

THE  
FERRY HOUSE

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*Weddings*







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

Here in our waterside hideaway, our 16th century barn wedding venue sits among wild meadows and natural wetland reserves, beside the waters of the Swale estuary. Secluded yet accessible on our family farm, we've owned the venue since 2000 and invest all those years of expertise and the passion of a family run business into your wedding.

With luxurious accommodation for 70+ guests and delicious menus using our homegrown, family-farmed and locally sourced produce, you can be assured of a celebration worthy of the best day of your lives.

We specialise in rustic and relaxed weddings in laid-back luxury, with packages and exclusive hire options for 20-250 guests. From your very first viewing, right through to your first anniversary meal, our friendly and experienced Weddings Team will be on hand to make you and your guests feel right at home.

So whether you've been planning 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

Under the ownership of the Burden family, the 16th century Ferry House has been lovingly restored in harmony with the venue's heritage and country character, while including all the hallmarks of a special wedding venue. There's the Oak Barn, festooned with hops and fairy lights, a waterside Oak Gazebo overlooking the gardens and estuary, and the Event Suite, with the same stunning views from beneath the star-lit canopy ceiling. Add to this two beautiful reading rooms for your wedding party, two bars, tranquil Treatment Rooms for pre and post wedding pampering and luxurious 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'. There is easy access to the waterfront and surrounding meadows making for effortlessly elegant photographs all year round.

Our team feel such pride in hosting the most special celebrations. We 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 that you can revisit after your day, and we really look forward to you making The Ferry House 'your special place'.









# Ceremonies

Say 'I do' 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 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 Oak 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. French doors open straight onto the private wedding terrace to the gazebo and gardens beyond, so you can move effortlessly from 'I do', to raising a glass and celebrating with your loved ones. 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 natural landscapes and - most importantly - your loved ones. Our elegant Oak Gazebo overlooks this perfect scene from the private wedding terrace, out over the landscaped wedding garden and beyond. We can host Oak Gazebo ceremonies from April to October, which can seat up to 150+ guests.









# Barn Receptions





The rich wood tones and twinkling lights of the Oak Barn create a warm and celebratory ambience for your wedding reception. Rustic, full of natural light and styleable as you wish, toast the start of your married life with up to 70 of your loved ones as you sit down to a delicious wedding breakfast. Complete with optional private bar, you can see out your evening in style for up to 100 guests, or combine spaces with the 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 & TERRACE  
VINTAGE FURNITURE PIECES

PRIVATE BAR





Table 4







# *The Event Suite*







Opening onto the private wedding terrace and gardens, the Event Suite is the perfect backdrop for any style of wedding - from laid back elegance to rustic luxe. Floor-to-ceiling windows fill the space with natural light, letting in those 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. There's ample space for up to 180 day guests and up to 250 evening guests to share your celebrations, with a private bar and washrooms, not to mention full use of the Oak Barn.

