

# book now for christmas

Your  
**local guide** to  
where to go for the  
best party and the  
perfect Christmas lunch...



# So, you're about to organise a Christmas party for your firm

We all love to celebrate Christmas with a bit of a do with the office, but in order to organise a party there are rules to consider

**C**HRISTMAS will soon be here and it's time to start thinking about all those office parties. Many pubs and restaurants already have their festive plans in place to cater for office parties and special party nights.

If you are organising a Christmas celebration for your firm – whether it's just a small get-together for fellow colleagues or a full-on "company do" for all of your staff – now is the time to act.

Falter and you may miss out on booking the place and party of your choice. However, before you – or your PA – starts telephoning venues, there may be a few questions you should ask yourself.

#### Goodwill

Remember that the company Christmas party is all about generating goodwill. Before you even begin planning, consider what will generate the most goodwill.

Whatever you do, you do not want your good intentions to backfire. For example, your company may



rely on a blend of regular and contract employees. The chances are that your contract employees may be more appreciative of a Christmas bonus or some paid holiday days off than a lavish party.

In the old days, when everyone was an employee, companies did not need to tread quite as carefully as they do now.

Consider the point of view of everyone who is a part of the company – full-time, part-time, contract and otherwise – as you decide on your office Christmas party plans so that it generates goodwill for all, as intended.

There is no worse feeling than having your good intentions misinterpreted – you certainly don't

want your company Christmas party to backfire.

#### Inclusiveness

If you're having a party, make sure that it's a party for everyone, not just the A-team. Keep this point in mind if your company has satellite offices, as well – staff there also deserve Christmas parties that are on par with the parent company's celebration.

#### Company tradition

There's a lot to be said for the camaraderie that develops among employees. Camaraderie, and the positive good feelings that come from it, can help propel a workplace beyond the ordinary. How you treat

**Now is the time to start organising your staff party for Christmas.**

Christmas party details become a part of office lore.

#### Generosity

Since this is an opportunity for the company to show its appreciation; err on the side of generous and not cheap. A few extra pounds spent here go a long way toward buying you some goodwill with your employees.

The point is that a good party is noticed and appreciated by employees, and makes you feel that you are a part of something special.

#### Alcohol

This is always such a dicey topic.

Everywhere you look today there are reminders to watch your Ps and Qs at Christmas parties and in particular, to refrain from drinking too much.

But just to play devil's advocate – the whole point of a Christmas party is to see people with their hair down for a change. What better agent for achieving this objective than alcohol? When you think of any large, festive celebration over the course of human history, alcohol (or another intoxicating agent) was almost always involved.

Remember that alcohol is a social lubricant and of course, you will need to consider offering taxi service, a designated driver system or some other way to ensure that everyone gets home safely.

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The Hadley Bowling Green...

### FACT FILE

Company

The Hadley Bowling Green Inn

Manager

Patrick Gaffero

Business type

Inn and restaurant

Established

16th century

Telephone

01905 620294

Website

hadleybowlinggreen.com

e-mail

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Location

Hadley Heath,  
near Droitwich,  
Worcestershire WR9 0AR



The Hadley Bowling Green Inn offers the very finest in festive food. 34966301

**F**OR a special Christmas meal you will truly never forget, where better to head than a beautiful 16th-century coaching inn offering the very finest in festive food.

The Hadley Bowling Green Inn has stood in the centre of Hadley Heath, near Droitwich, since the 1500s, offering exceptional home-cooked food in the most traditional of rural environments.

And with the festive period now close upon us, the inn has announced a series of mouth-watering menus and fun-filled nights to finish the year in the best possible way.

Priced £23.50 for lunch or £29.95 for dinner, the impressive four-course Christmas meals include such tantalising delights as roast pumpkin soup with thick crusty bread, and braised blade of beef with mushrooms and bacon lardons – not to mention traditional favourites such as local roast turkey with chestnut, pork and sage stuffing, and homemade Christmas pudding with vanilla

cream and brandy syrup. And for groups of 10 or more planning to make a real night of it, for £35 your evening meal can include a late-night party including an after-meal disco. Party nights are available on December 5, 6, 13, 19 and 20.

Or, for a truly luxurious Christmas Day, head down to the Hadley Bowling Green on the day itself for a sumptuous meal including such rare delights as smoked haddock kedgeree with quails' eggs, pan-fried lamb sweetbreads with rosemary scones, as well as an impressive array of main courses.

