

ST LAWRENCE GROUND

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CONFERENCES • SPECIAL OCCASIONS • EVENTS



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WELCOME

St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury is at the heart of the ancient city and, as you would expect from the English birthplace of Christianity and literature, it is steeped in history. It has been the home of Kent County Cricket Club since 1842 and witnessed some of the immortals playing in its tranquil, lush

surroundings.

Due to an extensive redevelopment programme St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury now offers businesses, groups and individuals a wealth of opportunities to entertain, celebrate, educate or host, in a range of conference rooms, lounges and boxes.

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CONFERENCES, SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND EVENTS

CONFERENCES

Quality, variety and flexibility are the key words when you reflect on the facilities at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury. Our three major lounges, meeting rooms, plus bar and boxes, can cater for gatherings from ten to three hundred people. You can book one room or use the whole facility, including the Kent Cricket Academy and cricket playing area.

Delegates' rate include:

- Room Hire
- Car and Bus Parking
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Wi-Fi
- Food and Beverage
- Host Service



SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We will make your special occasion a success with our bespoke approach and the integration of a flexible venue and commitment to quality. Our chefs can present simple finger food options or a five star à la carte dining menu.

We can cater for special occasions including:

- Formal Dinners – for Businesses, Public Sector Organisations, Sports Clubs or Service Groups
- Weddings
- Breakfasts
- Christmas functions
- Children's Parties in the Kent Cricket Academy
- Stag and Hen Nights
- Groups
- Funerals and Wakes
- Balls
- Christenings
- Birthdays
- Anniversaries





We can enhance your occasion by arranging that little bit extra to make it even more memorable for your guests. This could include:

- Photographers
- Music Options – String Quartet, Discos, Tribute Bands, Karaoke
- Themed Nights – Wild West, Moulin Rouge, James Bond, Casino
- Fun Activities – Inflatables, Outdoor Fun, Fairground Attractions
- Entertainers – Magicians, Lookalikes, Fortune Tellers, Wacky Waiters

We will work with you to choose the correct location for your gathering and help you devise and manage the complete occasion. See the Facilities Checklist on page 12 for room capacities and Menu Packages from page 15.



EVENTS

One of the unique features of the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury is the number of options available to our clients. Through the use of our indoor school, Astroturf football cage and cricket pitch it is possible to hold an event for thousands of people.

Examples include:

- Staff Picnics and Family Fun Days
- Team-building Occasions, Incorporating Formal Classroom Sessions, plus Physical Activity and Sport – Cricket, Basketball, Football, Badminton and any Gymnasium Based Activity
- Fairs
- Concerts
- Fireworks Nights
- Product Launches
- Community Events
- Exhibitions





FACILITIES

CHIESMAN PAVILION

Styled like the Lord's Long Room, the Chiesman Pavilion is our historic oasis in the midst of our modern facility. You will be surrounded by photographs and paintings of the greats of Kent Cricket, spanning over 150 years. The chandeliers and decor set this room apart as the ideal venue for formal gatherings, dinners and meetings. Built with an Annexe extension, it can be expanded to cater for larger groups.

HARRIS ROOM

Situated on the second floor of the Colin Cowdrey Conference Centre, the Harris Room and balcony offer panoramic views of the St Lawrence Ground, in all its peace and grandeur. Versatile and flexible, the Harris Room can cater for large public meetings, formal and informal dinners or an occasion of your choice. Well serviced with a bar area, it has been refurbished to a high standard in the redevelopment programme.



CORNWALLIS ROOM

On the first floor of the Colin Cowdrey Conference Centre, the Cornwallis Room is set up for buffet meals and breakfast gatherings, due to its built-in serving area. You will have space to move around and arrange in a manner to suit your gathering, while still enjoying the peaceful vista of the cricket outfield and block. The Cornwallis Room also doubles as an excellent pre-event reception area for functions in the Harris Room.



COWDREY MEETING ROOM

Strategic planning days, board meetings and staff planning sessions: all great options for the use of the Cowdrey Meeting Room, on the ground floor of the Colin Cowdrey Conference Centre. It is private and self-contained, but you can still incorporate its use into other functions, break-out rooms and activities on-site.



COMMITTEE ROOM

The old style boardroom will greet you as you enter the Kent County Cricket Club Committee Room within the Frank Woolley Stand. Surrounded by photographs and memorials of bygone days, you can use this location as a break-out room for any conference or gathering, a preparation area or, as it is still used today, a Committee or Board meeting room.





LES AMES BAR

On the ground floor of the Les Ames Stand, our bar is 'party central' on-site and the ideal venue for birthday celebrations, stag and hen nights or any occasion when you want some privacy to let your hair down! You can also enjoy the extended space provided by the balcony as you look over the St Lawrence Ground.

