

2023 - 2025



WEDDING BROCHURE



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WELCOME
TO THE
The Secret Garden



The Secret Garden is a captivating, elegant venue perfect to hold your wedding ceremony and reception. Inside and out, the Secret Garden is one of Kent's most romantic settings. We are situated on the beautiful Mersham Le Hatch Estate, offering a peaceful rural location. Within this brochure you will find information regarding venue hire, package prices and sample menus as we specialise in all-inclusive packages to take some of the planning stress off your shoulders. However, if you feel that our packages are not for you please contact us directly and we are always happy design a bespoke package that is right for your wedding.

THE Coach House



The main Coach House was lovingly restored in 2006, to become our gorgeous main area for your exclusive hire wedding.

A warm, romantic setting that can seat up to 90 guests for a fully served 3-course meal with an additional 40 guests in the evening. The main Coach House was once home to the estates horses and carriages, and once you enter our cobbled courtyard the reason for our name will become apparent. We have large double doors that open onto the south facing undercover terrace that overlooks our beautiful Walled Victorian Gardens.



YOUR *Ceremony* *The Gazebo*



The Gazebo is situated in the heart of the Walled Gardens, seating up to 90 guests - the perfect fully licensed outdoor setting for you to say 'I do'.

The cost for having your ceremony here is included in our package price, this includes admin, chairs, staff, props, music system and choice of ceremony in the Gazebo, the Glass House, or the Chapel. This fee does not include the KCC Ceremony fees, this is payable directly to KCC by yourselves once we have booked the ceremony.



YOUR *Ceremony* *The Chapel*



The Chapel is located within the Cobbled Courtyard - our beautiful, romantic barn-feel indoor ceremony area, just in case of rainy days or if you're dreaming of a cosy winter wedding. The Chapel is fully licensed and seats up to 90.

The Glasshouse



Seating up to 50 guests, our restored Victorian Glasshouse is the perfect indoor-outdoor feel for a magical intimate ceremony.

Recommended Timings

To give you an idea of how your special day would run, please see below a timetable for 1pm ceremony. We recommend between 12pm-3pm is ideal to get the most of your day.

If you were interested in a later ceremony, please ask to take a look at our Twilight Wedding Brochure.

Please note on Monday - Wednesdays our last orders are called at 10.30pm with our bar closing at 11pm.

- 12pm Groom/Partner 1 arrives
- 12.30pm Guests arrive
- 12.45pm Bride/Partner 2 arrives
- 1pm Ceremony
- 1.30pm Reception Drinks, Photographs & Garden Games on the Southern Terrace
- 2.30pm Wedding Breakfast in the Coach House
- 4.30pm Speeches
- 5pm Tea and Coffee In the Gardens or Chapel
- 5pm Evening Entertainment Arrives for Turnaround
- 6pm Evening Guests Arrive and Evening Reception Starts
- 7pm Cut the Cake and 1st Dance
- 8pm Evening Food served
- 11.15pm Last Orders
- 11.30pm Stop Serving, Music stops
- 11.30pm Carriages for all Guests



YOUR SPECIAL DAY

All Inclusive

Venue Hire, Furniture & Staffing Inclusions

- Exclusive Use of the Coach House, Chapel, our two Terraces [Courtyard + Southern], the Glasshouse, and the Walled Gardens
- An Experienced Wedding Coordinator to provide complete Wedding Knowledge & Guidance during planning & On The Day Coordination
- Ceremony Administration & Booking [not included are KCC's ceremony fees]
- Furniture Set Up for Ceremony Area, Wedding Breakfast & Evening Reception
- Choice of 2 Styles of Trestle Tables & Ivory Chiavari Chairs
- Cream Linen Tablecloths & Napkins
- All Crockery, Cutlery & Glasses
- Duty Manager Onsite throughout the entirety of your Wedding Day
- Free Overnight Car Parking for Guests
- Music Systems for Ceremony, Wedding Breakfast & Beyond
- Rustic Props - Fruit Crates, Chintzy China, Wooden Easels
- Cake Cutting including Cake Stand & Knife
- Fully Licensed & Well Stocked Bar Including Experienced Bar Staff from Pre-Ceremony until Bar Close
- Secure Drop-off & Pick-up Area for your Decorations & other Items



