

Weddings in the Essex countryside

Yours alone, from the first light to the last dance.

Two private venues · Weddings for 20 to 500

A family-run free house, forty years and counting

A former coaching inn on the old London to Southend road, and the two quiet venues that stand in its grounds.

For forty years one family has kept the doors open here. The pub is still a proper free house, with fourteen beers on draught and a roast on Sundays. But walk past it, through the gate, and you find something rarer: a wedding venue that is never shared.

Whichever room you choose, the venue, gardens and kitchen are yours alone from nine in the morning until midnight. No second party in the next room. No house menu you have to pick from. Just the day you imagined, and a family who are good at getting out of the way.

— The Halfway House family





500	90	9am – 12	£5,500
SEATED IN THE GRAND MARQUEE	SEATED IN THE HERONGATE SUITE	EXCLUSIVE USE, ONE PARTY A DAY	MARQUEE HIRE FROM · NO MINIMUM SPEND



01 · DRY HIRE · UP TO 500 SEATED

The Grand Marquee

Deliberately plain, so it takes whatever colour, food and tradition you bring to it.

An ivory-lined marquee in its own walled garden, open all year and lit softly. A ceremony pergola stands outside; a commercial kitchen, bar and preparation rooms sit behind. It has held Hindu ceremonies, black-tie dinners and a wedding breakfast for four hundred, and looked different every time. The room does not have a look of its own. It has yours.

Commercial kitchen	Bar and canapé area	Bridal changing room
Stage and dance floor	Ceremony pergola	Private gardens
Snug	Restrooms	CCTV car park, 150 spaces



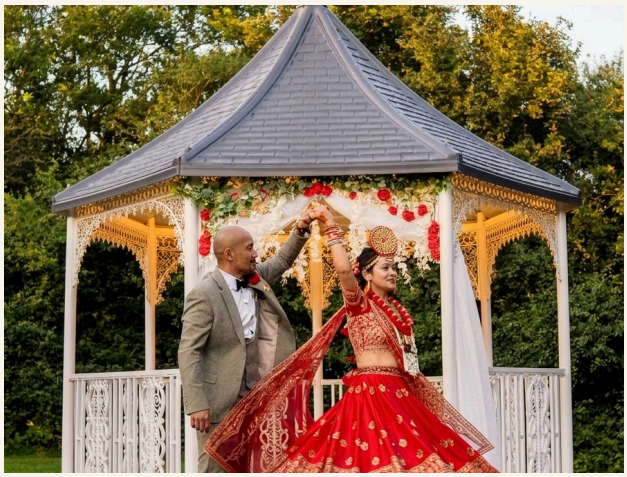


THE GARDENS

Vows beneath the pergola, drinks on the lawn, and sparklers when the night is done.

The garden belongs to you for the day. Ceremonies are held beneath the pergola, with the wet-weather alternative indoors and already set, so the sky can do what it likes. Welcome drinks and photographs happen on the lawn while the room is turned for dinner.

Blessings and celebrant-led ceremonies are welcome here; for a legal marriage, ask us about the licence for your date and we will help you book the registrar. Sparklers at the end of the night are encouraged. Fireworks are not, out of respect for the neighbours and their horses.



Most venues hand you a menu. We hand you the keys.

Your caterers cook in a proper commercial kitchen, with cold stores, prep space and a service pass straight into the room. Your décor goes on ivory walls. Your DJ, band, priest or celebrant takes the stage. There is no approved supplier list, only a request that your caterer holds public liability insurance and a food hygiene rating.

It is why families choose us for weddings where the food and the ritual matter more than a venue's house style. We are not precious about it.

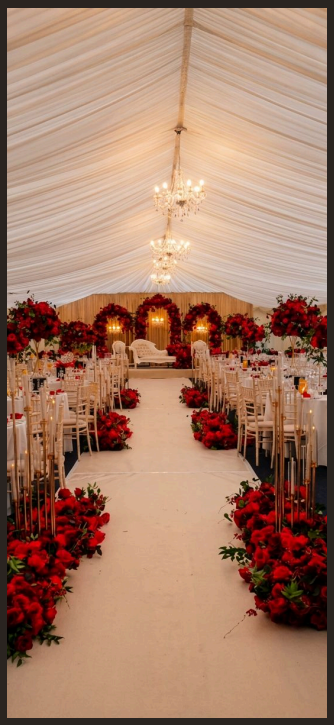
YOU BRING

Catering and drinks, décor and styling, entertainment, your own staff.

