

# Kent Life *Weddings*



*nowhere else quite like it*





Kent Life is a real hidden 'gem', a totally unique venue delightfully set in 28 acres of beautiful rural surroundings - the perfect setting for a romantic Kentish wedding with a difference.

Everything you need all in one place.

One place to get married  
One place for your reception  
One place for your party  
The one place is...

*Kent Life ... be different*





## *A unique venue*

Totally charming and set in beautiful Kentish countryside, Kent Life's 28 acres are home to gardens, orchards and unique period buildings (furnished in keeping with the period in which they were built) including a Victorian Farmhouse, WWII Cottage, 1950's home, original village hall, chapel, oast houses, hop garden and many other traditional village farm buildings. These are all open for your guests to wander around during your wedding day.

Kent Life is rich in tradition where you can discover the vibrant history of the people who lived and worked in the Garden of England over the past 150 years. Kent Life is now one of only a few remaining places in Britain where hops are grown, harvested, dried and packed by hand in the magnificent double oast house. Kent Life is also a traditional heritage farm attraction, encompassing a wonderful farmyard with a family of friendly animals, many of whom are reared on site; sheep with their lambs, pigs with their piglets, cows with their calves.

For your younger guests - as well as 'Cuddle Corner' there is also an outdoor adventure play area and an indoor soft play barn - plenty to amuse your younger (and older!!) guests during your wedding day.

From the herb garden to the wedding orchard, from the love seat to the hop garden, from the varied historical buildings to the farm animals on site, you will be spoilt for choice for beautiful and totally unique photography settings.





Wedding services at Kent Life are provided by Vincents Catering, run by dedicated Directors Tracy Locke and her husband, experienced chef Paul Locke backed up by a team of smart, enthusiastic staff who will help to deliver your perfect day. The team at Vincents know that organising a wedding can be a daunting task and Tracy will be on hand to assist you with your preparations. You will be guided through the planning of every detail to enable you to sit back, relax and enjoy your wedding day.

On your wedding day a member of Vincents team will warmly welcome you to Kent Life and be on hand to oversee your entire day, acting as an informal toastmaster to guide you, your best man and your guests effortlessly through all the formalities.

## *A day to remember*









# Why get married at Kent Life?

A beautiful unique Kentish setting unlike anywhere else - theme the venue your way.

- ♥ Only one wedding per day.
- ♥ Two or three function rooms in your own exclusive wedding area.
- ♥ Entrance to and use of all attractions for you and your guests on the day (and evening if required).
- ♥ Exclusive use of Kent Life grounds after 6pm in the summer and 3pm in the winter.
- ♥ Services of our Wedding Co-ordinator and team.
- ♥ Three choices of room for your actual wedding ceremony - Ulcombe Village Hall, the Old Pink Wedding Chapel or the Wagon Store all situated around the rustic village green.
- ♥ Quality locally sourced catering with a vast choice of proper Kentish home-cooked menus, you & your guests won't go home hungry!!!
- ♥ No charge for children aged 0-4 years but meal provided. Children aged 5-11 years are charged at half the adult price.
- ♥ Use of the whole site for photographs with plenty of alternative rooms should weather conditions prevent outdoor photography.
- ♥ Free parking in VIP area for wedding guests.
- ♥ Two hotels within a two minute walk (details on the back of the brochure).
- ♥ A fully staffed, licensed bar at competitive prices.
- ♥ Easy motorway access.
- ♥ An informal toastmaster.
- ♥ Easy access by river boat to/from Maidstone's Registry Office (Archbishops Palace).
- ♥ And importantly - no hidden costs!







*To have and to hold*

Your wedding ceremony can be held in Ulcombe Village Hall, an authentic war time village hall now situated within the beautiful grounds of Kent Life and licensed to hold Civil Marriage and Partnership Ceremonies accommodating up to 100 guests. The Village Hall is a 'blank canvas' which you are welcome to decorate in whatever theme takes your fancy. There is a music system in this room for us to play your chosen wedding ceremony music. After the ceremony, your guests will join you in your exclusive wedding area where you will be served drinks and canapés by our attentive waiting staff from a beautiful rustic drinks station overlooked by our beloved mascot chicken.

