

THE
FERRY HOUSE

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Congratulations on your engagement and welcome to perhaps your first glimpse of The Ferry House!

Here in our waterside hideaway, our 16th century venue and beautiful wedding barn sits between protected wetlands, rolling countryside and the waters of the Swale estuary.

Secluded yet accessible on our family farm, our waterfront venue is where your wedding wish-list becomes reality, with customisable packages and exclusive hire options for 20-250 guests.

With 4* accommodation for 70+ and bespoke menus using our homegrown, family-farmed and locally sourced produce, we'll help you mark the beginning of the rest of your lives together in signature Ferry House style.

We specialise in rustic and relaxed weddings in laid-back luxury, with our friendly and experienced team of wedding planners on hand to make you and your guests feel right at home, from your very first viewing, right through to welcoming you back for your first anniversary meal!

So whether you've been dreaming of this day all your life or you haven't got a clue where to begin, let us walk you through the best of big days at The Ferry House.

Alex and Victoria Burden

Owners at The Ferry House



Our Venue

The Ferry House is where your 'happily ever after' begins. This 16th century venue has been owned by the Burden family since 2000 and lovingly and carefully restored to preserve its heritage and country character in rustic elegance.

There's the Oak Barn, festooned with hops and fairy lights, a waterside Oak Gazebo with perfect panoramas overlooking the gardens and sea estuary, or perhaps the stunning Event Suite, with its star-lit canopy ceiling. Add to this two bars - no less! - a bridal readying-room, treatment rooms for pre and post wedding pampering and stylish accommodation for 70+ guests, all set within private gardens with beautiful terraces.

Mother Nature has been equally kind. Overlooking the estuary and wetlands is the landscaped wedding garden with rose arch tunnel and wonderfully wild 'secret orchard', with easy access to the waterfront and surrounding meadows making for effortlessly elegant photographs all year round.

Our team feel such pride in hosting the best days ever, and take a lot of joy in sharing the milestones in our couples' lives when they return to visit - be it hosting christenings for new arrivals, or anniversary dinners and celebrations. We are one of the only 'luxury barn' venues in the South East you can revisit after your day, so we really look forward to you making this 'your special place' full of memories.



Ceremonies

Say 'I do' in style - and in the way that's perfect for you, with either a marriage, civil ceremony or a blessing. Our beautiful Oak Barn can host ceremonies all year round, while the Oak Gazebo overlooking the gardens and river estuary can be used from April to October.



For marriages and civil ceremonies we book the registrar for you, while for blessings we can recommend a celebrant to suit your occasion, or you can select someone of your choosing. For those who would like a church wedding, we're just five minutes from the beautiful, Grade II listed, 11th century church of St Thomas the Apostle. We will happily put you in touch with the Priest for more information - and can even arrange a vintage tractor to pick you up and transport you to The Ferry House in unique style!



Barn Ceremonies



The Barn is beautifully simple as it comes, with its beamed ceiling, hops and fairy lights - or if you've been 'Pinterest-ing' decor since your engagement then you are free to style it as you wish. The patio doors open straight onto the private wedding terrace to the gazebo and gardens, so you can move effortlessly from 'I do', to stylish celebrations with your nearest and dearest. Our Oak Barn ceremonies can seat 150+ guests.



Gazebo Ceremonies

Mark the biggest moment of your life to date in front of the waters of the Swale estuary, surrounded by stunning landscapes and - most importantly - your loved ones. Our elegant Oak Gazebo overlooks this picture-perfect scene from the private wedding terrace, out over the private wedding garden and beyond. We can host Oak Gazebo ceremonies from April to October, which can seat up to 200 guests.





Barn Receptions

As your big day draws on, our Oak Barn comes into its own, with the rich wood tones and twinkling lights creating a magical and celebratory ambience. Rustic, full of natural light and styleable as you wish, clink glasses as you toast the start of your married life with up to 70 of your loved ones sitting down for your delicious wedding breakfast.

Complete with optional private bar, you can see out your evening in style for up to 100 guests, or alternatively combine spaces with the stunning Event Suite next door to make for a large, all-out occasion for up to 250 guests!

