



Christmas & New Year Celebrations 2024

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Celebrations 2024

The magic of Christmas at Sopwell House

Delicious festive delights in the restaurants, extravagant themed parties in our function suites or simply indulgent residential escapes for the family, there is something for everyone this festive season.

Let Sopwell House be your home from home, with warm service and genuine hospitality.







FESTIVE LUNCHES & DINNERS

FESTIVE DINING IN THE BRASSERIE

Start your Christmas celebrations early this year with a relaxed festive meal in our atmospheric and vibrant open-planned Brasserie.

Available from:

Monday 2nd to Friday 20th December 2024

Three course lunch:

Adults £39.00 per person Children (4 - 12 years old) £19.50 per child

Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free Lunch - Monday - Friday 12.30pm - 2.30pm *Excludes weekends

Three course dinner:

Adults £45.00 per person
Children (4 - 12 years old) £22.50 per child
Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free

Dinner - Monday - Friday - 6.30pm - 10pm

*Excludes weekends









FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA

Available between 2nd and 24th December, our popular Afternoon Tea is served with a magical festive twist.

£47.00 per person

£53.00 per person with mulled wine

£58.00 per person with a glass of Taittinger Champagne





JOINER PARTY

Join the party and book a table or two with friends or colleagues to celebrate the festive season.

Dates to be confirmed in September

Package includes:

- Welcome drink
- Three course sit down dinner
- 1/2 bottle of wine per person
- DJ and dance floor
- Christmas novelties and decorations
- White chair covers and sash
- Tea, coffee and mince pies

£109.00 per person



MAKE A NIGHT OF IT!

Bed & Breakfast from £259.00 per room (single or double)

Call 01727 750466 for more information.

PRIVATE PARTIES

- Welcome drink
- Delicious three course sit down dinner
- 1/2 bottle of wine per person
- Tea, coffee and mince pies
- DJ / Party host and room hire*
- Christmas novelties and decorations
- White chair covers and sash
- Tea, coffee and mince pies

£109.00 per person

* Minimum numbers apply



PRIVATE FESTIVE LUNCHES

Join colleagues at Sopwell House for a lunchtime celebration

Package includes:

- Room hire
- Welcome drink
- Two course festive menu
- Christmas novelties and crackers
- Tea coffee and mince pies

From £69.00 per person

Available Monday 11th November - Friday 20th December. Minimum numbers apply.



CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Usher in Christmas with the sounds of Elvis and Rat Pack! The evening begins in the St. Alban suits with Christmas songs and a sparkling canapé reception. After dinner, dance through to Christmas Day.

What to Expect

Lively festive ambiance, with 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal.

Schedule

Welcome Reception: 7.00pm

Dinner: 7.30pm

After dinner entertainment with Elvis and

Rat Pack tribute Carriages: Midnight

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £129.00 per person Junior (13 - 17 years old) £99.00 per junior Children (4 - 12 years old) £69.00 per child

Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times

Christmas Eve Celebration

Starter

Scottish salmon ballotine, orange and grapefruit, avocado puree, caviar

Aubergine salad, chickpea, dates, ricotta cheese, almonds, rye bread (v)

Smoked chicken perigod mille feuille tart, cranberry gel, mesclun salad

Main Course

Stone bass, saffron potatoes, tenderstem broccoli, confit pepper and chorizo cassoulet

Ravioli of cepe, walnuts, sage butter, aged parmesan (v)

Roasted rump of Cumbrian lamb, fondant potato, pressed Mediterranean vegetables, rosemary sauce

Dessert

Duo of chocolate delice, praline ice cream

Cointreau cheesecake, orange salsa, white chocolate shards

Cranberry cake, cinnamon ice cream (ve)

Coffee and petits fours





CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - ST ALBAN SUITE

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Join us for a special Christmas Day lunch event for all the family with live music from a fabulous pianist and singer. The event begins with an arrival glass of champagne for all adults.

What to Expect

Delicious four course Christmas lunch with 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal.