## *Ulcombe Village Hall*





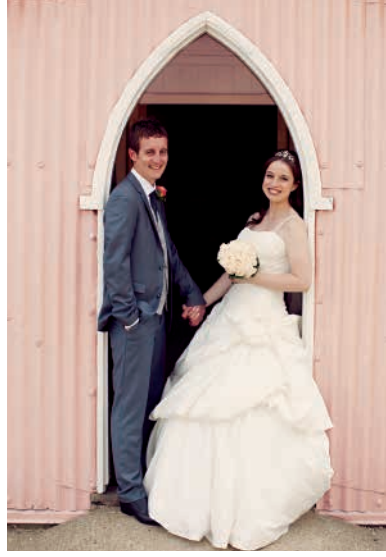
For an extra charge, you can have your wedding ceremony in our 19th century Old Pink Wedding Chapel, which was originally built in Cuxton in 1897 and was then moved to Kent Life and rebuilt in 2000. The Chapel has now been deconsecrated and licensed for civil ceremonies and can accommodate up to 80 guests on pew style seating. You are welcome to decorate the Chapel in line with the theme of your special day. There is a music system in this room for us to play your chosen wedding ceremony music.

Our wedding team will book your wedding ceremony on your behalf, all you need to do is select the date and time you wish to get married. You can be married seven days a week between 9am and 5pm. A pack containing everything you need to know for the ceremony will be sent by the Maidstone Registry Office once they have received the initial paperwork from our wedding team and after making contact with yourselves.

Please note that there will always be a charge made to you by the Registry Office to perform a Marriage Ceremony at Kent Life over and above the venue hire fee that Kent Life charges.

## *The Old Pink Wedding Chapel*





*They said I Do...*





*To love and to cherish*

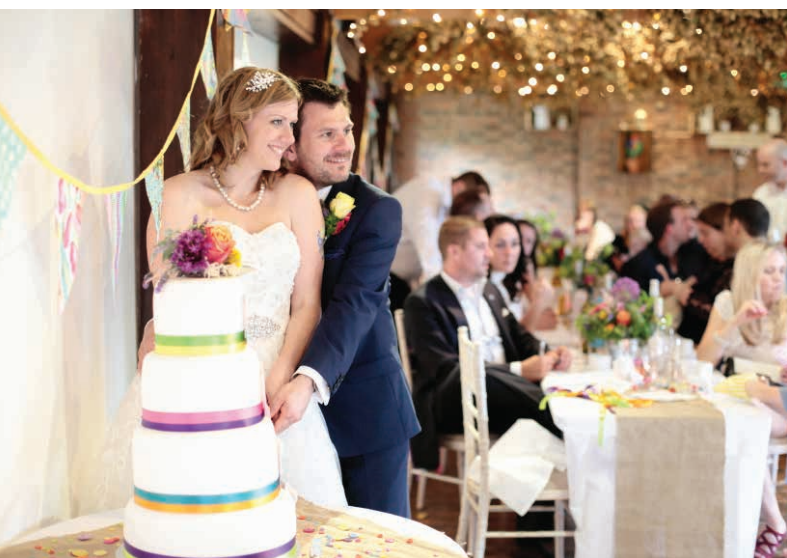


Our beautiful Wagon Store, complete with timber beams which are strung with fairy lights and decorated yearly with traditional Kentish dried hops, is situated just across a short block-paved pathway from the Village Hall, some of which is covered by a stunning fairy lit pergola which lights the way in the evening. This whole area is enclosed by a laurel hedgerow and rustic gate to give you that 'exclusive' feel during the day.

Again, for an additional charge, you can hold your wedding ceremony in this delightful room (licensed for ceremonies for up to 100 guests) which is bathed in natural light from the many windows flanking one wall, giving you a perfect view overlooking the pretty Kent Life grounds. There are also old apple crates erected on one wall which you are welcome to 'decorate'.

*The Wagon Store*







# *Your wedding breakfast in the Wagon Store*

The Wagon Store can accommodate up to 100 guests for your Wedding Breakfast and there are a variety of room configurations and layouts depending on numbers but we are happy to be as flexible as possible to accommodate your requirements.

The Wagon Store is a 'blank canvas' which you are free to decorate in any way you wish although you may feel that this room should be left as it is – simply stunning!

There is a sound system available to play your own wedding ceremony music / background music for the wedding breakfast and a wireless microphone for your speeches.

If you decide to have your wedding ceremony in the Wagon Store we will charge a small fee (as per the wedding costings page) to turn the room around for you after the ceremony and before the wedding breakfast with the room layout you have decided upon and put out all of your decoration bits and pieces i.e. favours, name placecards, centre pieces etc while you enjoy your day and mingle with your guests outside or in the Village Hall.

