



An idyllic outdoor wedding venue that is located just outside of London in the gorgeous Hertfordshire countryside





Your celebrations are held adjacent to a beautiful lake which has a walkway over to an island giving the wow factor that we all secretly want on our big day. The surrounding grounds are woodland and arable farmland so you and your guests will be able to enjoy the tranquil views and really soak up the beauty of having your reception in the great outdoors.

You will have exclusive use of our stunning location and a tipi, marquee or yurt of your choice will then be erected especially for your wedding reception.



Blessings can take place next to the lake at the Pine Tree Aisle which offers a very natural but spectacular setting. Blessings can also be held on the island which adds something truly unique to your ceremony. Two beautifully romantic options to choose from when deciding where to hold the oh so important 'I dos'.

If you're thinking about having your ceremony in Church, the local Parish Church; St Thomas a Becket in Northaw, is beautiful. Couples without an existing connection with the Parish are welcome to marry here as long as certain criteria are met. To find out more, please contact norcuff@gmail.com

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Our package includes all of the basic infrastructure that you will need and you then choose your structure, caterer and decorations – we basically organise the boring but essential bits and leave you guys to choose the fun bits that are personal to you and will allow you to put your own stamp on your wedding. So what exactly do we provide...



## LAND HIRE

A stunning lakeside venue situated on an arable farm in Hertfordshire. We will do all that we can to make the venue as perfect as possible for you. We frequently plant up more flowers, mow the grass, put out signage for your guests and maintain the access road

# LUXURY TOILETS

A portable unit although you would never know this once you're inside. A luxury bathroom, luxury hand wash and lotion, spotlights, flowers and gentle background music



# GENERATORS & FUEL

A reliable source of electricity that will meet your power requirements for up to 40 KVA which, unless you are planning to do something significantly out of the norm for a wedding reception, will be ample. What if the generator fails? Don't worry, we have two with automatic changeover equipment so if the first one did fail, the second generator will begin within a minute

# INDUSTRIAL RUBBISH BINS

An essential part of the package that the caterers and bar will be thankful for. Positioned to provide easy access for your suppliers but tucked away out of the main view

# 2 SECURITY GUARDS

From 7pm till the end, suited and booted and there to provide friendly reassurance that nothing will go wrong



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# SOUND SYSTEM

We supply the speakers, amplifier and some volume control equipment which any DJ, band, laptop or iPod can plug into to get your party started

# CAR PARKING & PARKING ATTENDANT

Ample parking for all of your guests and an attendant to help your guests park in an orderly fashion. They will ensure you do not have vehicles obstructing the beautiful views or in the background of your treasured photos

# COORDINATION FROM BROOK FARM

We will liaise with you prior to your big day to understand your plans and offer a '2 Weeks to Go' meeting so that we can run through the details of your big day. From experience we know that the provision of refreshments is the core part of any wedding, no matter how relaxed an affair. We therefore leave your caterers to create their magic and manage the running of your day but we are there from the beginning of the day to meet all of your suppliers, hook them up with power, explain where to set up and generally be the main point of contact to deal with any little niggles that might occur so you guys can relax and enjoy your special day.









# LITTLE ESSENTIALS

### Wedding Days & Timings

A timeline that we've found works really well at Brook Farm is outlined below.

- 14:00 Guests Invited to Ceremony
- 14:30 Ceremony Begins
- 15:00 Drinks Reception
- 16:30 Wedding Breakfast & Speeches
- 19:00 Evening Guests Arrive
- 19:30 First Dance followed by Cutting the Cake
- 20:00 Evening Music First set for a band
- 20:45 DJ / iPod
- 21:15 Second set for a band
- 22:00 DJ / iPod
- 23:30 End

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Please note, there are two timelines; if you are having your ceremony here, a good start time is 2pm but if you are just having the reception, arriving around 3pm works perfectly. Want to know why this timeline works so well? Have a look at our **blog** to understand the reasoning behind this.

Our standard end time is midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and 11pm on Sundays. Last orders must be called at the bar 30 minutes prior to the end time.

