

# A UNIQUE & BEAUTIFUL WEDDING



AT THE HOP FARM-KENT'S LANDMARK WEDDING VENUE

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# Historic, Versatile & Special

## The Hop Farm

A unique and beautiful collection of Oast Houses set in the heart of the Kent countryside. As the largest collection of Victorian Oast Houses in the world, The Hop Farm is a spectacular backdrop for what is, undoubtedly, one of the most exciting and important days of your life.

Your personal Wedding Co-ordinator will be with you every step of the way, ensuring your special day is tailored exactly to your requirements.

This brochure is designed as a guide to The Hop Farm and our wedding services but we understand that every wedding is unique and you may wish to discuss personal requests with our Wedding Co-ordinator.

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## Wedding Ceremonies & Renewal of Vows



As approved premises for the solemnization of Civil Marriages, The Hop Farm will contact the Superintendent Registrar on your behalf who will then contact you to make the necessary arrangements.

The Registration and Marriage Acts require that all marriages are solemnized by a Superintendent Registrar and registered by a Registrar of Marriages, both of whom are appointed under the Kent registration scheme by the proper office for the Kent Registration service.

Married couples looking to renew their vows can do so at The Hop Farm.



# Whites Wedding & Banqueting Suite



This oak beamed and hop garlanded banqueting suite can cater for up to 120 guests for the seated wedding breakfast with an additional 80 guests for the evening reception.

Whites is a very tastefully converted Oast barn, flooded with natural daylight which overlooks the front lawn.

It has its own bar, reception area, integral dance floor and toilet facilities. The room also has the advantage of disabled access.

Couples opting for a ceremony and reception at The Hop Farm can choose to have their ceremony within Whites Banqueting Suite or they can make use of the beautiful Garden Gazebo, and then move into Whites for the reception.

# The Roundels & The Garden Gazebo

## The Roundels

For use either individually or together, our interconnecting Oast Roundels are offered to wedding couples as an extra area which can be utilised for a variety of purposes – a drinks reception area, an area for child guests to be kept amused or just a quiet space for the newlywed couple to spend some time together. The Roundels are also perfect for smaller, intimate weddings and receptions. Catering for up to 25 guests for a ceremony, their circular structure and warm décor are naturally romantic.

## The Garden Gazebo

Our licensed Gazebo is located on the delightful wedding lawn. All weddings can make use of the lawns and the gazebo during the fairer months of April to September.

In addition to being the perfect area for the ceremony itself, the Gazebo is also the ideal place to hold your drinks reception and take advantage of the outdoor facilities.



With thanks to our recommended venue decorator Carol - Perfect Touches





# The Dray & The Dray Marquee



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## The Dray

For larger ceremonies and receptions we have the The Dray Function Suite. This converted barn function room is one of the few rooms in Kent able to accommodate up to 220 dining guests. The room also has ample space to allow for an additional 200 guests in the evening. The Dray presents a tasteful wooden floor, soft colours and controllable lighting.

## The Dray Marquee

The Dray Marquee is a permanent marquee structure which is attached to The Dray and offers an additional 360 square metres of space. The interior of the marquee has been fitted out to look like an additional room rather than the inside of a marquee. This area can seat up to 220 guests for a dinner event. The Dray Marquee can only be used in conjunction with The Dray but makes a fabulous area for larger weddings with high numbers of guests.

We do offer a "dry hire" option with The Dray for wedding couples just wishing to hire a room only and bring in their own caterers. Please note however that in all instances the rights to the bar remain with The Hop Farm and external catering companies are not permitted to supply beverages.



## Ethnic Weddings

The Dray and Dray Marquee are ideal rooms to hold an ethnic wedding reception as couples are permitted to utilise their own choice of external caterers in these rooms.

The Hop Farm hire the rooms to the couple and then allow them to organise all other aspects of the day. The Dray has the capacity to seat 220 guests for a dinner, and has a standing capacity of up to 450 guests. The Dray Marquee has a seated dining capacity of 220 guests, again with a standing capacity in excess of 400 guests.

Our flexibility and unrivalled levels of service mean that we aim to fulfil all of your requirements, to create an occasion that satisfies your individual taste and is unique to you and your guests. We will do all we can to create the perfect tailor-made occasion for you.

We recognise that you may have different traditions and customs and that by offering The Dray and Dray Marquee as a venue only option this may allow you to accommodate these here at The Hop Farm.

We also recognise that we do not have the experience of cooking in the style that you may wish for and again for this reason we are able to offer you the opportunity to select your own preferred caterers to use. Our Wedding Co-ordinator will be happy to work closely with you to ensure all your guests have an enjoyable experience.



# Experience & Trust

Over the years, hundreds of couples have experienced the perfect wedding and reception at The Hop Farm and few venues in the county can offer such a diverse range of facilities, management expertise and catering excellence.

Without a doubt, your wedding is one of the most special days of your life and our experienced management, staff and chefs will ensure that you and your guests enjoy a memorable day.