*A traditional reception  
... your way*









## *The perfect party*

During the evening you have use of both function rooms - Ulcombe Village Hall and the Wagon Store where there is a maximum occupancy using both rooms of 200 guests. Your evening entertainment i.e. disco, band etc are free to set up in the Village Hall whilst you are enjoying your wedding breakfast in the Wagon Store. There is ample room on the Village Hall's rustic wooden floor for dancing the night away to your choice of entertainment with great acoustics and no fear of disturbing any neighbours! There is a fully stocked licensed bar in the Village Hall serving a good range of wines, spirits, draught and bottled beer (all at competitive prices).

Your evening buffet is then laid out in the Wagon Store for you and your guests to enjoy or if you are having the BBQ or Hog Roast option our Chefs will be cooking under the fairy lit pergola outside the Wagon Store and serving the food either outside or inside this room (depending on weather). If you do decide to choose the Hog Roast option then this will be on show throughout the afternoon roasting slowly under the pergola until ready for carving in the evening - great theatrics to wow your guests!

The two rooms work perfectly together, especially for weddings, as not all guests wish to be in the same room as the music all evening and with the Wagon Store close by they are able to more easily chat amongst themselves while our waitresses can serve (for an extra charge) that much needed cup of tea from an evening hot drinks station.





## *That extra special touch*

Arrival by Tractor and Trailer (or Kent Life's Quirky Land Train)

We can offer the use of Kent Life's tractor and trailer or Land Train to bring the bridal party or guests from the entrance of the venue to the top of the site where the wedding area is situated. Great for unusual photos!



Old Fashioned Sweetie Bicycle

Why not consider hiring our old fashioned sweetie bicycle along with all the sweets, sweetie jars, tongs, scoops and striped sweetie bags. Full details can be found overleaf.



Table Plan

There is also a wrought iron table plan holder and wooden lectern to display your guest book in the Wagon Store available for your use.



Chair Covers

We can supply beautiful white cotton fitted chair covers with a hessian, silk or satin coloured sash of your choice for £3.75 per chair which can be booked at our final wedding meeting where a colour chart for the sash will be available to view. For that fantastic 'wow' factor why not add a top table "swag" to match your chair covers.



Bunting

Bespoke bunting can be hired or purchased for decoration in Ulcombe Village Hall whether it be quirky or quaint, vintage or vibrant, subtle or striking - the choice is yours. Ulcombe Village Hall is a wartime village hall and bunting looks fantastic attached to the rafters. The price starts from £120 for hire of bunting which includes decoration of the village hall and removal of the bunting after your wedding.





### Wedding Arch

There is a wrought iron arch in the village hall which is available, free of charge, for you to decorate with flowers, ivy, hops, fairy lights (or whatever takes your fancy) and is used during wedding ceremonies as a focal point in the room as this is where you stand to be married.

### Vintage China Hire

For an additional charge we can supply beautiful floral vintage china tea-sets for a 'retro' style wedding. Ask the Wedding Co-ordinator for further details.

### "Cheese Tower" Cake

Why not swap your traditional wedding cake for a gorgeous rustic three, four or five tier 'Cheese Tower' cake decorated with vines, grapes, ivy, figs etc. Ask the Wedding Co-ordinator for more details.





## *Be different*

To make your day totally unique and certainly unlike anywhere else, we can offer, at certain times, organised entertainment such as ferret racing, lamb feeding, cute animal cuddle corner, use of our own Tug of War rope and giant wooden games – all great fun! We can also keep the indoor Play Barn open for a while in the evening for your younger guests (and you!) to enjoy. And that's not all – there is also a fun outside adventure playground to make use of. So much choice!!!







## Ye Olde Sweetie Bicycle

If you fancy something that little bit different why not consider hiring our old fashioned pick 'n' mix 'sweetie' bicycle for your wedding at Kent Life. It will be filled with enough delicious sweets to treat all your guests - no matter what their age it will be loved by all!!

- Perfect for your wedding day - suitable for up to 100 guests
- Set up in either the Wagon Store or if preferred under the Pergola outside the Wagon Store (weather permitting)
- Bicycle set up with co-ordinating sun canopy and beautiful bunting
- Comes complete with matching cream 'heart' buckets, various old fashioned glass sweetie jars, metal scoops, tongs and candy striped sweetie bags
- 10kg of old fashioned/retro sweets supplied (up to 18 different varieties)
- We will bag up any sweets left at the end of the night for you to take home



Contact Wedding Co-ordinator Tracy Locke  
07504219531 or [kentlifeweddings@btconnect.com](mailto:kentlifeweddings@btconnect.com)

# Your wedding package

## Kent Life Venue Hire Charge:

Kent Life charge a venue hire fee for exclusive use of the Wagon Store, Ulcombe Village Hall and associated wedding area from 9am until midnight (entertainment and bar closes at 11.30pm).

