



CHARNEY MANOR

Conference and Retreat Centre



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Charney Manor is owned by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Set in the heart of the Oxfordshire countryside, Charney Manor offers an attractive rural setting, spacious grounds and a sense of history. Parts of the Manor date back to the 13th Century.

With its unique atmosphere of peace and tranquillity, tempting home-cooked meals and a warm welcome, Charney Manor offers a supportive setting for relaxation, reflection and renewal.

Charney Manor serves Quakers in Britain by the provision of Conference and retreat facilities for Quaker meetings and hospitality throughout the South of England.

A public meeting for worship is held in the library every Wednesday evening 8.00 – 8.30pm (except during August) to which all are welcome.

Facilities

Charney Manor offers a variety of meeting rooms and a range of facilities in a peaceful and inspiring setting. It provides an attractive venue for conferences, training events and retreats.

This extraordinary facility is used by individuals and groups from the public, private and voluntary sectors. Regular users of Charney Manor include businesses, educators, charities, faith, musicians, yoga and conflict resolution groups – it's a beautiful and creative setting that never ceases to inspire all who visit.

Meetings

For meetings, workshops, seminars, conferences and significant events, we have two large beautiful and historic rooms. The Solar, accommodating 30 people and the Barn, accommodating 45 people. There are also three smaller meeting rooms which can accommodate 8 – 15 people which can be booked separately or used as break-out space. We are able to provide varied seating arrangements, tables, flipcharts and audiovisual equipment. There is also wifi access available throughout the site.

Garden

Charney Manor is surrounded by 3 acres of beautiful grounds that include mature trees, horse paddock, a secret garden, a fruit orchard and tranquil seating areas, which all guests are welcome to explore and enjoy. There are also lovely walks through the old village and along the meandering river Ock. The Manor is situated next to St Peters Church, parts of the church date back to the 12th Century.

Local Interest

As well as guests being able to participate in a variety of local Countryside walks, starting at the Manor, there are also places of interest near by. The White Horse Hill, located in the small village of Uffington, is an incredible site to see. It is a 374 foot long white chalk horse carved into the hill and is said to be from the Bronze age. Wayland's Smithy is a neolithic long barrow and chamber tomb site near the White Horse Hill and Uffington Castle. The historic Kelmscott Manor is a short distance away, visiting Kelmscott will give you the insight into William Morris's history by touring his family home.

Charney Bassett has a lovely family run village pub, The Chequers Inn. This is a few minutes walk away from the Manor and has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.





MAIN MEETING ROOMS

The Solar

The Solar, one of the oldest parts of Charney Manor (13th Century), is located on the first floor of the Manor House. Its remarkable roof, constructed from wooden beams, contributes to its unique atmosphere and sense of history. The quiet calm of the Solar invites visitors to slow down and reflect. The Solar has a piano, wooden floors and a picturesque view of the historic St Peters Church and the Manor's beautiful gardens. The Solar can accommodate groups of up to 30 people. The comfortable chairs can be arranged to suit the needs of any group, as can any tables, flip charts and audiovisual equipment.

The Chapel, part of the original Manor House, is adjacent to the Solar. This beautiful and historic room can seat up to 8 guests.



The Barn

The converted Barn with beams preserving the character of the original building is a light and versatile space located on the first floor in an adjacent building to the Manor House.

The Barn conference room is accessible by lift and can accommodate groups of up to 45 people.

This space lends itself to a variety of different conference room settings such as boardroom, theatre, horseshoe or empty – whichever style arrangement best suits the needs of your group.

The Lower Barn can be used in conjunction with this conference room for refreshment breaks, especially if your group requires to be self contained, ie for silent periods or retreats.

Chairs and tables, flipcharts and audiovisual equipment can be arranged accordingly.



Additional Rooms

Three other meeting rooms are available: they can be booked separately or in conjunction with The Solar or The Barn.

Wireless internet access is available throughout Charney Manor and additional equipment, such as flipcharts, can be provided by arrangement.

The Lower Barn

The Lower Barn is a cosy room located on the ground floor of The Barn. It can accommodate up to 13 people seated and around 20 people standing.

The Lower Barn is equipped with comfortable sofas, a large television, a guest fridge and tea and coffee making facilities.

The Sitting Room

The Sitting Room is on the ground floor of the Manor and overlooks the garden. It provides a comfortable space for small group discussions or relaxing with refreshments between sessions.

The Sitting Room can seat up to 12 people.

The Library

A traditional Library complete with writing desk and grandfather clock can be found on the ground floor of the Manor opposite the sitting room. It provides space for a small group meeting or quiet peace for individual reflection. The Library stocks a number of books, focussing mainly on Quakerism and contemporary spirituality.

The Library can seat up to 10 people. A computer and printer is available in this room for use by guests.







Charney Manor offers simple, comfortable accommodation in a combination of single and twin bedrooms. Charney Manor can accommodate up to 35 residential guests on a full occupancy, most bedrooms are ensuite, with two having private bathrooms. All bedrooms come equipped with tea and coffee making facilities, towels, complimentary shower gel and most have exquisite views of the gardens.

Accommodation

The Manor

The Manor House has 9 bedrooms over three floors; 2 single, 6 twin and one double bedroom. Each of the bedrooms within the Manor House has very different characteristics, which makes each totally unique. The character and history filled rooms all benefit from beautiful stone windows with fantastic views over the extensive front and side gardens.

The Vokins

The Joan Vokins Annexe has 10 bedrooms over two floors; 7 single and 3 twin. The Joan Vokins was built to replace the fire-damaged Medieval tythe barn which stood on the site previously. The rooms are similar in appearance and benefit from either rolling views over the paddock or lovely views across the Manor's central courtyard, which truly comes to life in the summer. The daffodil filled planters spring to life, the chairs, tables and parasols are a welcome sight and are very much in demand on warm summer days and evenings.

