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*Weddings 2012*



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## *An Introduction*

The Roundthorn Country House, is an elegant Grade II listed Georgian Mansion, set in its own landscaped gardens, with panoramic views over the Eden Valley, Pennines and Cumbrian Fells, a beautiful location for photographs and the ideal setting for your Wedding Reception.

The Cumbrian Suite can accommodate up to 160 guests for a formal reception meal. You will find on the following pages a range of our most popular menus. However if you wish, we will be happy to design a menu with you, to your specific requirement, for your special day.

For the evening celebration there are a selection of buffets and we would be pleased to help you choose a band or disco. Up to 200 guests can be invited in the evening, where they can join in the dancing in the Cumbrian Suite with its spacious dance floor or enjoy a quieter drink in the Lounge Bar.

The hotel's ten en-suite bedrooms are available for your guests at a specially discounted rate and if additional rooms are required we can provide a listing of other recommended accommodation situated close by. On the booking of both the day and evening receptions a complimentary four poster room will be given for the bride and groom on their Wedding Night.

The Roundthorn Country House is licensed for Civil Ceremonies in the Eden, Eamont or Lowther Rooms and Cumbrian Suite. We also have a very good relationship with the local churches and can arrange introductions to the local clergy who are always welcoming.

In planning your Wedding Day we can provide as much or as little help as you need – whether you want a 'traditional' day or would like to do things a little differently, our many years of experience can help – so just ask. We can also recommend local suppliers for some of the other services you may need, such as;

- Photographers
- Chair Covers & Table Dressing
- Videos
- Florists & Table Decorations
- Cars & Carriages
- Wedding Cakes & Cupcakes
- Entertainment
- Professional Toast Masters
- Invitations, Table Plans & Place Cards
- Bands, Singers & Discos
- Favours & Gifts
- Room Decorations
- Magicians
- Childrens Entertainers
- Hair & Beauty
- Caricaturists

Please ask for our list of Recommended Local Suppliers and details of Discounts offered to 'Roundthorn Weddings'.

The Roundthorn Country House can be **exclusively yours** for the day. We will provide our expertise throughout the planning stages, but most importantly, on the day you will receive our undivided attention, including toast-mastering services. We promise to make sure your day is perfect in every way possible.



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## *Civil Wedding Ceremonies*

The large variety of approved venues available for civil marriages now mean that such a ceremony no longer needs to be conducted in a register office in front of an office desk.

The possibilities for such a ceremony are so vast, you can have a day tailored to your specific requirements. Be it a small simple ceremony with just two witnesses or a much bigger event, with the bride being given away and bridesmaids in attendance.

Both the local registrars and the Roundthorn Country House pride themselves on being able to offer a personal and professional service, ensuring your wedding day is one to remember.

The Roundthorn Country House provides an idyllic alternative to a register office, and has four approved rooms for civil wedding ceremonies, which can seat up to 160 guests. Picturesque views from landscaped gardens and tastefully decorated rooms ensure a perfect setting both inside and out.

Remember, if you are booking your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception, you can have **exclusive use** of the house (Subject to numbers).

The Eden, Eamont and Lowther rooms are available for smaller numbers and the Cumbrian Suite for larger parties.

It is advisable to make a provisional booking and discuss timings with us before making arrangements with the Registrar (Please see Conditions of Booking). The Registrars are very helpful and will advise you on the necessary steps involved in the planning as well as answering any questions you may have.

The cost of holding your wedding ceremony here at the Roundthorn Country House is £270.00, which includes a floral decoration for the ceremony table. Licence fees etc are also due direct to the registrar. Discounts are available on midweek and out of season dates.

Should you require any help or advice concerning such a ceremony, please just ask or contact the local Registrars, who are always more than happy to help:

Penrith Register Office: Tel: 01768 812120

Hours of Opening:- Monday, Wednesday & Friday, - 9.00am to 1.00pm.





