



THE TOWN HALL

Stratford-upon-Avon





Welcome

Welcome to Stratford-upon-Avon Town Hall, situated in the very heart of this historic town of world wide acclaim. It is a very beautiful building, housing not only the Town Council but providing a superb venue for a wide variety of events.

The Town Hall has been standing on its original site since 1634, when in 1767, it was pulled down and in the following year the present building was erected in its simple, classical style. An interesting and detailed history of the Town Hall is enclosed.



Bookings

The Town Hall tariff is enclosed. Please telephone for an appointment should you wish to view the Hall – Tel: 01789 269332. Although a dedicated member of staff is available on Monday and Tuesday, all members of staff will be pleased to discuss your event, offering practical advice and useful contacts to help make it a truly memorable, enjoyable and successful occasion. The rooms available for hire comfortably accommodate:

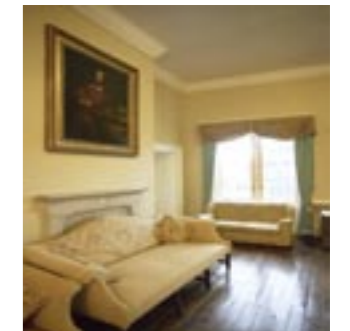
Ballroom and Anteroom	-	200 persons
Council Chamber	-	60 persons
Committee Room	-	60 persons
Magistrates Rooms	-	persons
Finishing Kitchen	-	5 persons



David Garrick as Richard III by Nathaniel Dance 1734-1811

The auspicious ballroom and anteroom boasts beautiful proportions with interesting candelabra, exquisite chandeliers and fine art. The anteroom has a Canadian Maple floor with a subtle patina and the ballroom has arguably one of the best sprung dance floors in the Midlands.

The two rooms compliment each other by affording a separate space to enhance one event. Enjoy a pre-concert drink and canapés before moving through in to the spacious ballroom with its excellent acoustics. Some choose to dance in the anteroom whilst a silver service dinner is served in the ballroom, or have your buffet in the anteroom leaving the larger room for eating and enjoying entertainment. The possibilities are endless in these tasteful, versatile rooms.





Functions

It is only in recent times that Council resolved to open the Town Hall for a wide variety of events. Previously, the Hall was mainly reserved for Council business and civic events.

Now, the Town Hall can be hired by residents of Stratford-upon-Avon and visitors alike, and the Hall rings to the sound of music and laughter, merriment and dance. The stage is set for practiced politicians and renowned actors. Eminent musicians have performed here, along with local drama and musical societies. Christenings, conferences, county court, corporate dinners and coffee mornings, all have been accommodated at remarkably realistic prices for a venue such as this.



Weddings

The Town Hall is now licensed for marriages and alter civil seremonies, and the variety and diversity of the rooms make this an ideal venue for weddings, from a grand affair for up to approximately two hundred guests, to an intimate affair with just two witnesses.

From the enclosed Town Hall tariff, you will see there is a separate and dedicated fee for a civil wedding which can take place in any room within the Town Hall. The Magistrates Room or the Mayor's Parlour is used by the Registrar for the pre wedding interview of the Bride and Groom – staggered arrival and separate interviews can be arranged for Brides not wishing to be seen prior to her entrance at the ceremony itself.

The downstairs chambers are steeped in history and the impressive Council Chamber walls document many years of the town's Bailiffs, Mayors, High Stewards, Town Clerks and notable persons, including William Shakespeare's father, John Shakespeare who was Bailiff here in Stratford-upon-Avon from 1568 to 1569.

This is indeed an impressive room to hold the civil ceremony. A red carpeted dais at one end of the room provides a focal point for the registrar to conduct the wedding and the room can be extended to incorporate the Committee Room which will allow for over 100 guests seated in theatre style.



With the room joined together, this accords two entrances allowing the Bride to enter towards the rear of the two chambers, and a central isle will bring her down to either just in front of the dais, or if preferred, on to the dais itself which affords a better view for guests.

Alternatively the splendid Ante-Room and Ballroom on the first floor can either be used for the ceremony itself, or can be set for your reception. The impressive mirrored staircase, perfect for photographs, leads you to a room of beautiful proportions, with magnificent chandeliers and mirrors creating the effect of infinity.

Should you wish to hold your ceremony at the Town Hall, every effort will be made to make your day very special and although Council does not have a dedicated wedding co-ordinator, all the staff are on hand to help and advise.



Music

The acoustics of the Ballroom are superb and the Steinway piano is available free of charge when booking the Town Hall Ballroom and Anteroom. A professional pianist and organist can be provided if your event would benefit from musical accompaniment.

Disabled Facilities

Council has been keen to ensure that as far as possible, those with disabilities are accommodated and made welcome. Ramp wheelchair access will be provided upon request and the disabled lift provides easy access to the beautiful first floor rooms. A disabled toilet is sited on the ground floor.

Parking

Although the Town Hall does not have exclusive parking, there are many public car parks in the near vicinity, together with metered on street parking nearby. A Park & Ride facility, on the northern outskirts of the town is also available with easy access from the M42 and A46.

Smoking and Naked Flames

For the safety and comfort of all, smoking and naked flames are not permitted anywhere within the Town Hall.



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