



BE UNIQUE



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THE PERFECT SETTING

NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER

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.

Kent Life is home to gardens, orchards and unique period buildings (furnished in keeping with the period in which they were built). These include 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.

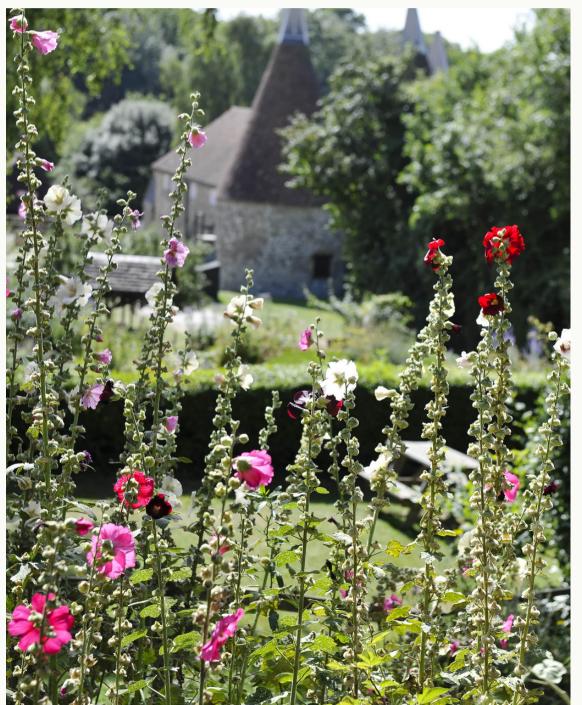
Kent Life is rich in tradition, where you can discover the vibrant history of the people who lived and worked in the Garden of England over the past 150 years. Kent Life is now one of only a few remaining places in Britain where hops are grown, harvested, dried and packed by hand in the magnificent double oast house.

A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT TO ANYWHERE ELSE

As well as being a wedding venue, 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, goats with their kids.

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.









My Husband and I were absolutely delighted by the service provided by Vincent's catering at our recent wedding, held at Kent Life. From the outset at the initial meeting, throughout preparations and on our special day Tracy and the team never failed to impress us. They were caring and thoughtful in their planning and understanding for dietary requirements. The food and service on the day were outstanding bringing many complementary comments from guests.

DAVID & LISA

A UNIQUE PLACE

FOR YOUR WEDDING

With our beautiful Kentish setting unique to anywhere else, you can create the perfect wedding day. Only one wedding takes place per day and there are 2 -3 function rooms available, no matter what the weather, we have the perfect venue. You also have exclusive use of Kent Life grounds after 5pm in Summer and 3pm in Winter.

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, you also have exclusive use of our own Tug of War rope and giant Lawn games - all great fun!

All couples have full access to the site grounds on their day making great photo opportunities, we can even arrange for the animals to join you!

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!





A DAY TO REMEMBER

HERE AT KENT LIFE

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 the 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 of the formalities.



ULCOMBE

VILLAGE HALL

Your wedding ceremony can be held in Ulcombe
Village Hall, an authentic wartime 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' and has a music system. 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.





THE OLD PINK

WEDDING CHAPEL

For an extra charge, you can have your wedding ceremony in our 19th century Old Pink Wedding Chapel. It has now been deconsecrated and licensed for civil ceremonies and can accommodate up to 70 guests on pew style seating. You are welcome to decorate the Chapel and there is a music system.

Our wedding team will book your wedding ceremony on your behalf. A pack containing everything you need to know for the ceremony will be sent by the Maidstone Registry Office. Please note, 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.







Chris and I would just like to say a huge thank you for our amazing wedding day on Monday! The day went by so smoothly, and you and the team were so helpful and organised that it made things so stress-free.

The food was amazing and we have had so many people tell us how wonderfully filling the wedding breakfast was and how delicious the hog roast was. We both had a wonderful day and are so grateful for everything you did in the run up to and on the day itself. Thank you so much again.

RACHEL & CHRIS

THE WAGON STORE

AT KENT LIFE

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. This whole area is enclosed by a laurel hedgerow and rustic gate to give you that 'exclusive' feel during the day.

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. The room is a 'blank canvas' which you are free to decorate as you wish. There is also a sound system available to play your own music for the wedding breakfast and a wireless microphone for your speeches.