*Just wanted to say a huge thank you to you, our day was fantastic, all of our guests commented on what a lovely day it was and how nice the venue was, thank you so much to Debbie, the food was spot on! Every single member of staff were fantastic but we would like to highlight Rebecca and Freya (think they are the correct names lol) they were amazing and nothing was too much trouble for them! We are suffering wedding blues now :( and I'm already asking Wayne if we can have an anniversary party at the Hop Farm in a few years time lol. I feel so sad that it's all over but we have made the most fantastic memories and that is all thanks to you so from the bottom of our hearts thank you! Take care love Hayley, Wayne and Max xxx*

*20 June 2015*

*Thank you for all your help and organisation - the venue was beautiful, the food delicious and thanks to Mandy, Danni and The Team, the day ran like a dream. Our guests were full of compliments toward the venue and we were so pleased to have had such a memorable time.*

*20 September 2014*



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*We could not recommend The Hop Farm more highly! Mandy and Debbie were so helpful throughout the whole process, and did everything they could to make our day just perfect. The Hop Farm is stunning, unique and unlike any wedding venue we'd been to before. We had a BBQ during the daytime and a Hot Dog trailer in the evening - it was delicious and just what we wanted! The day ran so smoothly, the staff were excellent and we really had the best day of our lives! X*

*25 July 2015*

*Just a quick email before we dash off on honeymoon to say thank you so much for everything that you did to help Saturday run as smoothly as possible. Andy and I genuinely had the most perfect day which was helped in a large part by you and the team supporting you on the day. The food was absolutely beautiful and the staff were fantastic. I don't think we can thank you enough! All our guests had an amazing time and were saying how stunning the location was. The only word even close to summing it up is perfect!! I'd love it if you could pass my thanks on to the staff who worked the day too. Good luck with the upcoming hectic wedding season - I can only hope all the other bride and grooms have a day as wonderful as ours. Thanks again, Naomi x*

*30 May 2015*

*All I can say it was FANTASTIC. The venue is ideal for all the family, even has childrens climbing frames etc to keep them amused. The reception venue offers 2 barns and when decorated look stunning. There are lots of added extras you can have provided by the in house catering firm which by the way have THE best food, great and huge selection to choose from and something to suit everyone.*

*The venue is so unique it made for a memorable day for everyone. Close by, within walking distance, are none other than 2 hotels so even if your guests are travelling from a distance they can stay over very easily*

*02 February 2015*

# Creating your Perfect Day

## On Site Wedding Co-ordinator

Our Wedding Co-ordinator will work closely with you through every stage, liaising with the chefs and catering team to ensure your wedding suits your requirements and budget. With a wealth of experience and knowledge of the venue our Wedding Co-ordinator can give advice on formalities, timings for the day, local accommodation and local suppliers.

If required, the Wedding Co-ordinator can organise appointments for you to meet with our preferred suppliers who offer a range of services from wedding stationery through to disco's.

Once you have agreed the date of your wedding and talked through initial requirements, a further meeting will be held at 3 months and again at 4 weeks prior to the wedding. This will ensure the build up to your big day is as stress free as possible.

The Wedding Co-ordinator is also on hand 5 days per week with personal advice and assistance and whenever possible will be in attendance on the big day.



## Optional Extras

Our package prices are fully inclusive, however there are plenty of optional extras you can take advantage of should you wish to add to the package. Examples of such extras are below:

### Gazebo Wedding

Our licensed Gazebo is available during the months of April – September. It is complimentary to all wedding couples, and offers a PA system to allow your guests to fully appreciate vows, readings and your chosen music.

### Wines & Champagnes

The house wine offered in our standard package can be upgraded to suit personal tastes. Sparkling wine can also be upgraded to champagne.

Please ask our Wedding Co-ordinator for a current wine list.

### Other Extras

Please ask our Wedding Co-ordinator for more details on our preferred suppliers and for other extras such as hire of Shire Horses.

Information can be found in the pack enclosed with this brochure.



# Countdown to your Big Day

## As soon as possible after the engagement...

- ✿ Set the date, and decide on a budget
- ✿ Book the ceremony and reception venue (Remember that The Hop Farm is licensed for civil ceremonies and is perfect for weddings and receptions all year round)
- ✿ Book your photographer and/or videographer
- ✿ Start trying on wedding dresses

## 9 months to go...

- ✿ Compile the guest list
- ✿ Book your honeymoon
- ✿ Reserve your wedding cars
- ✿ Order your wedding dress and decide on your bridesmaids dresses
- ✿ Visit florists to discuss flowers for your big day (including bouquets, buttonholes and other floral arrangements)
- ✿ Get quotes for bands or DJs



## 6 months to go...

- ✿ Choose your veil, shoes and jewellery as well as those for your bridesmaids
- ✿ Arrange the outfits for the groom and ushers
- ✿ Choose your wedding stationery
- ✿ Look into wedding insurance

## 4 months to go...

- ✿ Plan your wedding gift list
- ✿ Do a hair and make-up trial
- ✿ Order your wedding cake

## 3 months to go...

- ✿ Have your first meeting with The Hop Farm Wedding Co-ordinator

## 2 months to go...

- ✿ Purchase your wedding rings
- ✿ Send out your wedding invitations & gift list details

## 1 month to go...

- ✿ Check details with all wedding suppliers
- ✿ Plan your seating for the wedding breakfast
- ✿ Double check all details with the registrar or organise a rehearsal at the church
- ✿ Have your final pre-wedding meeting with The Hop Farm Wedding Co-ordinator
- ✿ Confirm final numbers with The Hop Farm

## A few days to go...

- ✿ Drop your placecards, favours etc at The Hop Farm so that they can set the room up for you

## The big day...

- ✿ Relax and enjoy it!





Contact us today to find out more information, check availability or to arrange a private tour of our venue facilities.

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