Special visit from Father Christmas with treats for the children Dress Code: Smart casual

Schedule

Arrival 12:30pm for 1pm sitting Arrival 1:30pm for 2pm sitting

Adults £230.00 per person

Junior (13 - 17 years old) £170.00 per junior

Children (4 - 12 years old) £115.00 per child

Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times



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Christmas Day Lunch - St Alban Suite and Brasserie

Starter

Dorset crab, chili-lime mayonnaise, compressed watermelon, basil, cucumber ketchup

Duck liver ballotine, pickled beetroot, Madeira jelly, toasted brioche

Jerusalem artichoke soup, caramelised salsify, prunes, black truffle foam (v)

Baked heritage beetroot, goat's cheese, walnut dressing, watercress

Sorbet

Blood orange sorbet

Main Course

Lemon sole, parsley potatoes, fennel, baby vegetables, beurre noisette

Norfolk turkey, chestnut and orange stuffing, pigs in blankets, duck fat potatoes, honey-maple roast root vegetables, Brussels sprouts, chestnuts

Scotch beef fillet, braised ox cheek croquettes, grilled hispi cabbage, parsnip purée, baby vegetables, bone marrow beef jus

Roasted butternut squash, grilled courgette, whipped feta, pistachios

Dessert

Traditional Christmas pudding, brandy sauce (Gluten free & vegan Christmas pudding available on request)

Valrhona chocolate and raspberry delice, raspberry macro sponge

Dulcey chocolate tart, chocolate ice cream

Selection of British Cheese

Shropshire blue, Baron Bigod, Blanche goats Served with artisan crackers, grapes and quince jelly

Coffee and all butter mince pies





CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - BRASSERIE

FOR CHRISTMAS RESIDENTS ONLY

Residential guests are invited to join us in the Brasserie for a traditional four course Christmas Day buffet for all the family.

What to Expect

Glass of champagne on arrival followed by a delicious 4-course Christmas lunch with 1/2 bottle of wine per person, paired by our sommelier to complement the meal.

Schedule

Special visit from Father Christmas with treats for the children

Dress Code: Smart casual

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times





CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER - BRASSERIE

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Indulge in a delicious Christmas-inspired buffet dinner. Includes 1/2 bottle of wine per person paired by our sommelier to complement the meal.

What to Expect

Enjoy a light buffet in the Brasserie or just take what you fancy to enjoy in the more laid back atmosphere of the Conservatory.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £110.00 per person
Junior (13 - 17 years old) £110.00 per junior
Children (4 - 12 years old) £75.00 per child
Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times





BOXING DAY

BOXING DAY JAZZ LUNCH - ST ALBAN SUITE

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Enjoy a leisurely Boxing Day in our grand St Alban Suite, the perfect occasion to catch up with friends and family. Our indulgent lunch offering showcases a selection of freshly prepared culinary delights accompanied by a live jazz band.

What to Expect

Relaxed, fun and informal with live jazz music to add a sense of swing to the occasion.

Schedule

Seating from: 12.30pm

Food: Extravagant buffet lunch

Drink: 1/2 bottle of wine per person paired by our

sommelier to complement the meal

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £115.00 per person

Juniors (13 - 17 years old) £100.00 per junior

Children (4 - 12 years old) £65.00 per child

Children (0 - 3 years old) Dine free

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times





BOXING DAY DINNER - OMBOO

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Join us this Boxing Day evening, with a set menu full of delightful dishes inspired by the flavours of Asia.

What to Expect

Lively atmosphere in Omboo Restaurant, with a beautifully curated set menu designed to showcase the very best of Omboo cuisine. Includes glass of sake per person to complement the meal.