## 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





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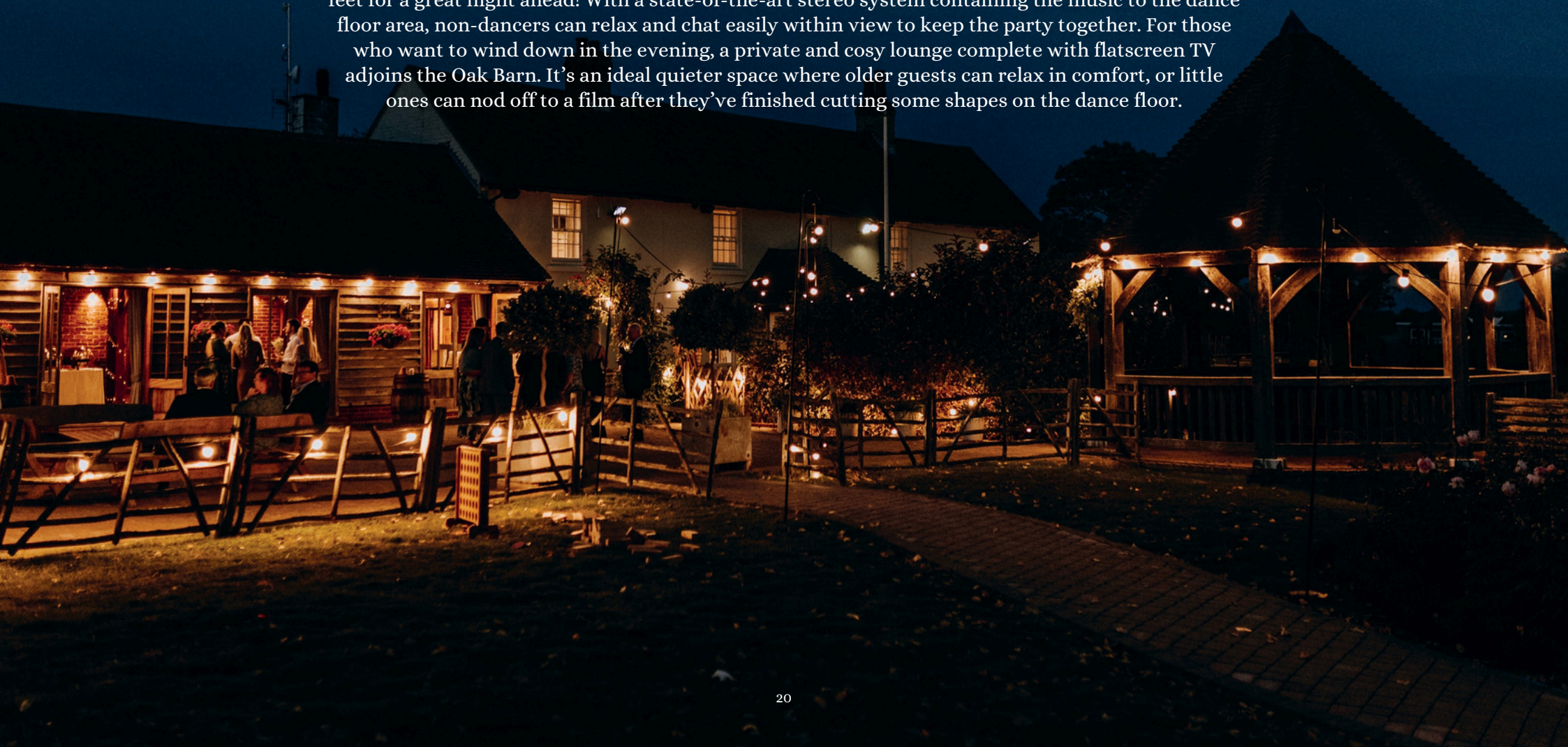