The inn is also organising a special Boxing Day menu, before guests are invited to party the night away on New Year's Eve with a champagne reception, an amazing seven-course meal and live music.

The Hadley Bowling Green even has 12 rooms so, if you don't fancy making the trip home you can stay overnight – so book now on 01905 620294.

JACK BLANCHARD

# Grounds for a celebration

## FACT FILE

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Location	County Ground, New Road, Worcester WR2 4QQ



Worcestershire County Cricket Club will really entertain you. 35142202

**W**EDDINGS and functions meant that Worcestershire County Cricket Club was a hive of activity all summer, and the catering department is preparing for a busy festive season.

Bookings are now being taken for Christmas party nights in the spacious function suite with fantastic views over the wicket to Worcester Cathedral.

The club has always been a firm favourite with festive revellers and staff guarantee that the 2008 Christmas parties will again exceed expectations, meaning demand is sure to be high.

Director of catering Steven Gibbs said: "We've already fielded many enquiries and bookings throughout December."

"I really would urge those looking for a unique venue to book as soon as possible."

The delicious Christmas menu, including roast Worcestershire turkey with all the trimmings. Alternative dishes are available for vegetarians and people with dietary requirements. Located close the city centre, the club has ample parking and disabled access.

On party nights the function suite will be filled with festive decorations and fun novelties will be placed on each table.

With fantastic food, excellent service and a party atmosphere that can't be bettered, New Road should be your first choice of venue this Christmas.

Groups can book party nights on dates throughout December (see the advertisement) by calling 01905 337940.



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*with Homemade Orange & Cranberry Stuffing  
Chipolata & Bacon Roll, served with a Rich Roast Gravy*

Herb Roast Potatoes & Croquette Potatoes  
Julienne of Carrots Flamande & Button Sprouts

**TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING**

*coated with Brandy Sauce*

OR

**BELGIAN CHOCOLATE PRALINE TORTE**

*Belgian Chocolate Brownie with a layer of Chocolate Ganache  
covered with a Belgian Chocolate Mousse*

Coffee and Petit Mince Pies

*Extras which can be made available*

\* Vegetarian Dishes \* Hot Punch

For more information contact:

**The Catering Department on 01905 337940  
or email catering@wccc.co.uk**

Worcestershire CCC, County Ground,  
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www.wccc.co.uk

# Arrange a fun-filled time

## FACT FILE

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Location	Perdiswell House, Droitwich Road, Worcester WR3 7JU.



Join in the party fun at Perdiswell House, Droitwich Road, Worcester.

**W**HY not join staff at Perdiswell House this Christmas to enjoy great quality food, efficient service and modern, child-friendly facilities.

It offers a competitive two-for-one offer on main meals which includes the carvery.

Alongside the pub the Perdiswell can cater for families with a Fuzzy Ed's Funhouse, designed to get the most out of children's sense of adventure, search for knowledge and ability to have lots of fun

For a fun-filled festive season Perdiswell House is offering a three-course Christmas menu costing £11.95 for adults and £5.95 for children.

On Christmas Day it has a fantastic four-course menu with all the traditional trimmings.

This costs £34.95 for each adult

and £17.45 for each child.

Bookings are now being taken with deposits - £5 per person for a Christmas meal and £10 per person for Christmas Day.

To secure a booking, call either Ben Grant or Emily Cartlidge on 01905 451 311 or just pop in.

Bookings can also be taken for special party nights at the Perdiswell on December 6, 12, 13 and 20 complete with a disco and games.

On New Year's Eve, the pub will be hosting a James Bond Casino Night with cocktails on arrival, roulette and blackjack, a disco and a buffet.

Normal opening hours at Perdiswell House are Monday to Saturday, 11am to 11pm; Sunday, noon to 10.30pm. Times will vary over Christmas. Food is served daily, Monday to Saturday noon to 10pm and Sunday, noon to 9pm.

## PERDISWELL HOUSE

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### Christmas Day Menu

**To start**  
DUCK & ORANGE PATE  
Served with crisp salad, sticky onion chutney and a freshly baked baguette.  
CRAYFISH AND SMOKED SALMON COCKTAIL  
Scottish smoked salmon & juicy crayfish tails on a bed of crisp lettuce, tomato & cucumber.  
Topped with a lemon & tomato seafood dressing, served with a freshly baked baguette.  
BLUE SHROPSHIRE CHEESE TART v  
Served on a bed of crisp leaves drizzled with a balsamic dressing.  
CHUNKY WINTER VEGETABLE AND TOMATO SOUP v  
Topped with sour cream and served with a freshly baked baguette.