Schedule

Bar opens from: 7.30pm

Seating: 8.00pm

Dress Code: Smart casual

Adults £120.00 per person

Juniors (13 - 17 years old) £110.00 per junior

Children (4 - 12 years old) £70.00 per child

Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times



Boxing Day Dinner

Minimum 2 people

Mixed pickled vegetables (ve)

Edamame, sea salt (ve)

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Truffle spring rolls, exotic mushrooms, cabbage (v)

Fried squid, salt and pepper crumble

Crispy duck salad, orange, pomegranate, hoisin dressing

Miso-glazed black cod

Marmite chicken

Red curry, ribeye, aubergine, pumpkin, cherry tomato

Asparagus, goji berry (ve)

Olive fried rice, edamame, oriental olive, egg

Yuzu, coffee and chocolate tart

Almond and orange cheesecake, orange blossom sorbet (ve)

Coffee or Tea



CHRISTMAS RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - KEY INFORMATION

Our special residential packages include accommodation in a Deluxe bedroom, delicious food accompanied by wine, spirits, fizz and family entertainment for the duration of your stay.

Christmas Eve Arrival

From 2.30pm.

Christmas Day Arrival

Arrive from 12.00pm in time for Christmas Day lunch.

Leisure & Spa Facilities

7.30am - 5.00pm Christmas Eve.

8.30am - 5.00pm Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The Club at Cottonmill facilities are available for guest staying in a hotel suites or in the Mews, and are open from 8am.

Pre-booked only spa treatments are available on 24th and 26th December from 10.00am - 4.30pm. Treatments must be booked a minimum of 48 hours in advance.

Children's swim times 9.30am - 12.30pm, in the indoor pool, 24th - 26th December.

Family games and relaxation area available from 10.30am - 6.00pm from 24th until 26th December.









TWO NIGHT STAY - CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY - FROM £910,00

- Mulled wine and mince pies on arrival
- Festive Afternoon Tea
- Sparkling reception with canapés and carol signing
- Christmas Eve celebration dinner with Elvis tribute and Rat Pack
- Christmas Day lunch with Father Christmas
- · Christmas Day evening buffet
- · Breakfast each morning

TWO NIGHT STAY - CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY - FROM £950.00

- Mulled wine and mince pies on arrival
- Christmas Day lunch with Father Christmas
- · Christmas Day evening buffet

- · Boxing Day jazz lunch
- Boxing Day dinner in Omboo
- · Breakfast each morning

THREE NIGHT STAY - CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY - FROM £1300.00

- Mulled wine and mince pies on arrival
- Festive Afternoon Tea
- Sparkling reception with canapés and carol signing
- Christmas Eve celebration dinner with Elvis tribute and Rat Pack
- Christmas Day lunch with Father Christmas

- Christmas Day evening buffet
- Boxing Day jazz lunch
- Boxing Day dinner in Omboo
- · Breakfast each morning

Prices are per person and based on two adults sharing a Deluxe Bedroom. Single supplements apply. Children and junior prices available, please contact us for details.



RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - CHRISTMAS EVE

Once you have checked in on Christmas Eve, relax and make yourself at home with Afternoon Tea in the stunning setting of Omboo. Enjoy an indulgent spa treatment, or journey into St Albans for some last minute Christmas shopping.

Schedule

2.30pm

Arrival of Christmas Eve two night & three night package guests.

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Enjoy an Afternoon Tea with a selection of cakes and snacks freshly prepared by our culinary team, with special sweet treat selection for children.

Check in from 3.00pm

The family relaxation area is available with films, games and refreshments for all to enjoy.

7.00pm

Mingle and meet fellow guests and join in the Christmas carol singing while savouring a sparkling reception with canapés.

7.30pm

Make your way to the St Alban Suite for a delicious 3-course Christmas Eve celebration, then dance your way through to Christmas Day in the company of Elvis and Rat Pack.

Menu on page 6.

Schedule

8.00am - 10.00am

Enjoy a relaxed and hearty buffet breakfast in the Brasserie.

10:30am - 6.00pm

The family relaxation area is available with films, games and refreshments for all to enjoy.

11.00am

Take a leisurely walk through our beautiful landscaped gardens, let the kids burn off some steam playing on the lawn or take a dip in the pool before lunch.

Exploring the grounds - please bring wellies or sensible walking shoes. Walking maps available from reception.

12.30pm - 4.00pm

Christmas Day lunch in our relaxed Brasserie. Father Christmas will bring treats for the children. Menu on page 8.