## Wedding Etiquette

This is meant purely as a guide and does not have to be followed

### Receiving the Guests

The reception line should consist of :

- Bride's Mother
- Bride's Father
- Bridegroom's Mother
- Bridegroom's Father
- Bride
- Groom
- Best Man
- Chief Bridesmaid

### Toasts & Speeches

These would normally take place after the meal and would be after the cutting and serving of the wedding cake. Following are the usual proceedings :

1. Toast to "The Bride and Bridegroom".  
Normally proposed by the Bride's Father or a close relative/friend of the family.
2. Toast to "The Bridesmaids"  
This is proposed by the Bridegroom following his response to the first toast.
3. The Best Man would then respond to the Bridegroom's Speech on behalf of the Bridesmaids.  
He should then make his speech and read any messages sent to the Bride and Groom.

### Top Table Seating Arrangements

This can be extended to 12 or more :

- Best Man
- Groom's Mother
- Bride's Father
- Bride
- Groom
- Bride's Mother
- Groom's Father
- Bridesmaid





## *Menu Selection*

On the following pages are a selection of our suggested menus for your Wedding Breakfast, as it states here these are only our suggestions and if you have any particular favourites we will be pleased to help. Vegetarian options and special diets are also easily catered for.

The price on each menu, is a “package” price and not only includes the chosen menu but also:

- A ‘red carpet’ welcome
- A bucks fizz or orange juice on arrival or after the ceremony
- A glass of red, white or rosé wine with the meal
- A glass of chilled sparkling wine for the ‘toast’
- Selected menu with choice of starters and desserts offered to your guests on the day
- Co-ordinated standard floral decorations for all the tables
- Use of cake stand and knife
- Reception and room hire
- Toastmastering services
- Specially discounted accommodation rates for your guests
- Complimentary room with a bottle of chilled sparkling wine for the Bride and Groom

You may wish to add to the “package” described with the addition of such extras as:

- Additional or alternative drinks for your guests on arrival, eg Pimms, champagne cocktail or winter mulled wine
- Canapés served on arrival
- Personally selected wines with the meal
- Top-ups of wine during the meal
- Champagne or pink sparkling wine for the toasts
- Special table linens
- Chair covers
- A drink on arrival for your evening guests
- The addition of an extra course to the menu
- Pre-ordered main course choices for your guests
- Specific floral decorations for the tables



## Menu A

### **Creamy Garlic Mushrooms**

*cooked in White Wine, Tarragon and Thyme  
served on a Crispy Ciabatta Crouton*

or

### **Homemade Cream of Vegetable Soup**

*topped with Crème Fraiche and Herby Croutons*

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### **Pan Fried Eden Valley Chicken Breast**

*on a Confit of Creamed Leeks and Sage*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*

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### **Warm Chocolate Fondue**

*with Strawberries and Toffee Shop Fudge*

or

### **Roundthorn Sticky Toffee Pudding**

*topped with Butterscotch Sauce*

or

### **Homemade Pavlova**

*filled with Summer Berries and Fresh Cream*

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**Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints**

£37.95

## Menu C

### **Oven Baked Crostini**

*topped with Tomato Salsa and Buffalo Mozzarella  
served with Fresh Pesto*

or

### **Lightly Spiced Carrot and Corriander Soup**

*served with a Mini Garlic Naan Bread*

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### **Fillet of Locally Reared Chicken**

*stuffed with Black Pudding and served on Bacon Bubble and Squeak  
with a Wholegrain Mustard and Brandy Sauce*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*

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### **Rich Dark Chocolate Pudding**

*with Sticky Chocolate Sauce, Clotted Cream and Praline Crumble*

or

### **Earl Grey Pannacotta**

*served with a Mini Fruit Scone and Homemade Strawberry Jam*

or

### **Baked Vanilla Cheesecake**

*with Macerated Summer Fruits*

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**Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints**

£42.95



## Menu B

### **Melon Cocktail set in Champagne Jelly**

*served with Passion Fruit Coulis*

or

### **Homemade Leek and Sweet Potato Soup**

*garnished with Fresh Chives and Crispy Leeks*

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### **Roast Topside of Cumbrian Beef**

*with Homemade Yorkshire Pudding and Horseradish Sauce*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*

