



*FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY*



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*Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage*



*Welcome to The Lordleaze Hotel and Restaurant*

May we firstly offer you our congratulations on your forthcoming marriage and thank you for your interest shown in The Lordleaze Hotel.

Weddings are special at The Lordleaze Hotel, our reputation for quality, efficiency, professionalism and hospitality are second to none. We are happy to cater for parties from the small family Wedding Lunch to the full 'Grand Wedding Celebration' for up to 120 guests in our main banquet suite with facilities for up to 200 for an evening party.

We are also licensed for Civil Ceremonies and the courtyard garden and surrounding country are ideal for your photographs.

Our 25 bedrooms (including the bridal suite) enable The Lordleaze Hotel to be an ideal self-contained house party venue. Your guests can enjoy a discounted rate.



With menus tailor made to suit your tastes we would be pleased to welcome you for all your special occasions, weddings, private parties and anniversaries. We are also able to accommodate conferences and business functions, please ask for details. The extra care and flair we have and attention to detail will ensure your reception is all you could wish it to be.



### *3 Star Hotel Accommodation*

The twenty-five tastefully decorated bedrooms all have en-suite bathroom, colour television, radio, telephone with modem port, tea and coffee making facilities, trouser press and iron, hairdryer and other small touches.

There are two family rooms and a four-poster bedroom with the rest being made up of double or twin bedded rooms.

Seven of the rooms are on the ground floor, some of which have disabled facilities. All rooms are of course available for single occupancy.



### *Bar and Restaurant*

The Olde Worlde lounge bar with its comfortable seating and real log fire has a relaxed and intimate atmosphere. Real Ales, good wine and a full range of other drinks.

Good quality local produce cooked well is the essence of our kitchen. The Restaurant is open every evening and also on Sunday lunchtime.



## *The Perfect Reception*

The procedures below follow established protocol and correct etiquette. They may be followed in the traditional manner or you may wish to amend them to suit your own personal requirements.

The receiving line is both courteous and practical; it is the ideal way to ensure you see everyone. The receiving line can be arranged to suit the Bridal Party as required.

Bride  
Groom  
Bride's Mother and Bride's Father  
Groom's Mother and Groom's Father  
Bridesmaids (optional)  
Best Man (optional)

### TOP TABLE SEATING PLAN

The Top Table seating arrangements facing your guests would normally read from left to right.

Chief Bridesmaid	Groom's Father	Bride's Mother	Groom	Bride	Bride's Father	Groom's Mother	Best Man
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### TOASTS AND SPEECHES

Take place after the dessert and coffee have been served

1. Bride and Groom cut the cake and cake is served
2. Bride's Father proposes toast to the Bride and Groom
3. Groom responds to first toast and toasts the Bridesmaids
4. Best Man responds to Bridegroom's speech on behalf of the Bridesmaids and reads any special greeting cards to the guests



## *Your Special Day*

*Our price format enables you to have everything with no hidden extras and giving exceptional value for money.*

### WEDDING BREAKFAST

Our comprehensive wedding breakfast menu price includes the following:

A glass of wine or soft drink upon arrival

A glass of red or white wine with the meal

A glass of sparkling wine for the toast

Use of a silver cake knife

Vegetarian and Children's options available (advance notice required)

Personal Master of Ceremonies

### EVENING PARTIES

Evening Parties with a Buffet and Disco for up to 200 people can be arranged following your main wedding breakfast.

This also has an inclusive price incorporating room hire, our in-house disco plus hot and cold finger buffet.

For the greater enjoyment of adults we recommend that only children of 12 years and over attend the evening function.

### FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Floral arrangements, decorations and cake, we recommend that you organise yourselves as they are very personal to your own tastes. (See the advertisers at the end of this brochure).

### SEATING PLAN

We can arrange a decorative seating plan, which you will be able to take with you as a keepsake and for which there is a small fee.

We ask that you provide name cards for your guests.

There is a room hire charge for Civil Ceremonies.

We respectfully ask guests to use confetti sparingly and only outside the hotel.

Chair Covers can be hired at an extra cost.



## Responsibilities

The following check list should be of use in planning your Wedding. Tick when you are satisfied that the various people are aware of their responsibilities and that the necessary arrangements are being made. There is room for any special points you may think require attention.

### Bride's Mother

- Arrange printing of invitations
- Send invitations
- Order Wedding Cake
- Hire Photographer
- Arrange florist for church and reception
- Order Cake Boxes
- Arrange display of presents
- Hire Cars
- Contact local newspapers for announcement
- Hire Video company
- Hire Balloon Decorators

### Bride's Father

- Double check transport arrangements
- Order Morning Suit
- Respond to toast to "The Parents"

### Bride

- Choose Bridesmaids
- Select Dress for Bridesmaids and Yourself
- Book Hair and Beauty Appointments
- List Wedding presents preferred
- Order Wedding Bouquets

### Bridegroom

- Arrange Ceremony
- Choose Best Man
- Hire Morning Suits
- Order Flowers for the Bride, Bridesmaids and Mothers
- Order Registrar's Certificate if needed
- Arrange travel for Honeymoon
- Arrange for cars to and from Church
- Prepare response to "Bride and Bridegroom" toast
- Propose a toast to "The Bridesmaids"
- Choose gifts for the Bridesmaids, Ushers and Best Man

### Best Man

- Look after the ring
- Organise cars from the Church
- Reply to "Bridesmaids" toast
- Propose a toast to "The Parents"
- Propose a toast to Bride and Groom
- Return both the Bridegrooms and your Morning Suits

### Bridesmaids

- Choose clothes with the Bride
- Help the Bride to dress
- Chief Bridesmaid takes charge of Bride's Bouquet during Ceremony



## *Traditions*

### THE DRESS

White was the colour which the ancient Romans believed would ward off evil spirits. It had nothing to do with purity or virginity, the veil was also designed to protect the bride from evil spirits seeing her beauty and being jealous.

