



# DARWIN'S

T O W N H O U S E

**Weddings**

# Congratulations

## on your forthcoming wedding

Darwin's Townhouse is a beautiful Georgian, Boutique Bed and Breakfast, able to host bespoke, intimate weddings for up to 50 guests offering exclusive use of the entire Townhouse and Garden.

We pride ourselves in creating your special day with years of experience, listening, planning and creating the day of your dreams. Everything is taken care of in an unobtrusive manner with professional and friendly service and impeccable planning and extra special attention to detail.

Recommendations for some amazing local musicians, florists, photographers and artisan cake makers all come part of the package.

We provide exquisite dining with a menu that is created from fresh, local and seasonal ingredients. Please find enclosed some sample menus which illustrate both our style and quality along with details of our Townhouse.

At Darwin's Townhouse we believe each wedding is as individual as the Bride and Groom themselves. We can offer you the complete exclusivity we feel your special day deserves and hope you will enjoy the house as if it was your own.  
A home away from home.

Your memories will be made amongst only the company of your closest friends and loved ones.

Please contact us 01743 343829 or [info@darwinstownhouse.com](mailto:info@darwinstownhouse.com) and we will be delighted to discuss your options with you and organise a time to show you around.

Thank you very much for your interest in our beautiful house.  
We look forward to meeting you shortly.

Ann Ditella  
Director  
Darwin's Townhouse

# About the townhouse

Darwin's Townhouse is a Boutique 19 Bedroom Georgian Townhouse, completely refurbished in 2016. Privately owned and run, we take pride in making our guests feel welcome and at home. We will be delighted to offer any advice on planning a trip through Shrewsbury and the surrounding area, explaining some of the secret hidden gems that Shrewsbury has to offer.

Darwin's Townhouse is located just steps away from the River Severn path and minutes from the 'Original Shrewsbury One Off', with its black and white Tudor town centre, higgledy piggildy streets with names you want to say out loud and a river that scoops up the town in a loop with its eclectic mix of independent shops and High Street stores. A mix of the very old and the very new.

## **Parking**

Located just around the corner is St. Julian Friars long-stay car park which is just £4 all day Monday-Saturday, £1 all day Sunday and free 6pm-8am.

## **Breakfast**

We offer a full breakfast menu of locally sourced ingredients which are freshly prepared by our chefs.

## **Lunch and Dinner**

We have two sister restaurants serving food all day. The Loopy Shrew, serving traditional English cuisine and Darwin's Kitchen, serving English Social Dining of small and large plates. Both restaurants are just a few minutes' walk away and offering an enticing discount of 10% of your final bill for all our resident 'family' members. Either of these are ideal for any pre-wedding celebrations which of course we can arrange for you.

## **Accommodation**

We have 20 ensuite bedrooms.

## **Private Use**

The whole house to be hired for exclusive use.

## **Dogs**

Are welcome in the Garden Rooms of Darwin's Townhouse.  
Please provide your own bedding but politely ask you are mindful of the furniture.  
A small fee is applicable.

# The whole house & Exclusive use weddings

## Up to 50 Guests for your Whole Magical Day

### The planning

- 1) Call or email and make an appointment to come and have a look around to discuss your plans.
- 2) Pay your deposit and book your next appointment to start planning your day. We can help and advise with most items for your day and if we can't, we know who can!
- 3) Confirm numbers and menu choices two weeks prior to your wedding.

### The night before

You and your guests can reserve accommodation at The Townhouse the night before your day and a table can be organised at either Darwin's Kitchen or The Loopy Shrew.

### The big day

Turn up, relax and enjoy one of the most memorable days of your life. We will take care of the rest.

### Things to know...

We only provide exclusive weddings so the whole house needs to be taken by your party which is twenty bedrooms.

Our Executive Chef, of Darwin's Townhouse, The Loopy Shrew and Darwin's Kitchen, will oversee the catering for all weddings.