The site then has to be cleared and returned to its natural beauty the day after your celebration.

### Access & Decorations

Access is granted 2 days before your celebration for the erection of your structure. This leaves the day before for you to set up internally and externally. As long as what you have planned won't damage our lovely countryside then feel free to get busy! Get the bunting out, string up some hammocks, choose your own table decs and have some fun.

You will need to clear up your own decorations along with any fixings so please bear this in mind when you are planning everything. Brook Farm is a stunning venue so you don't need to add lots of decorations.



### Church Ceremony

St Thomas a Becket Church, Northaw.



### **Registration Offices**

There are 8 Registration Offices in Hertfordshire with Cheshunt Registration Office being the closest to Brook Farm.



### Celebrants

There are numerous Wedding Celebrants based in Hertfordshire who can perform a blessing but we've had the pleasure of seeing Janette Smith conduct ceremonies here and she certainly comes highly recommended from our past couples so why not drop her a line?



### Confetti

Real flower petals (fresh or dried) only please. We all want to keep our countryside litter free and the real flower petals smell good too!

### **Bale Hire**

Whether you want your guests seated on bales for your blessing or you're going to create some balechair magic as part of your external seating, we have a friendly local farmer who can help. Get in touch with John who will deliver and collect the bales for you. 01707 872 730



#### Lake & Brook

Lovely to look at but for safety reasons, entry to the brook and lake is strictly prohibited.

#### **Car Parking**

Car Parking is available on site and guests are able to leave their vehicles over night at their own risk. Access is then available from approximately 9am the day following your celebration.

### **Fires**

We want to keep our grass alive and there to be enjoyed throughout the year so we do not allow any open fires. Fire pits that are contained are permitted as long as they are high enough off the ground that they do not scorch the grass – you'll be surprised, test it in your garden first.

### Fireworks, laser lights, balloons, sky lanterns

To protect our local livestock and wild animals, we do not allow laser lights and fireworks. Sky lanterns, balloons or similar cannot be released on site.

#### Music

Our sound system and volume control equipment is compulsory but the volume control equipment does not cut power so your guests will never know it is in place. Tried and tested by many Brides & Grooms who like to party.

#### Animals

Guide dogs are of course welcome but all other animals are not permitted on site at any time (this includes the set up and clearance of the site).



### Licences

We hold the relevant licences so you do not need to apply for any, however, Brook Farm do require the person managing the bar (often the caterers) to hold a Personal Licence – this is to ensure we have someone managing the bar who is aware of the responsibilities around alcohol.

### Corkage

We're pleased to advise that we do not charge corkage.

### **Personal Belongings**

We recommend that all personal belongings and anything of value e.g. cards, present, cake is removed at the end of your reception so please ensure someone in your party is responsible for this.

### Booking

A 50% deposit and a signed copy of our Terms & Conditions are required to book your date. The balance is then required 6 months before your big day.











# WHERE TO FIND US

### About us

We are a family run business that has been farming the land since 1941 and weddings have been celebrated here since 2011. We are a small but passionate team who care about your special day and are committed to giving you the day you've been dreaming of.

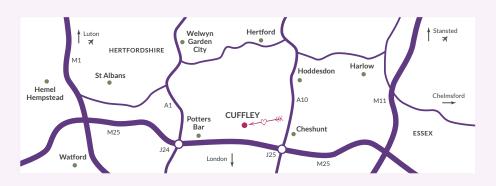
#### Location

Our wedding venue is in a rural location which is part of the Theobalds Park Estate, however, we have great access links making your visit a breeze.

Our postal address is Brook Farm, Cuffley, Hertfordshire, EN6 4EX and once you've arrived here you need to follow the signs down the farm track to find our secret wedding oasis.

Road: We are located in Cuffley in Hertfordshire which sits in the commuter belt just outside the M25 and has great access into London via the A10, M11 and M25.

