

discover

your perfect wedding day

Dedicated to quality

From your first discussions with your Personal Wedding Planner, to the moment your last guest departs, the Cabarfeidh Hotel team is dedicated to making your wedding day perfect.

Experience and skill

The key to success is in the attention to every detail, enabling our experienced, qualified staff to bring your ideas to life.

The Cabarfeidh Hotel has provided a wonderful environment for wedding receptions for so long that we're now hosting receptions for the daughters and sons of our original happy couples.

For those who prefer it, the wedding ceremony may also take place in the hotel, which is fully licensed.

Packages to suit all budgets

There's a choice of complete packages that cover the needs and budgets of most wedding couples, but if there's something that you would like and it's not already in one of our packages, just ask and, if it's humanly possible, we'll provide it.

Complimentary bonuses

You'll also enjoy complimentary benefits, including a luxurious room for the bride and groom, and a celebration meal for two on your first anniversary.

We hope you'll enjoy reading this brochure and the loose inserts opposite. When you're ready, please call us on 01851 702604 to make an appointment for an initial, no obligation, discussion about your plans.



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Relax

planning really can be a pleasure

Planning your wedding is a joyful process, filled with anticipation and exciting moments. At the Cabarfeidh Hotel, we'll help you achieve everything you've dreamed of, for this special day.

In a relaxed, no obligation meeting with a Personal Wedding Planner, you're welcome to explore initial ideas for the day. Then, should you decide to entrust us with your celebration, your Wedding Planner will take responsibility for the occasion, right up to the moment the last guest leaves the hotel.

You'll be able to tour the hotel, viewing bedrooms and banqueting suites, so that you can see which will be the most appropriate for your day.

Your Wedding Planner will discuss menus, wine and drinks packages with you, drawing up a shortlist of your choices, followed by a tasting at a later date, so that you can be certain your final selections are exactly right for you and your guests.

You can also discuss any additional topics, such as special decorations, musicians, disco and accommodation for your guests at preferential rates.

Additionally, we can provide you with information to help you select photographers, wedding cars and other services.



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a package to suit every pocket



Whether you choose the Diamond, Ruby or Sapphire menu package, we're certain that your guests will be delighted by the quality and presentation of your Wedding Banquet - which could be at lunch-time, in the afternoon or evening.

Each package has been specially designed by our Head Chef and contains both old favourites and imaginative choices to satisfy every taste. You'll find more detailed information in the pocket at the front of this folder.

Once you've decided the level of your hospitality, we'll help you select the dishes for your own, individual wedding menu. The Head Chef is always happy to provide advice and, to give you a little extra confidence that you've made the right choices, we'll even arrange a tasting for you.

Our wine and drinks packages all include welcome 'line-up' drinks, wine for the Wedding Banquet and bubbly for the toasts. Like the menus, they include a number of choices and are designed to suit every pocket.

Although the Cabarfeidh Hotel has an established reputation for large functions, we apply the same exacting standards to hospitality for smaller groups of family and friends. When you've enjoyed a wonderful day, we've achieved our goal.



with our compliments

When you host your wedding reception with a Cabarfeidh Hotel package, we offer you valuable extras over and above your package, at no additional cost to you.

- Begin your new life together in the comfort of an executive style room, complimentary from your arrival on the wedding day until noon the following day.



- Cake stand and ceremonial knife.



- A celebration dinner for your first anniversary*.
(*excludes wine)

attention to every detail on the day you want to share



Your Wedding Planners

Staging a successful wedding reception requires specialist skills and dedication.

General Manager, **Alastair Borland**, has a wealth of experience gained from positions held in high profile hotels throughout the UK and Gibraltar.

Alastair leads the co-ordination of your event, calling on the expertise of the various departmental heads to ensure a successful day.

Having been involved over a long period with the management of weddings and banquets at prestigious hotels, he has an eye for design and detail, plus a commitment to deliver friendly service in excess of customer expectations.

Your Catering Specialists

Head Chef, **Vivek Kishan** studied for the diploma of the Institute of Hotel Management and Catering at Hyderabad



After completing chef training at the Ramada Hotel in Hyderabad, he returned to the UK to gain more experience in European cuisine, prior to travelling the world, cooking on cruise ships.

After a period as sous-chef at the prestigious Thoresby Hall Hotel, he moved to the Isle of Lewis and our Solas restaurant, where he became head chef in 2008. He has been delighting the Cabarfeidh's guests with his gift for taking quality local produce and cooking it to perfection.

Daniel Bell has followed the Cala Hotels management training programme and will contribute his skills to supervise hospitality at your reception. One of the measures of a successful wedding reception is the quality of food and beverage service - at the Cabarfeidh Hotel, we're committed to ensuring your guests are delighted by every aspect of the reception.



choose a venue to suit your party size

A choice of elegant venues for your reception, to suit wedding parties from 2 to 200. Enjoy a touch of elegance and class, but without stuffy formality.

