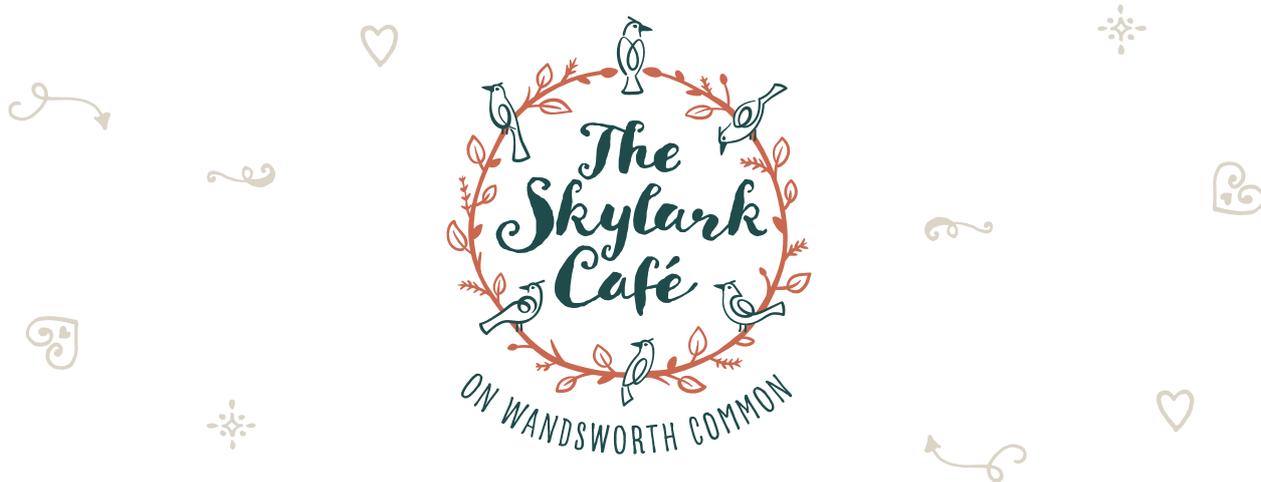


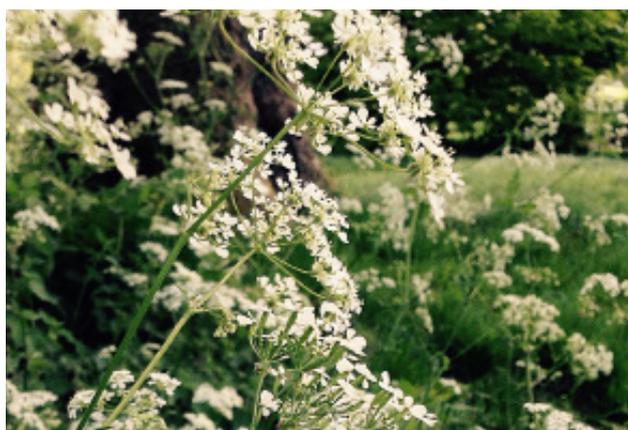
*Evening  
Private Hire  
Spring & Summer  
2019*



## *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, school leavers barbecues and of course, lots of Christmas parties! The café makes a perfect venue for class parent gatherings throughout the year too, which are always great fun!



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 within a conservation area, there are some conditions on hire times, types of entertainment and taxi pick-up locations. **Please check out our separate FAQ booklet for more details on this.**

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 40-90 GUESTS

FOOD FROM £20 PER PERSON

CHOOSE FROM TWO SET MENUS

Served from the grill and buffet style,  
by our smartly dressed chefs

### *A Summer Drinks Party*

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

FOR 40-90 GUESTS

FOOD FROM £20 PER PERSON

Served to you and your guests  
by our waiting staff.

### *A Community Social*

For local not-for-profit volunteer organisations,  
on a tight budget.