From 7.30pm

Enjoy a scrumptious Christmas-inspired buffet dinner in our Brasserie.





BOXING DAY

Schedule

8.00am - 10.00am

Enjoy a relaxed and hearty buffet breakfast in the Brasserie.

10:30am - 6.00pm

The family relaxation area is available with films, games and refreshments for all to enjoy.

11.00am

Relax in the spa or walk in the grounds please bring wellies or sensible walking shoes. Walking maps available from reception.

12.30pm - 4.00pm*

Continue your Christmas celebrations with a jazz lunch.

7.30pm arrival for 8.00pm dinner*

Boxing Day dinner in Omboo - an Asian inspired tasting and sharing experience, with lively atmosphere and sake to enjoy with family and friends.

*Not included for guests departing on the 26th December. However we would be delighted to accommodate guests wishing to extend their stay - please enquire for prices.

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CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS DAY

Father Christmas will bring treats for the children at lunch time.

DAILY ACTIVITIES (from 24th - 26th inclusive)

9.30am - 12.30pm Children's swim times.10.30am - 6.00pm Family relaxation area.

We have games, movies, board games and kids colouring activities, along with popcorn and fruit juices for both children and parents to enjoy.

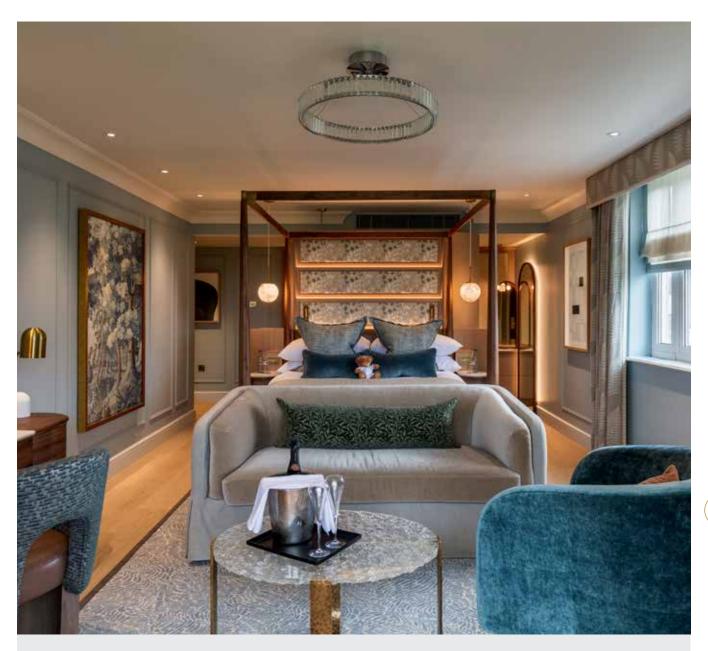
All Day 12 acres of grounds, gardens and woodlands to

explore, so please bring your wellies!

Parental supervision is required at all times during the Christmas period. Children's meals are available throughout 24th - 26th December.







ROOM UPGRADE SUPPLEMENT CHARGES

(**) Includes access to The Club at Cottonmill spa facilities, including the Garden Room, the Whisper Room and Deep Relaxation Room, for those joining us on residential packages.

(*) Junior suite not eligible for Club access on New Year's Eve stays



PRICES PER ROOM PER NIGHT

Plush	£50.00
Chic	£110.00
Junior Suite (*)	£140.00
Corner Suite (**)	£450.00

MEWS UPGRADES ()**

Studio	£400.00
One Bedroom Mews Suite	£450.00
Duplex	£450.00
Studio with outdoor hot tub	£520.00
One Bedroom Mews Suite with outdoor hot tub	£570.00
Duplex with outdoor hot tub	£570.00

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION - ST ALBAN SUITE

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

We are hosting a fitting evening of indulgence where you will be treated to a gourmet banquet, party atmosphere and live band to get everyone into a celebratory mood to welcome in 2025.

