



Cartmel Old Grammar Country House Hotel CARTMEL RACES 2026

Summer in Cartmel means one thing: the return of race season. The village comes alive with anticipation, elegance, and excitement, as visitors gather for one of the most iconic fixtures in the British racing calendar.

Make a weekend of it with indulgent dining, beautifully prepared race-day hampers, and a luxurious stay — all perfectly timed for the thrill of the track.



Residents' Priority Dining

Our restaurant offers an intimate dining experience reserved first and foremost for our resident guests — by prioritising our hotel residents we ensure a refined, unhurried atmosphere and the highest level of personalised service. Please advise at your earliest convenience if you would like to make a dining reservation.

A limited number of tables will be released to non-residents, subject to availability.

Luxury Picnic Hampers

£70 for 2 people

Make your day at the races effortlessly stylish with our luxury race day picnic hampers — thoughtfully curated for refined outdoor dining and celebratory moments. Each hamper features a selection of gourmet savouries, artisan sandwiches, indulgent desserts and a half bottle of English Sparkling to celebrate the occasion, all beautifully presented for a premium experience.

Ideal for trackside enjoyment or picnicking in our garden, every hamper is designed to bring comfort, elegance, and a sense of occasion to your day — so you can focus on the thrill, the fashion, and the festivities.

Includes

*Truffled egg mayonnaise & watercress on seeded brown
Coronation chicken on white bread
Cartmel Valley Game smoked salmon, cream cheese & cucumber, sliced sourdough
Pork, apple & black pudding sausage roll, brown sauce
Pork & chilli Scotch egg
Sultana & plain scones, jam & clotted cream
Rhubarb & custard tart
Strawberries*

Half bottle of Nyetimber Classic Cuvée

**Deposit required for Picnic Hamper*

The Nyetimber Terrace

£38 per person

On race days, our garden and terrace will transform into the elegant Nyetimber Terrace — a refined yet relaxed setting designed to capture the spirit of Cartmel at its most vibrant. Overlooking the racecourse, this exclusive space offers front-row views of the action, all from the comfort of our hotel grounds.

Guests can indulge in a curated selection of English sparkling wines, perfectly chilled and paired with a menu of delectable seasonal canapés. The atmosphere is effortlessly celebratory — a place to gather, sip, and savour the day as the excitement of the races unfolds right in front of you.

Whether you're joining us for a leisurely afternoon or marking a special occasion, the Nyetimber Terrace offers a uniquely immersive race day experience, where exceptional taste meets an unrivalled view.

Includes

*A glass of Nyetimber Classic Cuvée
A selection of canapés served gradually throughout the day
Front row seats to watch the races in luxury*

Advanced booking only. Full payment taken upon booking

The Refectory Restaurant & Nyetimber Terrace
Opening Hours

May	Restaurant	Event	Ticketed
Friday 22 nd	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		
Saturday 23 rd (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
Sunday 24 th	Sunday Lunch 1-4pm		
Monday 25 th (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
Wednesday 27 th (Race Day)			
June			
Thursday 25 th	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		
Friday 26 th (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
Saturday 27 th	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		
Sunday 28 th (Race Day)		2pm – 7pm Pizzas Live Music	Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
July			
Friday 17 th	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		
Saturday 18 th (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
Sunday 19 th	Sunday Lunch 1-4pm		
Monday 20 th (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
August			
Friday 28 th	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		
Saturday 29 th (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm
Sunday 30 th		2pm – 7pm Pizzas Live Music	
Monday 31 st (Race Day)	12 – 2.30pm 5.30 – 8.30pm		Race Day Nyetimber & Canapés Arrival from 12.30pm