We prepare all food from fresh, local ingredients and can make any menu bespoke for you. We are happy for you to meet with Chef to discuss your ideas.

We would ask that only one menu choice is made for the whole party, except any dietary requirements.

We can seat up to 50 guests for your wedding meal.

We can help arrange your Hen and Stag nights or pre-wedding gatherings at The Loopy Shrew or Darwin's Kitchen.

# The whole house & Exclusive use weddings

## What's included

Master of Ceremonies  
Table Name Holders  
Linen in White or Ivory  
Easel for Seating Plan  
Cake Stand  
Professional Staff throughout your stay

## What's not included

Accommodation – All 20 bedrooms need to be reserved and paid for by yourselves or your guests in order to host an exclusive wedding.

Flowers  
Entertainment (*Acoustic only permitted*)  
Favours  
Seating Plan  
Table Name and Guest Name Places

## What rooms are available to you during your wedding?

### Garden conservatory

A bright and airy room with beams overlooking the gardens with direct access on to the lawn. Seating a maximum of 50 guests for a formal Wedding Breakfast or a more casual buffet.

### The snug

A quiet, cosy room with comfy seats and chairs, original fireplaces and an ornate Grade 2\* listed plaster work and an adjacent Bar. This can be used for guests throughout the day and reception drinks if the weather is bad.

### The octagonal lounge

A beautiful room with an ornate Grade 2\* listed, octagonal ceiling, depicting the Zodiac. Comfortable seating with original fireplace. This can be used for guests throughout the day and reception drinks if the weather is bad.

### Darwin's garden

The Garden can be enjoyed for reception drinks and photographs.

### The quarry

The River Path is steps away from the Townhouse for any other photography you may like, taking in views of our beautiful River Severn.

# Menu suggestions

Our menus are prepared by Rosette awarded Chef's from The Loopy Shrew and Darwin's Kitchen, using the best possible, locally sourced ingredients. These menu suggestions are meant as a guide.

We are happy to discuss your ideas with our chefs and quote a price. Some dishes on these menus may contain nut products and food substances to which you may be allergic. Please check if in doubt.

We would request that your menu choice is the same for each member of your party to ensure consistent standards of presentation, quality and service.

Vegetarian or special dietary requirements can, of course, be catered for with prior notice.

## Canapes and nibbles to accompany reception drinks

@£2.50 per canape (recommended a minimum of 3 pieces per person)

- ~ Wrekin Blue Cheese Tartlet, Smoked Bacon Crumb, Red Onion Jam
- ~ Chicken Liver Parfait on Toasted Croute
- ~ Goats Cheese Mousse, Beetroot & Sweet Red Onion Crostini
- ~ Smoked Salmon, Cream Cheese and Dill Blinis
- ~ Mini Prawn Cocktail, Bloody Mary Sauce
- ~ Melon with Prosciutto
- ~ Asparagus & Parma Ham rolls
- ~ Mini Prawn Cocktails
- ~ Mini Crayfish Caesar Salad
- ~ Mini Brie & Bacon Tartlets
- ~ Sticky Sausages Bites & Mustard Mayo
- ~ Stewed Peppers with Mozzarella Bruschetta
- ~ Crab and Avocado Crostini with Mango & Chilli Salsa
- ~ Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes with Ricotta, Basil & Pine Nuts

## Platter of nibbles

Grissini Breadsticks ~ Blue Cheese Dip ~ Sundried Tomatoes ~ Olives ~ Roasted Almonds  
£12.50

Red Pepper Houmous with Bread sticks  
£8.50

# Menu suggestions

## starters

Classic Prawn Cocktail ~ Avocado Puree ~ Bloody Mary

Roasted Vine Tomato Soup ~ Bocconcini Mozzarella Croute ~ Pesto

Goats Cheese and Beetroot Tart ~ Sweet Red Onion Relish ~ Peppered Salad ~ Aged Balsamic