YOUR SPECIAL DAY

All Inclusive

Food & Drink Inclusions

As part of your package price, along with the venue hire/furniture/staffing inclusions [previous page] we include the below:

Post-Ceremony Reception Drink - Two per Person (1 Alcoholic Choice & 1 Non-Alcoholic)

Choices of Peach or Royal Bellini, Prosecco, Gin Cocktails, Pimm's, Beer or Local Ales etc. - up to 2 options can be chosen to be served as a 50/50 split

Two or Three Course Wedding Breakfast

All of our menus are freshly prepared onsite by our talented brigade of Chefs using only local produce. We prepare interesting & varied menus for each year for you to choose your bespoke set menu for guests from. (Choice of 3 Course A la Carte or Afternoon Tea, or 2 Course Kentish BBQ or Feasting Menu)

Half a Bottle of Wine During the Meal

House Selection of White/Red/Rose on each Table

Celebratory Drink for Toasts

A Glass of House Prosecco Per Person

Tea & Coffee

Served on our Rustic Drinks Cart, choice of filter Coffee, English Breakfast or other Herbal Tea's

Evening Food

Choice of Handheld BBQ Buffet, Posh Hot Sandwiches, Woodfired Pizzas, Farmhouse Cheese Table, Bowl Food, Fish & Chips or Tacos

ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

pricing

| 2024 | April | May & June | July, August & Sept | October | Guest No's Included |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Mon - Wed | £5,877.00 | £6,869.00 | £6,869.00 | £6,869.00 | 30 |
| Thurs & Sunday | £8,019.00 | £8,350.00 | £8,735.00 | £8,350.00 | 40 |
| Friday | £10,540.00 | £10,761.00 | £11,532.00 | £10,761.00 | 60 |
| Saturday | £10,981.00 | £12,084.00 | £12,635.00 | £11,753.00 | 60 |

| 2025 | April | May & June | July, August & Sept | October | Guest No's Included |
|----------------|------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Mon - Wed | £6,255.00 | £7,296.00 | £7,296.00 | £7,296.00 | 30 |
| Thurs & Sunday | £8,532.00 | £8,879.00 | £9,284.00 | £8,879.00 | 40 |
| Friday | £11,235.00 | £11,466.00 | £12,277.00 | £11,467.00 | 60 |
| Saturday | £11,698.00 | £12,855.00 | £13,435.00 | £12,508.00 | 60 |

PACKAGE
Pricing

additional Information

Our packages already include our minimum guest count requirements for each date [shown as 'Guest No's Included']. Additional guests can then be added to this up to 90 (day) and 130 (evening) as below.

Additional Adult Day Guests

£95.00 (2024) | £100.00 (2025)

Additional Child Day Guests

£47.50 (2024) | £50.00 (2025)

Children Under 2 - Free of Charge

Additional Evening Only Guests

£14.50 (2024) | £15.50 (2025)

We have other special promotions on for last minute bookings or specific dates, please enquire with the Events Team for details.

We do also offer winter packages for November - March. Please ask to see our specific Winter Brochure for more information on the package, timings & pricing.



THE SECRET GARDEN

Menus

Below are some sample menus from our 2024 Wedding Menu's, to provide a small insight into our offerings. Our venue is special in that we provide in-house catering - our very own talented team of chefs create and prepare our menus; no outsourcing to an external catering company. All of our menus are prepared from scratch, using only locally sourced ingredients and products - we love supporting other small businesses. This does, however, mean that our menus are seasonal and are subject to small changes.

