

# *Slater's Country Inn*

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Nestled in the heart of the Staffordshire countryside and yet only 10 minutes drive from the Potteries and major motorway connections, Slater's provides an ideal location for your wedding venue.

We have many years experience of wedding celebrations and are also fully licensed to perform Civil Marriages and Civil Partnerships.

Our various facilities can offer a range of choice that is second to none with a standard of catering to match.

In the summer months the setting could not be better. Surrounded by open fields the adjacent garden offers an ideal photo opportunity whilst in the wintertime the open fireplace in the Briar Suite gives a warm traditional touch.

The following information is designed to give you an overview of our facilities although we strongly encourage you to arrange an appointment with our wedding coordinator, Julie Bray, when you can view the various suites and your personal requirements can be discussed in detail.

Whatever your requirements, Slater's will strive to make your Wedding Day the most memorable and enjoyable occasion you would wish it to be.



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### **CIVIL WEDDING CEREMONIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Slater's are licensed to hold Civil Ceremonies and Civil Partnerships and have a choice of Suites catering for up to 90 guests seated and 140 evening guests.

A hire charge is made for the room in which the ceremony takes place (regardless of numbers) and includes provision of a Fresh Flower arrangement for the Top Table.

Wedding Ceremonies can take place on any day of the week between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. providing that all ceremonies are completed by 6.00 p.m. (availability should always be confirmed with the Registrars)

Once availability has been confirmed with ourselves you will then need to contact Newcastle Registry Office to confirm that they are able to perform the Ceremony on your chosen date (a minimum of 16 days notice is required). All charges should be arranged directly between yourselves and the Registry Office – the following are a guideline.

The contact is Judy Tomkinson (Superintendent) on 01782 297581 or Fax on 01782 297582 and the charges for 2012 are:

Monday to Saturday - £303.50  
Sunday's and Bank Holidays - £353.50  
(plus notice fees of £33.50 per person)

The above charges include the attendance of two registrars to carry out the ceremony and a copy of the Marriage Certificate and should be confirmed with the Registry Office at the time of booking.

In addition a non-refundable booking fee of £50.00 will also be charged.

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### **CIVIL WEDDING CEREMONIES** *(CONTINUED)*

#### **THE WEDDING CEREMONY & RECEPTION SUITES**

##### **The Briar Landing**

An ideal venue for more intimate weekday Wedding Ceremonies for up to 20 people. As well as enjoying open views of the surrounding countryside it also has an external staircase leading directly to the private gardens, thereby providing a delightful setting at any time of year.

~ cosy on dark winter evenings

~ relaxing in the gardens on warm summer days

##### **The Briar Suite**

Tastefully converted from 18<sup>th</sup> Century Farm Buildings, the Briar Suite exudes Olde Worlde charm with its grand beamed ceilings and open fireplace with french doors leading onto private lawns.

Accessed from the main entrance either directly or (weather permitting) from the private gardens this forms the largest of our suites and accommodates up to 90 seated guests for the wedding ceremony/wedding breakfast and up to 140 guests for an evening buffet (not all seated).

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### THE WEDDING BREAKFAST

The Wedding Breakfast will be a 3 course meal followed by Coffee and Chocolate Mints and the price of the whole meal will be determined by your choice of main course. From the Menu Selector you should choose one starter, one main course and one dessert for **all** your guests with the exception of vegetarians or any special dietary requirements which will, of course be accommodated in accordance with your requirements. Additional courses such as a fish course or sorbet can be added at an extra charge (see optional extras).

Children under 10years of age and over 2 years of age will be served ½ portions of your chosen menu and will be charged at half the adult price. Children under 2 years of age will not be catered for unless we are specifically requested to do so – a limited number of highchairs are available free of charge.

All meal prices are based on minimum numbers and these should be agreed at the time of booking.