Smoked Salmon Mousse ~ Dill and Cucumber Ketchup ~ Avocado Puree

Chicken Liver Parfait ~ Mango and Pineapple Salsa ~ Watercress ~ Brioche

## mains

Medallions of Shropshire Beef ~ Red Wine and Pancetta Jus ~ Creamed Mashed Potato ~  
Hay Roasted Carrots ~ Tender Stem Broccoli

Breast of Free Range Chicken ~ Fondant Potato ~ Charred Asparagus ~ Ragout of Cabbage and Peas

Fillet of Sea Bass ~ Prawn and Crayfish Risotto ~ Pea Salsa ~ Parmesan

Slow Roasted Rump of Shropshire Lamb ~ Boulangere Potatoes ~ Braised Greens ~  
Buttered Baby Carrots ~ Red Wine Jus

Pork Tenderloin ~ Nutmeg Mash ~ Wild Mushrooms ~ Pickled Apple ~ Golden Raisins

## desserts

White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake ~ Oreo Cookie Crumb ~ Raspberry Sauce ~  
Greek Yoghurt Ice Cream

Strawberry and Raspberry Pavlova ~ Chantilly Cream ~ Chocolate Shavings  
*served whole to your table with sparklers*

Lemon Crème Brulee ~ Strawberry Sorbet ~ Sweet Baby Basil

Salted Caramel and Chocolate Tart ~ Vanilla Cream ~ Passion Fruit Puree

Profiteroles ~ Crème Patissiere ~ Chocolate Sauce

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Filter Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

**£35.00 per person**

# Bespoke Wedding buffet

An alternative to a formal sit-down meal is to have a Wedding Buffet, from £35 per person.

We will be delighted to discuss the options with you.

Home Baked Breads with Olive Oil, Balsamic, Tapenade and Sea Salt  
(served to your table)

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Fresh Roasted Tomato and Red Pepper Soup ~ Crème Fraiche ~ Rocket Pesto

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Whole Poached Salmon with a Dill Hollandaise  
Honey Baked Shropshire Gammon and Pineapple Chutney  
Chicken Caesar Salad with Croutons and Parmesan  
Baby Potatoes Roasted with Olive Oil and Sea Salt  
Medley of Vine Tomatoes with Basil, Capers and Pecorino Shavings  
Roasted Mediterranean Vegetable Salad with Garlic Aioli  
Wrekin Blue, Courgette and Roasted Pepper Tart  
Chunky Coleslaw  
Tossed Green Leaf Salad

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Fresh Seasonal Pavlova Fruit Pavlova with Chantilly Cream  
and Chocolate Shavings  
Served whole to your table with sparklers

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Freshly brewed Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

We are pleased to offer an amuse bouche, fish or sorbet course that will balance your chosen menu.

Why not add a cheese course?

Cheeseboards can be presented to each table or one large display for guests to help themselves.

Selection of Local and English Artisan Cheeses, Biscuits, Grapes and Chutney  
£8.50 per person

We will be happy to cater any dietary requirements. We like to keep them as close to the main menu that you have chosen so your guests feel as special as you. Some dishes may contain nuts and food substances to which you may be allergic.

Please ask for further information.



# Wedding buffet

## Darwin's Shropshire buffet

Rough Cut Ham and Piccalilli  
Chef's Scotch Eggs and Chutney  
Wenlock Edge Sausage and Leek Rolls  
Appleby's Cheshire with Homemade Apple Chutney  
Selection of Pickles and Pickled Onions  
Chunky Coleslaw  
Baby Potato, Spinach & Garden Pea Salad  
Tossed Green Salad  
Tomato & Red Onion Salad  
Home Baked Breads  
Local Potato Crisps  
£22.50

## Italian buffet

Olives ~ Almonds ~ Grissini Breadsticks with Pesto  
Tomato & Basil Bruschetta  
Tricolore Salad with Balsamic Dressing  
Antipasti of Italian Meats and Cheeses  
Pasta Salad with Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables  
Lemon and Basil Chicken Cous Cous  
Green Leaf Salad  
Home Baked Focaccia and Garlic Ciabatta Breads  
£22.50

