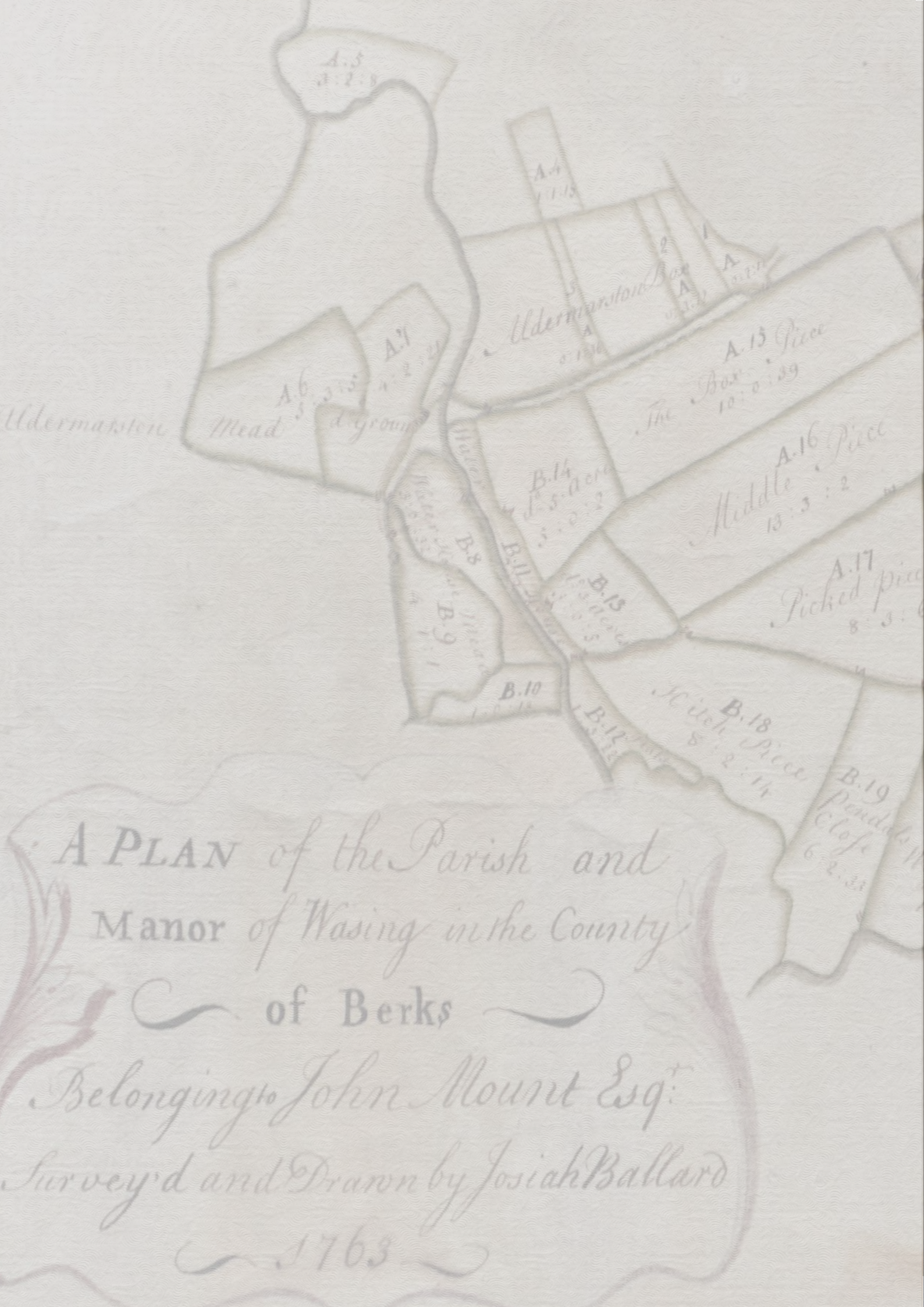


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WEDDING VENUE

A PLAN of the Parish and
Manor of Wasing in the County
of Berks

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As soon as you arrive at the gates and swing in to the driveway, you will feel the all encapsulating magic of Wasing. Steeped in family history, a traditional Estate that has pushed the boundaries to create the most wonderful, award winning wedding venue.