WE PROVIDE

The building, kitchen, bar, gardens, tables and chairs, parking, and fifteen hours to use them.







Hindu ceremonies, black-tie dinners, a red-carpet thirtieth and a wedding breakfast for four hundred — the same room, never the same look.

How fifteen hours usually run

9am — **Doors open**
Caterers, florists and stylists arrive. The kitchen is yours from the first minute.

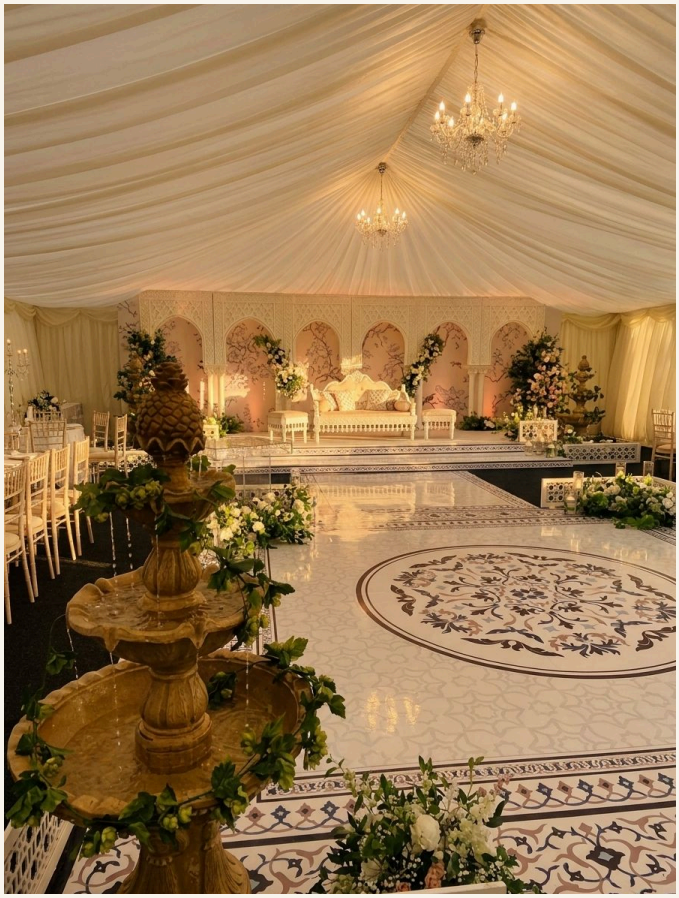
1pm — **Ceremony**
Under the pergola, or indoors if the sky says so. Guests arrive to drinks on the lawn.

3pm — **Wedding breakfast**
Your caterers serve from our kitchen. Speeches, cake, the long golden afternoon.

7pm — **Evening**
The room turns. Evening guests arrive, the bar opens, the band plays.

12 — **Carriages**
Music stops at 11.30. Sparklers at the gate, and the room is yours again next morning for collection.

Free parking for 150 cars, covered by CCTV. Coaches drop at the gate. Amplified music until 11.30pm, everyone out by midnight — the neighbours are farmers, and we like them.







02 · INTIMATE · 90 SEATED, 140 STANDING

The Herongate Suite

Newly refurbished in quiet greys and whites, with its own private entrance and bar. It seats ninety for a wedding breakfast or holds a hundred and forty standing, and the garden is immediately outside for drinks and photographs. Our kitchen cooks for you here, from wedding breakfast menus we will shape together.

Private entrance · Its own bar · Dedicated restrooms · Garden access

03 · PRIVATE DINING · FROM 20

The Garden Room & Bistro

Our restaurant, taken over privately. Shared tables, close conversation, and the kitchen cooking for you. The right size for a rehearsal dinner the night before, a small wedding lunch, or the family gathering the morning after.

Three rooms, one family, and a day that is entirely yours.





ENQUIRE

Tell us the date and the number.

Two answers are enough for us to come back with the room, the rate, and whether your date is free. If it is easier, telephone — someone who knows the diary will answer. Viewings are by appointment, so you have the space to yourselves.

1 **We reply**
Within one working day, usually the same afternoon.

2 **You visit**
By appointment, with the room to yourselves.

3 **You hold the date**
A deposit secures it. Nothing is committed until then.

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