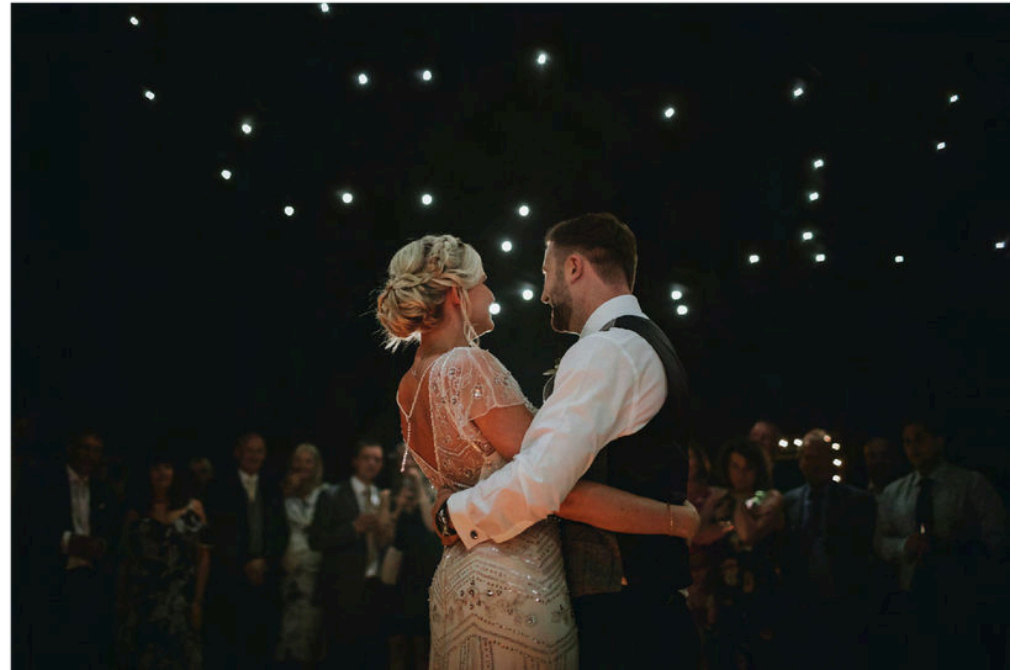


# Evening Receptions

Host an evening reception for up to 250 guests, as your big day moves into an even bigger night. The Event Suite provides a beautiful and adaptable evening entertainment space, complete with wooden or white LED dance floor, a rustic private bar and washrooms. Your guests will love the dancefloor reveal after the wedding breakfast - our DJ (included in most packages) is sure to get them on their feet for a great night ahead! With a state-of-the-art stereo system containing the music to the dance floor area, non-dancers can relax and chat easily within view to keep the party together. For those who want to wind down in the evening, a private and cosy lounge complete with flatscreen TV adjoins the Oak Barn. It's an ideal quieter space where older guests can relax in comfort, or little ones can nod off to a film after they've finished cutting some shapes on the dance floor.









# Packages







We believe every wedding is as unique and special as you as a couple. That's why we have a number of packages to choose from, so you can make your day your own. Choose from all-out packages and two-day weddings, to formality-free twilight ceremonies and intimate occasions. Whichever reflects you, the passion and expertise of our team will bring it to life as a relaxed and fun celebration.





# 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 day.







# Capacity

## Maximum Capacities

OAK BARN CEREMONY | 150 SEATED

OAK GAZEBO CEREMONY | 150 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



# *Little Touches + Extras*





While our packages include everything you need for a wonderful occasion, you can also customise your day with some of our Ferry House extra touches. Create and preserve magical memories with our audio guest book, photobooth and marshmallow toasting around an evening fire pit. Or elevate your day in your own style with the addition of special vintage drinks carts, alcohol favours and a statement arrival on our vintage tractor, among many other unique additions to make your day truly unforgettable.





# Wedding Planning

Planning your wedding should be fun and stress-free. Our friendly, experienced and ultra-organised wedding coordinators will help you bring your day to life in up to three personal wedding meetings, with a taster evening to choose your wedding menu and wine.

On the day of your wedding our weddings assistant will be on hand to set up your décor, with a wedding coordinator as venue host. This means the people who know your day most are there to ensure it runs just so, for the best and most relaxed occasion for you.









