The 2026 Festive Season

For Every Occasion

THE BELL INN · HORNDON ON THE HILL

Your Christmas Starts Here...

Explore our beautiful spaces and festive menus, from seasonal sit-down dining to relaxed buffet celebrations. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering, a family celebration, or a festive party with colleagues, we have the perfect setting.

Complete your experience with a carefully curated wine list, featuring much-loved favourites alongside exceptional bottles for those looking to make the occasion even more special.

The Perfect Setting for Every Festive Celebration

Your menu choice shapes both the setting and guest numbers.

TAILORED & FESTIVE MENUS

Sit-down dining for up to 48 guests: 6–8 in The Bonson, 12–24 in Room at the Top, or 20–48 in The Ostlers.

CHRISTMAS BUFFET

Sociable dining for up to 60 guests in The Ostlers.

EVENT SPACES

Choose from Three Wonderful Spaces

The Room at the Top

An atmospheric space full of the Inn's historic charm, ideal for intimate Christmas gatherings.

Capacity: 12–24 guests

Hire fee: £140

The Ostlers

A light, modern space with its own bar and dining area, and views of the grounds, perfect for stylish festive dining.

Capacity: 20–60 guests

Book by 31st October and enjoy our special group rate!

For groups of 20–31 guests £200

For groups of 32+ guests £250

The Bonson

A cosy hideaway for small festive get-togethers, social or corporate.

Capacity: 6–8 guests

Hire fee: £60

SOCIABLE DINING

Christmas Buffet

Seasonal sandwiches & wraps

Roasted chipolatas with crispy bacon & cranberry compote

Nut roast sausage roll with truffle aioli

Brie & cranberry quiche

Selection of mini desserts: mince pies, lemon tart & chocolate truffle

Christmas Buffet

£25.95 per person

SIT-DOWN DINING

Festive Menu

Salt-baked beetroot salad, balsamic roasted beetroot, Somerset goats' cheese chantilly, cranberry gel, beer cracker, crispy sage

Roast Norfolk turkey with chestnut & sage stuffing, pigs in blankets, pancetta-roasted Brussels sprouts, duck fat and rosemary roast potatoes & cranberry compote

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy cream

Mince pie truffle

Vegetarian option available

Festive Menu

£30.95 per person

SIT-DOWN DINING · CHOOSE ONE FROM EACH COURSE

Tailored Menu Choices

STARTERS

Maple-roasted ham hock & bacon terrine, served with pommery mustard mayo, fried egg, pickled red onions

or

Roasted parsnip soup with chestnut whipped butter, Maldon sea salt bread roll (V)

or

Cornish crab salad with torched clementine, fennel & radicchio salad, chive mayo & lumpfish roe

MAINS

Roast Norfolk turkey, traditional chestnut & sage stuffing, pigs in blankets, duck fat roast potatoes, cranberry compote

or

Wild mushroom arancini, king oyster mushroom, tarragon veloute, sage-roasted butternut squash, pickled shallot (V)

or

Pan-roasted monkfish, curried cauliflower puree, carrot & red onion bhaji, dukkah, coconut veloute

DESSERTS

Traditional Christmas pudding, served with brandy cream (V)

or

Bitter chocolate cremeux, vanilla marshmallow, shortbread biscuit, Griotine cherries, cranberry gel

or

A selection of artisan cheeses, with crackers & seasonal chutney

All main courses are served with a panache of vegetables · coffee, tea & mince pies included

Please let us know about allergies as we can offer suitable options

Tailored Menu · £46.95 per person

Stay & Find Us

ACCOMMODATION

Why not make a whole night of it? Stay in one of our 26 boutique rooms. Some are spacious and indulgent, others snug and cosy. Prices start from £90 per night, room only. Breakfast is available at The Ostlers, from croissants and coffee to a full English.

LOCATION

We are nestled in the pretty village of Horndon on the Hill, Essex, just over half an hour from London by train.

MENUS & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

We can cater for most dietary needs: please let us know when booking so we can advise on the best options, especially for groups with allergens. Allergen information is available on request. Our menus are subject to change depending on seasonality and supply.

SAVE THE DATES

Bell Events

Our upcoming in-house events not to be missed.

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Christmas Artisan Fair

Start the festive season with our much-loved Artisan Christmas Fair. Browse a wonderful selection of handmade gifts from talented local makers, and find the perfect present for your loved ones. While you're here, treat yourself to festive food, seasonal drinks and plenty of Christmas cheer.

