



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

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## 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

## TWO 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

## PLANNING GUIDE, COORDINATION & ON THE DAY MANAGEMENT

We will give you your own Guide to Planning Your Wedding at Brook Farm – this will be your go to as you get busy with your planning. We know that DIY weddings can feel overwhelming so this guide takes you through everything step by step making the process straightforward and enjoyable. We also provide Coordination in the lead up to your wedding, liaising with all of your suppliers and the icing on the cake, On The Day Management. We will be the main point of contact throughout the day, dealing with any little niggles that might occur so you guys can relax and enjoy your special day – the perfect solution for a DIY wedding!









# 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 Cutting the Cake followed

by First Dance

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



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 two 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 eight 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.



#### 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 ix 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 01707 276 066





Timebus 01727 866 248





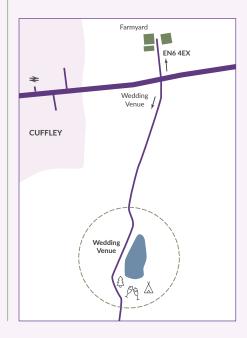
#### **Taxis**

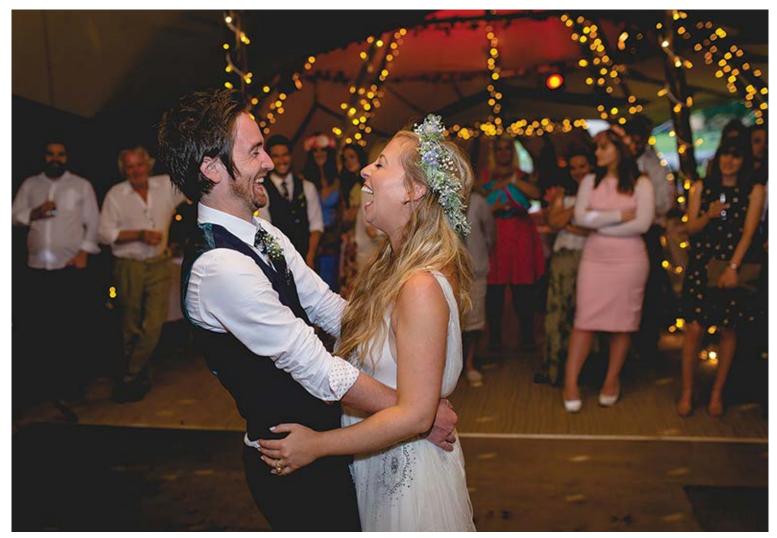
Due to the rural location, taxis need to be pre-booked. Please pre-book a taxi with a taxi company that is local to you – you can talk to them and explain where the venue is (see venue directions below).

Venue address:

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

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











# 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





Steve from WDH (est 1997) specialises in weddings and can adapt the music and equipment for your ceremony, drinks reception and party to suit you, your guests, and your wedding style. Steve has a vast music collection, meaning he can cater for almost all music tastes - from party anthems to rock, and everything in between. If booked all day, Steve can also act as an informal MC to help things run to schedule. If you would like to add a live music element to your day, we can also supply a pianist for your ceremony or background music, or a sax player to play a couple of sets alongside Steve in the evening. We will work closely with you to provide exactly what you want and need for your whole day. In addition to music and PA, we can also supply many other services - including lawn games, photo booths, poseur tables, decorative lighting and more.

### **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 playing 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.

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.

## 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.





**Bloom and Crumb** 07905 339 429





Nevie Pie 07986 534 746







**Pretty Gorgeous Cake Company** 01992 538 801





White Blossom Bakes 07584 176 440





Mixer London







At Mixer we recognise the fundamentals of good service and we hire and train our expert teams based around the classic style of service. Discrete knowledgeable bartenders, skilled in the classics and with an eye on the modern. Our team can help



bring together a stunning bar setup for any occasion or size of event. We have a state of the art tasting room in Hackney wick, where we can host you and allow you to chose the elements for your event, whilst meeting our friendly team.

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 tricvcle 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..?).













## MAROUFFS/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





**Funky Monkey Tents** 01234 772 293







**MHC Events** 01279 876 448















**Anna Shutes Catering** 01279 777 496





Established in 1986, Anna Shutes Catering is renowned for their amazing food & accomplished staff that specialise in catering for wedding receptions.

#### Cater London





For nearly a decade, we've been delivering delicious food, superb drinks, and excellent service in beautiful venues all over London and beyond. Offering a bespoke service to each client, we're passionate about hospitality - we're at our happiest when we're making other people happy through great food and hospitality.

#### Chef's Touch 01525 791 169







With 21 years of experience, ranging from chef training across the UK and Europe right up to Michelin star venues. Chef's Touch was created to offer exciting bespoke food fit for any occasion. At Chef's Touch we create food to celebrate life's events.

#### **Kingfisher Event Caterers** 07837 707 027







An experienced wedding caterer with an extensive menu choice (we're talking sharing boards, mini-bowls, bbgs, 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.