# *Our Food Ethos*

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

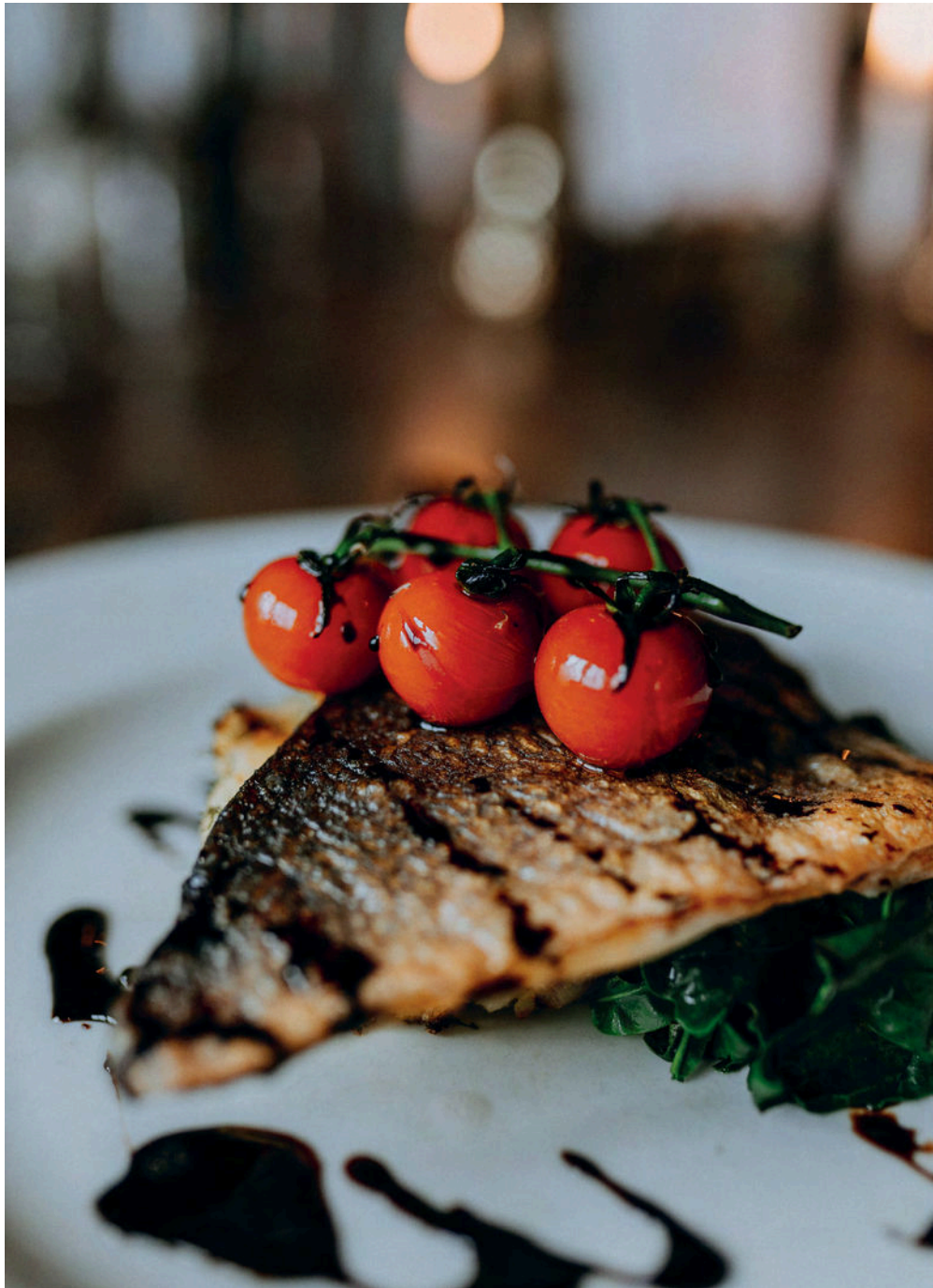


People come together and make treasured memories over food. This is especially true of a wedding, with dining a big part of your celebration. We love creating the amazing feasts that wow you and your guests! As a 2AA Rosette awarded restaurant and with a strong farming heritage, we're equally passionate about the provenance of our food. It's no surprise then, that home-grown, home-farmed and our local estate produce take 'pride of plate' throughout our expansive wedding menus.

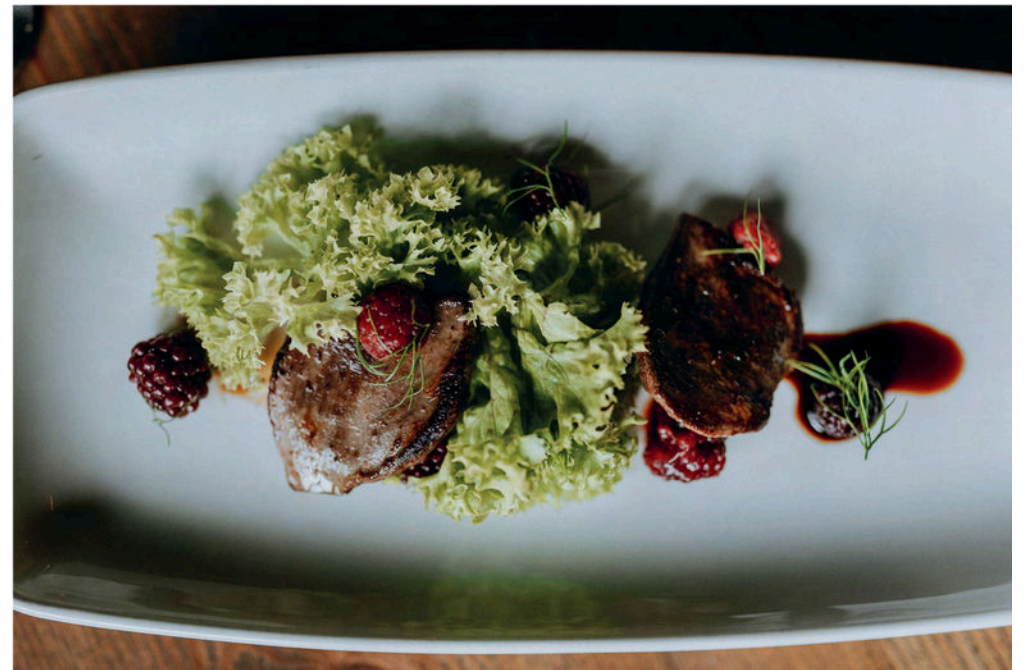
'Field to Fork' champions our home-farmed beef and wild game from the Harty Estate. 'Plot to Plate' celebrates flavoursome, fresh produce from our 1.5 acre Kitchen Garden. Finally, 'Grain to Glass' represents the purpose-grown grains from our farm, distilled locally by the Copper Rivet Distillery into fantastic artisan spirits. Our food provenance also extends to our bars, where you can enjoy homebrewed sloe gin and a mocktail and cocktail menu curated using our garden produce and botanicals. Kentish ciders, fruit juices, spirits, wines and beers are also available to suit anyone's tipple of choice.