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

Chef Supper Club

Step back in time for an unforgettable evening inspired by the 1970s. Our talented chefs have created a themed menu celebrating the flavours and nostalgia of the decade, paired with a fun and lively atmosphere. Dust off your flares for a night not to be missed.

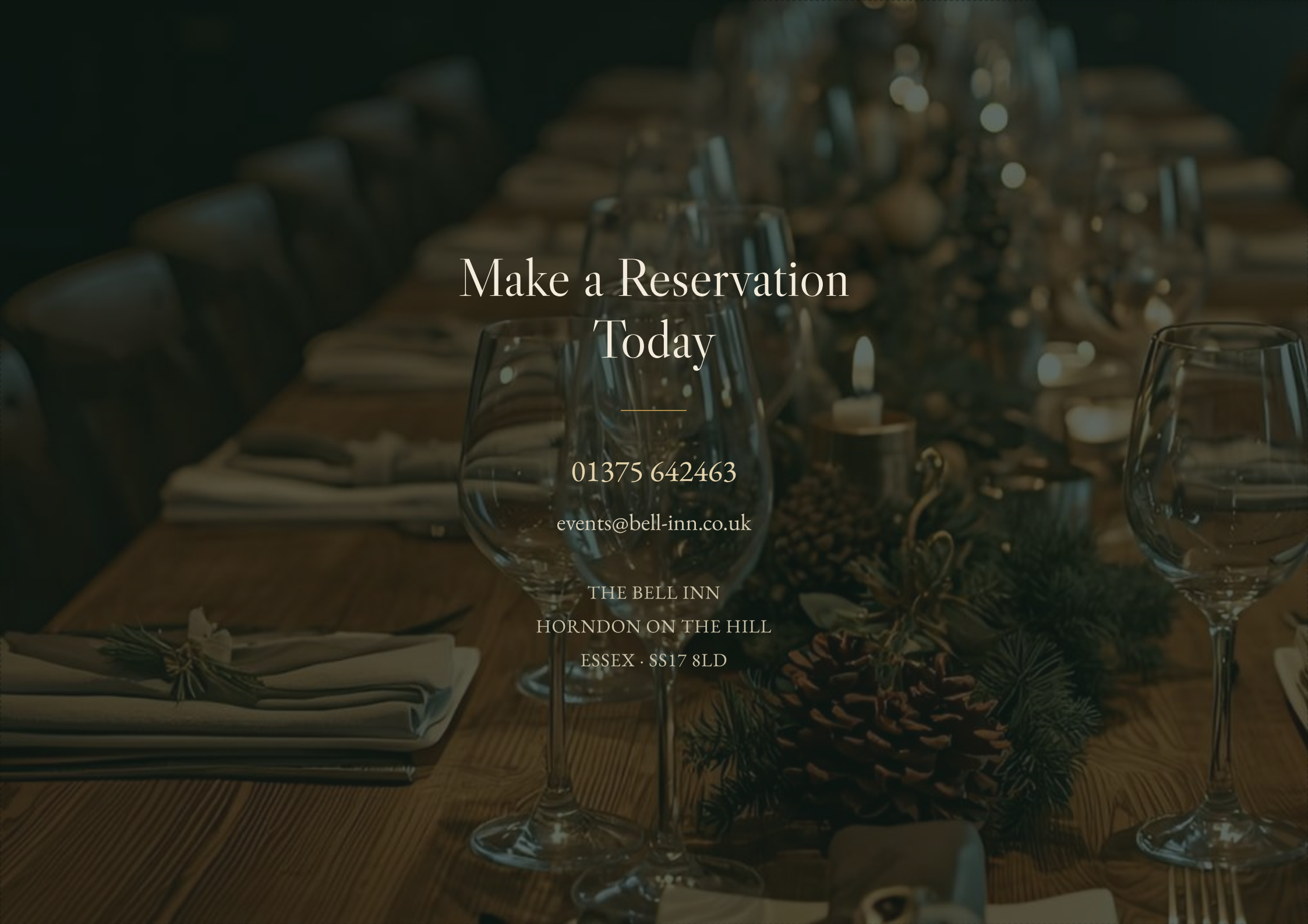
Pre-booking required

FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER

Ostlers Lounge Night

Get into the Christmas spirit at our festive Ostlers Lounge Night. Enjoy expertly crafted drinks and festive tunes from DJ Stretch for the best Christmas party in town. Come along and grab your friends.

No ticket required



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