## Darwin's hog

Roasting Joints of Shropshire Pork Served with Apple Sauce and Stuffing  
Home Baked Brioche Buns  
Baked Jacket Potatoes with Butter and Sour Cream  
Chunky Coleslaw  
Buttered and Salted Sweet Corn  
Dressed Green Salad  
£20.00

## English supper

A platter of English and Continental Cheese and Chef's Pate  
Grapes ~ Apples ~ Celery ~ Cheese Biscuits ~ Crusty Bread ~ Homemade Chutney  
£17.00

Please feel free to discuss other options,  
we will be delighted to help...

# Children's menu

## Under 12's

Are welcome to dine from your selected menu, or our chefs are happy to prepare a suitable children's menu.

### Menu a

Grissini Breadsticks ~ Apple ~ Grapes ~ Carrot Sticks with Houmous

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Breast of Chicken served on Parmesan, Buttered Spaghetti

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Goey Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream

**£15.00**

### Menu b

Homemade Tomato Soup with Freshly Baked Bread

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Local Sausages on Buttery Mash served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

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Knickerbocker Glory

**£15.00**

# Drinks packages

We can design any drinks package to suit your personal requirements, however these ideas may be help with your ideas and costings.

Arrival Drinks may be served in Darwin's Garden (weather permitting), or in the Lounge and Snug.

## **Bronze @ £15.00**

Bellini, Pimms or Bottle of Peroni on Arrival  
A Glass of House Wine with your Meal  
A Glass of Sparkling Wine to Toast

## **Silver @ £18.50**

Mimosa, Pimms of Bottle of Peroni on Arrival  
2 Glasses of House Wine with your Meal  
A Glass of Sparkling Wine to Toast

## **Gold @ £22.00 (£3 supplement for second cocktail on arrival)**

A Cocktail of Your Choice on Arrival  
2 Glasses of House Wine with your Meal  
A Glass of Champagne to Toast

## **Non-alcoholic @ £7.50**

3 Soft Drinks

## **Cocktail suggestions**

Blushing Bride ~ Kir Royale ~ Cosmopolitan ~ Rum Punch ~ Sangria ~ Mulled Wine

## **Soft drinks**

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| Large Bottles of still or sparkling water..... | £3.75 |
| House Wine available from.....                 | £16   |
| Jugs of Fresh Orange or Apple Juice.....       | £5    |
| Jugs of Fruit Punch.....                       | £8    |
| Jugs of Squash.....                            | £3    |

A full wine list is available for your perusal.

Prices can vary according to the outcome of budgets and tax duties.

# Accommodation

Room Rates are per room, based on two people sharing, including a full breakfast menu of local ingredients. All have ensuite facilities.

All rooms have dressing gowns, hairdryers, Molton Brown toiletries, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi and DAB alarm radio with iPod docking station. All rooms are non-smoking.

## **The main house (rooms 1-10 and rooms 20 & 21)**

Has 12 ensuite bedrooms set over 3 floors. There is no lift available, but we will be delighted to help where we can.

## **The garden rooms (rooms 11-19)**

Are located at the back of the Main House across the Garden and have 8 ensuite rooms over 2 floors. The ground floor can be accessed via a ramp with one room with a wheelchair accessible shower room.

## **Main house – 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

### **Room 1 from £125**

Double Room, ensuite shower, overlooking the side of the hotel.

### **Room 2 from £95**

Single Room, ensuite shower, overlooking St Julian's Friars.

### **Room 3 from £125**

Double Room, ensuite shower, overlooking St Julian's Friars.

### **Room 4 from £140**

Large King Room, ensuite shower overlooking gardens to the rear of the property.