Secret Garden Canapés & Walking Starters

Fish

Mini Hot Smoked Salmon & Smashed Avocado on toast

Prawn Cocktail Tartlets

Fish & Chips Cones, Tartar Sauce

Sesame Prawn Toast, Sweet Chilli Sauce

Meat

Mac & Cheese Bites, Baconnaise

Korean BBQ Beef Brisket Spring Roll

Baby Roasted Potatoes, Cheese, Pancetta, Cream

Crispy panko Chicken skewers, Katsu Sauce

Moroccan Lamb Meat Balls, Harissa Yoghurt

Roast Chicken Caesar Tartlets

Steak & Chip Cones, béarnaise sauce

Secret Garden's classic Warm Sausage Roll

Hoisin Duck Sushi Roll, cucumber & Spring Onion

Vegetarian

Mac & Cheese Bites(V)

Smoked Cheddar Scones, Cream Cheese & Chives(V)

Cucumber Sushi Rolls, Sriracha mayo (V/VG)

Sweet Potato & Caramelized Onion Roll(V/VG)

Mini Smashed Avocado on toast, Chilli Jam (V/VG)



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A la Carte Menu

To Start

Charred tandoori chicken skewer, kachumber salad, toasted naan, mango yoghurt dressing
N'Duja & Buffalo Mozzarella Arancini, Roasted Tomato Puree, Fresh Basil
Sweet & Sour pork belly, pak choi, charred pineapple, crackling
Hot smoked salmon scotch egg, hollandaise sauce
Pork terrine, Cider & thyme jelly, celeriac remoulade
Confit duck bao bun, asian slaw, crispy shallots
Goats cheese croquettes, rocket, beetroot, candied pecans, caramelised onion chutney
Thai fish cakes, fennel slaw, mango & dill dressing
Spiced crab & avocado spring roll, siracha mayonaise, frisse salad
Seasonal Vegetable Soup, Fresh bread rolls

Or alternatively, for all;

Mixed meze boards: Chicken Souvlaki, Mini Lamb Koftas, Grilled Halloumi, Falafel,
Kalamata Olives, Feta & Spinach Filo Straws, Hummus, Tzatziki and flatbreads

Vegan & Vegetarian

Fresh Summer Rolls, Filled with chopped vegetables, herbs & glass noodles, mango, chilli,
& yuzu sauce (V/VG/GF)
Plant Based cheese croquettes, rocket, beetroot, candied pecans, caramelised onion
chutney (V/VG/GF)
Tempura Vegetables, Soy dipping sauce (V/VG)
Vegan Beef brisket Bao Buns, Sriracha Mayo (V/VG)



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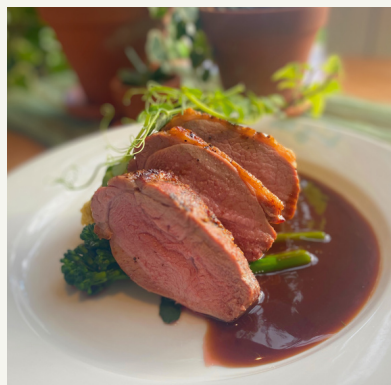
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The Main Event

Roast Sirloin Beef, Roasted Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding (Supplement £4.00pp)
Lamb Rump, Roasted Garlic & Pesto mashed potato, red wine Jus (Supplement £5.00pp)(GF)
Confit duck leg, Orange Thyme Fondant Potato & Port Jus (Supplement £3.00pp) (GF)
Pork Cutlet, Bubble & squeak cake, caramelised Onion Puree, Jus (GF)
Smoked Pancetta & Cream Cheese Stuffed Chicken Supreme, Potato Gratin, Cider & mustard Sauce (GF)
Salmon with Basil & Parmesan Crust, Saffron Fondant, White Wine Velouté (GF)
Cumberland Sausage Ring, Champ Mash, Crispy Onions, Pea Puree, Ale Gravy (GF)
Slow Cooked Beef Feather Blade, Creamed Potatoes, peppercorn Sauce, Vine Tomatoes, Shallot Puree (GF)
Wild Garlic & Herb Butter Chicken Kiev, Creamed Leeks, Crushed New Potatoes(GF)
Pesto Roasted Cod Fillet, New potatoes, Basil Oil, Vine Tomatoes(GF)
Sweet Potato & Red Onion cream Cheese Parcel, Seasonal Green Vegetables, Madera Sauce
Seabass, minted pea risotto, crispy kale(GF)
Katsu cod, Sticky Rice, Spring Onion & Carrot(GF)