FOOD AT £12 PER HEAD

50-90 GUESTS

A VERY SIMPLE BBQ

5 SLOTS AVAILABLE PER YEAR  
(EXCLUDING JUNE, JULY & DECEMBER)

Please do enquire if you qualify  
and would like to see a menu!

### *Winter 2019/20*

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.

We have a frequently asked questions booklet that is full of further detail on how your evening will run. Find it on our website or just ask our events manager Carlotta. 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.

## *To book & place your order!*

To enquire about your date please go to [www.skylarkcafe.co.uk](http://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!



# THE SUMMER SIZZLE BBQ

*Perfect for a social  
event or relaxed party*

**£20 PER PERSON**  
FOR 40-90 GUESTS

**- MAINS -**

*Served with Big Fresh Toasted Baps*

**Rare Breed Beef Burger (GF)**

**Butter Bean, Sun Blush Tomato & Basil Veggie Burgers (VF)(GF)**

**Wild Boar & Apple Sausages**

**- SUMMER SALADS -**

**Roast new potato salad with streaky bacon, sour cream and dill (GF)**

**Pickled aubergine & tomato salad with baby gems, red onion and mint (VF)(GF)**

**Quinoa & broccoli slaw with radicchio, pumpkin seeds and raisins (VF)(GF)**

**- GLORIOUS TOPPINGS -**

**Basil Aioli (V)(GF)(DF) | Honey, Mustard & Tarragon Sauce (V)(GF)(DF)**

**Chipotle Sour Cream (V)(GF) | Pickles (VF)(GF)(DF)**

**Farmhouse Cheddar (V)(GF)**

*Add a Jude's Ice Cream tub for £2.50 pp, selection of fantastic  
flavours available, please ask when booking.*



# THE SUMMER FEAST BBQ

*For a special occasion*

**£30 PER PERSON**  
FOR 40-90 GUESTS

## - MAINS -

Butterfly leg of lamb, marinated with balsamic & black pepper, served with a preserved lemon & mint dressing (GF) (DF)

Whole grilled salmon, stuffed with orange & fennel and served with sumac (GF) (DF)

Baby tomato and mozzarella stuffed portobello mushrooms, balsamic glaze (V) (GF)

Halloumi & melon skewers with cinnamon & coriander seed glaze (V) (GF)

## - SUMMER SALADS -

Roast new potato salad with streaky bacon, sour cream and dill (GF)

Pickled aubergine & tomato salad with baby gems, red onion and mint (VF) (GF)

Quinoa & broccoli slaw with radicchio, pumpkin seeds and raisins (VF) (GF)

## - GLORIOUS TOPPINGS -

Smoky aubergine & pumpkin seed dip (VF) (GF) (DF)

Honey & Tarragon Mustard (V) (GF) (DF)

Chipotle Sour Cream (V) (GF)

Pickles (VF) (GF) (DF)

BBQ Carrot Relish (VF) (GF) (DF)

Farmhouse Cheddar (V) (GF)

## - PUDDINGS -

Brownie, Raspberry & Jude's Vanilla Ice Cream Cake (V) (GF)

Strawberry Summer Trifle with Durello, Lemon Curd & Chantilly (V)



# A SUMMER DRINKS PARTY

*Café or Terrace, it's up to you*

**FOOD AT £20 PER PERSON**

**UP TO 40-90 GUESTS**

Served to you and your guests by our friendly waiting staff.

**- HOT -**

Mini Beef & Quinoa Polpette  
in a Roasted Tomato and Basil Sauce  
with Herb & Lemon Smash (GF)

Romanesco & Gruyere 'Cheese'  
with Black Olive Crumb (V)

**- COLD -**

Crostini with Hot Roast Salmon & Goat's  
Curd Tartar with Grapefruit Pickled Radish

Smoked Chicken, Peach & Shaved  
Fennel Salad, with a Basil Cress  
& Mustard dressing (GF)

Heritage Tomato & Mozzarella Salad  
with Vincotto & Lovage (V)(GF)

**- PUDDING -**

Strawberries & Cream Jude's Ice-cream  
with White Chocolate Cookie Crumble (V)



## *Finishing Touches*

There are lots of ways to make your party bespoke to you and we are on hand to help!

