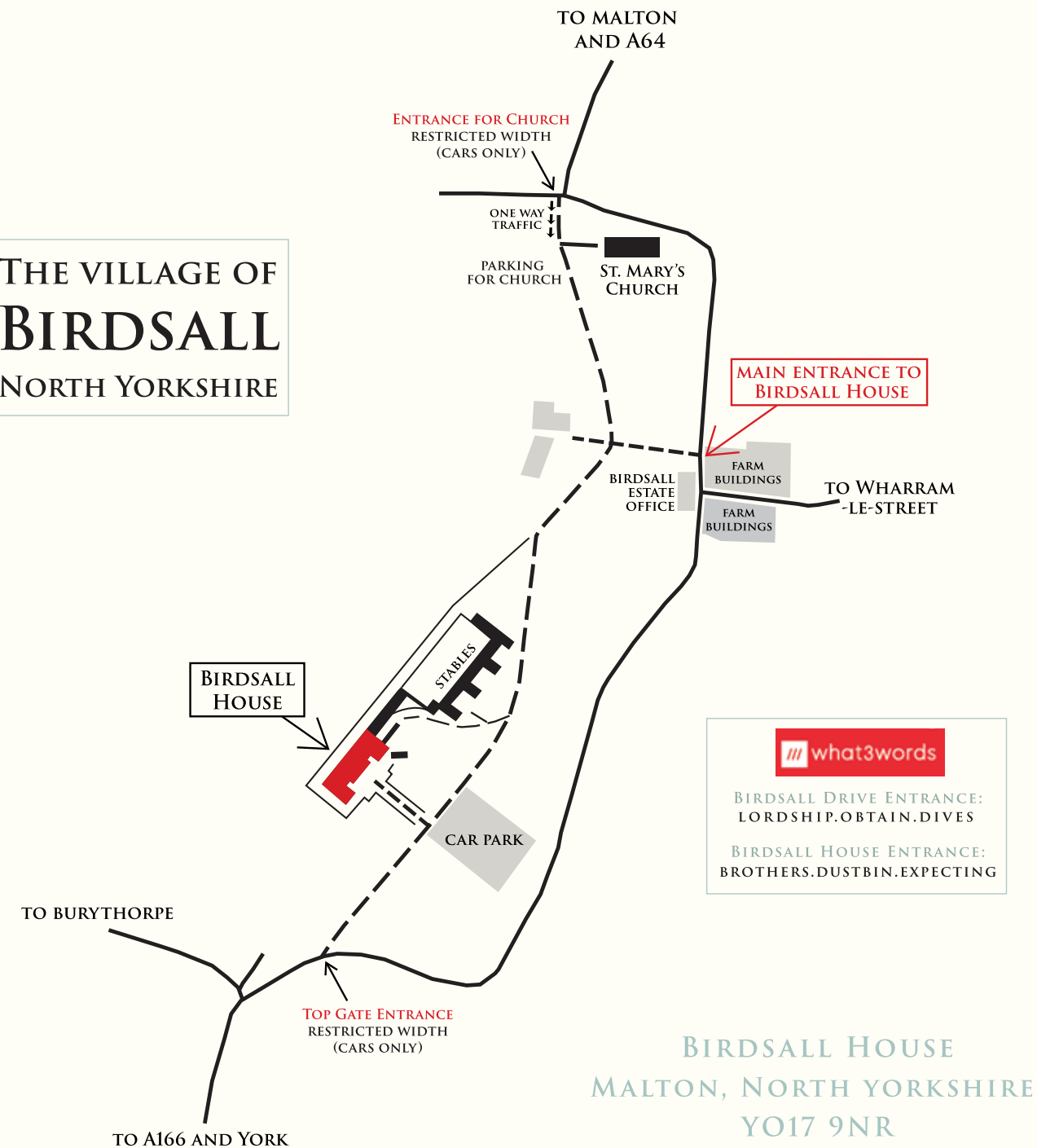
Wedding weekend at Birdsall House £17,000
for 50 - 150 guests
including Friday to Sunday exclusive use and two
nights bed and breakfast for up to twelve guests

Evening dancing must take place in a marquee in the garden at an additional cost to the venue hire.
All prices are inclusive of 20% VAT but this is subject to change by the Government



Thank you to all our amazing photographers who allowed us use of their images taken at Birdsall:
Dominic Wright Photography, Jess Williams Photography, Joe Dodsworth Photography,
Laura Calderwood Photography, Anoif Photography, Amy B Photography, Nicola Dixon Photography

THE VILLAGE OF BIRDSALL NORTH YORKSHIRE



*Viewing Birdsall House is by appointment only