Rail: You can be whisked out of London on a direct train to Cuffley in as little as 30 minutes. It then takes approximately 15 minutes to walk from the train station over the fields to our wedding venue but this can only be done in daylight and with



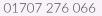
suitable footwear (don't put your heels on yet). Alternatively you can take a taxi from the station (pre-booking is a great idea here) which will take just a couple of minutes.

If you're planning on catching the train home at the end of the night then a taxi is the only way to leave the site (it is pitch black in the fields then).

### Coach/Bus

Why not transport your guests together and offer them a coach or bus to take them to and from your celebration? Many couples like to offer this from the church / central point to Brook Farm with a similar drop at the end of the night. Lots of our couples organise for all of their guests to stay at one of the local hotels so you get to have a nightcap in the bar at the end of the day and then you can relive it all by sharing stories over breakfast.

### **Routemaster Hire Ltd**





**Timebus** 01727 866 248



### Taxis

Due to the rural location, taxis need to be pre-booked. Ubers <u>do not</u> pick up from here, so please pre-book a taxi with one of our local taxi companies.

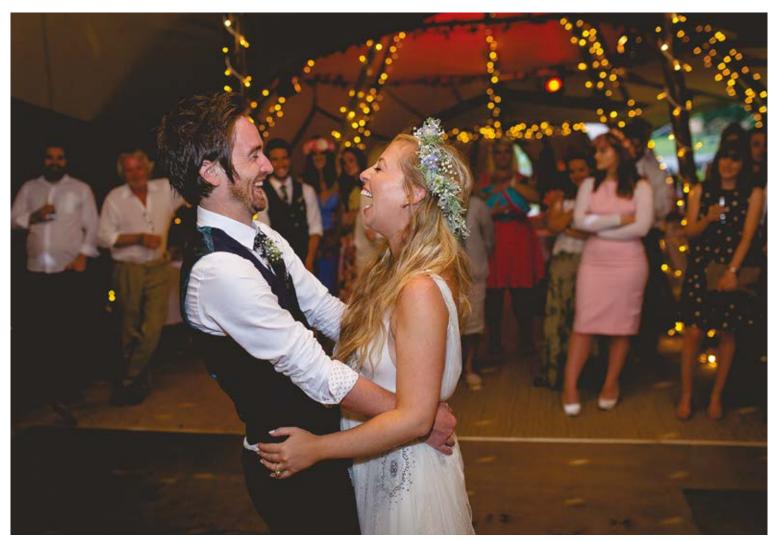
### Address:

Wedding venue at Brook Farm, Cuffley, Herts EN6 4EX.

**A2B Taxis:** 01992 633 355 or **download their app**.

Cuffley Hill Cars: 01707 874 437











# WHEN IT'S TIME TO PARTY

So when the light fades and you head inside it is time to get down to the serious business of the party! We provide you with a fantastic PA that any DJ, iPod or band can plug into. We have 4 preferred DJs that work at Brook Farm that each offer you a slightly different option.

All are experienced and reliable with many great testimonials; offer client meetings, advance and on-the-night requests; and all are able to play a good general mix of genres and eras for a great party, so how do they differ...

#### Wedding DJ Hertfordshire 0800 028 2110 or 020 8441 3200



Steve and Laurence from WDH (est 1996) specialise in weddings and either one of them can adapt the music and equipment to suit you, your guests, and your wedding style. Both are happy plaving all party music, but also cater for niche genres such as Indie, Rock, Alternative, Rock'n'roll Steampunk, Ska, etc. and can offer many other services from decorative lighting to photo booths too. If booked all day, they can also act as informal MCs to help things run to schedule.

#### **Dance Sounds Disco** 01992 628 503



As well as being able to cater for most musical tastes, Jason C particularly loves playing the Dance Classics from 80s and 90s, now familiar to most as 'Kisstory' or Club Classics. His DJ career started with plaving in nightclubs during the 90s and resumed with a focus on Weddings in 2008. He has a party-friendly style, not interrupting the flow of the night with chat, but will provide clear formal (or not so formal) introductions and announcements as required.