However for a small fee we can allow an extension on this time to 1am (entertainment and bar closes at 12.30am). The venue hire remains the same whether you want your wedding ceremony (in Ulcombe Village Hall) and reception on site or just your wedding reception.

Includes use of Ulcombe Village Hall for your Wedding Ceremony if required					Ceremony in Chapel or Wagon Store
Time of Year	Months	Sunday to Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Additional Charge
Peak	May to September	£899.00	£1,199.00	£1,349.00	+ £500
Off Peak	October to April	£399.00	£499.00	£599.00	+ £300

## Fully Inclusive Catering Package Charges:

Time of Year	Months	Sunday to Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2019 - Peak	May to September	£91.00 per head	£99.00 per head	£99.00 per head
2019 - Off Peak	October to April	£81.00 per head	£89.00 per head	£89.00 per head
2020 - Peak	May to September	£91.00 per head	£99.00 per head	£99.00 per head
2020 - Off Peak	October to April	£81.00 per head	£89.00 per head	£89.00 per head

There is a minimum guest requirement of 60 daytime adult guests during the peak summer Saturday dates and 50 daytime adult guests for all other dates. If you don't have this minimum amount of guests to invite but still wish to have your wedding at Kent Life then this is fine but we will charge you the cost of the minimum guest numbers for the date in question.

We do on occasion offer last minute wedding / winter wedding deals and in certain circumstances we are also able to discuss a quotation for a smaller number of guests.

The maximum numbers are 100 for the wedding ceremony and wedding breakfast followed by an additional 100 for the evening party.

Prices are per adult inclusive of VAT at 20%.

We reserve the right to alter any prices during the lifetime of this brochure.

Please note that the Kent Registrars charge an additional amount for marrying you at our venue, which is totally separate to our charges.



## What is included in the Fully Inclusive Catering Package?

The Fully Inclusive Catering Package includes everything you will require for your guests who are invited to the whole wedding day, as follows:

- ♥ Waitress served hot and cold Canapés with reception drink after your wedding ceremony or upon arrival at the venue if married elsewhere.
- ♥ Four course sit down wedding breakfast or luxury BBQ - (see menu choices overleaf).
- ♥ Drinks package - (see details overleaf).
- ♥ Evening party menu (from the various choices overleaf). Please note any additional guests invited to the evening party that you wish to cater for will be charged at £15.00 per head.
- ♥ Services of an informal Toastmaster to facilitate your wedding.
- ♥ Provision of waiting staff under professional supervision.
- ♥ White table linen to include tablecloths and napkins (folded beautifully), white china, cutlery and glassware (vintage china available at extra cost).
- ♥ Fully staffed bar opening after your wedding ceremony has finished and staying open throughout your day until the end of the evening.

Children aged 0-4 years are totally free of charge (yet still catered for and need to be included in final numbers - high-chairs are available). Children aged 5-11 years are charged at 50% of the adult price. Children can have either a smaller portion of the adult menu choice or a 'child friendly' meal.

## Example Costing

Based on a Saturday wedding in Summer 2019 with 60 guests being invited during the day:

Venue Hire Fee: £1,349.00  
Wedding Package: £5,940.00  
(60 daytime guests @ £99.00 per person)  
Total cost: £7,289.00

Then add £15.00 per person for however many evening guests you wish to cater for.



# *Your wedding catering package choices*

At Vincents we know that nothing leaves a more lasting impression than excellent cuisine which is why we use only the freshest local ingredients to produce the very best food. As you and your guests soak up the ambience that the surrounding attraction provides, our Chefs will take pleasure in preparing your chosen menu. We are totally flexible and menus can be arranged to suit your particular requirements. The menus listed in this brochure are only suggestions and we are perfectly happy to discuss any other ideas you may have for your wedding day - for instance if you want something a little less formal why not swap the 4 course sit down wedding breakfast for a luxury BBQ or enjoy a traditional British afternoon tea followed by a hog roast or luxury BBQ in the evening.

We are happy to offer a choice of arrangements for your wedding day breakfast. The 'included' option is that you pick just one choice from each course from your chosen menu which we will prepare and serve to all your guests on your wedding day (taking into account any guests' dietary requirements). The second option (which is available at a supplement of £2.00 per head) is that you can offer two choices from each course to your guests and ask that they let you know which choice they would like so that you can come to the final wedding meeting with the guest numbers required for each option.

