

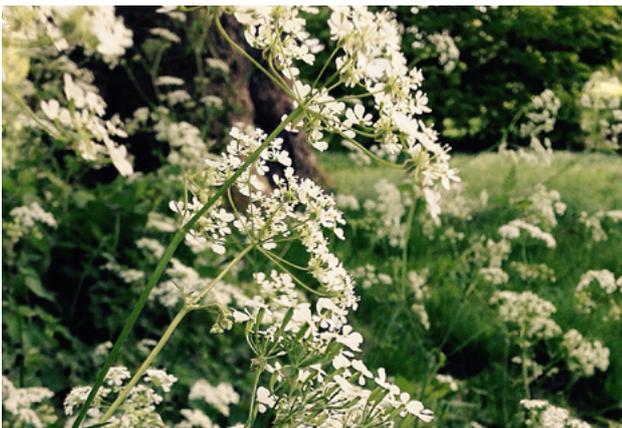
*Evening Events
& Private Hire
2018*



A celebration to remember...

Surrounded by the beautiful greenery of Wandsworth Common, The Skylark Café is a wonderful and memorable place to celebrate a special occasion! In the evening, the entire café and terrace can be hired on an exclusive basis. Our talented chefs take our philosophy of simple food done well up a notch and create beautiful, natural and delicious party food.

We've hosted hundreds of happy gatherings, from special birthdays, anniversaries, relaxed weddings, social evenings and of course, lots of Christmas parties! The café makes a perfect venue for class parent gatherings throughout the year too, which are always lovely and relaxed social occasions.



The Skylark Café is a fully licensed venue serving wine, craft beer and spirits. Please note that when hiring the café in this beautiful green spot, there are some conditions on hire times, types of entertainment and taxi pick-up locations. Please check out our FAQ page for more details.

Thank you for considering us for your party!



What kind of evening are you thinking about?

Choose from a barbecue, drinks party (with nibbles) or sit down dinner! See below your options and then browse the menus on the following pages to make your choice.

BBQ's

Our terrace is the perfect place to enjoy live outdoor cooking with a sizzle, as the sun sets over the Common!

FOR 30-110 GUESTS
FOOD FROM £18 PER PERSON
CHOOSE FROM TWO SET MENUS
SERVED FROM THE GRILL AND BUFFET STYLE,
BY OUR SMARTLY DRESSED CHEFS

A Drinks Party

Mingle with your guests and watch the sunset with drink in hand!

FOR 20-110 GUESTS
FOOD FROM £12 PER PERSON
YOUR CHOICE OF FRESHLY MADE DIPS
AND HOT AND COLD NIBBLES
FOOD ARRANGED AROUND THE CAFÉ
OR ON THE TERRACE

For large events our team will walk the platters around, to make sure everyone gets something to eat!

A Very Special Dinner

Enjoy a sit down dinner for that special occasion.

FOR 10-40 GUESTS
COSTS DEPEND ON YOUR REQUIREMENTS
WHITE LINEN TABLECLOTHS*
BRING YOUR OWN TABLE DECORATIONS
AND FLOWERS, OR WE CAN RECOMMEND
A FLORIST/STYLIST

Winter 2018/19

Please enquire if you are planning an event for next Winter. Whether a Christmas event or otherwise, we would be delighted to show you our menus from last year as a guide to what will be available to choose.

Thank you for your understanding that all exclusive hire bookings require a minimum spend of £1200 on food and drinks, though please note there is no additional hire fee.

Please see page 7 for drinks menu.

To book & place your order!

To enquire about your date please go to www.skylarkcafe.co.uk and fill out the form on the Private Hire page. Our team will then contact you to confirm availability.

We will need your final order at least two weeks in advance with the number of guests, the number of vegetarians and any allergy requirements. We can accommodate allergen requests but must have written notice with the name of the guest and the specific requirement. We look forward to welcoming you to The Skylark Café!



A SUMMER SIZZLE!

*Perfect for a social
event or relaxed party*

£18 PER PERSON
MINIMUM 30 GUESTS

- FROM THE BARBEQUE -

All served in a toasted floured bun, with crisp lettuce,
red onion, tomato and cucumber.

Rare Breed Beef Burger

Wild Boar & Apple Sausage

Sweetcorn, Portobello Mushroom & Red Pepper Burger*

*Pre-ordered vegetarian option

- TOPPINGS -

**Smoked Paprika & Garlic Aioli | Chipotle Chilli & Tomato Jam
Basil Mayo | Pickles | Mature Cheddar Cheese**

- SUMMER SALADS -

Kohlrabi, Courgette & Apple Slaw with Mint

New Potatoes with Roasted Radish and Crumbled Goat Cheese

**Broccoli, Chickpea & Bell Pepper Salad with
Sun Blush Tomato & Fennel Seed Pesto**

Full allergen information available on request.