#### Limelight & Rhythm 07850 088 726



With over 30 years experience, lan is more than happy to play most musical genres but specialises in 70s to current Club Classics and Soul. He actively encourages requests, but always ensures that the clients wishes are paramount. Ian is also a Professional Toastmaster & Master of Ceremonies, which is available as a separate service to that of his DJ service, and which can drastically reduce some of the pressure and stress on you on your special day.



As you can see our preferred DJs offer you a wide choice, but if you don't need to satisfy a particular niche, any one of these DJs will be able to give you some fantastic general party music to dance the night away.

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### OTHER ARTISTES

You are welcome to choose your own DJ or a Band but this is subject to a £250 administration fee. This fee covers the time spent liaising with your chosen artiste to obtain the PLI and PAT as well as the time taken to provide information on the PA which includes on the night support. It is compulsory for all artistes to get in touch with us at least four weeks in advance of the wedding to provide a detailed list of kit being brought on site and discuss their connection to our PA.





# SUPPLIERS WE LOVE

We know how important variety is as one of the key things that we've learnt from our customers is that every couple want something different and the ability to create their own unique style. You are free to choose your own suppliers but prior to booking any we need to liaise with them to check their H&S details and only then will confirm if we are happy for them to be used. Alternatively we're happy to guide you to some of our tried and tested suppliers who have been working with us over the years.

You'll notice a bit of a Hertfordshire theme going on through these pages as we're lucky enough to have sourced a lot of local talent and have even got a few cool, new suppliers from Cuffley and Northaw itself.

The big disclaimer with our suppliers is this, unlike the vast majority of venues, we don't charge featured suppliers any commission. We only feature them because we know how good they are and want to share the love.

### WEDDING CAKES

Pretty Gorgeous Cake Company 01992 538 801



## **Cakes by Lisa** 07910 130 786



Nevie Pie 07986 534 746



### **The Swig & Filly** 07961 751 164



The Swig and Filly offer bars with a difference. A horse trailer and airstream have lovingly been brought back to life and turned into the perfect outdoor bars.

Fun enough to create a festival feel yet still elegant enough for your wedding day. Packages include a fully stocked and staffed bar or the bar and staff only so you guys can supply the drinks to be served.

But, that's not all. They also have a beautiful 1970's tricycle which has been perfectly adapted to serve cocktails or Draught Prosecco/Beer offering a more



unique way to serve your reception drinks. The versatility of the tricycle means it can be positioned in more unusual places (maybe in the middle of a lake on an island..?).

## MARQUEES/TIPIS/YURTS/BIG TOP

Our suppliers can provide you with a classic white marquee, tipi, yurt or even a purple big top! They also organise everything you will need inside your structure including the flooring, lighting, furniture, a dance floor, bar and catering tent.

### **Country Tipis**

01438 900 269



**Fairytale Marquees** 01480 700 632



Funky Monkey Tents 01234 772 293



MHC Events 01279 876 448



**Tipis4Hire** 01582 832 552













### CATERERS

### **Carolyn Williams Catering**

01442 827 871



A well-established caterer whose passion for food and service shines through. Offering numerous menu choices from relaxed bbqs to more formal dinners so you have lots to choose from! Our couples always tell us how confident they are in Carolyn, who then delivers it all with ease.

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#### Kingfisher Event Caterers 07837 707 027



An experienced wedding caterer with an extensive menu choice (we're talking sharing boards, mini-bowls, bbqs, traditional wedding breakfasts) so you're bound to find something to suit your style. Kingfishers are one of our most popular suppliers as they provide fantastic food as well as having a friendly and professional service team to help ensure that your wedding day is a truly memorable one.

### **The English Hog Roast Company** 01279 815 660



The English Hog Roast Company specialises in traditional Hog Roasts, Spit Roasts and Barbecues. The aroma and sight of a Hog Roast turning will certainly be a talking point and with their aim to always exceed their customers' expectations you should be in for some fantastic service throughout your booking process.

## **The Chefs Table** 01920 468 333



The Chefs Table are also a wellestablished and professional event caterer who offer a wide selection of menus. Able to offer hog roasts, bbqs and the more traditional three course meals, the area where they differ, is that they are also experts in serving up street food! Offering exciting, flavoursome dishes which can be served either from their converted horsebox trailer or from individual food stations. They give your guests an experience as well as delicious food.