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### **Assiette of Homemade Desserts**

*a mini selection of:*

### **White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake**

**Summer Fruit Meringue**

**Rich Belgian Chocolate Shot**

**Strawberry Brulee**

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**Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints**

£39.75

## Menu D

### **Succulent Prawn Salad**

*on a Bed of Mixed Leaves and Cherry Tomato  
coated in a Marie Rose Sauce*

or

### **Homemade Broccoli and Blue Stilton Soup**

*garnished with Golden Croutons*

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### **Honey Glazed Goosnargh Duck**

*served on Braised Red Cabbage*

*with a Redcurrant and Port Sauce*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*

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### **White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake**

*with Raspberry a Coulis*

or

### **Individual Bread and Butter Pudding**

*flavoured with Marmalade and Scotch Whiskey*

*served with a Vanilla Sauce*

or

### **Strawberry and Double Jersey Ice Cream Sundae**

*laced with Crushed Strawberries,*

*Chantilly Cream and Chocolate Shavings*

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**Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints**

£45.75

## Menu E

### Assiette of Smoked Salmon

*including Smoked Salmon Mouse with Guacamole  
Fillet of 'Hot Smoked Salmon' with Lemon Pepper  
Traditional Smoked Salmon with a Citrus Dressing*

or

### Creamy Tomato and Butternut Soup

*garnished with Basil and Watercress Pesto*



### Slow Cooked Marinated Shoulder of Fellside Lamb

*with a Claret and Rosemary Reduction*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*



### Pear and Almond Tart

*with Double Jersey Ice Cream and Raspberry Coulis*

or

### Toffee and Chocolate Ice Cream Sundae

*with Chocolate Fudge Sauce, Toffee Shop Fudge and Fresh Cream*

or

### Rhubarb & Ginger Crumble

*served with Vanilla Sauce*



### Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints

£46.95

## Menu F

### Roundthorn Game Terrine

*including Venison, Rabbit, Hare and Pheasant bound together with  
Smoked Bacon, served with a Baby Leaf Salad and Cumberland Sauce*

or

### Wild Mushroom, Spinach and Baby Onion Soup

*garnished with Fresh Herbs*



### Slow Roasted Sirloin of Lakeland Beef

*served with Horseradish Infused Mash*

*and glazed with a Red Wine Sauce*

*Served with a Selection of Fresh Seasonal Vegetables and Potatoes*



### Homemade Tiramisu

*topped with Crushed Amaretti Biscuits, served with Espresso Sauce*

or

### Sticky Toffee Crème Brulee

*with Homemade Shortbread*

or

### Individual Summer Pudding

*glazed with Blackcurrant and Cassis Coulis*



### Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints

£49.50



## Menu G

### Homemade Leek and Asparagus Soup

*garnished with Cheddar Cheese Croutons*

or

### Warm Locally Smoked Gressingham Duck

*with a Mixed Leaf Salad*

*and Homemade Plum Chutney*



### Gala Buffet

*Silverside of Locally Farmed Beef*

*Roast Cumberland Ham with Honey Mustard*

*Dressed Salmon, Prawns and Shellfish Platter*

*Cumberland Pork and Leek Wellington*

*with Cranberry Sauce*

*Tomato, Basil and Mozzarella Tarts*

*Lightly Spiced Vegetable Skewers*

*Arribiata Pasta with Fresh Herbs and Parmesan*

*Wild Rice and Vegetable Salad*

*Chunky Coleslaw*

*Warm New Potatoes in Chive Butter*

*Dressed Mixed Leaves with Tomato and Cucumber*

*Pickles and Sauces*

*Flavoured Breads*



### Individual Syrup Sponge

*served with Traditional Homemade Custard*

or

### Raspberry and Vanilla Brulee

*Served with Homemade Shortbread*

or

### Dark Chocolate Mousse

*in a Brandy Snap Basket with a Compote of Wild Berries*



### Fresh Ground Coffee and After Dinner Mints

£46.95

Please note that a vegetarian option is available within each of the above menu packages and can be chosen from a variety of options nearer to your wedding day.