This is a day you want to remember for the pleasures of the company of family and friends - if your guests want to roam around the room, visit the gardens or let their children play, they're welcome.



into the garden

The Cabarfeidh gardens offer a delightful setting for your wedding photographs.

They are ablaze with colour during the summer season, displaying a wide range of flowers and blossoms.

At other times of year the mature trees and evergreens provide an alternative scenic background.



the pleasure of expertly prepared food

From sumptuous, seated banquets to succulent buffets, your choice of menu will be attractively served. Whether you choose exotic dishes or home-style fare, our attention to detail is designed to complement your hospitality to your guests.

We cater for vegetarian and other diets and we're happy to provide simpler dishes for children.



Fresh fruits combined to form a perfect starter course.



Duck breast with orange, pomegranate and red wine sauce



Lemon and strawberry parfait, with fresh berries.



The Head Chef will be delighted to help you choose your menu and then provide you with a tasting, so you'll know you've made the right choices.

For more information, please see the menu options tucked inside the front cover; you're welcome to mix and match, or ask us about dishes not shown on the menu, when we'll prepare a cost estimate for you.

your choice

...to follow the conventional pattern

Traditionally, following a church wedding, the bridal party will return to the hotel, where guests will relax while photographs are taken in the gardens or, if you prefer, in the Lews Castle Grounds, which are directly opposite the hotel. In case the weather is unkind, we will have provision for photography indoors.

After the excitement of the ceremony, the bride and groom often take a few minutes away from the crowd, before joining their close families in welcoming the guests to the reception suite - adding a little friendly formality to the proceedings.

The cake can be cut before or after the meal and we supply a ceremonial knife and cake stand for the occasion.

Speeches and toasts by the Bride's father, the Groom and Best Man also usually follow the meal and can be as formal or light hearted as you wish.

An ensuing party is normally an occasion for music and dancing and we can provide a wide choice of entertainers, including DJs, Rock, Celtic, Gaelic and popular musicians.

Many couples take the opportunity to arrange an evening reception at which those who missed the earlier celebration can join the party - you may wish to arrange an additional buffet to be served during an evening reception.

This is an excellent way to extend your hospitality at reasonable cost and your Wedding Planner can help you make a selection from the choices available.



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...or set your own style



While weddings generally follow a conventional pattern, some couples wish to take a more novel approach. For example, you may prefer an indoor or outdoor ceremony at the hotel, on a fabulous shell-sand beach or uninhabited island, at the Callanish Stones or another venue, followed by a Cabarfeidh Hotel reception.

Scottish Law allows for a ceremony conducted by a Minister of Religion, or a civil ceremony by the Registrar, to be held at any location, indoors or out. For a Registrar's ceremony application for a temporary license is made at least three months prior to the wedding date and, provided the location is deemed suitable and safe, the license can be issued.

We have already researched some of the many alternatives available and our Wedding Planner can offer a list of locations known or expected to be suitable (subject to license and land-owner's approval) and will be happy to discuss the costs and procedures, then help you with the arrangements.

Although we can be generally optimistic about outdoor events in summer, in case of bad weather, a wedding ceremony arranged for an outdoor location can be relocated to the hotel.



Imagine exchanging marriage vows alongside tumbling waterfalls or on a beach with the Atlantic at your feet.

plan ahead spread the workload and be stress-free

Your wedding checklist:

12 months or earlier

- Check dates, then book your chosen venues for the ceremony and reception.
- Book entertainment for your reception/s.
- Book the florist.
- Decide on the number of guests and make a list.
- Book the photographer, videographer and wedding transport.
- Choose your bridesmaids, best man and ushers.
- Book the honeymoon and any connecting flights.

At 9 months

- Set up your wedding present list.
- Order the wedding cake.
- Decide on the wedding gown, bridesmaids' dresses and outfits for the groom and best man, placing any required orders or reservations.

At 6 months

- Menu tasting and selection at the hotel.
- Book hairdressers and beautician appointments - perhaps do a 'trial run' now.
- Order wedding stationery.
- Buy the rings.
- Order cake boxes for those unable to attend.

At 3 months

- Confirm menu and drinks packages.
- Send out the invitations.
- Confirm the service or ceremony details with the Minister or Registrar.
- Submit Notices of Marriage (M10) to Registrar.
- Check passports and, if required for the honeymoon destination, apply for a new passport for the bride under her married name. (If you do this be prepared to be unable to travel until your wedding date, as your old passport will be invalid).

- Check the fitting of clothing.
- Choose and buy going away outfits.
- Buy presents for attendants.
- Confirm your reception details and finalise your menu and wine selections.

At 1 month

- Make payment (50% of total cost).
- Confirm reception numbers and your seating plan.
- Double check your bookings and times for outfits, florist, photographer, wedding cars, cake, etc.
- Write your wedding announcement for the local newspaper, ready to accompany the photograph.

At 1 week

- Wedding ceremony rehearsal.
- Treble check times with photographer, wedding cars, etc!
- Take plenty of rest.