The Oak Barn Features

- UNDERFLOOR HEATING
- FAIRY LIGHTS (BEAMS AND CEILING)
- OAK BEAMS & HOPS
- VAULTED CEILING
- FLAGSTONE FLOOR
- PANORAMIC VIEW OVER THE ESTUARY
- FRENCH DOORS LEADING ONTO PRIVATE GARDENS & TERRACES
- PRIVATE BAR



The Event Suite



Opening onto the private wedding terrace and gardens, with its own private bar and washrooms - not to mention full use of the Oak Barn - the Event Suite is the perfect backdrop for any style of wedding - from laid back elegance to rustic luxe. With plenty of space for up to 180 day guests and up to 250 evening guests. Floor-to-ceiling windows fill the space with natural light, letting in those perfect water view panoramas. This is a room with romance at its heart, from its elegant uplighting, ivory starlight ceiling and chandeliers, to its statement dance floor.

The Event Suite Features

- FULL USE OF THE OAK BARN
- LIGHTING PACKAGE INCLUDING WALL UPLIGHTERS, IVORY STAR LIGHT CEILING & CHANDELIERS
- BLACK STAR LIGHT DANCE AREA (SCREENED OFF DURING DAY)
- WOODEN DANCEFLOOR
- WHITE LED DANCEFLOOR (UPGRADE)
- DOUBLE-GLAZED BI-FOLD DOORS OPENING ONTO THE GARDEN & WATERSIDE VIEW
- UNDERFLOOR HEATING
- PRIVATE BAR
- PRIVATE WASHROOMS



Evening Receptions

As your big day moves into an even bigger night, you can host an evening reception for up to 250 guests. The Event Suite provides a stylish and adaptable evening entertainment space, complete with wooden dance floor, (with a white LED dancefloor upgrade available) and the rustic private bar and washrooms. Your guests will love the dancefloor reveal after the wedding breakfast, with a starlit ceiling and bespoke up lighting, getting them ready for a great night ahead, whilst the non-dancers can relax with seating within view of the dance floor to keep the party together. For those who want to wind down in the evening, adjoining the Oak Barn is our private and cosy lounge area—the ideal quieter space for older guests to relax in comfort. It also has a flatscreen TV - perfect, perhaps, for any little ones who want to nod off to a film after they've finished cutting some shapes on the dance floor!



Wedding Planning

Our packages include everything you need for an extra-special occasion, or you can customise your day with our Ferry House extras. Planning your wedding should be fun and stress-free. Our friendly, experienced, and ultra-organised wedding coordinators will be on hand

throughout, to provide you with help and advice, as well as 2-3 planning meetings in the run up to your day. We strive to keep all your venue planning as simple an experience as possible - to allow you to focus on all the fun stuff (like menu tasting, wine tasting, cake tasting).



Exclusive Hire

You and your wedding guests can enjoy your own space in our private wedding areas, with exclusive hire options also available for the duration of your big day.



Capacity

Maximum Capacities

OAK BARN CEREMONY | 150+ SEATED

OAK GAZEBO CEREMONY | 200 SEATED

BARN RECEPTION | 70 SEATED

EVENT SUITE RECEPTION | 180 SEATED

BARN EVENING RECEPTION | 100

BARN & EVENING RECEPTION SUITE
EVENING RECEPTION | 150

EVENT SUITE EVENING RECEPTION 250

Other capacities available for non-seated and non-traditional formats

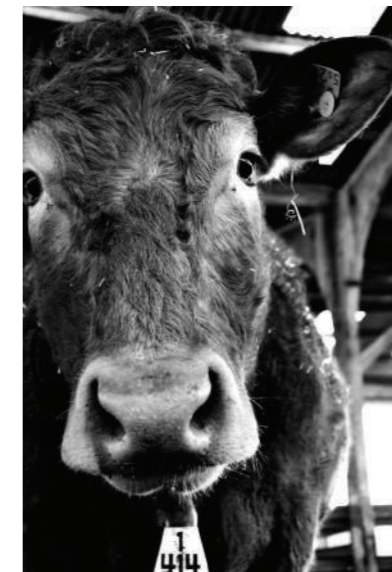


Our Food Ethos

From Field to Fork, Plot to Plate and Grain to Glass

We're passionate about the provenance of our food. 'Field to Fork' champions our home-farmed beef and free-range game from the Harty Estate, as well as quality, Kentish meats. 'Plot to Plate' celebrates flavoursome, fresh produce from our Kitchen Garden. Finally, 'Grain to Glass' represents the purpose-grown grains from our farm, distilled locally into fabulous 'Copper Rivet' gins and vodkas. We are proud to have been awarded an AA Rosette for culinary excellence, as well as two times winners of the 'Taste of Kent Awards'. You and your family will be able to return to dine with us in our Barn restaurant and relive all of those special memories, not only on your anniversaries but for any special occasion.