**Mains**  
CLASSIC ROAST TURKEY  
Traditionally served with sage and onion stuffing, pork chipolata and gravy, accompanied by cranberry sauce.  
GRILLED PEPPERED SIRLOIN STEAK  
Prime sirloin steak infused with cracked pepper and served with a creamy peppercorn sauce.  
ESCALOPE OF SALMON  
Salmon served with a creamy watercress, tomato, dill and Champagne sauce.  
SPINACH & LEMON RISOTTO v  
Drizzled with a lemon and herb oil.  
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

**Desserts**  
PLUM AND ALMOND STRUDEL 'n'  
Oven baked plums in a moist sponge topped with a crunchy butter, oat, cinnamon and almond crumble served with vanilla flavour ice cream.  
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING 'n'  
Served with a creamy brandy sauce.  
IRISH CREAM TRUFFLE TORTE  
A chocolate brownie base, layered with chocolate truffle  
Irish cream liqueur mousse dusted with cocoa powder, served with a vanilla flavour ice cream.  
CHEESE BOARD SELECTION  
Mature Cheddar and Derbyshire Stilton served with red onion marmalade, grapes and a selection of crackers.

**To Finish**  
COFFEE & MINCE PIES

### Christmas Fayre

**To start**  
PORK, PLUM & BRANDY PATE  
Served with a crisp salad, sticky onion marmalade and a freshly baked baguette.  
PRAWN COCKTAIL  
Juicy prawns on a bed of crisp lettuce, tomato & cucumber, topped with a tomato & seafood dressing, served with a freshly baked baguette.  
TOMATO & BASIL SOUP v  
Topped with sour cream and served with a freshly baked baguette.

**Mains**  
CLASSIC ROAST TURKEY  
Served in a rich gravy with pigs in blankets, stuffing and cranberry sauce.  
ROAST BEEF  
Served in a rich gravy and with a Yorkshire pudding.  
ESCALOPE OF SALMON  
Served with a creamy spinach & tarragon sauce.  
OLIVES, TOMATO & LENTIL ROAST v  
Slow roasted tomatoes, olives and lentils with creamed celeriac and fennel, served with a tomato & basil sauce.  
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES AND POTATOES

**Desserts**  
CHOCOLATE PROFITEROLES  
Filled with creme Chantilly and topped with a rich chocolate sauce.  
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING 'n'  
Served with a creamy brand sauce.  
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All food at The Fold is local, seasonal and freshly-prepared.



The Vine Inn, Ombersley Road, Worcester. 37010201

**A**FTER a major refurbishment, the Vine Inn is now the perfect place for holding parties and functions – or just for watching the football with your friends. Complete with huge plasma screens showing all the major games on Sky and Setanta, the Ombersley Road pub's new function room is the place to be for watching sports in Worcester. And the £20,000 function room is available to hire for free every single night of the week, be it for Christmas parties, wedding receptions, christenings or local sports teams' nights out. The Vine Inn also offers an exciting range of weekend entertainment including live bands, discos and regular psychic nights. In addition, the popular attractions of a traditional bar, a famously warm and friendly atmosphere and the chance to enjoy a few games of pool continue to draw in the regulars.



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**W**HY not go and experience the recently refurbished Oak at Upton Snodsbury, near Pershore, with its two log fires burning during the coming winter nights. Paul and Brenda Wilson, together with their friendly and attentive team, will make any occasion special. David Mathews, a regular customer, said: "Visit the Oak. It has good food, excellent service, friendly staff and welcoming pleasant surroundings." Relax on the comfy sofas or enjoy a freshly-cooked meal prepared by Mr Wilson and his chefs, using only the finest and freshest produce. Christmas parties, large or small, are welcome, but be quick because many dates are already provisionally booked. There are separate areas to hire, including the Oak room which seats 40 people, and four en-suite bedrooms are also available.



