



Wedding services and rates

Gildredge Manor is a grade II listed Georgian Manor House originally built for the Reverend of Eastbourne (we believe on the site of a medieval inn) in 1776. Soon after, it became a family home with the title of the Lord of the Manor of Eastbourne. It was sold to the town in 1922 and became Eastbourne's Towner art gallery and museum until 2005. Sadly it stood empty for 6 years and fell into dereliction. At this point we bought it and set about restoring Gildredge Manor to once again turn it into a beautiful and loved house perfect for weddings all year round allowing you to be Lord and Lady of the Manor for the day!

Services:

We now offer the following:

- Total exclusivity for weddings, receptions and ceremonies.
- Beautiful furnished rooms for ceremonies, drinks reception, lounging, the bar, games, dining, entertainment and dancing with fabulous natural light and loads of gorgeous photo opportunities.
- A lovely garden for mingling and games but this venue not weather-dependent!
- Flexibility within the house for smaller more intimate or larger events.
- No corkage on drinks you choose to bring in for your welcome and meal. Complimentary storage, chilling and recycling.
- OR the choice of an excellent value bespoke wine packages including glassware and service.
- Family-run offering caring advice with all your planning along the way.
- A Venue Manager and team who will look after your every requirement on the day.
- A choice of two rooms licensed for ceremonies: The Garden Room downstairs for up to 100 guests and the Long Gallery upstairs for up to 120 guests.
- A choice of caterers who can provide pretty much anything your hearts and bellies desire.
- A fully stocked, staffed bar open from after the ceremony.
- Access for personal decorations the afternoon before the wedding so you can totally relax on the day!
- A bride's dressing room and bathroom from 9am on the day if you are having your ceremony and reception here.
- Privacy in a big park with the convenience of being near the town centre, many B&Bs, hotels and station.
- Complimentary use of furniture, garden games, indoor games, lighting, candles, decorations, etc.
- We clear down, clean and pack up your belongings so you can just pick them up at a mutually convenient time.

Prices:

Full weddings & wedding receptions:

Fridays/Saturdays/Sundays/Bank holidays:

Hire of the whole venue for an afternoon & evening reception (incl set up afternoon before) from guest arrival to 12am - £3500+VAT

Hire of whole venue for a ceremony, afternoon & evening reception (incl set up afternoon before & option to get ready in the bride's room) 9am-12am - £3750+VAT

Mondays-Thursdays:

Hire of the whole venue for an afternoon & evening reception (incl set up afternoon before) from guest arrival to 12am - £3000+VAT

Hire of whole venue for a ceremony, afternoon & evening reception (incl set up afternoon before & option to get ready in the bride's room) 9am-12am - £3250+VAT

Ceremonies: Mondays-Thursdays only:

Ceremony room hire and exclusivity of the venue and gardens for photos for a total of 2 hours: £500+VAT

Ceremony, canapés and Prosecco package (3 hours): POA e.g. £1000+VAT (50 guests) to £1750+VAT (100 guests).

Capacities:

For ceremonies, the Garden Room downstairs can seat up to 100 guests and the Long Gallery upstairs 120 guests.

For the seated meal, the Garden Room can accommodate max. 60 and Long Gallery 100-110 max.

You are welcome to have up to 150 guests in total in the evening.

Catering:

We will give you the contacts for our approved caterers who offer a wide variety to suit your theme and budget and who will provide staffing, linens, crockery, cutlery, glassware, rubbish removal, etc.

Drinks:

Unless you have chosen one of our drinks packages, the caterer will serve your own Prosecco/wine for the welcome/meal. Between us we will store and chill the drinks. Gildredge Manor will take care of the recycling.

Planning and preparation:

After your booking, you are welcome to come for another couple of planning meetings e.g. with photographers, florists, etc. and to run through things with us. We also hold a couple of wedding fairs during the year, which is an ideal opportunity to bring friends and family for a look round.

Shortly before your day we will go through our detailed wedding checklist with you to make sure nothing is forgotten and we know who is coming when with deliveries etc.

Furnishings:

We are happy to lend you and set up our Chiavari chairs for the ceremony downstairs (up to 100).

For the meal in the Long Gallery upstairs we have either gold or green banqueting chairs and round tables (5', 5'6" or 6' seating up to 8, 10 or 12 respectively). Nb. You are of course welcome to hire in long tables if that is the look you're after.

We have garden furniture and umbrellas and in the evening put out festoon lights for a lovely atmosphere.

We include a PA system/amp for your ceremony and background music (just download a playlist and plug in an iPod or similar).

A couple of points to note:

As our floors would be irreparably damaged we don't allow stilettos without heel protectors. You can obviously provide them or we can issue them on the day.

Confetti should be natural please i.e. petals or paper.

Disabled access is limited to the ground floor.

There is no guest parking here but parking is free and usually plentiful on nearby streets.

Example use of the venue for a wedding:

As you are getting ready your photographer can get some pre-wedding shots of you with your bridesmaids etc. in the bride's dressing room. The room will be at your personal disposal all day.

As your guests arrive, their coats will be taken and your gifts and cards will be put in a safe place or on your present table. We will look after all your belongings until the next morning (or next weekday by arrangement) when you can come and collect them.

The registrar will interview the bride and groom (separately or together!) in the comfort of the Gentlemen's Library. The bride can enter and exit this room unseen by guests.

Upon arrival your guests will be ushered to the ceremony room to wait for your ceremony to commence.

The Registrar will conduct your ceremony incorporating any special songs or readings, which will usually take about half an hour. After the ceremony the guests will proceed to the gardens to greet you for the confetti moment and enjoy canapés and welcome drinks. You can then go off around the house and to Manor Gardens for some wonderful shots in the beautiful setting and surroundings of the park including the Manor's former "Hermitage".

Children (& grown-ups!) can head for the games room and enjoy a game of pool or Fusbball on our vintage table football and we have a few outdoor games we can loan you. If the weather isn't kind or you're having a winter event, your guests can mingle in the Gentlemen's Library and Ladies' Morning Room.

The bar will be set up, stocked and staffed and available for a wide variety of drinks from after the ceremony.

You will then be called for 'The Wedding Breakfast' usually served in the Long Gallery. When the toasts and speeches have finished, you and your guests can filter to the garden and rooms downstairs for further festivities. When evening guests arrive, you may wish to cut your cake and proceed for your first dance. During the evening, treats and snacks can be served and the band or disco can play in the Garden Room. We politely ask that music be off by 11.30pm with guests departed by 12 midnight. We will pack together your bits and pieces ready for a stress-free collection with no clearing up or cleaning!

If you'd like to take a look at our website, there are lots of details and photos on there and also a room-by-room guide under Venue Guide. You can also see more photos & updates on our Facebook & Instagram pages. We will of course be more than happy to arrange a personal viewing to discuss your individual plans in more detail and make sure you have a truly wonderful and unique occasion giving you a lifetime of happy memories!

Of note is that we have very limited availability in the summer & school holidays so an early enquiry is advisable.

With our warmest wishes, Emma & Mark

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