### **Room 5 from £160**

King Superior Room, beautiful octagonal listed ceiling, ensuite bath and shower, overlooking gardens to the rear of the property.

## **Main house – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor**

### **Room 6 from £160**

King Superior Room, beautiful octagonal listed ceiling, ensuite bath and shower, overlooking gardens to the rear of the property.

### **Room 7 from £125**

Double Room, ensuite shower, overlooking St Julian's Friars.

### **Room 8 from £125**

Bijous Double Room, ensuite shower, overlooking St. Julian's Friars.

### **Room 9 from £125**

Twin Room, ensuite shower, arched window in bathroom and bedroom, overlooking St. Julian's Friars and rooftops.

### **Room 10 from £140**

Large King Room, ensuite shower overlooking gardens to the rear of the property.

# Accommodation

## Main house - Garden level rooms

### Room 20 from £125

King Room, ensuite shower, with doors out onto the Garden.

## Garden rooms – Ground floor (accessed via ramp)

### Room 11 from £125

Double Room, ensuite shower, with doors out onto the Garden.

### Room 12 from £125

Twin Room, ensuite shower, overlooking the Garden.

### Room 14 from £125

Double Room, ensuite shower, with doors out onto the Garden.

### Room 15 from £125

Twin or King Room, ensuite shower, with doors out onto the Garden.

## Garden rooms – 1<sup>st</sup> floor

### Room 16 from £125

Small Double Room, ensuite shower, garden views.

### Room 17 from £95

Single Room, double bed, ensuite shower, garden views.

### Room 18 from £95

Single Room, ensuite shower, garden views.

### Room 19 from £125

Double Room, ensuite shower, garden views.

Single occupancy of a double room is priced £10.00 less than the double price quoted. (All rates quoted are subject to change without notice at the management's discretion.)

Pets are allowed in the Garden Rooms however please provide your own bedding and we ask politely that they are prevented from getting on the furniture. A small fee of £15.00 applies.

## Assigning rooms

You can choose for your guests to book directly with the Townhouse and we will deal with all their enquiries and confirm details and prices to them.

Alternatively, you can assign rooms for your guests and have control over who you would like where! Your guests can still pay directly with us.

**Extra accommodation can be found at our sister venues...**

**THE LOOPY SHREW & DARWIN'S KITCHEN**

# Wedding Booking terms and conditions

## confirmation

All bookings must be confirmed in writing, with the appropriate deposit within one month of the booking being made. To secure the booking a non-refundable deposit of £500 is required. In addition, a deposit of £25 is required for each accommodation booking.

## minimum numbers

A minimum numbers policy will apply. However, this can be waived if a room hire charge can be agreed.

## cancellation

All deposits are non-refundable unless prior agreement has been made in writing with the townhouse management.

## period of notice

Deposit of £250 which is non-fundable  
26 weeks' notice, no charge  
13 to 26 weeks' notice, 50% charge  
7 to 13 weeks' notice, 75% charge  
0-7 weeks' notice, full charges to be made

## Payment

All monies due must be paid in full, 2 weeks prior to the date of the wedding

## final numbers

The menu selection along with final numbers must be agreed no later than 2 weeks prior to your function. If your numbers drop below the minimum number agreed in writing, a room hire charge will be legally incurred.

## prices

Whilst the Townhouse Management will endeavour to keep price increases to a minimum, all accounts will be charged at the current prices set by the Townhouse on the date of the event unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Townhouse Management.

## damages

The hirer will be responsible for any loss or damage to the Townhouse premises, fixtures, fittings and equipment which may be caused by the hirer's guests.

## accommodation arrangements

If guests wish to stay overnight, then rooms can either be allocated by the Bride and Groom or guests can book direct with us. Either way a deposit of £20 per rooms is required. Reception can provide a booking form listing rooms available.

## accommodation booking arrangements

Please tick your chosen option below:

- All rooms organised by the Bride & Groom  
 Guests to book directly with the Townhouse

Signed .....

Dated



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