

One of the tasks you will need to consider in advance of your wedding day is your table plan. We hope this information and some suggested plans will assist you with this.

## Table sizes \& capacities

We, in the main, supply 5' diameter round tables for dining. Each of these can seat up to 10 guests. Please remember that children and babies (unless they are 'in arms') will require a space around the table.

We also have a few 6' diameter round tables - these can seat up to 12 guests each. If you are having a round top table, we would generally seat 8 guests around a 6 ' table in a horse-shoe style (around two-thirds of the table), so the Bride and Groom can see and be seen by guests on the other tables.
Other 6' tables in the room generally cannot neighbour one another. A 6' table cannot be provided on the dance-floor area unless there are only two tables maximum on the dance-floor.

Depending on your guest numbers, some of the dining tables will be placed on the dance-floor. Following the meal/speeches we ask the guests on these tables to vacate (taking their personal belongings) and we clear and remove these tables, so the evening entertainment can commence. We recommend that you seat your guests that are most keen to dance on these tables, where possible! Seating is usually provided in the Buttery and/or Inner Courtyard for guests whose tables have been removed.

The dance floor is $20^{\prime} \times 20^{\prime}$ and can accommodate four 5 ' tables (up to 40 guests). Should you only require three tables on the dance-floor, these are usually placed in a triangular formation, with two of these tables being placed in the 'back row'.

## Dining in Baron's Hall - maximum capacities

The Baron's Hall can seat up to 138 guests, assuming a round top table for 8 guests (in a horseshoe style), plus 2 other tables on the dais and no space for the central fire.

The Baron's Hall can seat up to 118 guests, assuming a long top table for 8 guests and no space for the central fire.

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The Baron's Hall can seat up to 92 guests, assuming a long top table for 8 guests and space for the central fire.

## Your top table

There is a choice of having a round or a long top table. If you are expecting over 112 guests, you will require a round top table, so 8 guests can be seated on the top table and two tables of up to ten guests can be seated on each side of the top table.

Traditionally the top table is long, but some couples prefer the round top table option, as it can be a little more sociable. The top table usually seats both sets of parents, the Bride and Groom, the Chief Bridesmaid and the Best Man, in this order:

| Chief <br> Bridesmaid | Groom's <br> father | Bride's <br> mother | Groom | Bride | Bride's <br> father | Groom's <br> mother |
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| Best Man |  |  |  |  |  |  |

A longer top table of 24 ' to seat up to 12 guests can be provided. If further top table seating is required, a wider table can be provided where 2 guests can be seated at each end of the table, providing a top table for 16 guests.

## High-chairs

We have 6 highchairs on site that we are happy to provide for events at Penshurst Place. We have 2 with trays (usually for children aged up to 18 months) and 4 without trays, so they can be pushed right up to the table (usually for children aged over 18 months).
Guests with older children may wish to bring their own booster seats.

## Some other tips

- Try to seat guests together that fall into 'natural groups' i.e. school friends, work colleagues, etc.
- Closest family and friends should be placed on tables closest to the Bride and Groom.
- You may want to consider putting guests of similar ages together.
- A mix of couples and single people on the same table is usually a good idea.
- Try to alternate male/female guests around a table.
- Don't forget to include yourselves in the table plan!


## Table Plans

There are 6 recommended table plans to choose from in the Baron's Hall, listed below. Please feel free to give us a call on 01892870307 to discuss our recommendations in further detail or to answer an questions you may have.
suggested capacity : 92 guests, with long top table and fire


Baron's Hall: 58 ' x $38^{\prime} 7$ "
Please note that this plan is not to scale.
suggested capacity: 110 guests, with long top table plus round tables on dais and fire


Baron's Hall: 58' x $38^{\prime} 7$ '
Please note that this plan is not to scale
suggested capacity : 118 guests, with round top table and fire


Baron's Hall: $58^{\prime} \times 38^{\prime} 7>$
Please note that this plan is not to scale
suggested capacity: 118 guests, with long top table and without fire


Baron's Hall: $58^{\prime} \times 38^{\prime \prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$
Please note that this plan is not to scale
suggested capacity: 130 guests, with long top table plus round tables on dais and without fire

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Fined trestle table
    18' x 2'7''
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Baron's Hall: 58 ' x $388^{\prime \prime}$
Please note that this plan is not to scale
maximum capacity: 138 guests, with round top table and without fire


Baron's Hall: 58 ' x $388^{\prime} 7$
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