## *Four course wedding breakfast*

### First Course

(All served with either French bread or crusty bread roll)

Antipasti 'Sharing' Platter - cured meats with marinated olives, sun-dried tomatoes, torn mozzarella balls, cherry tomatoes and ciabatta (only available for the whole table)

Homemade Broccoli and Stilton soup (v)

Homemade Tomato and Basil Soup (v)

Deep fried Brie with orange blossom honey served with Rocket salad (v)

Smoked Salmon Parcel filled with prawns in a Marie Rose sauce served with a fennel and walnut salad (supp. £1.50 per head)

Kentish Field Mushrooms sautéed in garlic butter, fresh chilli and coriander then finished in a white wine cream sauce served with toasted ciabatta (v)

Prawn Medley - sweet Chilli King Prawn, classic 'Marie Rose' Prawns and Coconut Prawns served on a bed of mixed leaves

Chicken Liver Paté with ale and apple chutney served with a side salad and rustic bread

Smoked Chicken Caesar Salad with crispy sweet cured bacon

Tomato, Avocado and Mozzarella Salad dressed with torn fresh basil, balsamic vinegar and virgin olive oil (v)

Duck Bon-Bons served with a spring onion salad and plum sauce (supp. £1.00 per head).

### The Main Event

(All served with chef's vegetable selection and appropriate potato dish)

Mustard Glazed Sirloin of Beef served with Yorkshire pudding and horseradish sauce... British roast at it's best

Breast of Chicken stuffed with brie and caramelized red onion wrapped in bacon, served with a creamy champagne sauce

Rump of Lamb aged in fresh Kent Life garden herbs served with a Merlot wine and honey jus and caramelised kumquats (supp. £3.00 per head)

Maize fed Chicken roasted with woodland mushrooms served with a cream and brandy sauce

Roast Loin of Pork served with parsnip crisps and a Kentish cider sauce

Salmon Fillet with a parmesan and parsley crust

Trio of Butcher's Sausages served with grain mustard mash and spring onion gravy

Individual braised Steak and 'Canterbury Jack' Ale Pie with a golden puff pastry lid

Rolled Pork Fillet with cumberland stuffing, wrapped in streaky bacon and served with red wine and rosemary sauce.

Asparagus and Goats Cheese Tart (v)

Baked Burrito with spiced sweet potatoes and tomato sauce (v)

Wild Mushroom and Fresh Thyme Risotto (v)

## Desserts ... The Best Bit!!!

Bramley Apple and Cinnamon Pie served with vanilla cream

Lemon Posset with caramelised figs and shortbread

Harvest Apple & Forest Berry Crumble with honeycomb ice cream

Goosey Belgium chocolate pudding served with vanilla sauce or vanilla pod ice cream

Individual Eton Mess with Chantilly cream

Chocolate Fudge Cake with hot fudge sauce

Homemade crème brulee topped with strawberries

## To Finish

Freshly Brewed Filter Coffee or Tea served with chocolate mints

Or choose as an alternative:-

## *Luxury BBQ*

Chargrilled Minute Steak with caramelised onions

Chicken Satay Skewers with crunchy peanut sauce

Chargrilled Vegetable Kebabs

Selection of Butcher Sausages

Pure Beef Beefburgers

Grilled Salmon or Garlic Grilled King Prawns

Selection of Bread Rolls

Seasonal Leaf Salad

Rustic Coleslaw

Pasta and Field Mushrooms with coriander dressing

Beef Tomatoes and Mozzarella drizzled with Balsamic Vinegar

Local Minted New Potatoes or Bowls of Home-made Potato Salad

Bowls of Strawberries with warm chocolate dip or cream or

Chocolate Profiteroles or

County Cheese Board with fresh figs, crudite, chutney & biscuits

## *Drinks Package*

### Reception Drink

Select from a glass of the following to be waitress served with a selection of hot and cold canapés:

Rose Cava with a fresh strawberry

Bucks Fizz

Kir Royale

Summer Pimms

Prosecco (£1 per person supplement)

Mulled Wine (Winter)

Bottled Lager (for the men!)

### During your wedding breakfast

Half a bottle of good quality wine (red and white)

A bottle of Kentish apple juice and mineral water on every table.

### For toasting during speeches

A glass of sparkling Cava

(Prosecco/Champagne available as an upgrade)

## *Additional Options*

(available at a supplement)

### ♥ Pre-Ceremony Drinks

- available as your guests arrive

### ♥ Hot drinks station

- to be served in the evening  
freshly ground coffee, tea & hot chocolate

Ask your wedding co-ordinator for further details





## *Evening menu choices*

We offer a range of evening dining arrangements, all of which are included in the price for your daytime guests. Any additional evening guests that you wish to cater for will be charged at £15.00 per head.