LES AMES BOXES

Upstairs in the Les Ames Stand, the five boxes offer a variety of sizes and can comfortably host groups of between six and thirty. The height and views create a tranquil environment for you to work in throughout the day, be it a small group meeting or break-out space used as part of a larger conference.



FACILITIES CHECKLIST

St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury offers a range of function rooms, meeting rooms, bars and boxes as well as several sporting facilities.

ROOM	LOCATION	CAPACITY			PRIVATE BAR	MICROPHONE	PROJECTOR	BLACK OUT	DISABLED ACCESS
		THEATRE STYLE	ROUND TABLES	TRESTLE TABLES					
Chiesman Pavilion	Chiesman Pavilion – standard	220	140	160	yes	yes	portable	no	yes
	Chiesman Pavilion – extended	240	160	180	yes	yes	portable	no	yes
Harris Room	Cowdrey Conference Centre	300	200	220	yes	yes	ceiling mounted	yes	yes
Cornwallis Room	Cowdrey Conference Centre	180	90	150	yes	yes	portable	yes	yes
Cowdrey Meeting Room	Cowdrey Conference Centre	25	18	n/a	no	no	mounted	yes	yes
Committee Room	Frank Woolley Stand	25	18	n/a	no	no	portable	no	no
Bar	Les Ames Stand	n/a	n/a	n/a	yes	n/a	n/a	no	yes
Boxes – 1-3	Les Ames Stand	10	10	10	yes	no	portable	no	no
Box 4 – double	Les Ames Stand	20	20	20	yes	no	portable	no	no
Box 5 – triple	Les Ames Stand	30	30	30	yes	no	portable	no	no



CATERING

Led by our Head Chef, Nigel Bell, the Catering Team have a wealth of experience which will make your conference, special occasion or event a talking point for months to come. Whether you choose to host the event in one of our lounges or have our team come to your home, office or venue, we will deliver bespoke menus, quality food and timely service.

OUR TEAM

Our Team at St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury have a breadth of experience in event catering. With over twenty years' service in the country's premier venues, they have worked in some of London's most exquisite restaurants, livery halls and sports stadiums including Wembley Stadium, Twickenham Stadium, Royal Ascot, Lord's and the Royal Albert Hall. Individually, they have served some of the country's top sports stars, celebrities and members of the Royal Family.





FOOD FACTS

- The chicken and eggs we use here at St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury are all free-range.
- All our meat is British.
- Our vegetables are sourced from Covent Garden, handpicked by our suppliers through the night and delivered to us by morning, ensuring that they are the freshest they can be.
- Our fish supplier is as passionate about sourcing local and sustainable fish and seafood as we are. The mussels are net grown and most of our fish is caught by Whitstable or Folkestone trawlers. All the smoked salmon we use is Loch Duart, which has received numerous awards for their smokery and has featured on Rick Stein's 'Food Heroes'.
- Our sandwiches are made for us locally in Kent; the tuna is dolphin friendly and all packaging is 100% recyclable. There is a free-range selection and a 'pole and line' tuna range.
- We also make our own homemade chutneys, pickles and jams at St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury.



PACKAGES AND MENUS

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our chefs at St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury provide for the dietary requirements of our County Team. It has to be good homecooked food with the right amount of protein and nutrients to refuel and enhance concentration and performance.

We pride ourselves on being voted one of the top grounds to eat at in the country.

We use the same practice in producing a well balanced meal to ensure you get the best concentration and performance from your delegates or guests.





SAMPLE MENU

GOLD PACKAGE

Arrival

Unlimited freshly brewed tea,
coffee and herbal infusions

Danish pastries

Orange juice

Fresh fruit

Boiled sweets on each table

Lunch

Baked loin of cod with a pesto glaze,
served with crushed Charlotte potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables

Penne pasta served with rocket, chorizo, sunblush tomatoes,
peppers and freshly grated Parmesan

Jacket potatoes,

served with a selection of salads and breads

Dessert

Clotted cream strawberry cheesecake

Fresh fruit salad

Afternoon tea or coffee

Selection of locally produced mini cakes or fresh fruit

CONFERENCE GOLD PACKAGE

FULL DAY

Dedicated event
co-ordinator

Conference room hire

Unlimited refreshment breaks

Two-course buffet lunch,
served with coffee

Mineral water

Stationery

Flipchart

Data projector and screen

Free Wi-Fi

Car parking on-site

The Event Co-ordinator will help
with directions and set up



CONFERENCE SILVER PACKAGE

FULL DAY

Conference room hire

Unlimited refreshment breaks

Two-course buffet lunch,
served with coffee

Mineral water

Stationery

Flipchart

Data projector and screen

Free Wi-Fi

Car parking on-site



SAMPLE MENU

SILVER PACKAGE

Arrival

Unlimited freshly brewed tea, coffee and herbal infusions

Selection of biscuits

Fresh fruit

Boiled sweets on each table

Lunch

Seared salmon supreme with a citrus sauce, served
with steamed potatoes and fresh seasonal vegetables