The Oak, Upton Snodsbury, near Pershore. 38012101



The Berkeley Arms at Spetchley, near Worcester. 38013301

**C**ELEBRATE this Christmas and New Year with the new management team at the Berkeley Arms at Spetchley, near Worcester. Under new manager Sian Thomas and award-winning chef James St Claire-Jones, the popular country inn will be opening throughout the Christmas and new year period for the first time this year. The soon-to-be-renovated venue is the ideal place for a Christmas party, a festive meal out or a New Year's knees-up, with all of the following on offer: home-cooked Christmas lunches and dinners from just £14.95; 120-seat conference room for large groups and office parties; party nights with late-night disco and a beautiful location in rural Worcestershire. The Berkeley Arms is also taking bookings for weddings, business meetings, conferences and other gatherings for throughout 2009.

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Karim Boutaib, the manager of The Lounge. 38013801

**E**XPERIENCE something unique this Christmas with a taste of the Mediterranean. The Lounge in High Street, Worcester, certainly offers something different to the traditional turkey.

The smart restaurant in the heart of the city offers a wide variety of tapas and meals or can arrange buffets for any size of group.

Recently refurbished with a Spanish theme, The Lounge has a newly-appointed a highly-talented Moroccan manager/head chef.

The Lounge, open from 8am until 11pm, caters for every event, large or small, and it also has an outdoor seating area. Bookings are being taken for lunch parties, evening parties and buffets. Or if you need a break from Christmas shopping pop in for tea, coffee, nibbles and a glass of wine.

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**E**NJOY the mix of contemporary and traditional style at The Talbot in Kempsey. A carefully chosen Christmas menu gives diners the choice between customary festive grub or something a little different.

Three-course meals offer starters of saffron broth, chicken liver parfait, prawn and crayfish salad or sauteed mushrooms. The main courses include roast Worcestershire turkey with all the trimmings, roasted salmon, lamb shank and roasted butternut squash risotto. And you will not be able to resist the deserts of Christmas pudding, maple and pecan tart, chocolate brownie and lemon cheesecake.

Groups of up to 30 people from businesses, societies, or clubs will love the warm relaxed atmosphere and fabulous furnishings. A Christmas day menu is also available including a glass of champagne or buck's fizz.



Steve Ballard and Daniel Hulme at The Talbot. 38013101



There's a welcoming atmosphere at Ostlers. 38013601

**O**STLERS restaurant in Worcester can take the stress out of Christmas. Dining at the well-established venue, tucked away from the hustle and bustle of Worcester city centre, is a hassle-free pleasure and perfect for getting into the festive spirit.

Ostlers has a warm, welcoming atmosphere, luxurious decor and delicious a la carte food. Friendly, attentive staff ensure that each diner – whether it's an informal lunch or special occasion – has a memorable experience, while co-owners Craig Etherington and Paul Amphlett, who are also the chefs, share their passion for good food with modern European dishes.

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**The Admiral Rodney**

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The restaurant, which seats 40 people, can be hired out for office functions and parties. A special Christmas menu, created with locally-sourced fresh produce, is sure to satisfy everyone's tastes. If you want something different why not hire the pub's skittle alley where licensees Des and Karen Campbell will provide a freshly-made buffet for up to 40 people?

Two bars of the pub at Berrow Green, near Martley, means customers won't have to queue long for a drink, giving them more time to choose from the selection of local ales. The Admiral Rodney is a pub that's full of character, only six miles from Worcester and there is plenty of parking.



Desmond and Karen Campbell behind one of the bars at the Admiral Rodney.



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# Enjoy the different tastes

## FACT FILE

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**Massalla Lounge**

Manager

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Business type

**Indian restaurant**

Established

**2007**

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Location

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Worcester WR1 3NH.**



**Rubel Mulaim, general manager, and Jamal Hussain, outside Massalla Lounge in Broad Street, Worcester. Picture by Simon Rogers. 38012801**

**W**ITH its fantastic range of dishes and unbeatable price offers, Massalla Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy a Christmas meal with colleagues and friends.

Situated in Broad Street, Worcester, this spacious 86-seater restaurant is ideally located and designed for groups of any size looking to enjoy something a little different for a festive night out.

The restaurant has sectioned areas to accommodate groups of any number, while a separate private party area offers a little more privacy for up to 25 guests.

And Massalla Lounge's wonderful selection of fine Indian cuisine means satisfaction is guaranteed for everyone in a party.

The menu is hugely varied, ranging from classic curry favourites to a new series of imaginative signature dishes including Indian-style swordfish, sea bass with coconut and lime and tandoori duck.