Look out for our very friendly herd of Red Sussex cattle that will often greet guests on the main driveway as they enter the Estate!

THE GARDEN ROOM



The Garden Room is a light, contemporary building set within the pretty walled gardens of Wasing Park and is licensed for civil ceremonies for up to 140 guests.

If you are having your wedding ceremony in the Church, the Victorian Summerhouse or elsewhere you can use the Garden Room to host your drinks reception.



VICTORIAN SUMMERHOUSE



The Summerhouse is an idyllic backdrop for your exchange of vows or blessing and photographs. In the event of inclement weather the Garden Room is still available for your ceremony.

Please contact West Berkshire's registrars to book a civil ceremony on 01635 279230 or superintendentregistrar@westberks.gov.uk



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH



St Nicholas Church is a beautiful and holy place where generations of people have met to worship and to celebrate the great moments in their lives.

Couples from outside the parish can marry in Church if they fulfil certain qualifying connections. It can take some time to qualify, so please make contact very early on in your planning.



Couples are invited to attend a marriage preparation day, which is a relaxed and informal day with other couples and clergy, to explore the meaning of a Church wedding.

The picturesque parish Church of St. Nicholas sits within the heart of the venue. It can seat approximately 100 guests. The 15th century chapel has wonderful stained-glass windows and the white timber-clad turret is home to a 14th century cast iron bell.

Please contact the wedding administrator on 07568 184704 or weddings.awb@gmail.com



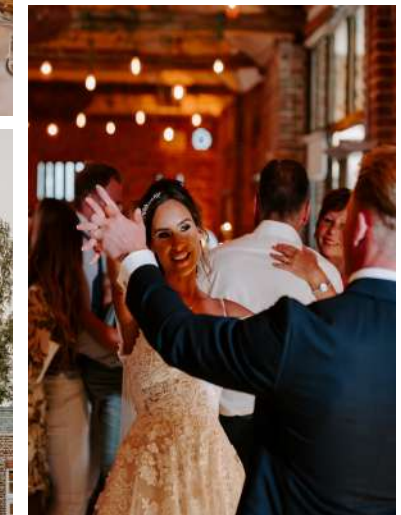
CASTLE BARN



The Castle Barn has a contemporary interior accommodating 50 to 140 guests for seated dining and up to 250 guests for evening receptions. Whilst the façade of the barn is majestic in stature, the interior features a warmth and softness, which is full of character with its brick interior, arrow slits and beautiful oak beams. Simply filled with candles or adorned in fairy lights and flowers, this romantic setting really suits all styles.

Bands and DJs can perform on stage in the Castle Barn, which is renowned for its wonderful acoustics, whilst you and your guests dance the night away. Glass doors open onto a large covered terrace ensuring all year-round use, maybe even dancing under the stars!





FAQS

WHAT'S INCLUDED WITHIN THE VENUE HIRE FEE

- Exclusive use of the venue and gardens from 12 noon on the day of the wedding.
- The Garden Room.
- The Victorian Summerhouse.
- The Castle Barn.
- Castle Barn Terrace.

WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED

- Registrar fees.
- Church fees.

ACCESS AND DEPARTURE

Q. When can we have access to the Garden Room and the Castle Barn?

A. You may have access from 10.00 am on the day of your wedding or from midday until 5.00 pm the previous day should there be no other bookings. Please check with the venue team one week beforehand.

