



DARWIN'S

T O W N H O U S E

Weddings 2021

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 our Events Manager ..Ellie on 01743 343829 or info@darwinstownhouse.com and she 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 20 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 19 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 nineteen 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
Linen in White or Ivory
Easel for Seating Plan
Cake Stand
Professional Staff throughout your stay

What's not included

Accommodation – All 19 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

@£2.00 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

Menu A

Classic Prawn Cocktail, Avocado Puree, Bloody Mary

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

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White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake with an Oreo Cookie Crumb, Raspberry Sauce and
Greek Yoghurt Ice Cream

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Filter Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

**£35.00**

## Menu B

Roasted Vine Tomato Soup with Bocconcini Mozzarella Croute and Pesto

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Breast of Free Range Chicken, Pea & Feta Risotto, Charred Asparagus and Pecorino

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Fresh Seasonal Fruit Pavlova, Chantilly Cream and Chocolate Shavings, served whole to your table  
with sparklers.

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Filter Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

£35.00

Menu C

Goats Cheese Brie, Beetroot and Sweet Red Onion Tart, Dressed Rocket with Aged Balsamic and a
Maple Cured Bacon Crumb

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Fillet of Sea Bass with a Prawn, Crayfish and Lemon Butter Sauce, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Fine  
Green Beans with Shallots and Parmesan

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Lemon Crème Brulee, Frozen Blueberries and a Shrewsbury Biscuit

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Filter Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

**£35.00**

## Menu D

Tiger Prawns and Baby Gem with Bloody Mary Sauce, Smoked Salmon Mousse with Maldon Sea  
Salt Croutes and a Dill and Cucumber Salad

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Braised Shropshire Lamb, Red Wine Jus, Boulangere Potatoes, Braised Greens and Buttered Baby
Carrots

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Chocolate and Hazelnut Brownie, Salted Caramel Parfait, Macerated Strawberries and Cream

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Filter Coffee and Chocolate Truffles

£37.00

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
£8.95 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
£17.50

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
£18.00

Darwin's hog

Roasting Joints of Shropshire Pork Served with Apple Sauce and Stuffing
Brioche Buns
Baked Jacket Potatoes with Butter and Sour Cream
Chunky Coleslaw
Buttered and Salted Sweet Corn
Dressed Green Salad
£22.50

English supper

A platter of English and Continental Cheese and Chef's Pate
Grapes ~ Apples ~ Celery ~ Cheese Biscuits ~ Crusty Bread ~ Homemade Chutney
£13.00

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

Breast of Chicken served on Parmesan, Buttered Spaghetti

Goey Chocolate Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream

£15.00

Menu b

Homemade Tomato Soup with Freshly Baked Bread

Local Sausages on Buttery Mash served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy

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
1x 175ml 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 x 175ml 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 x 175ml 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 from .. £7

Soft drinks

Large Bottles of still or sparkling water.....	£3.50
House Wine available from.....	£23
Jugs of Fresh Orange or Apple Juice.....	£8
Jugs of Fruit Punch.....	£8
Jugs of Squash.....	£4

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, slippers, hairdryers, toiletries, tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary Wi-Fi, DAB alarm radio with iPod docking station, duvets . 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 – 1st floor

Room 1 from £130

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

Room 2 from £90

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

Room 3 from £130

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

Room 4 from £150

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

Room 5 from £175

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

Main house – 2nd floor

Room 6 from £175

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

Room 7 from £130

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

Room 8 from £120

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

Room 9 from £130

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

Room 10 from £150

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

Accommodation

Main house - Garden level rooms

Room 20 from £150

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 – 1st floor

Room 16 from £125

Small Double Room, ensuite shower, garden views.

Room 17 from £90

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

Room 18 from £90

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 2021

Bookings made for 2022/23 will be subject to price increases

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 and final numbers due must be paid in full, 3 weeks prior to the date of the wedding

final numbers

The menu selection along with final numbers must be agreed no later than 3 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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