In addition, there is a growing number of exciting vegetarian options, including quorn, as well as an impressive selection of fine wines, beers and cocktails to enjoy.

Massalla Lounge also represents extremely good value for money, with its now-famous two-for-one offer on main courses from Sunday to Thursday still proving hugely popular among Worcester's dining public. And for large groups planning a special Christmas meal out, the restaurant can provide either a set menu or a buffet at a pre-arranged price, making it easy to plan your party to even the strictest of budgets.

The Christmas bookings are already flying in from office parties, groups of friends and families looking forward to the festive season – so book now to guarantee your place at Massalla Lounge.

Bookings can be made by telephone or online at [toptable.co.uk](http://toptable.co.uk) – just follow the link to the Massalla Lounge website.

**JACK BLANCHARD**

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## Christmas Party Menu 2008

### Starters

Celeriac & White Onion Soup  
With Parsnip Flakes

or

Salmon & Asparagus Terrine  
On Crisp Leaf  
With Herb Dressing

### Main Courses

Roast Turkey  
& Chateau Potatoes  
With Chestnut Stuffing, Chipolatas  
& Cranberry Sauce

or

Delice of Lemon Sole  
Filled with Salmon & Crayfish Mousse  
On Wilted Spinach with Chateau Potatoes  
& Lobster Sauce

or

Mediterranean Roasted Vegetables  
With Lemon & Mint Couscous  
& a Tomato and Coriander sauce

### Desserts

Cider & Sherry Christmas Pudding  
With Brandy Mascarpone

or

Raspberry & White Chocolate Bavrois  
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Coffee and mints

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Cheese Plate With Grapes & Chutney  
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£25 extra for a table of ten guests

# On track for winning time

## FACT FILE

Company

**Worcester Racecourse Ltd**

Owner

**Arena Leisure plc**

Business type

**Racecourse**

Established

**1718**

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Location

**Pitchcroft  
Worcester WR1 3EJ**



**Worcester Racecourse is the ideal place to hold your Christmas party.**

**W**ITH almost 300 years of history, Worcester Racecourse is the ideal spot for a traditional Christmas celebration.

And with its spectacular setting and modern outlook, it is the perfect place to host a 21st-century party.

Worcester Racecourse, with its picturesque tree-lined track and unique position on the banks of the river Severn, is an exceptional party venue with an impressive reputation for catering and service.

Jenny Cheshire, manager of the Pitchcroft racecourse, said: "Christmas is such a special time of year and our aim is to give all our customers a really special Christmas party."

A festive party at Worcester Racecourse is a memorable event. Guests can enjoy a delicious three-course dinner, plus disco, in scenic

surroundings for just £31.50 per person.

There are three mouth-watering mains to choose from – traditional roast turkey served with chateau potatoes, scrumptious chestnut stuffing, chipolatas and cranberry sauce; a delicie of delicate lemon sole filled with salmon and crayfish mousse resting on a bed of wilted spinach, potatoes and lobster sauce; or Mediterranean roasted vegetables with lemon and mint couscous served with tomato and coriander sauce.

Bookings are based on a minimum of 80 guests, but special party nights are available for smaller groups on Friday, December 12 and 19.

For further details and information call Jenny Cheshire at the Worcester Racecourse on 01905 25364 or e-mail [info@worcester-racecourse.co.uk](mailto:info@worcester-racecourse.co.uk).

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# The place to dine in style

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The Pear Tree at Smite, near Worcester, is ready for Christmas. 37010101

ONE of Worcester's most beautifully-located venues is offering a fantastic range of festive events, meals and parties to truly make this a Christmas to remember.

The Pear Tree Inn and Country Hotel at Smite Hill, Hindlip, near Worcester, is rightly famous for its picturesque rural setting and atmospheric surrounds, as well as the high quality food and service which its customers have come to expect.

So, with the festive season now fast-approaching, what better place to enjoy a lively all-inclusive party with friends, family or work colleagues?

Priced at less than £30 per head, the Pear Tree's Christmas party nights in the stylish Bartlett Suite include a lavish sit-down meal with fabulous choices of starters, mains and desserts, followed by a disco courtesy of the resident DJ to

round off the evening in true festive style.

Main course choices available include traditional turkey breast with pigs in blankets and all the trimmings, baked goose with bread sauce, fillet of sea bream or braised blade of beef.