Our ethos doesn't stop in the kitchen! At our bars you'll find homebrewed sloe gin (made using sloes handpicked on our estate and award-winning Copper Rivet 'Grain to Glass' gin). Our mocktail and cocktail menu is also curated using our garden produce and botanicals. Local fruit ciders, fruit juices, gins, wines and beers also grace both our bars.





People come together and make treasured memories over food. This is especially true of a wedding, with dining a big part of your big day!

We love creating amazing feasts to wow you and your guests. You (and your family if you wish) can look forward to selecting your dishes at your menu & wine tasting evening. With an array of 'crowd pleasing dishes', or perhaps with a bespoke menu crafted by our chefs from our seasonal produce, you can pick out either one or three choices per course for a three-course wedding breakfast. In addition, you can graze away on canapé options, Afternoon Tea, grazing tables, BBQ buffets and hog roasts.

Our Signature Wedding Cake is something really rather special - chocolate brownie with cheese cake icing! It looks as good as it tastes, especially when displayed on our vintage dresser, or with some of our many props that you are welcome to use. We always pop some in your honeymoon suite while you are busy dancing, as there won't be any left once your guests try it!



Accommodation

You and your guests can end the day in style and comfort, with accommodation to sleep 70+ in our eleven individually-styled, 4* ensuite guest rooms, plus five charming self-catering cottages just five minutes from The Ferry House.



Waterside Rooms



Our five Waterside rooms are included in our packages, and with stunning views out over the estuary and gardens they are the perfect end to an amazing day! You can stay in our beautiful Suite, where you can see out your first married night in style, with a queen-sized sleigh bed, a lounge area and spa bath with room for two!



Our six luxurious Coach House rooms are beautifully styled with exceptional décor and super king-size, plush beds. All 11 rooms have British-made 'Noble Isle' luxury bath products and Nespresso coffee machines for that next morning pick me-up.

All our rooms also come complete with our award-winning breakfast the following morning, so you and your guests can relax, reminisce and eek out this special occasion a little longer...

Mocketts Farm Cottages

Our hideaway cluster of five country cottages are just five minutes from The Ferry House and offer characterful and convenient accommodation for your guests – plus the option to extend your celebrations! Sleeping 47+ and with all the comfort and practicalities you'd expect of self-catering accommodation, your big day can easily become a big weekend, with a games room, BBQ area and various dining areas for pre or postwedding dinner and drinks.

The cottages are family friendly, with some offering ground floor accessible rooms and wet rooms for less able guests. Even the dog is welcome, and we've had many-a-pet-pooch make a cameo at their owner's wedding! When the big day arrives, it's just a short stroll over to The Ferry House, or we can arrange for our vintage tractor to collect you in statement style!



Getting Ready Time

Prepare to be pampered in this most beautiful of readying rooms! Gather your glam squad and let them work their magic in our beautiful Powder Room. Available to all of our couples, so you can get ready for your big day in A-list style, sip some bubbles and walk down that aisle feeling relaxed and looking amazing. Bridal breakfast platters are also available.



Treatment Rooms

For a bit of pre or post wedding pampering, soothe nerves or tired muscles alike with a decadent massage in our Treatment Rooms. Whether you're treating your bridal party or yourself, our carefully curated treatment list and essential oil blends are perfect for some well-deserved R&R.





Happily Ever After

Perhaps the most special part of your big day is sharing it with those that matter most. At The Ferry House we help you create those most memorable of moments that stay in your hearts and minds for years to come. From toasting marshmallows around the fire pit, to stunning sunset speeches sat on hay bales on the terrace, we can help your vision of your ideal wedding become reality.

From summer evenings in the wedding garden, to winter weddings in front of a roaring fire, to Christmas weddings with a beautifully decorated tree and festive décor throughout, talk to us about your special requests for this extra-special occasion, and we'll help you start your 'happily ever after' in style.





Testimonials

“All the staff and the venue were amazing, not just ‘on the day’ but leading up too – in every aspect you can think of, you truly over delivered on everything we were expecting. We cannot wait to return for our anniversary.” Mr & Mr Reed

“The personal touch, the flexibility you gave us to make our wedding feel very personal to us and not one of many at your lovely venue, made it really special for us.” Mr & Mrs Neighbour

“The Ferry House Inn seemed like such an easy choice as our wedding venue. The location, the venue, the food, the relaxed/informal atmosphere all played a part in making the most memorable day of our lives. We also can’t thank the staff enough - they really do become a part of your day, they listen, they respond and most of all they understand. Our memories and those of friends and family will last for a lifetime - Thank You!” Mr & Mrs Knight



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