#### **Magpie Catering** 01279 432 599







Magpie Catering offer an extensive range of outside catering services and have designed a wide variety of amazing menus. Catering throughout the South East since 1995, their skilled staff will

#### The Chefs Table 01920 468 333







the event and on the day.

look after your every need both before

The Chefs Table are also a wellestablished and professional event caterer who offer a wide selection of menus. Able to offer hog roasts, bbgs 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.







#### 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.

#### **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 eniovable!

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 three 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).

#### Hannah Mia Photography 07890 710 201







#### Jonny Gouldstone Photography 07588 671 782





#### Milda Vasile 07834 515 130







#### Rebecca Wedding Photography 07590 818 666







#### The Reportage Company 07970 843 528







#### Pike Photography 07731 312385







#### Waterhouse Weddings 07951 016 031







#### **Zoe Cooper Photography** 07496 804 658







## HAIR & MAKE LIP

#### **Charlotte Louise Make Up Artist** 07825 813 135





Charlotte Louise is devoted to making you look and feel amazing. Having dedicated her career to bring out the inner beauty in all of her clients, she uses proven techniques and top-of-the-line products to achieve this.

#### Make-up Artistry London

HD Airbrush Make-up and Hair Styling Specialists.

07739 353 254







Make-up Artistry London are a team of professional Make-up Artists and Hair Stylists. The team specialise in HD Airbrush Make-up and Hair Styling











working in TV, film, commercial, photography, wedding, theatre and events. 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 your evening.

## **Make Up by Sian** 07855 346 122







Sian has worked in the wedding industry for over a decade but her journey began at the prestigious London College of Fashion and then The Session School. Having worked at London Fashion Week. some of the UK's best selling magazines and MAC it is fair to say she has years of experience empowering her to transform countless wedding days into breathtaking, unforgettable moments. Her approach to bridal beauty is grounded in a deep understanding of individual style and preferences. From classic and timeless to contemporary and trendsetting. Sian specialises in creating flawless hair and makeup that align perfectly with your dream bridal style.

## HAIRDRESSERS

## **Gentry Hairdressing** 01707 874 572



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

## **Hair Studio** 01707 872 976

**Rococo Hairdressing Ltd** 01707 877 773

## STYLING

#### **Field Affairs**







We offer a range of luxury prop packages and prop hire to bring your dream event to life.

## Peacock Prop Hire 07943 521 228





After styling their own dream wedding, Carly and Craig created Peacock Prop Hire (PPH) 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?

## White Button Weddings 07584 076 242







White Button Weddings specialise in those weddings a little out of the ordinary, in particular blank canvas weddings built from scratch. 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. Speak to Chloe for your styling and theming advice as well as prop/accessory hire.

## FLORISTS

## **Bumbles & Bloom** 07903 746 784







Bumbles & Bloom have excellent relationships with both growers and suppliers in the UK and Holland, including family run local businesses, which enables them to source the perfect, most beautiful blooms at their freshest. They aim to use British grown flowers and





foliage from their gardens and other local growers where possible, not only are they stunning, but together they are helping British wildlife and local biodiversity at the same time. Bumbles & Bloom believe the personal touch is everything - their team will work their magic on creating a piece that reflects you and your venue.

#### Fen Florals

075381 554 690 / 07722 122 642







Fen Florals specialise in wedding and event floristry inspired by the bounty of each season, allowing them to create their earthy yet whimsical designs. They strive to do their best for the world when it comes to sourcing sustainably as well as using techniques such as reusable containers, chicken wire and water to support their arrangements. Working with local growers, there's nothing they love more than showcasing the impressive variety of British grown flowers and foliage through their work.

#### **Sweetbriar Flower Farm** 07941 293 967







Sweetbriar Flower Farm provide a full range of wedding floristry as well as DIY buckets for those of you who want to

arrange the flowers yourselves. The DIY buckets are a perfect solution if you want to be more hands on making it so easy for those of you opting for simple but stylish bud vases. With the added reassurance that these flowers will be picked on your behalf according to your colour theme and, just as important, will be conditioned to ensure they have the longest vase life possible. Their ethos is to grow flowers in harmony with the seasons, without chemicals, producing natural, scented flowers.

#### The Orchid

01707 876 720







**Your London Florist** 020 8362 1320







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 some friendly local farmers who can help. Get in touch with John & Sue who will deliver and collect the bales for you. 01707 872 730



## 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.

#### 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 your event as much or as little as you wish. Could be useful when you have a venue with a lake.











## HOTFIS

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

#### 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

#### Piyaz Bistro

1 Maynard Pl, Cuffley, Potters Bar EN6 4JA. 01707 870 791



#### The Goffs Oak - Public House

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





#### 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



#### The Orchid - Tapas Café

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

<u>Hannah Mia</u>

Kelsie Lowe

Marie Wootton

Marianne Chua

Millar Cole Photography

Nick Tucker

Jack Valentine Photography

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.