Q. What time does the party finish and guests depart?

A. This is dependent on which late night option you have chosen. We recommend that your guests arrange for taxis to arrive around 11.30 pm, if you have chosen to return to the late night Stables bar with your resident guests. If you have chosen to continue celebrations in the Castle Barn, then we advise taxis arrive at 12.45, am at the latest. Please note that music finishes in the barn at midnight and the bar closes at 12.30 am.

CIVIL CEREMONIES AND DRINKS RECEPTION

Q. Does the venue have a license to hold civil ceremonies?

A. Yes, couples may get married in the Garden Room or outside in the Victorian Summerhouse.

Q. How many guests can be seated for civil ceremonies in the Garden Room or Victorian Summerhouse?

A. Both can seat up to 140 guests.

Q. Can we have live music at the civil ceremony?

A. You may have live music.

Q. Can we have pre-recorded music during the civil ceremony and drinks reception?

A. Yes, there is a portable music system in the Garden Room which can be used in the Victorian Summerhouse. It can also be positioned on the Terrace for the drinks reception.

Q. Where will the drinks reception be held?

A. The Garden Room or on the Terrace under the stretch tent.

WEDDING BREAKFAST AND RECEPTION

Q. Where does the wedding breakfast take place?

A. The Castle Barn.

Q. How many guests can Wasing Park accommodate for a sit-down meal?

A. A maximum of 140 guests can be seated for dining in the Castle Barn.

Q. Are your tables round?

A. The tables are oval and measure 5ft by 6ft.

Q. How many people can fit around a table?

A. Up to ten.

Q. Can we have banqueting tables?

A. You can hire in wooden trestle tables from authorised supplier Furniture4events, due to venue and wedding day logistics we do not allow any tables to be hired from alternative suppliers. Their contact details are, 01635 247033 and shannon.stevenson@furniture4events.com.

Q. What chairs do you provide in the Castle Barn?

A. We provide dark wooden cross back chairs with seat pads. Chairs from the Garden Room cannot be used in the Castle Barn.

Q. Can we play pre-recorded music during the wedding breakfast?

A. Yes, please bring a pre-recorded playlist and use the venue's system.

Q. Is there a microphone in the barn?

A. There is a microphone that works with the sound system.

Q. Can we play music on the Terrace?

A. Yes, music is allowed on the Terrace during the day.

Q. Can we invite more guests for the evening?

A. You are welcome to invite additional guests in the evening up to a total number of 250 guests (including day guests).

Q. Where is the bar located?

A. There is a bar in the Castle Barn with hatch access to the Terrace.

Q. Do you have a noise inhibitor?

A. No.

Q. What are the acoustics in the Castle Barn like?

A. Amazing!

Q. Where is the dance floor?

A. The dance floor is located in front of the stage.

Q. Do you allow dry ice machines or smoke machines?

A. We do not allow dry ice machines or smoke machines as they set off the smoke alarms!

TRANSPORT, SIGNAGE AND CAR PARKING

Q. What are the car parking facilities at the venue?

A. We have plenty of car parking spaces and cars may be left overnight, at the owners' risk for collection the next morning by 10.30 am at the latest.

Q. Can I organise for a coach to pick up my guests?

A. Yes but please inform the venue team so they can arrange for the Rectory Gate to be open. Please also inform your coach company to use the Rectory Gate only.

Q. Where does my wedding car access the venue?

A. A wedding car is not necessary at Wasing Park. However, in the event of bad weather you can be driven right up to the Castle Barn and the Garden Room and close to the church.

Q. Can we put up directional signage for our wedding?

A. Yes, we are happy for signage to be placed within the Estate, but not between the cattle grids where livestock may be in the parkland. We cannot authorise signage on public roads and highways. Should you choose to put up signage please note that you are responsible for removing it by 10.30 am the following morning and disposing of it afterwards.