A PERFECT PARTY

During the evening you have use of both function rooms - Ulcombe Village Hall and the Wagon Store (maximum occupancy using both rooms of 200 guests). Your evening entertainment is free to set up in the Village Hall whilst you are enjoying your wedding breakfast. There is a fully stocked licensed bar in the Village Hall serving a good range of alcohol.

Your evening buffet is then laid out for you and guests to enjoy. If you are having the BBQ or Hog Roast option, our Chefs will be cooking outside and serving the food either outside or inside. 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. With the Wagon Store close by they are able to easily chat while our waitresses can serve (for an extra charge) from an evening hot drinks station.





THAT EXTRA SPECIAL TOUCH

TRACTOR & TRAILER ARRIVAL

We can offer the use of Kent Life's tractor and trailer or quirky 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 & ICE CREAM MACHINE

Why not consider hiring our new whippy ice cream machine which comes with all the cones, sauces, sprinkles and flakes you need, or our old fashioned sweetie bicycle along with different sweets, sweetie jars, tongs, scoops and striped sweetie bags. This is suitable for up to 100 guests and there are 18 different varieties of old fashioned and retro sweets. On top of this, you can take home any bags that are left at the end of the night.

FAVOURS

We can offer personalised 'pink chapel' wedding favours, please ask for more details.

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.

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. Prices start at £160 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.

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. Please ask for more details.





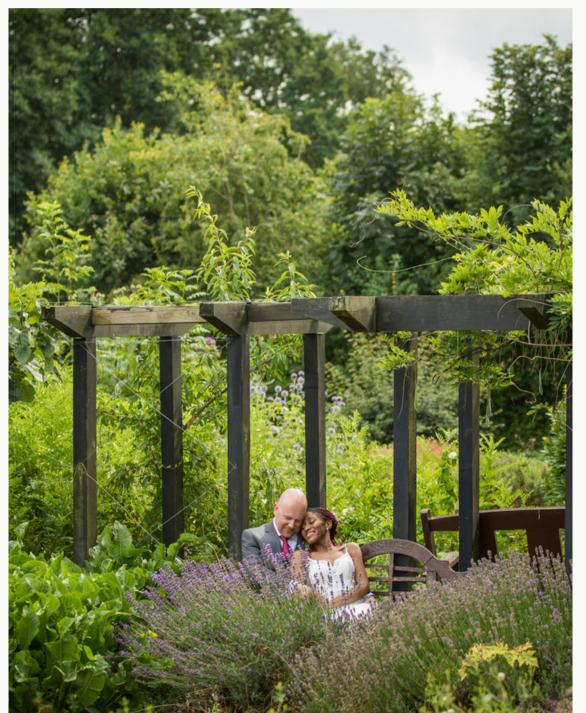
VENUE HIRE CHARGES

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 o	Ceremony in: Pink Chapel				
Time of Year	Months	Sunday to Thursday	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday	Additional Charge
Peak	May to September	£899.00	£1,199.00	£1,399.00	+ £500
Off Peak	November to March	£399.00	£499.00	£599.00	+£300
	October and April	£499.00	£599.00	£699.00	+£400









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 to anyone looking for a perfect wedding venue.

JANE & DON





INCLUSIVE CATERING PACKAGES

Time of Year	Months	Sunday to Thursday	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday
2021/22 - Peak	May to September	£93.00 per head	£101.00 per head	£101.00 per head
2021/22 - Off Peak	November to March	£83.00 per head	£91.00 per head	£91.00 per head
	April & October	£88.00 per head	£96.00 per head	£96.00 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 the current rate. 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.

WHATS INCLUDED?

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).
- Drinks package (see details).
- Evening party menu (from the various choices). 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.