A SUMMER FEAST!

For a special occasion

£29 PER PERSON
MINIMUM 30 GUESTS

The Summer Feast menu is our flagship summer event menu. Surrounded by the beautiful views of Wandsworth Common, this really is one of the loveliest ways to enjoy a summer evening of relaxed dining with friends and loved ones in leafy South West London.

- BEFORE DINNER -
The Skylark Café

"Kitchen Garden Vegetable Patch"

Garden Crudités with Tapenade Soil,
Cream Cheese, Chive & Cress Grass

- SALADS -

**Heritage Tomato,
Buffalo Mozzarella & Lovage**

Roast Radish & New Potato, Cress

**Courgetti with Goat's Curd, Garden Pea,
Broad Bean, Mint & Lemon Dressing**

- TOPPINGS -

**Herb & Anchovy Dip
Smoked Paprika & Garlic Aioli
Basil Mayo
Chipotle Chilli & Tomato Jam**

- FROM THE BARBEQUE -
**Butterfly Leg of Lamb
with Black Garlic Marinade**

**Spatchcock Free Range Chicken
with Preserved Lemon & Thyme**

**Field Mushrooms with Goat's Cheese,
Garlic Spinach & Pomegranate Molasses**

Artisan Bread Basket & Whipped Butter

- PUDDINGS -
Passionfruit Pavlova

Three chocolate "Viennetta"

Full allergen information available on request.



A DRINKS PARTY!

Café or Terrace, it's up to you

FROM £12 PER PERSON
MINIMUM 20 GUESTS

The food is arranged around the café or on tables by the terrace, for guests to help themselves. For larger events, our team will serve to make sure everyone gets to eat!

- NIBBLES -

Sun Blush Tomato & Thyme Palmiers
with Beetroot Hummus

Garden Crudités with Tapenade
and Cream Cheese & Chive Dips

Mini Rare Breed Pork & Bramley Apple
Sausage Rolls with Fennel Seeds

Spanakopita with Yogurt Dip
(baked Greek style spinach & feta parcels)

- FLATBREADS -

Tomato, Buffalo Mozzarella
& Homemade Pesto

Goat's Cheese, Rosemary
& Caramelised Red Onion

Char-grilled Courgette, Pomegranate,
Spinach & Feta

£12 per person for a selection of the
above nibbles and flatbreads. Compliment
with some sharers, if you like..

- TO SHARE -

Sweet Potato, Parsnip & Kale Crisps
with Garlic & Herb Dip

£6 per bowl

Baked Whole Camembert
with Honey, Pancetta, Rosemary
& Garlic, served with Artisan Bread

£16 for 4-6 portions or £28 for 8-12

Full allergen information available on request.



Drinks Menu

at The Skylark Café

Choose which wine and beers to serve, or run a tab and let guests order at the bar as they wish. Our friendly front of house team will make sure your drinks service runs smoothly and that guests are well looked after all evening so that you can relax and enjoy. Please see our FAQ for more information.

WELCOME DRINKS

Summer Pimm's.....	5.00
Prosecco DOC Bel Star	6.00
Classic Bellini	7.50
Hibiscus Bellini.....	9.00

SPIRITS

25ml plus mixer

Havana Club Gold Rum	5.00
Tanqueray London Dry Gin.....	5.00
Finlandia Vodka	5.00

CRAFT BEER & CIDER

330ml unless otherwise stated

Neck Oil Session IPA, Beavertown 4.3%	4.20
St. Reatham Munich Lager, Inkspot 4.6%.....	4.50
American Pale Ale, Inkspot 4.3%.....	4.50
Commonside Pale Ale, Belleville 5%	4.50
Picnic Session IPA, Belleville 4.4%.....	4.50
Wandle Golden Ale, Sambrooks 4.2% 500ml ..	4.80
Gamma Ray, Beavertown 4.3%	5.50

Bamaluz Medium Cider, St. Ives 4% 500ml...	5.90
Porth Pear Cider, St. Ives 4% 500ml	5.90



WINE & SPARKLES

Glasses 175ml unless otherwise stated,
125ml available on request

	GLASS	BOTTLE
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WHITE

Da Vero Organic Sicily	4.50	17.00
Bellefontaine, Sauvignon Blanc France.....	6.00	24.00
The Next Big Thing, Old Vine Chardonnay, Barossa Australia.....	7.50	29.00

RED

Da Vero Organic Sicily	4.50	17.00
La Ruchette Dorée, Côtes du Rhône France	6.00	24.00

ROSÉ

Mirabello, Pinot Grigio Italy.....	4.50	17.00
Joli Beaurose, Beaujolais France.....	6.50	25.00

SPARKLING

Durello 'Palladiano', Spumante Brut Italy 125ml.....	6.00	27.00
Palmer & Co Champagne France Bottle.....		49.00





Celebration Cakes

Baked to Order at The Skylark Café



If you would like us to take care of your celebration cake and have it ready for your arrival, we'd love to help! Our Executive Chef (fabulous Frank), creates the most amazing cakes to really mark your special occasion.