What to Expect

Get into the party mood with our dazzling live showcase band and lively party atmosphere followed by our fireworks extravaganza at midnight. Includes 1/2 bottle of wine paired by our sommelier to complement the meal.

Schedule

Welcome Champagne reception at 7.00pm

Lavish Dinner: 8.00pm Carriages: 1.00am

Dress Code: Your very best party attire

Adults: £250.00 per person Juniors (13-17 years of age): £190.00 per junior Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times





Exclusive Special Accommodation Rates for Diners

Relax in the knowledge of being able to party all night and book a luxurious overnight stay. See page 25 for more details.







New Year's Eve Grand Gala Dinner

Starters

Citrus cured salmon, avocado, citrus fruits, caviar

Black leg chicken and ham terrine, pickled chanterelle, tarragon mayonnaise, honey mustard dressing

Heritage beetroot salad, peppered goats curd, baby leaves, white balsamic jelly

Sorbet

Champagne sorbet, strawberry pearls

Mains

Atlantic halibut, roast salsify, baby spinach, potato galette, wild mushrooms red wine jus

Scotch beef fillet 28days aged, braised oxtail, textures of onion, morels, Maderia jus

Textures of cauliflower, raisins, capers, mint (ve)

Desserts

White and dark chocolate delice, fior di latte gelato Strawberry slice, vanilla ice cream (ve)

Cheese

Shropshire blue, Baron Bigod, Blanche goats
Served with artisan crackers, grapes and quince jelly

Coffee and petits fours



NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER - BRASSERIE

AVAILABLE TO NON-RESIDENTS

Join us for a New year's eve celebration in the more relaxed ambience of the Brasserie. This is the perfect event for those that want to catch up with friends, and family members.

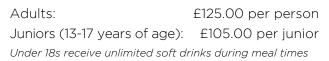
What to Expect

Enjoy a welcome glass of Champagne before a four course meal in a relaxed and informal environment, then party with our resident DJ until Champagne and fireworks at midnight, followed by more dancing.

Schedule

Seating from 7:00pm DJ: 10.00pm - 1.00am

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Party











Starters

Gin and tonic cured salmon, compressed cucumber, dill mayonnaise, tonic gel

Chicken and black pudding terrine, piccalilli, toasted hazelnuts

Heritage beetroot salad, peppered goats curd, baby leaves, white balsamic jelly (v)

Sorbet

Champagne sorbet, strawberry pearls

Mains

Cornish Sea bass, Jerusalem artichoke, butter beans, roasted garlic, red wine jus

Scotch beef fillet 28 days aged, potato terrine, leek hearts, horseradish cream, thyme jus

Plant based cumin lamb filo parcels, grilled aubergine, romesco sauce (ve)

Desserts

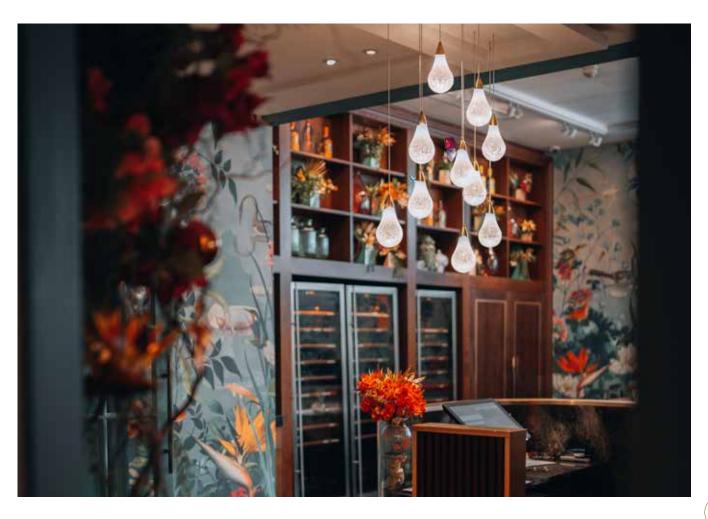
Valrhona chocolate & yoghurt, cocoa & cumin Strawberry slice, vanilla ice cream (ve)

Cheese

Shropshire blue, Baron Bigod, Blanche goats
Served with artisan crackers, grapes and quince jelly

Coffee and petits fours





NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER - OMBOO

Herald in the New Year with our special Asian inspired menu. After dinner, continue the party atmosphere with live DJ, pausing only to enjoy spectacular fireworks at midnight.