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Specific dietary requirements can be catered for **by prior request**, the following code is a guideline:

- (v) ~ vegetarian
- (g) ~ gluten free
- (d) ~ dairy free

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### **WEDDING BREAKFAST~STARTERS** **(choose 1)**

Chilled melon with seasonal berries, fruit coulis and mint syrup (g) (d) (v)

Greek Salad

Olives, cucumber, tomatoes, feta cheese and lettuce with vinaigrette and balsamic (v)

Smoked Salmon, prawns and peppered mackerel with lemon and dill dressing

Salad of plum tomatoes, mozzarella and red onion marmalade with reduced balsamic (v)

Chicken Liver pate with toasted ciabatta and dressed salad

Terrine of ham hock with pickled vegetables and mustard dressing

Soup

served with roll and butter

~ *Cream of Vegetable*

~ *Clear vegetable and pearl barley broth*

~ *Leek and potato*

~ *Tomato and basil*

~ *Carrot and orange*

~ *Sweet potato, butternut squash and rosemary*

~ *Minestrone*

~ *Cauliflower*

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### **WEDDING BREAKFAST~MAIN COURSE**

(choose 1)

#### **£32.50 PER PERSON**

Roast sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire pudding

Roast rump of Lamb with redcurrant and rosemary jus

Roast loin of Pork with apricot and herb seasoning

Roast Turkey with seasoning and crispy bacon

Breast of Chicken with mushroom and tarragon cream sauce or  
Bacon, red wine and shallots

#### **£35.50 PER PERSON**

Braised sirloin of beef with bacon, wild mushrooms and sticky shallots in a red wine sauce

Breast of Barbary Duck with caramelised vegetables and an apple and cranberry compote

#### **£42.50 PER PERSON**

Fillet of Beef Wellington with Madeira sauce

**(gluten free gravy/sauces on request)**

*All main course prices include, choice of starter, dessert, coffee and mints*

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### WEDDING BREAKFAST~MAIN COURSES (CONTINUED)

#### VEGETARIAN

**£32.50 PER PERSON**

**(Choose 1 for all vegetarian guests)**

Vegetable Moussaka with Garlic Bread and House Salad (v)

Open roast vegetable tart with salsa and herb oil (v)

Baked Leek and Cauliflower Gratin with Garlic Bread and House Salad (v)

#### FISH

**£32.50 PER PERSON**

Sea bream with sauté greens, coriander butter and Chinese style vinaigrette (g)

Fillet of sea bass with fondant potato, seafood vinaigrette and a red pepper coulis (g)

Supreme of salmon with vegetable and butterbean stew finished with watercress oil

*all prices include choice of starter, dessert, coffee and mints*

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### **WEDDING BREAKFAST~DESSERTS (choose 1)**

Dark chocolate mousse in a chocolate cup with orange syrup and chocolate sauce (g)

Shortbread hearts with seasonal fruits and fresh cream

Caramelised lemon tart with sweetened mascarpone and coulis

Classic crème brulee with viennese finger choose from:

*Mandarin and Cinnamon, Summer fruits or Caramelised pineapple*

Profiteroles with chocolate sauce

Baileys cheesecake with chocolate glaze

Red cherry cheesecake with Anglaise and coulis

Dark chocolate and orange torte

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### **WEDDING BREAKFAST OPTION~ LUXURY CARVED BUFFET**

**£42.50**

Crown of Melon  
filled with seasonal Berries and topped with Sorbet

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Decorated Wild Salmon

Whole Turkey

Sirloin of Beef

Yorkshire Ham

Gala Pie

Cascade of Mediterranean Prawns

Spinach, Pasta and Pesto Tart (v)

Waldorf Salad

Tossed Green Salad

Coleslaw

Potato Salad

Hot New Minted Potatoes

Variety of Dips and Dressings

Rolls and Butter

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A choice of 2 desserts from the banqueting menu

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Coffee and Mints

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### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

#### **Canapes ~ £3.50 per person**

A selection of individual hand-made canapes  
often served with celebration drinks

#### **Petit Fours (with coffee) £2.00 per person**

**Sorbet Course £2.75**  
*(Strawberry and pink champagne, raspberry, blackcurrant, lemon)*

#### **Fish Course £7.95 PER PERSON**

Fillet of Bream with coriander butter, wilted greens and Chinese style vinaigrette  
Fillet of Sea Bass with roast vegetables, seafood vinaigrette and red pepper coulis  
Supreme of Salmon with a vegetable and butterbean stew finished with herb oil