Vegan & Vegetarian

Roasted butternut Squash & Feta Open Lasagne, Wilted Spinach, Saffron Cream (V/VG/GF)
Sticky Asian Tofu, Rice, Lime, Spring Onion (V/VG/GF)
Wild Mushroom Gnocchi, Rocket, Tallegio (V/VG/GF)
Sweet Potato & Red Onion cream Cheese Parcel, Roasted baby Potatoes, Madera Sauce (V/VG)



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Desserts

Classic Sherry & Raspberry Trifle(GF)
Lemon Curd Crème Brule, Shortbread, Stem Ginger Ice Cream(GF)
Pink Prosecco Marinated Strawberry Eton Mess, Ginger Snap(GF)
Bailey's Tiramisu, Amaretto Biscuit
Salted Caramel & Chocolate Tart, Toffee Popcorn, Chantilly Cream
Lemon Treacle Tart, Lime Mascapone
Apple Tarte Tatin, Honeycomb Ice Cream (GF)
Passionfruit Meringue Cheesecake, Raspberry Sorbet(GF)
Triple Chocolate brownie, Salted Caramel Ice Cream(GF)
Biscoff Cheesecake, rum caramel, honey comb ice cream
Sticky Toffee Pudding, butter scotch Sauce, clotted cream(GF)
Rhubarb & Apple Crumble, Vanilla Custard(GF)
Artisan Cheese Board (Supplement £2.50pp)

Vegan

Roasted Pineapple, Coconut Ice Cream, Rum Caramel (V/VG/GF)
Hot Apple Pie, Vanilla Ice Cream (V/VG)
Chocolate Brownie, Salted Caramel Ice Cream (V/VG/GF)
Cinnamon Sugar Doughnut (V/VG)



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Evening Food Options

Posh Hot Sandwiches

Wrapped in Deli Paper & Served Directly to Each Guest

Fish Finger Goujons served in Brioche Buns

Sausage with Caramelized Onions served in French Sticks

Halloumi and Roasted Pepper served in Sesame Rolls (V)

Veggie Burger, Sriracha Vegan Mayo & Sautéed Onions (V) (Vg)

BBQ Pulled Pork & Beetroot Slaw

Croque Monsieur Toasty

Pulled Pork Toasty

Chili Jam and Goats Cheese Toasty

Wood Fire Stone-baked Pizza

Made on site in our outside Wood Fire oven, we have a wide selection of fresh ingredients and toppings available for you to choose from;

Ham, Mushroom & Parmesan

BBQ Chicken, Peppers & Cheese

Salami, Chicken, Sausage & Cheese

Classic Margarita (V)

Sun Blushed Tomato, Artichoke & Feta (V)

Pesto and Goats Cheese (V)



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Menus

Evening Food Options

Bowl Food

Please choose 3 options (recommended 2 savoury & 1 sweet choice)

Served in individual bowls direct to each guest.:

Chicken or Vegetable Curry served with White Rice and Freshly Cooked Poppadum's -
choice of Thai or Indian style (v)

Beef Chilli Con Carne, White Rice, Nachos

Kentish Sausages & Spring Onion Mash, red wine gravy

Katsu Cod, Jasmine Rice

Macaroni Cheese (V)

Falafel, Almonds, Roasted Vegetable Couscous (v/vg)

Seasonal Fruit Crumble

Eton Mess

Triple Chocolate Brownie & Cream

Sticky Toffee Pudding with Toffee Sauce & Cream

The above are a few of our menu options but are by no means our full offerings! Please ask our Events Team for a copy of our menus to see the full range of different options.



THOSE EXTRA SPECIAL

Additions

Canapés

| 2024 | 2025 |
|--------------|--------------|
| 4PP - £8.50 | 4PP - £9.00 |
| 6PP - £10.50 | 6PP - £11.00 |

Other Extras

| | 2024 | 2025 |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Champagne Upgrade | £5.00 | £5.50 |
| Vintage Ice Cream Pots | £4.00 | £4.50 |
| Cupcakes | £3.50 | £4.50 |
| Macaroons | £3.50 | £4.50 |
| Extra Reception Drink | £7.50 | £8.50 |
| Bucket of 24 Mixed Beers | £110.00 | £120.00 |
| Cheese Wedding Cake | £250-£360.00 | £250-£360.00 |
| Sweet Table | £3.50 | £4.00 |



YOUR FAVOURITE
Tippples



Our Bar is fully stocked and open through out the day right through to the end of the evening, located at the end of the Coach House - a perfect stone's throw away from the dance floor or Southern Terrace during reception drinks to keep the party going. Whether you are a Cider fan or love a Gin, we make sure that we have plenty of choices.