### **Traditional Finger Buffet**

A selection of freshly prepared tortilla wraps with a variety of fillings

Honey glazed local mini sausages wrapped in streaky bacon

Sweet and sour battered chicken

Spicy buffalo wings with blue cheese dressing

Peking duck spring rolls with asian dips

Vegetarian quiche

Baked nachos covered with salsa, avocado, cheese and jalapenos

Locally sourced cheeses served with duo of grapes, celery, chutney and savoury biscuits

### **BBQ**

Classic 100% pure beefburger pattie served with fried onions

Kentish Korkers sausages

Marinated chicken drumstick

Vegetarian chargrilled kebabs

Selection of bread rolls

Seasonal leaf salad

Potato and chive salad

Classic coleslaw salad

Beef tomatoes and red onion salad

Local county cheeses served with grapes, celery and savoury biscuits

### **Hog Roast**

(Minimum 80 guests. Any less a small supplement will be charged).

Traditional 'hog' roast with crackling

Hot apple sauce

Seasonal salad

Choice of baps

### **Butties & Baps**

Bacon butties

Kentish Korkers sausages

Floured baps

Served with various mustards, fried onions and pickles

Locally sourced cheeses served with duo of grapes, celery, chutney and savoury biscuits

### **Cold Meat Platter**

Ham, Beef, Turkey

Paté

Locally sourced cheeses served with duo of grapes, celery and savoury biscuits

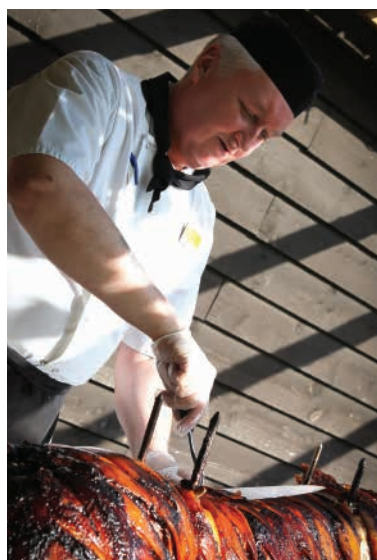
Mixed salad leaves

Coleslaw

Potato and chive salad

Assorted bread selection

Selection of chutney and pickles



# Frequently asked questions

**We are on a fixed budget but love Kent Life, is there anyway we can still get married at the venue?** The first thing to do if you have a fixed budget or below our minimum guest numbers is to tell us what it is so we can tell you exactly what we can offer to help you keep to your budget. We realise that its your wedding day so will try and do things your way as much as possible.

**Do I have to pay an additional charge to the KCC for them to perform our wedding ceremony at Kent Life?** Yes, the KCC has set fees to conduct the ceremony for you and will charge you directly for this. This fee is over and above the site hire that Kent Life charges. Remember that we will book your wedding ceremony with the KCC on your behalf.

**When do I let you know exactly what our requirements are for the day i.e. menu choice, final numbers etc?** This will happen at the final wedding meeting which takes place about 8 weeks or so before your wedding day.

**What food is served for the children as I assume they will have something different from the adult menu?** Children can either have a slightly smaller portion of the adult choice or if preferred a child friendly option can be offered i.e. garlic bread for starters, chicken goujons, potato wedges and baked beans for main and ice cream for dessert.

**Do you cater for special dietary requirements?** We are more than happy to cater for any dietary needs, however we must be told at the final wedding meeting what these are.

**Where is the food prepared?** All our food is prepared and cooked on site using fresh local produce as much as possible and ordered from local suppliers so we are able to trace back to the origin all of our food.

**Does the bar accept credit/debit cards?** Yes, although we prefer you to pay using cash a card reader is available to process credit/debit card payments.

**Can we put money behind the bar for our guests?** Yes. Our Bar Manager is used to running all kinds of different bar 'tabs' and this is absolutely fine.

**We'd like to provide our own entertainment for the evening, is this allowed?** Yes, however all entertainers must be insured (public liability

up to £10M) and they must have all their equipment PAT tested. There is no noise restrictor at the venue. We recommend you use our nominated DJ.

**Are our guests able to leave their cars in the Kent Life VIP car park overnight?** Yes this is acceptable but is done at their own risk. Please can you make your guests aware that the car park however will be closed and locked when your guests leave at the end of the night and won't be re-opened until around 8.30am the following morning.

**Are fireworks or Chinese sky lanterns allowed during our wedding day?** Unfortunately not due to the animals on site and our thatched roof barn.

**Is Confetti allowed to be thrown after our wedding ceremony?** Yes, this is acceptable as long as the confetti is biodegradable.