#### **Cheeseboard £4.50 per person**

A selection of local cheeses served at the table with biscuits

### **BUFFET DESSERTS**

#### **£3.00 per person**

Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce and Fresh Fruit Salad with Pouring Cream  
or  
**£2.00 per person**

Selection of miniature desserts

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### EVENING OPTIONS

#### HOG ROAST

**£950 for up to 120 persons**  
**(£1050 for up to 140 persons)**

To include:

Roast Pork carved from the Hog

Baps

Apple Sauce

Chutney

Seasoning

Potato Wedges

Coleslaw

Salad

(A number of vegetarian burgers can be added by prior request)  
**(£3.00 per person)**

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### **EVENING OPTIONS**

#### **ANTIPASTO PLATTER**

**£9.50**

Selection of Continental Meats

Assorted Breads

Dips

Olives

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#### **CHEESE AND PATE TABLE**

**£9.50**

Selection of local cheeses

Homemade Pate

Crusty Bread

And accompaniments

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### EVENING OPTIONS

#### BUFFET

**£14.50**

Selection of wholemeal and white bread rolls  
And traditional sandwiches each with assorted fillings, to include:

Ham, cheddar & pickle, beef with coarse grain mustard,  
chicken tikka, tuna mayonnaise

Selection of pizza:

*To include meat and vegetarian options*

Selection of Cold Pasta Dishes

Spiced chicken Strips with Dips

Onion Bhajjis

Samosa's

Assorted Kettle Chips

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS CAN BE ADDED AT £2.00 PER ITEM**

- Hot Cocktail Sausages with wholegrain Mustard Dip
  - Garlic and Rosemary roasted New Potatoes
- Spring Rolls with a Sweet Chilli Dipping Sauce
  - Mixed Leaf Salad
  - Greek Salad

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### CELEBRATION DRINKS

<b>ON ARRIVAL / CELEBRATION</b>	<b>WITH THE MEAL</b>	<b>TOAST</b>
All prices listed by the glass		All prices listed by the glass
Pimms & Lemonade £4.50	House Chardonnay Blend £16.25/bottle £4.10/glass	Champagne House £6.50
Bucks Fizz £4.50	House Sauvignon Blanc £16.25/bottle £4.10/glass	Champagne House Rose £6.50
Brides Bowl (a sparkling, fruity cocktail made to Slater's secret recipe!) £4.50	House Cabernet Sauvignon £16.25/bottle £4.10/glass	Sparkling Wine House £4.75
Mulled Wine £4.50	House Rose £16.25/bottle £4.10/glass	Sparkling Rose Wine House £4.75
Alcohol free Cocktail £4.50	Pinot Grigio £16.50/bottle	
	Shiraz £16.50/bottle	<b>FINE CHAMPAGNES</b> (allow 6 glasses per bottle) All prices listed/purchased by the bottle
		Veuve Clicquot Brut Yellow Label £48
		Veuve Clicquot Rose £48.00
		Cuvee Dom Perignon 1998 £95.00

**Drinks must be provided in each of the above sections for all adults  
ie. the drinks package must provide for a minimum of 3 drinks in total for each guest.  
When selecting bottles of wine for the table allow 4 glasses per bottle.**

**Bottles of Still/Sparkling Mineral Water can be added to the table drinks at £3.50/bottle**

**Soft drinks should be provided for all children over 2yrs and under 18yrs ~ priced from £2.50**

**The above suggestions are by no means exhaustive and your specific requirements can be discussed in greater detail. We have a comprehensive wine list which can be provided on request.**

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### THE WEDDING PACKAGE

**THE COST TO HIRE SLATER'S AS A WEDDING VENUE WILL BE £500 – MINIMUM NUMBERS APPLY.  
(MIDWEEK/OFF PEAK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE-PLEASE ASK)**

WHEN THERE ARE LESS THAN 50 ADULT GUESTS FOR THE DAY AND/OR EVENING THE FOLLOWING  
ADDITIONAL CHARGE WILL APPLY

	DAY (£'s)	EVENING (£'s)
Less than 50 but more than 35	100	100
Less than 35	150	150

### PLEASE NOTE

Saturday bookings from April to September plus December must include a Wedding Breakfast **and** Evening Reception. ie. They cannot be booked for afternoon only or for evening only.