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You (and your family if you wish) can look forward to selecting your dishes at your menu and wine tasting evening. With an array of dishes to sample, 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, BBQ buffets, Kentish hog roasts and grazing tables. Our Signature Wedding Cake is also something really rather special - chocolate brownie with cheesecake icing! It looks as good as it tastes, especially when displayed on our vintage dresser.

And better still - you and your family will be able to return to dine with us in our restaurant. Relive special memories, celebrate your anniversary and the many more special occasions to come in the married years ahead.





# 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 culmination to a wonderful day. You can stay in our beautiful Honeymoon 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.



# Coach House Rooms



Our six luxurious Coach House rooms are beautifully styled with exceptional décor, and super king-size beds.

All 11 rooms have British made 'Noble Isle' luxury bath products and Nespresso coffee machines for that next morning pick me-up.

All of 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 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 post-wedding dinner and drinks.

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









# The Garden Lodge

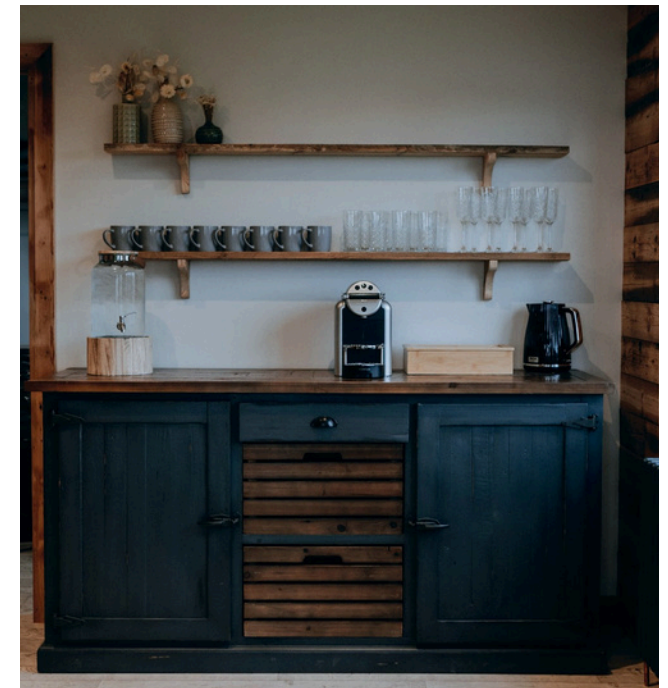
New for 2024, the Garden Lodge joins the Powder Room as a second lovely space for you and your wedding party to relax in as you get aisle-ready. Set in a secluded spot of the 1.5 acre Kitchen Garden, it's the ideal space - far enough from the venue that you have privacy to help settle any big day nerves, but close enough so that you still feel part of the action.







Alongside a large seating area, handmade bespoke furnishings and vintage and industrial decor, there's also a hair washing sink, a handcrafted rustic dresser with light up mirrors and seating for three, making getting glammed a dream. With a dressing area for the big reveal and a private terrace for a moment of fresh air and calm, you've got a wonderfully Instagrammable setting to gather with your wedding party. Not forgetting your bubbles and brunch platter, of course.





