



KENT LIFE
— *Weddings* —



A unique venue, nestled in the Kent countryside



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, goats with their kids.

For your younger guests - as well as 'Cuddle Corner' there is also an outdoor adventure play area - 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.



A hidden gem, a
totally unique venue,
delightfully set in 28
acres of beautiful rural
surroundings



Everything you need,
all in one place



A romantic wedding scene set in a lush garden. A bride in a white lace dress and a groom in a grey suit with a red tie are embracing. They are surrounded by tall lavender plants in the foreground and a dark wooden fence in the background. A decorative white circular frame with intricate scrollwork contains text on the left side of the image.

The perfect setting
for a romantic Kent
wedding with a
difference



A dedicated team for your perfect day



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 so Tracy and her team 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.



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.
- ♥ Two choices of room for your actual wedding ceremony - Ulcombe Village Hall or the Old Pink Wedding Chapel both 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!



Ulcombe Village Hall



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.





The Old Pink Wedding Chapel



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 de-consecrated and licensed for civil ceremonies and can accommodate up to 70 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.



Our 19th Century
Old Pink Wedding Chapel
can accommodate up to
70 guests





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.

Steve and Jemma

The Wagon Store

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 fairylit 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.

The Wagon Store 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 has perfect views of the pretty Kent Life Grounds





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 background music for the wedding breakfast and a wireless microphone for your speeches.





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.

Mark and Abbey

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 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.



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. For that fantastic 'wow' factor why not add a top table "swag" to match your chair covers.



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.

Table Plan

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



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.



"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 completely unique



To make your day totally unique and certainly unlike anywhere else, we can offer, at certain times, organised entertainment such as lamb feeding, meet & greet with one of our farmyard friends, use of our own Tug of War rope and giant wooden games – all great fun! And that's not all – there is also a fun outside adventure playground for the children to make use of. So much choice!!!



Sweetie cart



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!

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 various old fashioned glass sweetie jars, metal scoops, tongs and candy striped sweetie bags



All of your favourite old fashioned/retro sweets supplied



Contact our Wedding Co-ordinators
Tracy Locke 07504219531 or Emma Phillips 07305201836
kentlifeweddingenquiries@btconnect.com

A wedding couple is shown in a lush garden. The groom, on the left, is wearing a dark green suit and is embracing the bride. The bride, on the right, is wearing a white lace wedding dress and holding a bouquet of flowers. They are standing on a gravel path. The garden is filled with various plants, including tall green shrubs, yellow flowers, and orange flowers in the foreground. In the background, there is a wooden pergola structure. The overall scene is romantic and picturesque.

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

Mr & Mrs Laird



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.

Site hire (2023-24)

Time of Year	Months	Sun – Thurs	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday	Chapel for Ceremony
Peak	May to September	£949	£1,249	£1,449	+ £500
	April & October	£599	£699	£799	+ £400
Off Peak	November to March (excluding December)	£449	£549	£649	+ £300

All inclusive package (2023)

Time of Year	Months	Sun – Thurs	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday
Peak 2023	May to September	£94.00 per head	£102.00 per head	£102.00 per head
2023	April & October	£89.00 per head	£97.00 per head	£97.00 per head
Off Peak 2023	November to March (excluding December)	£84.00 per head	£92.00 per head	£92.00 per head

All inclusive package (2024)

Time of Year	Months	Sun – Thurs	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday
Peak 2024	May to September	£97.00 per head	£105.00 per head	£105.00 per head
2024	April & October	£92.00 per head	£100.00 per head	£100.00 per head
Off Peak 2024	November to March (excluding December)	£87.00 per head	£95.00 per head	£95.00 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.

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

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.

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's 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).
- ♥ 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.

Please note any additional guests invited to the evening party that you wish to cater for will be charged at £16.00 per head in 2023 & 2024.



Example costing

Based on a Saturday wedding in Summer 2023 with 60 guests during the day:

Venue Hire Fee:	£1,449.00
Wedding Package:	£6,120.00
(60 daytime guests @ £102.00 per person)	
Total cost:	£7,569.00

Then add £16.00 per person for however many evening guests you wish to cater for.



