

JUDGES

COUNTRY HOUSE
HOTEL



KIRKLEVINGTON HALL
YARM



YOU BE THE JUDGE

"It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances".

Oscar Wilde – *The Picture of Dorian Gray*



It was back in 1881 that a prominent entrepreneurial family, the Richardsons of Hartlepool, commissioned the building of Kirklevington Hall as their rural retreat.

The grand old Hall, now a listed building, remained a private residence until the 1980s when it was adapted to become a secure and sumptuous lodging for circuit judges on location in the northeast. The tranquil setting and restful atmosphere proved ideal for calm deliberation and peaceful slumber.

Today, privately owned and managed by the Downs family, Judges remains a haven of serenity where a genuinely warm welcome, outstanding hospitality and courteous service all combine to create a truly memorable experience. Come and judge for yourself!

D I N I N G

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Our award-winning restaurant with its beguiling garden views is noted for its exquisite cuisine, elegant table settings and unobtrusive service. The enticing dishes on our à la carte lunch and dinner menus have earned the restaurant 3 rosettes for its food and beverages. We are also well known for our gourmet evenings, and we host regular wine, spirit and cigar tastings.

To enhance the dining experience, we offer a wine list comprising 250 bins, a choice of 30 armagnacs dating back to 1933, 70 malts, 50 vodkas, 30 cognacs.

In addition to the restaurant, three private dining rooms are available, including one - full of atmosphere and character - in the wine cellar.

*Serenely full, the epicure would say,
Fate cannot harm me, I have dined today.*

Rev'd Sydney Smith







STAY A WHILE

It has long been an axiom of mine that the little things are infinitely the most important.

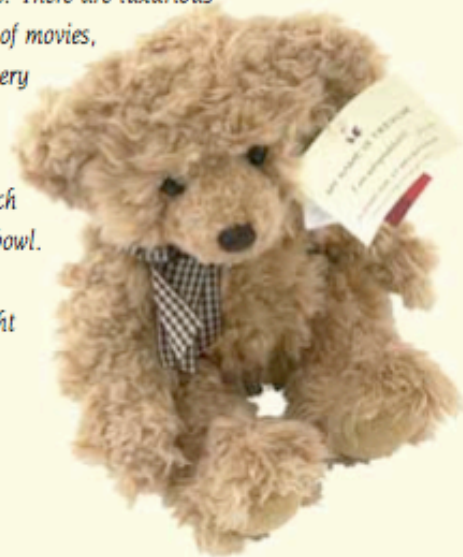
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



The keynote at Judges is attention to detail. Each of our individually designed rooms has a personality of its own and boasts a multitude of amenities. There are luxurious feather mattresses, a foot bath, a video recorder with a selection of movies, a CD player, free broadband wi-fi, i-pod/mp3 docks in every room. Some even have an elegant Jacuzzi bath tub.

Popular features are the cuddly teddy bear resident in each room and the soothing presence of a goldfish circling its bowl.

In the evening, your bed will be turned down, an overnight shoeshine service is available and in the morning, after you receive your personal wake up call, fresh coffee and orange juice can be delivered to your room.



RELAX WITH FRIENDS

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The Lounge is a favourite room for many of our guests, a place to sink into the plump-cushioned armchairs and relax in front of a roaring fire.

As well as beverages, light meals are served here throughout the day. Don't miss our famous full afternoon tea, a 'traditional ceremony' that has been known to last until early evening!

Here, as throughout the hotel, we focus on what people really want, rather than following the transient 'trends of the day'.

*At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well,
and talk well but not too wisely.*

W. Somerset Maugham







OUT FOR A STROLL

*She walks in beauty, like the night of cloudless climes
and starry skies; and all that's best of dark and bright
meet in her aspect and her eyes.*

Byron - *She Walks in Beauty*



*Nature lovers and those looking for peace and tranquillity will appreciate our 31
acres of grounds. Immaculate gardens, meadows and mature woodlands, copses and
groves, all threaded by a sinuous stream, all provide a sylvan retreat where
everyday stresses and cares just melt away.*

*In early summer, banks of rhododendrons make a
glorious display and throughout the year there
are some lovely walks through the grounds to enjoy. Or you
could just settle down on the terrace and admire the restful view.*



STRICTLY BUSINESS

Spacious Victorian stables have been imaginatively converted to create the Courtyard Suite, a self-contained purpose-built meeting and conference centre with state of the art facilities. With 3 lounges, 2 bars, 5 break out areas and seating for 200 this room is ideal for large meetings. We also offer our Map room which is ideal for small private meetings. All meeting rooms are fitted with free broadband wi-fi throughout.

The Garden Room in the main house can accommodate up to 22 executives around a boardroom table. In this gracious oak-panelled room overlooking landscaped gardens, natural light streams through the overhead turret or the windows can be shaded to allow screen projection. With its dedicated bar outside the suite, the Garden Room is perfect for all kinds of meetings, private lunches and dinners.

Yes, I could have been a judge but I never had the Latin, never had sufficient of it to get through the rigorous judging exams - so I became a miner.

Peter Cook - Beyond the Fringe







TO HAVE & TO HOLD

*For I am a Judge
And a good Judge too!*

W.S. Gilbert – *Trial by Jury*



Our beautiful grounds and outstanding guest amenities have made Judges one of the most popular venues for weddings in the area. Whether it be a small intimate gathering or a large wedding we have the setting, the history and the magic to make your special day even more special.

Our wedding portfolio includes a choice of 4 different venues for your civil ceremony, exclusive use of the Courtyard Suite and its private Garden, personalised menus and table plans, preferential room rates and many other special touches.



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