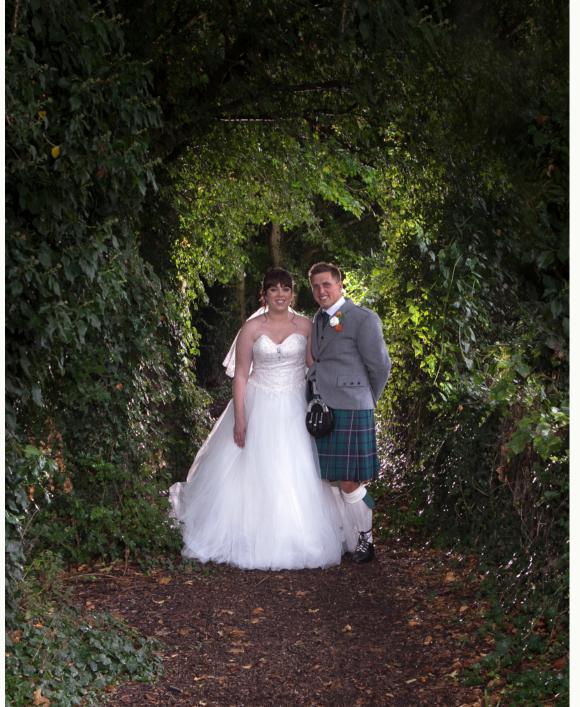
Example Costing

Based on a Saturday wedding in Summer 2021 with 60 guests being invited during the day:

Venue Hire Fee: £1,399.00 Wedding Package: £6,030.00 (60 daytime guests @ £100.50 per person) Total cost: £7,429.00

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











PACKAGE CHOICES

We only use the freshest local ingredients to produce the best food. We are totally flexible and menus can be arranged to suit 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.

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 Caeser 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 & 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 Burito with spiced sweet potatoes and tomato sauce
 (v)
- Wild Mushroom and Fresh Thyme Risotto (v)

PACKAGE CHOICES

FOUR COURSE WEDDING BREAKFAST CONT.

Dessert

- Bramley Apple and Cinnamon Pie served with vanilla cream
- · Lemon Posset with caramelised figs and shortbread
- Harvest Apple & Berry Crumble with honeycomb ice cream
- Gooey 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.

Luxury BBQ

- Chargrilled Minute Steak with caramelised onions
- Chicken Satay Skewers with crunchy peanut sauce
- Chargrilled Vegetable Kebabs
- Selection of Butcher Sausages
- Pure Beef burgers
- 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 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 Packages

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

Reception Drink

- Rose Cava with a fresh strawberry
- Bucks Fizz
- Kir Royale
- Summer Pimms
- Prosecco (£1 per person supplement)
- Mulled Wine (Winter)
- Bottled Lager

During Your Wedding Breakfast

- Half a bottle of good quality wine (red and white)
- $\bullet\,$ 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*

- Pre-Ceremony Drinks available as guests arrive
- Hot Drinks Station to be served in the evening, freshly ground coffee, tea & hot chocolate
- Summer Pimms
- *All available at a supplement, please ask your wedding co-ordinator for more details.

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.











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 beef burger patty 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

• Traditional Hog Roast with Crackling

Minimum 80 guests. Any less a small supplement will

be charged).

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

TWILIGHT WEDDINGS

For those looking for a slightly less formal wedding or are on a tight budget, a Twilight weddings (a later in the day wedding followed by an evening party) is a great alternative. Suggested timings for our Twilight Weddings:

- 4.30 Ceremony in the Pink Chapel or Village Hall
- 5.00 Canapes and Reception drink, followed by time to mingle.
- 7.00 Evening guests to arrive
- 7.30 Evening Food to be served
- 11.30 Bar and Music to stop
- Midnight Site to be cleared

An extension to 12.30am (everyone off site by 1am) can be granted for an additional £200 and I will ask whether you wish to take advantage of this at our final wedding meeting. The Wagon Store or Pink Chapel can also be added for the ceremony for an additional £500 in peak times, £300 off peak and £ 400 in April and October, site hire prices are as follows:

Time of Year	Months	Sunday to Thursday	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday
2021/22 - Peak	May to September	£899	Not Available	Not Available
2021/22 - Off Peak	November to March	£399	£499	£599
	April & October	£499	Not Available	Not Available

The All Inclusive Catering package includes the following:

- · Waitress served hot and cold Canapes with reception drink after your wedding ceremony.
- Evening party menu (choice of BBQ, Hog Roast, Buffet)
- Services of an informal Toastmaster to facilitate your wedding.
- White linen, white china, cutlery, and glassware
- Fully Staffed bar opening after your wedding ceremony has finished and staying open.

Adults - £39.95 per head

Children (Aged 5 - 11) - £19.98 per head

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GET IN TOUCH

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