Also, as stated above, discounts are available for weekday weddings/receptions (Monday to Thursday) and may be available at weekends during off-peak times or bookings at short notice. **PLEASE ASK.**

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### **THE HIRE COST WILL INCLUDE:**

- EXCLUSIVE HIRE OF THE BRIAR SUITE AND STAFF FOR THE DAY & EVENING
- EXCLUSIVE HIRE OF THE BRIAR LANDING AND STAFF FOR THE DAY & EVENING
- EXCLUSIVE HIRE OF THE PRIVATE LAWNED GARDENS FOR THE DAY & EVENING
- PRIVATE FULLY STAFFED BAR IN THE BRIAR SUITE UNTIL MIDNIGHT
- PROVISION OF A FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT FOR THE CEREMONY TABLE (WHERE APPLICABLE)
- HIRE OF WHITE TABLE LINEN
- ALL CUTLERY, CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE
- USE OF OUR ROUND/SQUARE CAKE STAND AND CAKE KNIFE
- PROVISION OF MUSIC FOR A CIVIL CEREMONY IF REQUIRED
- PROVISION OF BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR THE WEDDING BREAKFAST
- TABLE MENUS
- TABLE NUMBERS AND STANDS
- SEATING PLAN FOR DISPLAY
- EASEL TO DISPLAY YOUR SEATING PLAN
- DRESSING OF TABLES WITH YOUR OWN PLACE NAMES, FAVOURS, SPRINKLES AND TABLE CENTRES (ADDITIONAL ITEMS MAY INCUR A SMALL CHARGE)
- COMPLIMENTARY EN-SUITE ROOM FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM ON THE EVENING OF THE WEDDING

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### ACCOMMODATION

#### MAIN HOTEL BUILDING

~	Superior Twin Bedded Room en-suite ~ single occupancy	49.95
~	Superior Twin Bedded Room en-suite ~ double occupancy	69.95
~	Superior Double Bedded Room en-suite ~ single occupancy	65.00
~	Superior Double Bedded Room en-suite – double occupancy	85.00

#### COURTYARD

~	Family room ~ three or four people	120.00
~	Family room ~ five people	130.00

All prices are inclusive of breakfast

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (not necessarily in order of frequency!)

**Q WHAT TIME IS THE BAR OPEN?**

**A** The private bar is open from the arrival of your guests until midnight. However, if you have your civil ceremony in the Briar Suite then the bar will not open until 1 hour after the ceremony. The public bar however remains open all day.

**Q CAN WE BRING OUR OWN WINE?**

**A** We regret that all drinks must be purchased through Slater's. We offer a very comprehensive wine list and if you should have a preference for anything not listed then we will do our best to provide this for you. Please ask.  
**( note - alcoholic wedding favours are not permitted).**

Please note that any guests bringing their own alcohol onto the premises for consumption will have the drink confiscated and will be asked to leave the venue.

**Q CAN WE HAVE A DISCO?**

**A** Yes, Slater's can book a disco on your behalf. The current cost of this is £260.  
If you wish to book your own DJ then we will need to see a copy of their Public Liability insurance at least 2 weeks prior to the date. This will also incur a site fee of £50 unless they are able to provide their own PPL certificate.

**Q CAN WE HAVE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT?**

**A** Yes, providing we are made aware of your intentions beforehand. We would need to see copies of Public Liability Insurance together with valid testing certificates for any electrical equipment to be used. This will also incur a site fee of £50 unless they are able to provide their own PPL certificate.

**Q IS CONFETTI ALLOWED?**

**A** Yes, **hand thrown** confetti is allowed in the grounds with pleasure. However, confetti bombs, rockets, launchers etc are strictly forbidden!

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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**Q ARE MARQUEES ALLOWED?**

**A** We regret that it is not possible to put marquees in the grounds. However, we have our own small drinks marquee in the grounds

**Q CAN WE HAVE A BOUNCY CASTLE?**

**A** It is possible to have a bouncy castle (subject to certificates of Public Liability being provided) and subject to prior notice being given to ourselves. The wedding gardens at Slater's are provided primarily for reception drinks and photographs and therefore any requests for other uses must be discussed and approved at the time of booking.