What to Expect

Curated dining experience in our beautiful Omboo restaurant with lively atmosphere followed by our resident DJ, culminating in a fireworks extravaganza. Includes two glasses of Champagne per person, a welcome glass and a glass to enjoy with the fireworks.

Schedule

Seating from 7:00pm DJ: 10.00pm - 1.00am

Dress Code: Smart Casual / Party
Adults £150.00 per person
Juniors (13-17 years of age) £130.00 per junior
Under 18s receive unlimited soft drinks during meal times



Exclusive Special Accommodation Rates for Diners

Relax in the knowledge of being able to party all night and book a luxurious overnight stay. See page 25 for more details.

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New Year's Eve Dinner - Omboo

Minimum 2 people

Spicy balsamic vinegar-infused cloud ear fungus (ve)

Edamame, sea salt (ve)

Truffle spring rolls, exotic mushrooms, cabbage (v)

Xinjiang lamb skewers, Sichuan peppers, garlic

Exotic mushrooms salad, sweet coriander dressing (ve)

Braised sesame-soy beef short ribs

Corn-feed breast of chicken, honey-black pepper sauce

Steamed Chilean seabass, black bean sauce

Tender-stem broccoli, garlic (ve)

Seafood fried rice, prawns, scallops. asparagus

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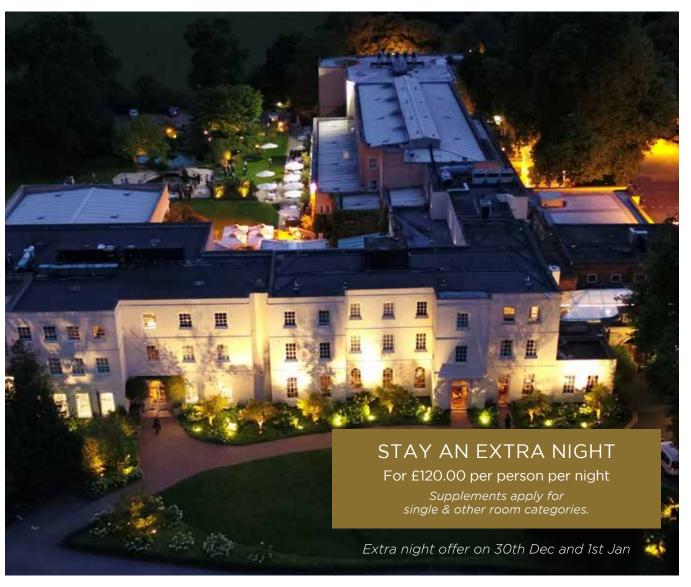
Matcha and rum tiramisu

Wasabi and cashew cake with kumquat compote and orange sorbet

Coffee or Tea







RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES - NEW YEAR'S EVE

Enjoy an amazing one night break in the Hertfordshire countryside with our New Year's residential package, including a one night stay in a Deluxe bedroom with breakfast, dinner and plenty of merriment.

Leisure & Spa Facilities

Cottonmill opening hours: 7.30am - 5.00pm New Year's Eve. 8.30am - 7.00pm New Year's Day

The Club at Cottonmill facilities are available for guests staying in a hotel corner suite or in the Mews.

WITH DINNER IN ST ALBAN SUITE

Adults £439.00 per person Juniors £279.00 sharing with parents (£369.00 in own room)

WITH DINNER IN BRASSERIE

Adults £322.50 per person Juniors £194.00 sharing with parents (£292.50 in own room)

WITH DINNER IN OMBOO

Adults £347.50 per person Juniors £219.00 sharing with parents (£317.50 in own room)

Upgrades are available, please see page 18.