A sorbet or fish course can also be added to any of the menu packages.

Our Chefs always use the best of local produce and we are able to offer a variety of menus celebrating traditional Cumbrian Fayre. We will be pleased to design a menu specifically for you using products such as Fellside Lamb and Cumbrian Beef, along with other renowned local specialities such as Sticky Toffee Pudding, Penrith Toffee Shop Fudge, Grasmere Gingerbread and Cumberland Sausage – please ask for more details and ideas.



## Evening Buffet Menus

### Menu WB1

Sliced Roast Cumbrian Beef  
Honey Roast Ham with Pineapple  
Selection of Quiches & Flans  
Wild Rice with Roasted Vegetables and Herbs  
Chunky Coleslaw  
Tuna, Sweetcorn and Red Onion Pasta  
Potato and Spring Onion Salad  
Fresh Salad Leaves with Cucumber and Tomato  
Selection of Pickles, Sauces with Crudities  
Selection of Flavoured Breads

£14.50

### Menu WB3

*A selection of:*  
Mini Tortilla Wraps  
Crusty Baguette  
Open Rolls  
Sandwiches  
with a Variety of Fillings

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Cumberland Sausage Rolls  
Spinach and Potato Pakoras  
Skewered Tiger Prawns Marinated with Thai Spices  
Piri Piri Chicken and Vegetable Kebabs with a Sweet  
Chilli Dipping Sauce  
Seasoned Potato Wedges with a  
Garlic Mayonnaise Dip  
Crisps, Nuts and Pickled Onions

£14.50

### Menu WB2

*A selection of:*  
Mini Tortilla Wraps  
Crusty Baguette  
Open Rolls  
Sandwiches  
with a Variety of Fillings



Mini Cumberland Sausage Rings with Honey Mustard  
Selection of Quiches & Flans  
Salmon and Cherry Tomato Kebabs  
Mini Cornish Slice  
Marinated Chicken Tikka Drumsticks  
Cocktail Selection

£13.75

### Menu WB4

*Choose one of:*  
Slow Roasted Cumbrian Beef and Horseradish Sauce –  
Carved in the Room  
£10.50  
Succulent Local Pork with Crackling and Apple Sauce –  
Carved in the Room  
£10.50  
Cumberland Sausage Rings and Fried Onions  
£7.95  
Served with  
Homebaked Breads and Rolls  
Mixed Salad Bowl  
Chunky Coleslaw  
Mustards, Pickles and Relishes

Desserts £4.70

Tea / Coffee £2.00

As with the Wedding Breakfast menus shown on previous pages, the buffet menus above are only suggestions and can be mixed or changed to suit your personal preferences. We do welcome your own ideas and would be happy to discuss these with you.

You might prefer something a bit lighter for example, such as a selection of Cumbrian Cheeses with Breads and Homemade Chutneys. Please ask for more details and ideas on this. With Menus WB1-WB3 it may not be necessary to cater for the full number of guests attending the evening reception and we will be happy to advise on this.



## *Recommendations*

Over recent years we have received some wonderful compliments from Bride and Grooms, and their guests.

As someone considering holding, or having booked, their Wedding Celebration here at the Roundthorn Country House, we thought you might like to see a selection of the comments received in letters and cards over the last couple of years:-

*“The location of the Roundthorn is perfect. The house and grounds were presented beautifully. The wedding breakfast was delicious, and it seemed to be that nothing was too much trouble. I know everyone who attended enjoyed the occasion.”*

May 2010

*“Thank you to you all for providing such excellent service and for your help and commitment in planning our wedding with us. We would also like to add how impressed we and our guests were with the food, which was superb, beautifully presented and served with great efficiency and organisation. Thank you also to all those who work behind the scenes in creating a wonderful atmosphere and setting out the room to look exactly how we wanted it.”*

June 2010

*“We knew you were good but you achieved perfection on this special day for us. We couldn't fault a single thing, which speaks volumes for your professionalism and organisation. Nothing was too much trouble for any of the staff and the facilities were first class.”*

August 2010

*“Thank you for making our wedding day a truly special day for us and our families. Your attention to detail was perfect. Everything a girl wishes for!”*