**Q CAN WE HAVE CHINESE LANTERNS?**

**A** Unfortunately these are not permitted in the grounds

**Q ARE THERE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION RATES FOR WEDDING GUESTS?**

**A** As part of the wedding package, a Superior double room is provided on a complimentary basis for the Happy Couple on the wedding night. Additional guests will pay the current room tariff.

We hope that the above questions and answers, whilst not comprehensive, are of assistance when making plans for your Wedding Day. It is our aim at Slater's to work with you as a team to create the perfect day for you both. If you have further questions or require clarification on any other details then please do not hesitate to ask.

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### HOW TO BOOK

Once you have decided to hold your wedding/reception with us we will hold the booking provisionally for you for a maximum of 14 days.

After this time we would ask you to pay a non-refundable deposit of £750 to confirm the reservation and secure the date.

Further payments are as detailed in our Terms and Conditions enclosed

All deposits and advance payments are non refundable and non transferable.

### PRICES

All our prices are correct at the time of going to print and include VAT. They may be subject to change without notice. Final prices will be confirmed three months prior to the event.

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Confirmation** ~ Written confirmation is required within 14 days of the original verbal booking with a best estimate of numbers and a £750 non-refundable deposit. The hotel reserves the right to cancel a booking if written confirmation is not received after 14 days.
2. **Numbers** ~ Final numbers to be confirmed 14 days in advance of your wedding day and this will be the minimum number, which will be charged. Please note that the minimum numbers for a wedding breakfast are stated in the wedding pack and the minimum number of guests required for an evening reception is as stated in the wedding pack, please also note that 100% of the evening guests must be catered for.
3. **Cancellation** ~ In the event of a cancellation there will be a charge of –  
A 6 – 12 months in advance 30% of the total anticipated charges  
B 3 – 6 months in advance 70% of the total anticipated charges  
C Less than 3 months 90% of the total anticipated charges  
D 14 days in advance 100% of the total anticipated charges
4. **Finishing Times** ~ Events must finish at the time agreed when booking and an extension of time may not be possible
5. **Price Variation** ~ Slater's Country Hotel and Inn reserves the right to increase prices in the event of circumstances beyond control, e.g. increase in VAT.
6. **Agents** ~ Should a client contact Slater's Country Hotel and Inn through an agent, the agent acts for the client and it is the client's responsibility for the payment of Slater's Country Hotel and Inn account.
7. **Payment** ~ A further payment of £750 is required in the January of the year of your wedding. Three months prior to the date of your wedding 70% of your final balance is payable and 14 days prior to your wedding date; final numbers and payment are required.
8. **Damage** ~ Clients are responsible to Slater's Country Hotel and Inn for any damage caused by clients, their guests, agents or employees.
9. **Equipment and Property** ~ Clients own equipment and property is brought to Slater's Country Hotel and Inn at their own risk and Slater's country Hotel and Inn accepts no liability for loss or damage.
10. **Force Majeure** ~ If Slater's Country Hotel and Inn is limited or hindered from hosting the event or providing any facility booked by the client due to circumstances beyond its control e.g. Government intervention, acts of God, civil disturbance, war, national or local disaster, strikes, labour disputes, then the liability of Slater's Country Hotel and Inn to the client shall not exceed the amount paid by the client to Slater's Country Hotel and Inn in respect of the event.
11. **Contract** ~ When a booking is confirmed in writing a contract is deemed to exist. This contract shall be governed in all respects by English Law. It can only be modified by a supplementary written contract. Slater's Country Hotel and Inn will endeavour to provide the contracted event room. However, Slater's reserves the right to relocate the event to a different room/area of the hotel, whilst fulfilling all other criteria of the booking.
12. **Accommodation** ~ We have provisionally booked 15 bedrooms for this date and these will be held until 8 weeks prior to this date. After this time any remaining rooms will be released and will be available for your guests to book on a first come first served basis up until 4 weeks prior to the wedding date when all remaining rooms will be released for general sale.

I/We hereby agree to the above terms and conditions:

Partner 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner2: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_