**How many people can fit around your round tables?** Our round tables are 5' in diameter and can seat 8/9 guests comfortably with 10 guests being the maximum.

**How many people can fit behind the long top table?** If you have your top table in front of the far brick wall then you can have a maximum of 10 people. If you have your top table in front of the windows then you can have a maximum of 12 people.

**When can I come in to decorate the venue for my wedding day?** If there isn't a wedding the day before yours then you can come in during that afternoon to decorate. We will have put the tables in place with the tablecloths on and will have started to lay up thus making it easy for you to put your decorations out. If there is a wedding the day before yours then set-up and decoration will have to be done from 9.15am that morning.

**Are Candles/Tealights allowed to be lit in the function rooms?** Yes, as long as they are in a suitable container.

**On our wedding day will we have to come in to Kent Life via Admissions?** No, your wedding guests will park their cars in the VIP car park and be directed up to the wedding area via a small side gate next to the Oast House. Special 'arty' blackboards are also put out welcoming your guests to the venue and pointing them in the right direction. The groom and bridal party along with any disabled/elderly guests can have vehicular access up to the wedding function rooms.

**Do we have to include ourselves in the final numbers for payment?** Yes - you will both need to be counted in with your final numbers.

## Booking procedure

### How to make a booking and what is required?

- ♥ Hopefully once you have seen our facilities, talked to our Wedding Co-ordinator and are happy that Kent Life is your choice of wedding venue, you need to check that your chosen date is available.
- ♥ If a date is pencilled in our diary as a provisional booking, it will be held for 14 days without needing a deposit. After 14 days the date will be automatically released and re-offered.
- ♥ When you are ready to confirm your provisional booking or required date we will need to have an email/letter from you confirming the date you wish to have your wedding reception, along with the time you prefer to have your ceremony (if you are planning on having your ceremony as well as your reception at Kent Life) together with contact details for both the bride and groom. Our Wedding Co-ordinator will then write to you confirming what has been discussed and giving a suggested itinerary for the big day. A copy of our terms and conditions will also be sent with this letter which we will need you to sign and return to ensure that you are happy to accept the terms and conditions of booking.
- ♥ Two separate non-refundable deposit payments will be requested, the first for £750 payable to Vincents Catering and the second for 50% of the agreed venue hire fee payable to the Kent Life management company Planning Solutions Ltd - by two separate invoices.

- ♥ Once your deposits and signed terms and conditions have been received, our Wedding Co-ordinator will book the wedding ceremony with the Maidstone Registrars (if applicable) who will contact you once they receive the booking paperwork from us.
- ♥ A further non refundable stage payment of £1,500 will be due no later than the 1st of January of the year that you are getting married and an invoice from Vincents Catering will be sent to you on the run up to this date for this amount.
- ♥ If your wedding is being held in the same year as you book the date with us then an initial deposit of £750 will be due upon booking (as above) followed by a second stage payment of £1,500 six calendar months before your wedding day.
- ♥ The balance will then be calculated and invoiced following the final wedding meeting with the Wedding Co-ordinator which will take place around two months before your wedding day when final numbers, menu choices and any extras required have to be confirmed. Payment of the final balance (minus the two deposits already paid) is then required no later than 6 weeks before the wedding. After this point no refunds can be given for any reduction in guest numbers. This should be read in conjunction with our full terms and conditions which will be sent upon booking. However, a copy is available upon request if required before booking.

### Other details you should be aware of:

- ♥ Please be aware that you are booking function rooms within a visitor attraction, which is open to the public during the day. Kent Life reserve the right to run events and alter other facilities within its grounds and make improvements to the venue and facilities as deemed appropriate when necessary.





*Simply Stunning*



## *What others have said about us...*

Thank you for everything you did to make our wedding day so perfect. We had a really fantastic and memorable day. The venue, food, everything was amazing. We especially liked the little touches we hadn't known about in advance such as the blackboard congratulations notice and the tractor rides for the guests! So many of our guests commented on what a beautiful venue it was. You really took a lot of the stress out of the planning for us so we could just relax and enjoy ourselves. Thank you again for giving us a day we will never forget!

*Jane and Roger*

It's been a month now since our big day and during this time when we have spoken to family and friends we have been delighted that they have all commented on how much they enjoyed our wedding. We wanted to write to express our deepest gratitude for making our big day better than we could possibly have hoped. From our first meeting you and your team you provided a very friendly, personal and professional service which enabled us to combine the setting and facilities of Kent Life with the personal touches we wanted to bring to our wedding. Your experience guided us through what you thought would work and offered suggestions where required without ever imposing any elements. Having considered other venues it was this flexibility which made Kent Life the perfect choice. Once again thanks to you and your team for your perfect assistance before, during and after our wedding.