Equally, you are most welcome to bring along your own celebration cake (and we wouldn't dream of charging you to do so!).

- CHOOSE FROM -

VICTORIA SPONGE WITH STRAWBERRY JAM,
LEMON CURD & VANILLA BUTTERCREAM ICING

ORANGE POLENTA CAKE WITH
VANILLA CREAM & BERRIES (GF)

TRIPLE CHOCOLATE & ORANGE SPONGE
WITH CALLEBAUT DARK CHOCOLATE GANACHE

20 X 30CM, 10-15 PORTIONS = £38.00
30 X 30CM, 20-25 PORTIONS = £48.00
40 X 30CM, 30-35 PORTIONS = £63.00

Little Extras

Mini Meringues.....1.50

Fresh Berries.....2.50

Prices per portion

Please request your celebration cake when making your booking, at least three weeks or more in advance. We bake everything from scratch. Please note that nuts and other allergens are used daily in the kitchen and therefore we cannot guarantee the absence of trace amounts of these items from any product. Please do ask if you would like any further allergen information.



Finishing Touches!

The café looks beautiful by night. We provide twinkly tealights and fairy lights alongside some larger candle lanterns and you are welcome to bring your own decorations (blu-tac only please folks!).

Welcome Drinks?

YES PLEASE!

Always good to start as you plan to go on! Choose a cocktail or bellini to get the party going, or you're more than welcome to stay with the main drinks menu with our lovely house wines and craft beers. Visit the drinks menu to make your choice

JUDE'S ICE-CREAM

Jude's

Going for the Drinks Party or Summer Sizzle menu? Then why not finish your evening with a lovely little tub of Jude's Ice-Cream? They are very pretty in their colourful pots and our friendly waiting staff will serve them to your guests who can choose their flavour.

Each pot is £2.50 and come in the following flavours:

Very Vanilla | Strawberries & Cream | Truly Chocolate | Salted Caramel | Ginger Spice
Mango Sorbet | DF | Sipsmiths Gin & Tonic | Caramel Pecan | Black Coconut

Add your own style!

We can put you in touch with a fantastic stylist and florist, who has helped on our events in the past.



Fancy an activity element to your party?

We are right next door to Wandsworth Common's bowling green which you can hire separately from All Star Tennis. Bowls is fun, accessible to all and very social! We can serve your food right next to the green if you like, perfect for a summer evening.



Frequently Asked Questions

THE FOOD

How large are the portions?

Our BBQ menus provide a generous allowance per person and nobody will go hungry! We find that many people come back up for a second helping.

For our drinks party menu the nibbles are substantial but designed to compliment the drinks, rather than to be a full meal. This allows you to keep the costs down, if you wish to do so. We will be delighted to guide you on how many dishes to order, offering the flexibility to balance your budget – but we recommend the BBQ menus if you wish to give everyone a really good feed!

Can you accommodate vegetarians?

Absolutely! Please let us know how many vegetarians there are two weeks before the party.

I have guests with allergies, can you help?

We want everyone to enjoy their meal and will do our utmost to accommodate allergen requests (though please see below the note about nuts). A full allergen sheet is available for each menu upon request, just ask! To adapt dishes for allergies we need you to email us at least two weeks ahead, with the name of the guest and the specific requirement. Please note that although we take all normal precautions, we cannot guarantee the absence of nut traces in our foods at any time, as we use nuts in our kitchen on a daily basis.

THE DRINKS

How are drinks served?

We can tailor this to your budget. For drinks parties and BBQ's guests order their drinks from the bar. Some people opt to pay for all drinks consumed and some choose to pay for wine and beer and allow guests to pay for spirits. If you

opt for a sit down dinner (as opposed to BBQ/nibbles) we would serve wine, chosen ahead by you, to the table.

I am organising a class parents party how can I ensure everyone gets the drinks they have paid for.

Class reps normally provide each guest with 1-2 tokens which they can exchange on the night, ensuring the drinks are fairly distributed.

