UNIQUE Weddings



Holding Special Events Since 1839





The VENUE

When it comes to planning your dream wedding, the venue is everything

Palm Court has been thoughtfully decorated to capture the salubrious nature of when it functioned as a beautiful continental courtyard in 1889.

Not only can we provide beautiful and elegant surroundings that create wonderful memories, but we also have a team with the experience and the talent to design exactly the type of wedding you are looking for.

We are renowned throughout North Devon for hosting weddings that guests will love, and that will be talked about for years to come.





The HISTORY

Our wedding rooms date back to 1688

In 1688, the oldest section of The Royal Hotel which includes, The Kingsley Honeymoon Suite, Kingsley Lounge, and the stunning oak staircase was at the time used as a high class colonial townhouse. This was owned by a wealthy tobacco merchant named Mr John Davie.

The 335 year old staircase and Kingsley rooms make the ideal place for that stunning wedding photo.

The name Palm Court originates from the original name given to the Continental Courtyard which was built in 1830 and became part of The Royal Hotel in 1873 .

During the years of 1830 and 1897 the rooms beside Palm Court functioned as prison cells which still stand to this day. This served as Bideford's Jail until the Police Station opened up in 1897.







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The Royal Hotel specialises in producing unique and bespoke weddings

Whether you're looking for a venue for your wedding ceremony or wedding reception, we're sure you'll have a magical day that you, your family and friends will treasure forever.

All our menus come inclusive of top table flower decorations, cake stand and knife, white crisp linen napkins, assistance with the table plans, toast master, complimentary accommodation for the bride and groom and discounted accommodation for any day or evening guests.

Our south-facing unique 'Secret Garden' overlooking the River Torridge offers the perfect backdrop for your wedding photographs, as well as the perfect place for your guests to sit and relax.



Luxury ACCOMMODATION

Our 1688 Kingsley Suite with its stunning Italian ceiling and river view is complementary to the newly weds for that memorable special wedding night

With 32 elegant bedrooms for you to choose from, some with sweeping views over the River Torridge. Each room comes with its own character and charm allowing you to have a truly personal experience.



All our bedrooms are en-suite, and all benefit from LED TV's, free wifi, telephones, hairdryers, luxury toiletries and beverage making facilities. Plus, guests of The Royal Hotel enjoy free use of the leisure facilities at our sister hotel, The Barnstaple Hotel.

Our Kingsley Lounge and Merchants Bistro

Make the most of your stay, from moments winding down with loved ones in our Kingsley Lounge under the breathtaking Italian ceiling, to time spent in our opulent Merchants Bistro. Experience attentive service and an inviting atmosphere with breathtaking views of The River Torridge.



Our Merchants Bistro is themed around Bidford's rich and diverse history, with the harbour being the third busiest in England. Our Kingsley Lounge is one of the most historic parts of the hotel, still retaining its ornate pine panelling and magnificently detailed Italian ceiling.





THE ROYAL HOTEL

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