All prices based on two adults sharing a Deluxe bedroom per night. Single occupancy supplement of £135.00 per room per night



TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Full payment is to be made at time of booking. All provisional bookings for the Christmas Residential Package (hereinafter referred to as "the Event" 2024) are considered enquiries and only confirmed when full payment is received.
- Cancellations are fully refundable free of charge up until 5pm 2nd December 2024 and must be made in writing. Bookings cancelled after 5pm on the 2nd December 2024 cannot be refunded or have the funds transferred for the use of other products or services at the hotel.
- 3. Any alterations to bookings must be made in writing and subject to confirmation by the hotel
- 4. All details are correct at time of going to press and may be subject to alteration without prior notice.
- 5. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate.
- 6. No service charge is applied to pre-booked packages. A discretionary service charge of 12.5% will be added for any food and beverage items outside of the Event. Any additional services must be paid for at the time.
- 7. Children 3 years and under stay and dine for free. 4-12 year olds are classed as children for the purpose of the event, and are charged accordingly. 13 to 17 year olds are classed as Juniors and will be charged accordingly. Soft drinks will be substituted in place of alcoholic drinks for all children.
- 8. The hotel requires a full residential address for all persons who will be attending the Event at the time of booking. In the event that a person is unable to attend the Event due to national, or local restrictions imposed by the government or local authority, that clearly and obviously effect their ability to legally attend the Event, then a full refund will be made.

- All pre-orders of menus must be provided to the hotel no later than the 10th December 2024, otherwise Chef's choice will apply. Any bookings taken after the 20th December will be Chef's choice only and may be limited.
- 10. Children must be supervised at all times over the Christmas period and especially in the pool area.
- 11. All dietary and allergen requirements must be communicated at time of booking and confirmed again when making menu choices. Any special dietary and allergen requirements are not available to request on the day. All requests are treated with extra care, nevertheless due to the nature of our offering and kitchens we cannot guarantee that any item served is 100% allergen or intolerance free.
- 12. The hotel reserves the right to change the way food is delivered or presented in accordance with government guidelines enforced, or any crises that may arise of which the hotel is not responsible for, without prior notice.
- 13. Should the hotel, for reasons beyond its control (due to government guidelines restrictions or any other national or local crises), need to change, modify or otherwise amend the format, dining style, music, entertainment, offering, or timings of the Event, then it will use all reasonable endeavours to make comparable alternatives and/or facilities at no additional cost. These alternatives and/or facilities shall form the limit of the hotel's liability in respect of the Event.
- 14. In the event that the hotel is unable for reasons beyond its control to offer any reasonable alternatives and/or facilities, or cancel the Event, then any monies paid in advance in respect of the Event shall be refunded. Such refund shall represent the full and entire liability of the hotel to the Client and the Client shall have no further claims whatsoever against the hotel whether under this contract or otherwise.





CHRISTMAS GIFTS VOUCHERS

Choose from a range of gift vouchers for leisure breaks, spa treatments, dining experiences and more. Shop online right up until Christmas Eve to receive your voucher(s) for Christmas Day if you select delivery via email.

Discover a huge range of beauty and pampering gifts available in our spareception. To purchase gift vouchers, please visit our website.

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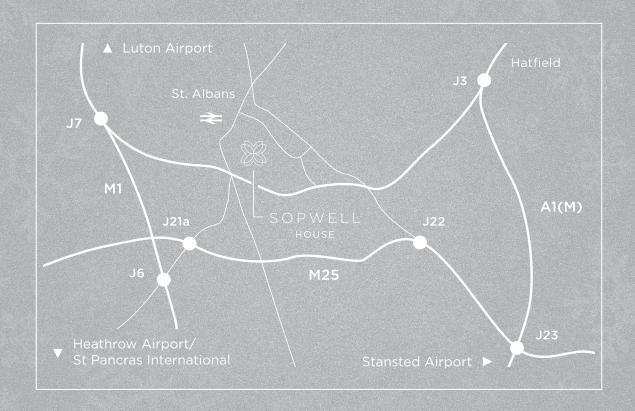
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