Alternatively, your group might prefer one of the fantastically-priced Christmas lunches, available throughout December in the Pear Tree's bar, restaurant or private room (for groups of more than 20).

The four-course lunch costs just £17 per person, with further discounts available for senior citizens.

The Pear Tree is also offering special meals on Christmas Day and Boxing Day, as well as an extravagant New Year's Eve dinner and dance to see in 2009 in style.

Call now on 01905 756565 to make sure your booking is assured. **JACK BLANCHARD**

## The Pear Tree Inn & Country Hotel



### CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

Parties and celebrations in our stylish Bartlett Suite complete with resident DJ.

**£29.95 per person**  
£10 per person non-refundable deposit.

Balance and food pre-order required 10 days before the event.

Bar opens at 7pm. Sit down for dinner at 7.45pm. Evening finishes at midnight.

#### Soup (V)

Homemade Tomato & Ale Gar Syrup  
Chicken & Camembert Salad  
Fans of Melon (V)

#### Rolled Breast of Adlington Turkey

Tender Breast of Goose  
Blade of Beef  
Vegetable Parcel (V)  
Sea Bream Fillets

All mains served with vegetables and roasted potatoes

#### Individual Christmas Puddings & Brandy Butter

Pear & Thyme Tart Tatin  
Lemon Tart

Tea or Coffee with festive Mince Tart

### CHRISTMAS DAY FEAST

Relax and enjoy Christmas Day with the family. Parties are also welcome to come and enjoy fine food and wine on this day of seasonal celebration.

**£65 per person**  
£25 per person non-refundable deposit payable on booking.

Balance and food pre-order required by 12th December.

#### Minestrone Soup (V)

Filled with winter vegetables & pasta with parmesan croutons  
Game Soup

#### Tian of Trout & Smoked Salmon

Mille Feuille (V)  
Venison & Duck Liver Mousse  
Sorbet

#### Braised Beef

Fillet of Sole  
Roasted Woodcock  
Winter Vegetables & Wild Mushrooms (V)  
Traditional Roast Turkey

#### Chocolate Torte

Poached Fruits  
Snow Eggs  
Baked Apple in Golden Cage  
Cheddar Board  
Tea or Coffee & Petit Fours set

Also available at The Pear Tree: Festive Lunch £17.00, Boxing Day Lunch £24.50, New Years Eve Dinner & Dance £68.50, New Years Day Brunch £13.00

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# You'll be spoilt for choice

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The Plough and Harrow, Drakes Broughton, near Pershore. 37010301

HERE is one pub where Christmas diners will be spoilt for choice. The Plough & Harrow in Drakes Broughton, offers so much more than a traditional turkey dinner.

The independent, family-run pub, located just off the M5 between Worcester and Pershore, has put together a festive party menu – ideal for group gatherings – which features home-made sun blushed tomato and rosemary soup, goats' cheese and asparagus tartlette, and fillet of pork filled with apricots, wrapped in smoked bacon.

If that is not tempting enough, staff has also designed the perfect festive lunch, with baked rainbow trout fillets and beef bourguignonne.

The Plough & Harrow is steeped in history and some parts of the building date back more than 200 years.

The business is proving to be one

of the most popular in Worcestershire and was recently awarded a four-star food hygiene rating from Wychavon District Council, so it comes as no surprise that early booking is advised.

The Christmas party menu is priced at £26.95 per head, and includes entertainment.

The festive lunch option, available from Monday, December 1, to Wednesday, December 24, is £16.95 per person (£12.25 for children under the age of 12).

Opening hours at the pub over Christmas are 11.30am to 10.30pm on December 24; from noon to 3pm on Christmas Day and from 12pm to 6pm on Boxing Day.

On New Year's Eve the pub will host a glamorous James Bond party. Tickets for the spectacular 007-themed event are £44.95 per person and the night – which includes a four-course meal – looks set to be a memorable way to welcome 2009.

# THE PLOUGH & HARROW

DRAKES BROUGHTON

FESTIVE LUNCH MENU £16.95

FESTIVE EVENING MENU £22.95

Available from 1st-24th Dec

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU £65

BOXING DAY MENU £17.50

NEW YEAR'S EVE MENU £44.95

'007' theme - Tickets only

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Fri 12th Dec: Festive Disco

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Thur 18th/Fri 19th Dec: Festive Disco

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