We really love supporting local and always have in stock;

Ales from the Romney Brewery

Wines from Chapel Down

Lagers from Shepherd Neame & Chapel Down

We have a carefully selected Wine list - please ask your Event Manager for a copy. We do not permit any external drinks to be brought into our venue.



INFORMATION ON

Booking

Booking

Dates are available upon request. Please contact our Events Team with your enquiry at:
events@secretgardenkent.co.uk

Should you have a particular date in mind please do not hesitate to contact us to check availability.

To confirm a booking we require a non-refundable £1,000.00 deposit, another instalment of £1,000.00 six months after booking and the remaining balance is due six weeks prior to your wedding date.

We do also offer a monthly payment scheme of a reduced £500.00 deposit and then equal monthly payments between booking and 6 weeks before your wedding - paid on the 1st or 15th of each month via BACS.

Late Bookings

We sometimes have dates that are not booked or have become available at the last minute, if you are flexible we are sometimes able to offer discounts, please ask us for details or promotional offers.



THE SECRET GARDEN

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we have a Band/DJ?

Yes, we do have a few conditions to make sure that we all work together, if you have one in mind that isn't one of our recommended suppliers - let us know and we can send them details,

What time can my Florist arrive?

External Florists can arrive from 10am on the morning of the wedding day; our own Florist Anemone Blue will correspond with us directly, Anemone Blue is based on site.

When can we bring our own things?

We ask that you come the day before in the morning and we will set up for you on the Big Day.

Do you allow Fireworks or Sky Lanterns?

We are surrounded by ancient woodland and farms with animal stock, we cannot permit these.

Can I have candles?

Yes, we allow Tea lights, however we do recommend battery candles, for practical reasons such as safety, and longer duration to last the whole day.

Are you wheelchair accessible?

Yes, we have disabled parking and separate disabled access toilets.

Can we have dogs to the Wedding?

Yes we allow dogs and are very dog friendly.

What time does our Wedding end?

On Friday and Saturdays we close at midnight and all other days are 11.30pm. The Bar closes 30 minutes before the end of the day.

Is there car parking?

We offer a fully secure Gravel Car Park with complimentary 24hr parking,

Does everyone have the same meal?

Some of our menus are the same for all guests, but include choices.

For our A La Carte menu, we ask the couple to choose 3 options per course for guests to choose from.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Do you have an easel?

Yes we have a large wooden easel perfect for table plans approx. A2 to A0 recommended size.

Do you have a cake stand and knife?

Yes we have a gorgeous stand and knife for you to use complimentary.

How many guests can we have?

Secret Garden can cater for 90 plus for a sit down meal and an additional 50 in the evening.

Do you have a bridal suite?

Unfortunately we do not, however we can offer amazing local accommodation, from five star hotels to quaint B&B's. Please ask your Event Manager for recommendations.

Do we need chair covers?

Our chairs are the beautiful Cream Chivari chairs, no covers are needed!

Can we get married at a Church?

Yes you can get married at one of our local Churches, or you may have your own local church that you wish to get married in. We can offer a small reduction on package prices for not holding your ceremony onsite.

What are the next steps for my enquiry?

Please arrange to book a 1-on-1 viewing with one of our expert Wedding Coordinators, who will be delighted to show you around the venue and answer all of your questions.

We offer viewings 7 days a week.

Once you've taken a tour of our beautiful venue, your Coordinator will send you over a no-obligation personally tailored quote for your desired dates/guest numbers.

Once you're happy with your quote and have a date chosen, your Coordinator will inform you on how to make deposit payment and secure your Big Day with us. Congratulations!