### Coq au Van 0208 001 5808



For those of you opting away from the traditional wedding breakfast or you just want an added element to your evening food, check out Coq au Van. This is a Food Van ready to roll up and serve sumptuous chicken along with various tantalising sides. Dishes inspired from all around the world your only problem will be deciding which one you will go for...



### **Wood Fired Wonders** 07841 621 336

It all began in 2014 while road tripping in Naples, the home of sour dough pizza. Hooked after just one bite they decided they would have to recreate this wonder of Italian street food. They bought a Landrover then fitted it with a traditional wood fired pizza oven and away they went..... You'll be pleased to know that WFW go to great lengths to ensure that, where possible, their toppings are sourced directly from farms and artisanal producers around the UK so they're ethical and enjoyable!



We notify our local Environmental Health department of any Caterer used so they can verify they are happy with them. We check their hygiene rating and only caterers with a rating of 3 or above are allowed on site – something I'm sure you guys will support!

Brook Farm is a dry site so there is no water available – if you do opt for another caterer, please make sure they are aware of this and are used to operating on a dry site.

We require the person who will be managing your bar (often this is the caterers) to hold a personal licence (this is with regard to the supply of alcohol).

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Alexa Loy

07745 916 556

#### $\square$ 0 **Cristina Rossi**

### 07958 585 213



### John Paul O'Donell Photography 01992 307 817



### Hannah Mia Photography

07890 710 201



#### Waterhouse Weddings 07951 016 031



**Rebecca Wedding Photography** 07590 818 666



#### The Reportage Company 07970 843 528





# HAIR & MAKE UP

Make-up Artistry London HD Airbrush Make-up & Hair Styling Specialists. 07739 353 254

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With a team of highly skilled professionals that work in all areas of the media, Make-up Artistry London like to keep up to date with the latest Bridal trends and have the know how in all of the latest pro techniques.

HD Airbrush make-up application is a prime example of how their expertise can provide you with the flawless Bridal Make-up you'd like to achieve for your wedding day, from morning until night. With years of experience under their belt they can offer you varied style options from a natural glow to full on glam. Their versatility continues with their hair styling services. The team can create wedding hairstyles for you and your bridal party from a bouncy blow dry, glam curls, braids, soft boho hair, a classic chignon to half up half down. The choices are endless.



And if you're looking to add a little something to your reception, the team can also provide a fantastic set up at your evening party. Festival inspired glitter bars and glam stations can be tailored to your taste and wedding theme. The team can offer that extra special touch of sparkle and glamour to rejuvenate you and your guests and inject some fun into vour evening.

### HAIRDRESSERS

### **Gentry Hairdressing**

Eniov a visit to this award-winning hair salon to discuss your bespoke bridal package.

01707 874 572



Hair Studio 01707 872 976

**Rococo Hairdressing Ltd** 01707 877 773











### MANAGEMENT & STYLING

White Button Weddings

07584 076 242



White Button Weddings was born from a huge love for weddings, a passion for crafting exceptional events with a unique flavour, years of experience and an eye for attention to detail. Offering wedding planning, styling & theming advice. budget allocation and management, venue set up, on the day management and accessory hire, there's not a lot they can't help you with.

#### **Peacock Prop Hire**

07943 521 228



After styling their own dream wedding, Carly and Craig created Peacock Prop Hire to help other couples have their own dream day. With a love for all things boho and rustic PPH have a varied collection of props to hire from a chic arch to a dreamy floral donut wall. Having made most of the props themselves, if you can't find what you're after why not see if PPH can help create it? Examples of their work are shown throughout this brochure so if you like the images vou've seen, it's probably worth getting in touch.

### FLORISTS

Cut n Dried 01707 875 787  $\bigtriangledown$ 

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The Orchid 01707 876 720  $\bigtriangledown$ (0)

Your London Florist 020 8362 1320

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### MAGICIAN

### **Christopher Whitelock**



One of the most sought after international magicians in the UK can be found right on our doorstep. Having been given the seal of approval by many a celeb, why not treat your guests to a little something extra.