### *Party Decorations*

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



### *An extra special celebration?*

If you want to change the feel of your event from fun and relaxed to something more smart and sophisticated, we can work with you to add extra touches like table linen, bespoke floral styling and stationery. Let us know what you would like and we can help you, or put you in touch with someone excellent who can!

### *Welcome Drinks?*

YES PLEASE!

Always good to start as you plan to go on! Choose from our Botanical Gin Cocktail, Prosecco or Pimms 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.

### *Need a top up?*

Our normal front of house staff to guest ratio on private events is approximately 1:20 and guests come to the inside or outdoor bar to get their drinks. If you would like a top up or drinks order service circulating for your event please discuss this with Carlotta our events manager and with enough notice we can add a member of staff at extra cost.

### *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! Enjoy an early evening game with a drink from the café and then come to us afterwards for your private party on the terrace.



## 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.** The Skylark Café will be available to you on an exclusive basis for the period of your hire between 7.30pm and 11.30pm on your booking date. As host you may arrive from 7.15pm but please no earlier as we will be on a tight turnaround, cleaning and getting the café ready.

**2.** You kindly agree that we may authenticate your credit card via the DesignMyNight booking system on [www.skylarkcafe.co.uk](http://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 two 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.** Along with the payment in point 3 above, you agree to provide us with your final pre-order for food at least two weeks in advance. Thank you for your understanding that as we freshly prepare and cook our food on the premises rather than cooking frozen dishes, we need this time to order all ingredients and ensure we have the correct number of staff on the rota for your

party to run smoothly.

**5.** 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 The Skylark Café 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.

**6.** 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.

**7.** 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.

**8.** 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.

**9.** You agree to purchase all drinks from The Skylark Café 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 The Skylark Café and consumed on the premises as per our Premises License.



**10.** You are welcome to decorate but please only use blu-tac or non-marking equivalent. No hooks, nails, sellotape or adhesive fixings.

**11.** 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 The Skylark Café before or after an event.

**12.** 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.

**13.** You agree to purchase all party food from The Skylark Café unless agreed by separate arrangement, for example if you would like to bring specialist food for specific allergens or your own celebration cake.

**14.** 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!

**15.** You will kindly email all attendees with the "Arriving & Leaving The Skylark Café" instructions provided below at least three days prior to your event, bcc'ing: [events@skylarkcafe.co.uk](mailto:events@skylarkcafe.co.uk)

**Arriving & Leaving The Skylark Café email wording for guests (this will be emailed to you when you confirm your booking)**

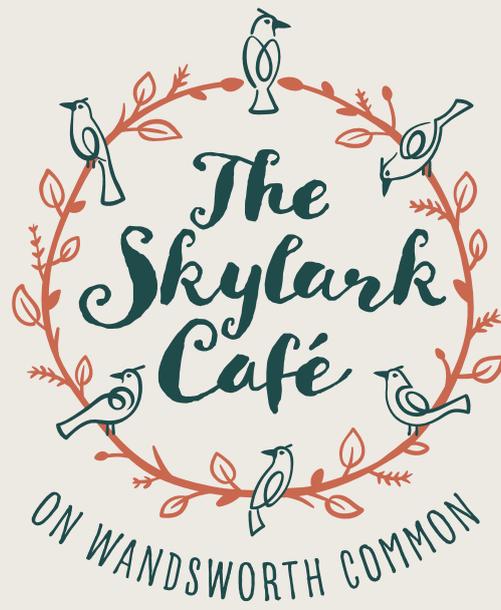
**The following should be sent to all guests at least three days prior to your event.**

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 Café!



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