### THE WEDDING BOUQUET

In olden days this was made up of strong smelling herbs to frighten away evil spirits, and to surround the couple with beauty. Most flowers have their own meaning. The bouquet used to always contain orange blossom which symbolised fertility.

### THE CAKE

The cake is a very ancient feature of the marriage feast. The richer the mixture the more abundant the marriage would be. The original mix was of sesame seed and honey. The first slice should always be cut by the bride and bridegroom.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

The first photograph was taken in France in 1826. It took eight hours to make the exposure. Luckily today's bride and bridegroom don't have to stand still that long. In 1853 William Fox Talbot of Britain invented the process of making a negative from which later prints could be taken. The first colour photograph was taken in 1861.

### TOSSING THE SLICE

Believing that newly weds brought good luck, they were showered with nuts and grains to ensure a bountiful harvest. This has now become the throwing of confetti.

### TRANSPORT

Today's practice of using vintage cars and horse-drawn vehicles probably began about 30 years ago and sets the scene in the manner of the elegant 20's.

### THROWING OF OLD SHOES

This was the traditional way of transferring the responsibility of the bride's father to her new husband – now best kept alive by tying shoes to the back of cars.

### THE HONEYMOON

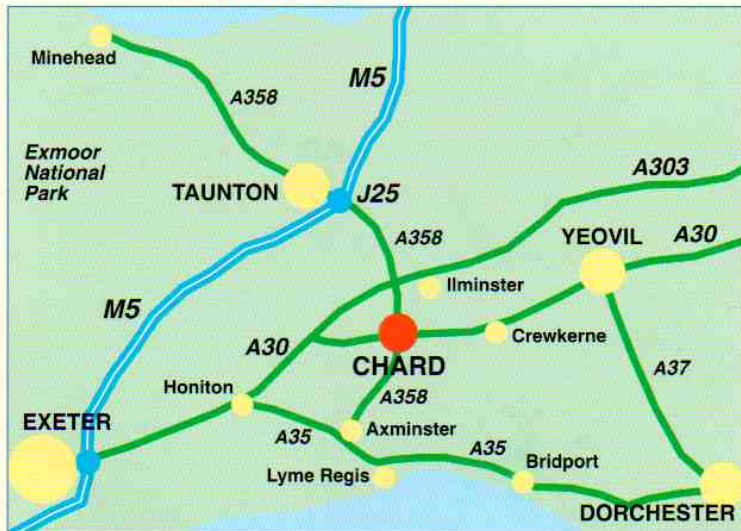
Centuries ago, it was customary for the Bride and Bridegroom to drink mead (a wine made from honey) for a month after the wedding. A month was known as "moon" – hence honeymoon.





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### HOW TO FIND US



Chard is situated on the A30 London - Exeter road just a few miles from junction 25 on the M5 at Taunton.

From the traffic lights in the centre of Chard, take the A358 Axminster road until you see St Mary's Church on your right. Turn left to Forton and Winsham on the B3162 and follow the signs.



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## 2012 Wedding Price List

*Our prices are structured to give excellent value for money  
with no hidden extras*

### The Wedding Breakfast

certain drinks, venue hire, master of ceremonies, freshly cooked  
local produce & coffee/tea are all included in our prices

Menu 1 £30.50 per person

Menu 2 £31.00 per person

Menu 3 £33.50 per person

Menu 4 £33.95 per person

Menu 5 £32.50 per person

Menu 6 £29.00 per person

### Civil Ceremony

room hire

£199.00

### Evening Party

room hire, our disco, buffet food are all included

£1575.00

### Seating Plan

£50.00

A deposit of £300.00 is required to secure your booking.  
We ask for a further payment of 50% 3 months in advance please

The management reserve the right to vary prices if necessary

# The Lordleaze Hotel

## Wedding Menus

### 1

Chefs Vegetable Soup  
Roast Honey Loin of Somerset Pork with Cider & Apple Gravy  
Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables in season  
Chocolate Roulade with Chocolate Sauce

### 2

Chicken Liver Pate with Onion relish & Toast  
Supreme of Chicken Chasseur  
Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables in season  
Raspberry Pavlova

### 3

Finest Smoked Salmon  
Roast Rib of Beef and Yorkshire Pudding  
Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables in season  
Fresh Fruit Cheesecake

### 4

(4-Courses)  
Prawn Cocktail  
Chefs Vegetable Soup  
Roast Local Turkey with Stuffing and Chipolata Bacon Roll  
Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables in season  
Sherry Trifle

### 5

Melon & Orange Cocktail  
Braised West Country Lamb Shank  
Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables in season  
Tarte au Citron

### 6

Hot or Cold Tomato & Basil Soup  
Assorted Meats or Salmon  
Seasonal Salads & New Potatoes  
Fresh Fruit Salad  
Or Strawberries (in season)