I have some special wine which I would like to serve at my party, can I do this?

Certainly! We offer corkage, please check our T&Cs for more details.

THE VENUE

How many guests can you accommodate?

110 people is the maximum number who can fit comfortably inside the café (standing), so this is the most we cater for as we all know how unpredictable the great British summer is!

How do you layout the seating?

Some clients like to have a seating plan but most opt for a relaxed arrangement where guests move about and mingle as they wish. If the menus below don't quite fit your numbers then do still enquire and we will try to accommodate if we can. Please note that sadly we are unable to accommodate outside caterers.

What happens if it rains?

Over the years we've built up lots of experience managing events around the Great British weather, our team will ensure that you and your guests will have a lovely time, whether it's an evening of summer raindrops or the golden rays of the setting sun. If it is warm and the rain is light many guests choose to continue eating al fresco under one of our large umbrellas! In the event of heavy rain coinciding with a BBQ party, around



half of your guests would be standing to eat – however, as BBQ's are served buffet style, dining times tend to be staggered and people swap seats in friendly fashion as they finish their food!

How do you serve the BBQ if it rains?

If it should decide to rain, then we serve the food from either inside the Conservatory or in our cosy Snug, depending on the number of guests.

How late can I party at The Skylark Café?!

Our last bar orders are taken at 11pm and the team will politely ask everyone to leave The Skylark Café by 11.30pm.

Why are there restrictions when the venue is in a public space, not in the residential area itself?

We are super mindful of both the needs of those celebrating a big occasion AND those who live on our doorstep, especially in the busy party season where several parties might run during one week!

Whilst it feels like we are far away enough from people's homes not to cause inconvenience, both of the residential areas next to us can get disturbed by very loud noise carrying over the space. If taxis are called to the nearest road (Dorlcote) the families surrounding us get woken by waiting taxi engines or guests waiting outside their homes late at night.

As a result, we hope you understand that we have restrictions in place for the peace of our neighbours during the busy party seasons.

All those concerned thank you so much for your understanding and kind consideration!

It's a big occasion

– please may I get a late licence?

We really don't mean to be party poopers and will do all we can to make the night go with a swing! We know many are celebrating a landmark occasion or relaxing after getting their

kids through a demanding school year! Sadly, without exception, we do not host events that finish after 11.30pm for the reasons above. We hope you won't be put off – many of our private hire clients choose to come to us in this beautiful spot for their party and food and then have an after-party at home or at a nearby club or late night bar.

What time does the terrace close?

Our staff will respectfully ask all guests (apart from those smoking in the smoking area) to come inside the café by 10.15pm. In general, we find it is getting chilly and rather dark by this time and guests have naturally opted to come inside.

Can I have a live amplified band, or a DJ for my party?

We are unable to accommodate DJ's and amplified live music due to noise levels.

Can I choose the music?

Fear not! We have a SONOS system on which we can play a playlist of your making or choice. We also have disco balls and lights which set the scene for a good boogie! Please let us know soonest if you would like these in place.

Where should guests call taxis to?

We will give you a message for your guests to direct them re taxi pick ups, this can also be found in this information pack. We kindly ask that after 10pm taxi pick ups be made from Trinity Road, which is only a couple of minutes walk on from the residential area. The County Arms is a good pick up point. In summer in a group it is a lovely stroll home across the Common for those who live in walking distance.

Do you offer dry hire, or can I bring in my own caterer?

We only offer events catered by our chefs, here at the café.



The Skylark Café

Evening Private Hire Terms & Conditions

When you confirm your booking for evening private hire at The Skylark Café on Wandsworth Common ("Skylark"), you (the "Hirer") agree the following.