Twilight package



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.

3.45pm	Guests to arrive at Kent Life
4.30pm	Ceremony to take place in either Chapel or Village Hall
5.00pm	Drinks reception and canapés (Evening guests can arrive at this point also)
	Photographs to be taken
	Bar to be opened
7.00pm	Evening guests to arrive
7.30pm	BBQ, Buffet or Hog roast to be served
11.30pm	Music to stop
	Bar to close
Midnight	Site to be cleared



Twilight wedding venue hire prices 2023

Adults	Children aged 5-11	Children aged 0-4
£39.95 per head	£20.00 per head	Free of charge

Time of Year	Months	Sun – Thurs	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday	Chapel for Ceremony
Peak 2022-23	May to September	£899	Not available	Not available	+ £500
	April & October	£499	Not available	Not available	+ £400
Off Peak 2022-23	November to March (excluding December)	£399	£499	£599	+ £300
	November to March (excluding December)	£449	£549	£649	+ £300

Twilight wedding venue hire prices 2024

Adults	Children aged 5-11	Children aged 0-4
£42.00 per head	£21.00 per head	Free of charge

Time of Year	Months	Sun – Thurs	Friday & Bank Holidays	Saturday	Chapel for Ceremony
Peak 2024	May to September	£949	Not available	Not available	+ £500
	April & October	£599	Not available	Not available	+ £400
Off Peak 2024	November to March (excluding December)	£449	£549	£649	+ £300
	November to March (excluding December)	£449	£549	£649	+ £300

Twilight catering package

♥ 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.

There is a minimum guest requirement of 60 adults.

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 an additional 100 for the evening party.



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 BBQ or traditional buffet 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.



The canapés in the afternoon and wedding breakfast in the evening have received so many compliments. It was all delicious and beautifully presented.

Angela & Chris



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)

Prosciutto Ham wrapped melon

with a raspberry coulis (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 Ceaser Salad

with crispy sweet cured bacon

Tomato, Avocado and Mozzarella Salad

dressed with torn fresh basil, balsamic vinegar and virgin olive oil (v)

Pulled Pork 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 Belly of Pork

served with apple and sage mash 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)

Mediterranean Vegetable and Chickpea Tagine (v)

Desserts... The Best Bit!!!

Individual Sticky Toffee Pudding served with vanilla cream

Lemon Posset with caramelised figs and shortbread

Harvest Apple & Forest Berry Crumble with honeycomb ice cream

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

Individual Eton Mess with Chantilly cream

Chocolate Fudge Cake with vanilla pod ice cream

Homemade crème brulee topped with strawberries

To Finish

Freshly Brewed Filter Coffee or Tea served with chocolate mints



Luxury BBQ

Luxury BBQ, only available during peak season.

Chargrilled Minute Steak with caramelised onions
Chicken Satay Skewers with crunchy peanut sauce

Chargrilled Vegetable Kebabs
Selection of Butcher Sausages

Pure Beef Beef burgers
Grilled Salmon or Garlic Grilled King Prawns

Selection of Bread Rolls
Seasonal Leaf Salad

Rustic Coleslaw
Pesto Pasta with baby spinach

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 Prosecco with a fresh strawberry

Bucks Fizz

Kir Royale

Summer Pimms

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 Prosecco
(Champagne available as an upgrade)

Evening menu choices

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

Mixed salad

Potato and chive salad

Classic coleslaw 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

FAQs



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 nuggets, chips 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.

FAQs continued



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 foot in diameter and can seat 8/9 guests comfortably with 9 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 9 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 9am that morning.

Are Candles/Tealights allowed to be lit in the function rooms?

Yes, as long as they are in a suitable container. Naked flames cannot be put on the floor in the Village Hall or Wagon Store.

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



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



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Local Hotels:

The Village Hotel is a 4 star hotel within a 5 minute walk from Kent Life. The hotel has 122 well furnished rooms and a health and fitness centre and pool for guests www.village-hotels.co.uk

The Premier Inn is a 3 star hotel within a 2 minute walk from Kent Life and is attached to a Beefeater restaurant serving freshly cooked chargrilled food - www.premierinn.com