Spinach and ricotta ravioli with a roast tomato and basil sauce

Jacket potatoes

served with a selection of salads and breads

Dessert

Banoffee pie

Fresh fruit salad



CONFERENCE BREAKFAST PACKAGE

FOUR-HOUR

Conference room hire

Stationery

Flipchart

Data projector and screen

Free Wi-Fi

Car parking on-site



SAMPLE MENU

CONFERENCE BREAKFAST PACKAGE

Unlimited tea, coffee
and fresh juices

Full English breakfast

Danish pastries

Toast and preserves

Cereal





SAMPLE MENU



THREE-COURSE SEATED

Starters

Terrine of foie gras, chargrilled brioche,
served with St Lawrence homemade Muscat jelly, asparagus,
red pepper and balsamic oil

Main Course

Seared fillet of line caught sea bass,
served with saffron and vanilla Romney Marsh potatoes,
sauté green vegetables and a mussel and cockle broth

Dessert

Kent strawberry mess,
served with a shortbread biscuit and clotted cream



Freshly brewed Arabica coffee

or

Tea and fruit infusions

Chocolate mint crisps



SPECIAL OCCASIONS





SAMPLE MENU **FINGER FOOD**



Selection of freshly cut cocktail sandwiches



Mini toad in the hole,
served with St Lawrence red onion marmalade



King prawn brochettes,
served with lime and chilli and a Alkham Valley honey and pepper dip



Mini sunblush tomato and goat's cheese tartlets with pesto sauce



Chinese marinated free range chicken fillets,
served with English plum sauce



Hand cooked sea salt Kent crisps

Salted peanuts
Marinated olives



OTHER ON-SITE FACILITIES

You can add to your conference and occasion, or use strictly as stand-alone venues, by taking advantage of the opportunities created by the Kent Cricket Academy/Indoor School.

ACADEMY

Used by the cricket professionals, our Academy and Indoor school can be tailored to meet your needs, be they cricket related or any indoor activity. The gym includes a full sized basketball court and is equipped with appropriately sized male and female changing rooms, toilets and shower facilities. Situated alongside it, our fenced, Astro turf football pitch is a safe environment for the young or old to run around in, be it chasing a football or some other endeavour. This facility can also be adapted for a sit down meal accommodating up to four-hundred guests.

SPITFIRE STUDY CENTRE

Situated on the top floor of the Study Centre building, the Spitfire Academy is a purpose built classroom, complete with twenty up-to-date computers. Take your staff off site and train them online in

a fresh, new environment. The Study Centre could also be the ideal setting for community groups wanting to upskill their members in any of the latest Microsoft Suite of programs or on web usage.

DISABLED FACILITIES

Most lounges and areas within St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury include access for people with disabilities and movement impairment. We have four disabled toilets, situated in the Chiesman Pavilion, Frank Woolley Stand, Kent Cricket Academy and Les Ames Stand. Dedicated car parking spaces are available in close proximity to the main areas of the ground.

CAR AND COACH PARKING

Dedicated parking is available on hard surfaces for approximately eighty vehicles, with a further two-hundred and fifty spaces available on grass surfaces.

HIRE RATES

Please refer to the leaflet within the end sleeve for a full break-down of room rental rates and parameters.



FAQs

Q *What are the payment terms?*

A All bookings are confirmed once a 50% deposit is received in advance; balance of account is due seven days post occasion.

Q *Can we bring our own food?*

A No, all catering is provided by our in-house catering team.

Q *Can I supply my own drinks?*

A This can be arranged and a corkage fee will apply.

Q *Can I bring in my own entertainment and theming?*

A Most certainly.

Q *Do I need to book a meal as part of a hire?*

A No, rooms can be hired in isolation with any beverage options added on.

Q *Is the ground available when cricket matches are on?*

A Not during one-day matches, but there is some flexibility on the later days of Championship matches.

Q *How much parking is there on-site?*

A On hard surfaces we have parking for eighty vehicles, with an additional two-hundred and fifty spaces on grassed areas.

Q *What hours are you open?*

A Breakfast meetings at 6am through to our late license on Friday and Saturday of 2am.

Q *Do you have overnight accommodation?*

A At this stage there is no overnight accommodation available on-site.

Q *What accommodation is there close by?*

A A broad range of hotels and B&Bs are located close to the ground. For a full range please refer to www.canterbury.co.uk.

Q *How do we find you?*

A For directions, please visit the website www.stlawrenceground.co.uk.





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