GENERAL

Q. Does the venue have a music license?

A. Yes, Wasing has a PPL and PRS license.

Q. Do my suppliers/contractors need to have public liability insurance?

A. Yes, it is your responsibility to check that all contractors/suppliers you employ have public liability insurance, all electrical equipment is PAT tested and suppliers comply with Health and Safety Regulations. Please note the fabrication of the venue and its fixtures and fittings cannot be damaged in any way, moved or re-located.

Q. Can I put up my own lighting and other decorations?

A. Yes, but it is your responsibility to ensure that you comply with all Health and Safety Regulations e.g. fire proofing decorations and all electrical equipment is PAT tested. You will also need Public Liability Insurance. We advise that you use fully insured contractors as above.

Q. Can I borrow a ladder to put up my decorations?

A. No, due to Health and Safety Regulations we cannot lend ladders.

Q. Do you allow candles inside the Castle Barn?

A. Yes, but in order to comply with Wasing Park's fire insurance regulations the following applies: table candles must be extinguished at the end of the meal. Tea lights can remain in the arrow slits in appropriate containers.

Q. Do I need wedding insurance?

A. This is strongly recommended. To compare wedding insurance prices please visit: www.compare-weddinginsurance.com.

Q. Will there be showrounds on my wedding day?

A. There may be showrounds booked in on your wedding day but these will finish by midday.

Q. Is the venue heated?

A. We have underfloor heating in the Castle Barn and radiators in the Garden Room.

Q. Do you have disabled facilities?

A. We have disabled toilet facilities in the Castle Barn and the Garden Room.

Q. Where can guests leave coats?

A. There is a cloakroom situated in the entrance lobby to the Castle Barn.

Q. What photographic locations are available?

A. There are some truly wonderful photographic opportunities both inside and outside, including various historic buildings and lovely gardens.

Q. Can we release balloons and/or sky lanterns outside?

A. Unfortunately it is not possible as these are hazardous to the livestock on the Estate.

Q. Have you any facilities for babies?

A. There are four highchairs and baby changing facilities in the Castle Barn.

Q. Is Wasing Park a smoke-free environment?

A. In line with the law, smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the buildings, guests can smoke in designated areas outside and receptacles are provided.

Q. Do you allow confetti?

A. We do not allow traditional confetti, please inform your guests. We do allow fresh or dried flower petals but request that these are thrown inside the Garden Room or on the Terrace which can be swept. Confetti bombs are not allowed inside or outside at the venue and carry a £500 penalty fee.

Q. Do you allow fireworks?

A. We do not allow fireworks out of consideration to our neighbours and livestock on the Estate.

Q. Do you allow straw or hay bales at the venue?

A. No, they cause too much mess and it is virtually impossible to completely remove all signs, which is unfair to all following weddings. There is a penalty fee of £500 if bales are brought into Wasing Park.

Q. Are dogs allowed?

A. Owing to the nature of the Estate, dogs are not permitted.

Q. Are campervans allowed?

A. Owing to the nature of the Estate, campervans are not permitted.

Q. Do we have to use the authorised suppliers?

A. No. Please ensure all suppliers used, have 5 million pounds public liability insurance and comply with all Health and Safety Regulations.

Q. Do you allow drones?

A. If a drone is being used, the venue must be provided with a copy of the drone pilot's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) permission and commercial drone insurance and/or public liability. Wasing is in restricted airspace, all relevant permissions need to be obtained, these can take up to four weeks. Flying a drone over the manor house, Wasing Place, next to Wasing Park is strictly prohibited.

Q. Do you have patio heaters?

A. Yes, there are patio heaters located on the Terrace outside the Castle Barn.

Q. Do you offer discounts?

A. Discounts are not offered to anyone, however we sometimes have 'special offers'.

Q. Could there be a Church service on the day of our wedding?

A. The Wasing Parish Church is not exclusive to Wasing Park and there may be another service taking place on the same day as your wedding. They will enter from the road the other side of the Church so there will not be an interruption to your wedding. On the 1st Sunday of every month there is a Sunday morning church service, which finishes before midday.