April 2011

*“Thank you for making our day a joy. The food was quickly served, well presented and very tasty. We were guided discreetly through the formalities and the day was enjoyed by all. Many many thanks.”*

June 2011

*“All the staff did a great job making the whole day special with superb food and service. From our initial meeting right through to the day, you went out of your way to be helpful.”*

Aug 2011



# Conditions of Booking

## Booking & Payment

1. In order to reserve the Roundthorn Country House for your wedding day a minimum number of guests is required for both the day and evening receptions. Weddings below minimum numbers may be subject to room hire charges – please ask for details and clarify this prior to confirming your booking.
2. Provisional bookings can be held for up to 2 weeks, within which time you are asked to confirm the booking in writing, as outlined below.
3. Your letter of confirmation must contain the following information: -
  - The Bride & Grooms names
  - The date of the Reception
  - The minimum number of guests planned to be attending the day & evening receptions
  - The proposed time of ceremony or wedding service and where it is to be held
  - Accommodation requirements, ie number of rooms and who will be responsible for booking them.
  - Name and address of the person responsible for payment of the account
  - Deposit for £750Upon receipt of this letter and deposit we will send out our terms and conditions for you to sign and return to the hotel.
4. Deposits are non-refundable in the event of cancellation.
  - Cancellations made 12 months prior to the wedding date will incur no further charge
  - Cancellations made 12-6 months prior will incur a charge of 25% of the estimated costs
  - Cancellations made 6-3 months prior will incur a charge of 50% of the estimated cost
  - Cancellations made less than 3 months prior will incur a charge of 75% of the estimated costs
5. Final Details, including numbers, menus etc. should be confirmed approximately three weeks prior to the Wedding – please telephone to arrange a suitable appointment. Minor cancellations can be accepted up to two days before the Wedding.
6. Following the final appointment we will issue a pro-forma invoice and final payment of accounts is required a minimum of 10 days prior to the Wedding date. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or debit card. Payment by Mastercard or Visa credit will incur a surcharge of 2%.
7. A discount is available from the main Wedding Package price, for Weddings booked over a minimum number (as apply in point 1) on certain days of the week: Fridays & Sundays – 5% Discount (excluding bank holidays) Monday – Thursday – 10% Discount
8. Children's portions are 50% of the package price; no charge is made for babies or toddlers not requiring a meal.
9. Prices quoted are subject to change and are inclusive of VAT. Prices should only change throughout 2012 if there is any great variation in market prices.

## The Ceremony

10. Timing of a Civil Ceremony must be approved by the hotel prior to booking and should not be before 1pm. Please speak to the hotel for advice on timings of Church Ceremonies, however in general, time should be planned to ensure that guests arrival at the hotel is later than 1pm.
11. Guests should be invited to arrive no more than 30 minutes prior to a civil ceremony taking place at the Roundthorn Country House

## Accommodation

12. If you have booked accommodation for your guests the hotel must receive a rooming list at least 8 weeks prior to the day – any rooms released or cancelled after this date will be charged in full to the main account
13. If you have provisionally held rooms for guests to book direct, any rooms not taken will be released 8 weeks prior to the wedding.
14. Accommodation booked for wedding guests at the hotel is available for check in from 2.00pm, with check out the following day 11.00am. If you have booked rooms on behalf of your guests you must ensure that they are aware of these timings.

## General

15. Entertainment, ie. Band, Discos, Entertainers, must be booked through the hotel or approved by the hotel (in advance of booking the act) to ensure they abide by guidelines set out within the public entertainment licence.
16. Flower arrangements are provided to co-ordinate with the Bridal flowers etc. but these remain the property of the hotel and cannot be removed from the premises.
17. You are responsible for guests attending the wedding and will be held accountable for any damage caused.
18. It is not permitted for the organiser or guests to bring on to the premises or consume on the premises, their own alcohol.
19. Any contractors or suppliers that you intend to employ to decorate the reception or ceremony room that are not on our recommended Suppliers list must be approved by the hotel prior to booking them.