### EVENT CHILDCARE

Safe & Sound Event Childcare 07774 708 569



Specialising in bespoke childcare for weddings and other one-off events. Offering a unique service handling the complete logistics for the children on the day, which means that you can have children involved in vour event as much or as little as you wish. Could be useful when you have a venue with a lake...



There are several large hotels nearby that will happily take block bookings so you can arrange for all of your guests to stay in one place ready to discuss your big day over breakfast the next morning.

5-10 minute drive

### The Marriott

Half hide Lane, Herts EN10 6NG. 01992 451 245



Travelodge

Park Plaza, Cheshunt, Herts EN8 8DY. 0871 9846 349



15 minute drive

#### West Lodge Park Hotel

Cockfosters Road, Hadley Wood, Herts EN4 OPY. 020 8216 3900



20 minute drive

Hertford House Hotel 1 Fore Street, Herts SG14 1DA.

01992 517 440





### CUFFLEY & GOFFS OAK

From your first visit to Brook Farm right through until your big day you, your family and friends will get the chance to enjoy the beautiful villages of Cuffley and Goffs Oak. There are various eateries you can visit to re-fuel as well as all of the usual retail necessities you would expect to find in a village.

As we are so often asked about local cafes and restaurants for you to visit while you tackle your wedding planning, we have noted some details below.

#### **Cuffley Cafe**

Maynard Place, Cuffley, Herts EN6 4JA. 01707 876 622

#### The Goffs Oak - Public House

Newgate Street Road, Goffs Oak, Herts EN7 5RH. 01707 873 354

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### The Plough – Public House

Plough Hill, Cuffley, Herts EN6 4DW. 01707 872 193





### The Prince of Wales - Public House

Burton Lane, Cheshunt, Herts EN7 6SL. 01707 872 842



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#### The Orchid - Café (& Florist)

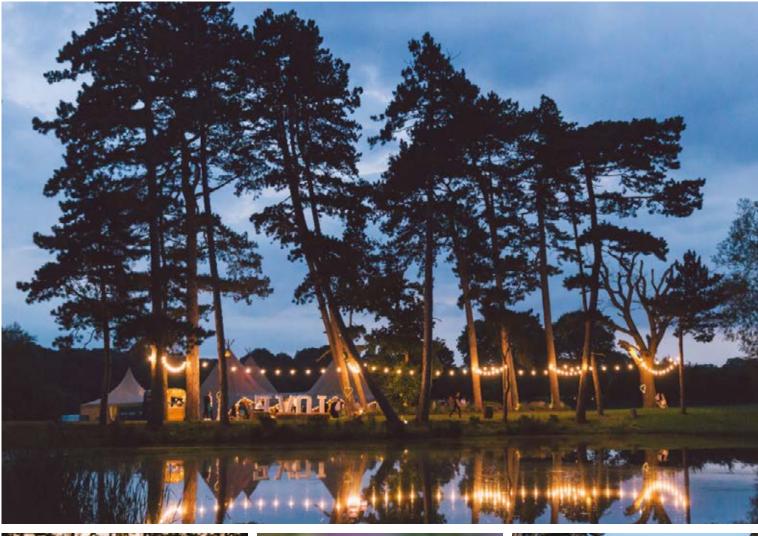
64 Station Road, Cuffley, Herts EN6 4HA. 01707 876 720



### FEATURED PHOTOS

Huge thanks to all of these fabulous photographers for letting us share their images with you. Links below for you to go and check them out.

Beatrici Photography Big T Images Binky Nixon Photography Cristina Rossi Hannah Mia Kelsie Lowe Marie Wootton Marianne Chua Millar Cole Photography Nick Tucker Project Valentine Red on Blonde











We hope this has given you lots of ideas about how you can create your own unique celebration here at Brook Farm – please get in touch so that we can arrange a viewing and you can experience the magic of our wedding oasis first hand.