1. Skylark will be available to you on an exclusive basis for the period of your hire between 7pm and 11.30pm on your booking date.
2. You kindly agree that we may authenticate your credit card via the DesignMyNight booking system on www.skylarkcafe.co.uk to the value of £150 and will process this amount as a Cancellation Fee in the event you choose to cancel your booking less than three calendar months in advance of your booking date.
3. You agree to the Minimum Spend of £1,200 and to pay this or the value of the pre-ordered food and any pre-paid bar tab amount (together the "Pre-Pay"), whichever is the higher value of the Minimum Spend or Pre-Pay, at least three weeks prior to the event. You agree that we may authorise your credit card for any difference between the pre-order value and the Minimum Spend. Should the Minimum Spend not be reached by the end of the event, you agree that we may charge any shortfall via the authorised amount, using the DesignMyNight payment service. We will advise you of this charge before it is processed.
4. You understand and acknowledge on behalf of your guests that guests must be inside the café by 10.15pm unless smoking in the designated smoking area to the rear of the main terrace. We will give advance notice to guests 15 minutes before this time of this.
5. You understand and acknowledge on behalf of your guests that the last order for drinks must be placed at the bar by 11pm. We will give advance notice to guests 15 minutes before this time that the bar will be closing.
6. You agree that all guests will have left the café by 11.30pm and will use best endeavours to ensure that they disperse quickly and quietly from the residential area surrounding the café.
7. You agree to purchase all drinks from Skylark unless you wish to bring your own wine, in which case we can provide corkage of £10 per bottle for still wines and £15 per bottle for sparkling wines. Corkage is charged on any bottle opened. Please note that all other alcoholic or soft drinks must be purchased from Skylark and consumed on the premises as per our Premises License.
8. You agree to provide us with advance written notice of any specific allergen requirements including the allergen and name of guest concerned, so that we are able to identify them during the event and ensure that they are served with the correct food. Full allergen information on all items served at Skylark is available on request. Please note that we cannot guarantee the absence of trace elements of allergens from any product as although we take all standard industry precautions, items such as nuts and gluten are used in the kitchen on a daily basis.
9. You are welcome to decorate but please only use blu-tac or non-marking equivalent. No hooks, nails, sellotape or adhesive fixings.
10. You are welcome to drop off items for your event prior to your booking. If you wish to do so, please send us an email in advance with what you would like to drop and when, together with any storage instructions. Please note whilst every effort will be made to keep these items safe, sadly we cannot take any responsibility for items left at Skylark before or after an event.



11. If you need to drive onto the Common to drop items, please be sure to notify us of this in advance. For the safety of those using the Common, please adhere to the requirement to drive at less than 12mph on the access path with hazard lights on at all times and to park during the time of the drop off by the gate beside Skylark, leaving space for vehicles to pass by. You agree to then move your car off the Common during the event.

12. You agree to purchase all party food from Skylark unless agreed by separate arrangement, for example if you would like to bring specialist food for specific allergens or your own celebration cake if you are not purchasing this from Skylark.

13. Your hire includes staffing, to be provided by Skylark. An optional service charge of 10% of your final food and drink spend will be added to your final bill if you are satisfied with the service you have received. We are sure you will agree the team deserve it!

14. You will kindly email all attendees with the "Arriving & Leaving Skylark" instructions provided below at least three days prior to your event, bcc'ing events@skylarkcafe.co.uk

Arriving & Leaving Skylark

Email wording for guests (this will be emailed to you when you confirm your booking)

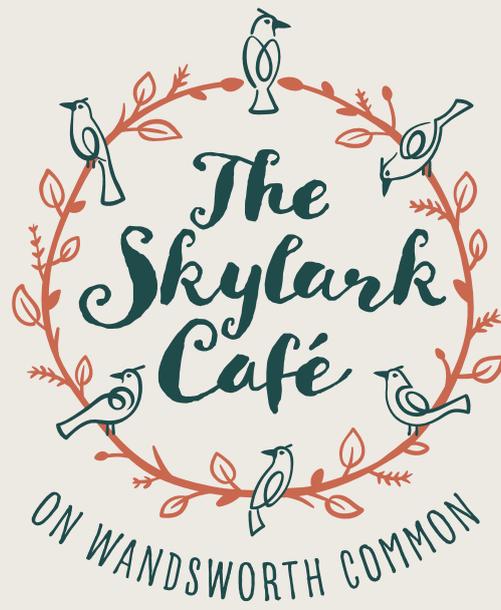
The following should be sent to all guests at least three days prior to your event.

The café is located at the North end of Wandsworth Common, between the playground and tennis courts. **In keeping with our green location, we encourage you to travel by foot or public transport to Skylark.**

Please note that the café closes at 11.30pm and the last order at the bar must be placed by 11pm. We are very aware of the responsibilities of running the café on Wandsworth Common which is a Conservation Area and although a public space, it is bordered by residential areas with many young families. **As such we respectfully request at the end of the evening that guests keep conversation and noise to a minimum until reaching the main road.**

Should taxis be required, they should only drop off and pick up from Trinity Road (The County Arms is a useful reference point) which is a short walk to the café up the path by Dorlcote Road. Taxis should not use the residential areas bordering the Common for drop off or pick up, specifically Dorlcote Road, Baskerville Road or John Archer Way. Please note that services such as Uber and Hailo will automatically take you to Dorlcote Road so do make sure you use the County Arms as the pick-up location.

Thanks so much for your understanding and we very much look forward to welcoming you to The Skylark Cafe!



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