The Barn

The Barn has 4 ground floor bedrooms; 3 single and 1 twin. Two of the rooms are adapted for disabled users. The very attractive converted barn, conference room and two bedrooms still retain the beautiful original beams. All bedrooms benefit from either central courtyard views or views over the back garden and across to the converted cottages, now know as "The Gilletts".

Catering

Charney Manor is renowned for its high quality, traditional home cooked meals.

Charney is passionate about striving to consistently produce fabulous food from the best ingredients available, which are sourced locally, if possible. However, quality is not sacrificed for locality.

We offer a continental breakfast as standard, although a full English breakfast is available upon request. Our lunch and evening meals consist of two courses with a choice of desserts. All our meals are freshly prepared to the highest quality and cooked on site.

We are able to cater for a range of alternative diets in keeping with our high quality and standards. We can cater for vegan, wheat/gluten free, dairy free to mention but a few and if you are looking for that 'something special', whether its a specific menu that you require or a three course meal, we can work very closely with you to tailor make your ideal dining experience.

All meals are served in our 13th Century, character filled dining room with lovely stone carved windows which look out onto the beautiful gardens.



Day Conferences

Charney Manor caters for a variety of day conference guests, with a choice of Conference rooms described in this brochure. Each room offers flexible seating, presentation aids and wireless internet connection.

All conference room arrangements are tailored individually to meet the needs of the group. Times of meals and refreshments are arranged to fit the conference timetable and meals can take account of participant's dietary requirements.

The day conference package comprises:

- Conference Room Use of one of the conference rooms and appropriate equipment.
- Refreshments Bottled water and sweets are provided.
- On arrival Tea or coffee and biscuits.
- Lunch A two course freshly prepared lunch including a choice of desserts.
- Afternoon Tea or coffee and home-made cake.

Bookings

Individual Bookings

Charney Manor offers two options for individual bookings. For prices and availability please contact the office on 01235 868206.

Bed and Breakfast only

A Bed and Breakfast stay includes either single or twin ensuite accommodation. Tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary shower gel and towels are provided. This option includes a continental breakfast.

Fully Catered

A fully catered stay includes either single or twin ensuite accommodation. Tea and coffee making facilities, complimentary shower gel and towels are provided.

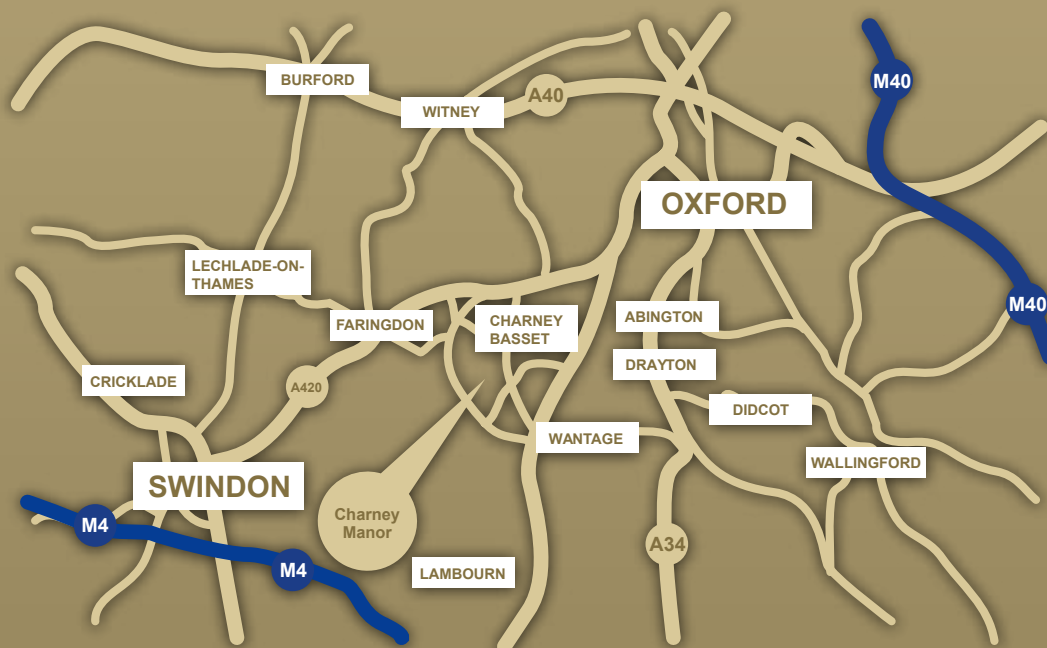
This option includes a continental breakfast, two course lunch and supper, with a choice of desserts with both meals. (Special Dietary requirements can be catered for with advance notice). The Library can be used by guests, if available, as can the three acres of beautiful gardens.

Group Bookings – The Gilletts

The Gilletts is a detached cottage in the grounds of Charney Manor, available for use on a self catering basis by families and groups of up to eight people. The cottage has five bedrooms (three twin and two singles), has all the facilities expected in a fully furnished self catering cottage. It provides a quiet space for rest and relaxation and is ideal for families and those wishing to explore. Bookings for The Gilletts are handled by our preferred agent, Wyndham Vacation Rentals. For prices and availability, please visit their website: www.cottages4you.co.uk (property ref: 28097).







HOW TO FIND US

Charney Manor is readily accessible by car from the M40 and the M4. It is 12 miles from Oxford and from Didcot railway stations; there is a bus service from Oxford to Southmoor, just 2 miles away.



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