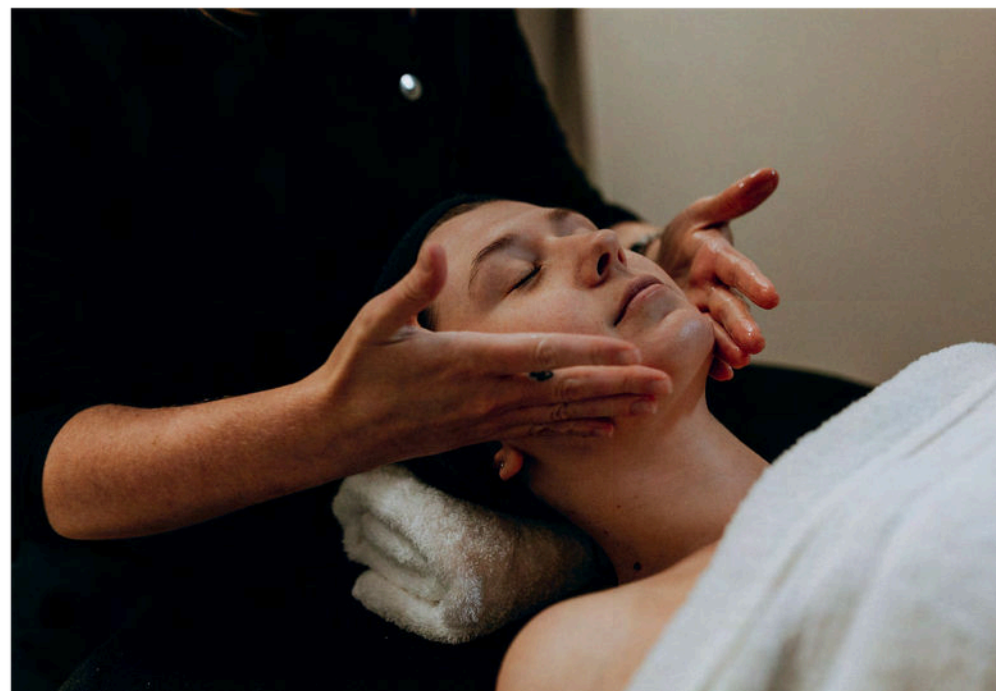
# The Powder Room

A second wonderful readying space so your other half can also relax and get ready at The Ferry House. Our two Readyng Rooms are located away from each other, so there's no danger of spoiling that first aisle-sight.



# Treatment Rooms

For a bit of pre or post wedding pampering, soothe nerves or tired muscles alike with a luxurious massage or facial in our tranquil Treatment Rooms. Whether you're treating your wedding party or yourself, our carefully curated treatment list and essential oil blends are perfect for some well-deserved R&R. Exclusively for our couples, you can also prep yourself for that wedding day glow with a special course of five Eve Taylor Prescriptive Facials, culminating in a sixth pampering Face & Body Ritual Treatment (with a glass of bubbles, of course). Bliss!









# Testimonials

“From the moment we chose The Ferry House all the way through to post-wedding we have felt SO supported and like we were the only wedding to have ever taken place. Everyone is amazing, approachable, kind and couldn’t do enough for you. I had so many questions and ideas and all of them were made possible by the amazing staff at The Ferry House. Truly wonderful.” - Mr & Mrs Leonard

“This venue was honestly a picture postcard dream come true and the staff that work there absolutely match this with their level of service. From initial meetings through to our big day, the event team’s efficiency, attention to detail and just all round attentiveness to us was more than we could have hoped for. On the day everything was beyond smooth and the food was exceptional. I’m still now (nearly 3 months on) having people comment on the quality of their meals! If I could do it all over again I would still choose The Ferry House. Forever grateful!” - Rachel & Matthew

“Now that we’re finally catching up on life, we just wanted to send the BIGGEST thank you to the whole team. Our day was perfect and that is thanks to all of you. There is nothing that we would change. From the team beforehand replying to my 1000s of emails, to the team on the day, who helped calm my nerves and then had to deal with all of the crazy, drunken guests (they had a great time!). You all deserve a medal. It’s been the little touches throughout that made everything so amazing. We can’t wait to go on our gin tour and return for our anniversary meal. Honestly, thank you so much again!!” - Mr & Mrs Cole





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