*Mark and Abbey*

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and your team for the most amazing day. You made our dream a reality and I am forever grateful for your hard work and effort to make that happen. Don and I could not have wished for anything more. The staff were incredible, the food was excellent and the venue looked amazing. The support that we were given before, during and after the wedding was fantastic and it is all down to you and your team. Our guests had a wonderful time and everyone complimented the venue, the food, in fact everything. Thank you once again. The team are amazing and I will recommend you and Kent Life to anyone looking for a perfect wedding venue.

*Jane and Don*

Thank you so much for all your guidance in helping to plan our wedding last month. When the day arrived your friendly and professional experience meant everything went like clockwork, leaving the bridal party, groom and guests totally at ease and able to enjoy the whole day. The canapés in the afternoon and wedding breakfast in the evening have received so many compliments which I have been asked to pass on to you. It was all delicious and beautifully presented. 10 out of 10! A big thank you also to your very friendly and dedicated staff who worked so diligently behind the scenes. Nothing was too much trouble for them. The unique Kent Life venue plus the team and wedding planning made for the perfect combination for ourselves and our guests. I quote from them "it was one of the best weddings we have ever attended, with so much to see on site and such interesting places for the ceremony and reception, plus exceptional food". What more could we add, only to say we can't thank you enough for making our day so special.

*Angela and Chris*

Where do we start?! Thank you all so very much for all your hard work, support and advice and countless meetings on the build up to our wedding. The venue was amazing but somewhat sells itself, however it was down to you that we ended up choosing it. We are sure our day wouldn't have gone so smoothly without you, especially as we had a few strange requests! All of our family and friends had a wonderful time, again helped by such attention to detail and organisation from the team. As for the food.. WOW! The food was great. Chef did a fantastic job catering for 5 guests with a range of allergies and requirements. We wish we could do it all again!!

*Helen and Leigh*

I had narrowed down my search for a venue which would fit my theme of 'A Kentish Wedding' to three venues, but having seen Kent Life and met the lovely team I knew my search was over!

Throughout the planning process the thing which impressed me was 'yes we can do that' and the number of little extras which were thrown in, such as delivering your guests from the entrance to the ceremony room by tractor, made the day. We only had 50 guests, but four of them have told me it's the best wedding venue they've ever been to.

If you are looking for a unique venue with a rural/country bumpkin theme with a team of people who will bend over backwards to make your day, look no further.

*Mr. & Mrs. Laird*

We would like to say thank you for all the hard work you put into making our wedding the beautiful day it was. The planning, food, timings and staff were all perfect. We couldn't fault a single thing. You were certainly made to do this job! We are just sad it's all over, we want to do it again already. Don't be surprised if you see us in a few years renewing our vows!

*Dave and Lauren*

We were looking for something different for our wedding - and this was perfect! We loved it as soon as we saw it online, and it was even better in the flesh. It is full of character, and if you want a vintage style wedding, there can barely be a better venue in the world. The team were incredibly supportive right from the start, nothing was a problem, everything was easy and there were no hidden charges anywhere. We loved the flexibility of being able to decorate every part of the venue exactly as we wanted. We got married in the chapel, which was simply perfect, just a beautiful and characterful place. It really felt like we had stepped back in time, it was magical. The food in the Wagon Store was gorgeous, and the hops in there made the room look beautiful. Finally the village hall was amazing, we decorated it with lamps and bunting, and had more than enough room for the band to set up. We had lots of young children at the wedding, and they all had the most fun they have ever had!

Overall, this wedding venue is absolutely brilliant, and I would recommend it to anyone who is looking for something with a bit of character. The chapel, the barn and the hall are really three venues in one - just brilliant. I would give it 10 stars if trip advisor allowed that!

*Steve and Jemma*



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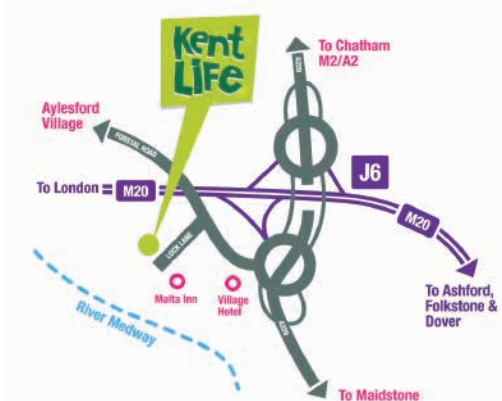
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