



GILDINGS  
**BARN**S

WEDDING BROCHURE

2026/2027



## WELCOME TO GILDINGS BARN

*Celebrate love in its most natural setting.*

Hidden away on the edge of the Surrey Hills, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Gildings Barns offers a timeless setting steeped in farming history. Surrounded by rolling fields and ancient woodland, the oak-framed barns flow seamlessly together, creating a rustic yet refined venue, which is both authentic and versatile. Some of the structures at Gildings date back over 300 years.

Others were lovingly hand-built in the late 20th century using time-honoured carpentry techniques and massive oak beams salvaged from trees felled on nearby Holmwood Common in the storms of 1987 and 1989.

What makes Gildings truly special is the atmosphere - a warmth that lingers from the moment you step through the gates. You will have exclusive use and the freedom to shape the barns to your vision, whether brimming with flowers and bunting, or kept simple and intimate.

Once you have booked, you will have the opportunity to come along as often as you like for planning and practice purposes. You will also be guaranteed at least one day before your wedding to set up. At Gildings, every decision begins with you, and because we limit the number of weddings we host, our focus is always on your day - ensuring it feels effortless, natural, and uniquely yours.



## OUR STORY

Gildings Barns is more than a venue,  
it's a place built with love.

Blending centuries of heritage with understated elegance, our barn wedding venue provides a truly unforgettable backdrop for your day. Weathered oak beams, open space, and natural light create a warm, character-filled setting for unforgettable weddings in the heart of the countryside.



We're Penny & Richard Graepel, and together we are the proud custodians of the beautiful Gildings Barns, having inherited the venue in 2013. We are committed to maintaining the barns with the same love and passion with which Penny's father, Peter Hall, built the main barn in the 1990s, and restored the other structures on site.

We aim to ensure we fulfill Peter's wish that the barns will be enjoyed by many future generations. When you marry at Gildings, you're not just hiring a building - you're becoming part of the story. We'll be with you every step of the way, making sure your day feels effortless, natural, and uniquely yours, so you can enjoy one of life's most meaningful moments.





## YOUR CEREMONY

The heart of your day begins here,  
a setting for vows as unique as your story.

Gildings Barns is licensed for both indoor and outdoor registrar-led civil ceremonies, accommodating up to 110 guests for your ceremony and wedding breakfast and 130 guests in the evening.

### Indoor

The Main Barn, with its oak beams and fairy lights, offers an atmospheric setting all year round.

### Outdoor

The license covers the whole garden, giving you the freedom to choose your perfect backdrop. Many couples opt for the Granary, but you're not limited to it - the wider gardens, overlooking open farmland, provide a beautiful, flexible space for your vows.

We also welcome celebrant-led ceremonies and blessings, for couples who'd like a more personal touch. Alternatively, have your ceremony in a local church and use Gildings Barns for the reception and celebrations afterwards. Wherever you choose to say "I do", our team will ensure your day flows effortlessly.





## EXCLUSIVE HIRE ON YOUR WEDDING DAY

Every wedding is different, but here's  
how your time at Gildings might unfold.

### Friday

Access 9am until 4pm.

For setting up your decorations and displays before the big day.

Final run through with your Caterer, Refrigeration of drinks etc.

### Saturday

Access 8am onwards for suppliers until carriages at 11pm

– off site by 11.30pm.

*For the Wedding day...see our suggested timings opposite.*

Arrival of Groom, Groomsmen approximately one hour  
before ceremony.

### Sunday

Access between 9am until 12pm to clear up and collect your  
belongings, guests to collect cars. One last look, pack up,  
and happily ever after...

Based on a 1pm ceremony at the Barns, these timings show the time we suggest  
between every stage of your day to ensure a relaxed flow and seamlessly move  
from day to night. This is simply a guide. Whether you'd like a late afternoon ceremony  
with a summer garden party feel, or a winter wedding flowing into a sparkling fairy-light  
luminated evening, we'll help shape timings around the day you want.

**12:15pm** Guests arrive and are welcomed into the Courtyard or Threshing Barn

**1:00pm** Ceremony begins (in the Main Barn or gardens)

**1:30pm** Drinks reception and canapés while photographs are taken

**3:00pm** Guests invited to be seated for the wedding breakfast

**3:15pm** Wedding breakfast served, followed by speeches

**5:30pm** Time to relax, mingle and enjoy the barns while the space is refreshed

**7:30pm** Evening guests arrive

**8:00pm** Cutting of the cake and first dance, followed by music and dancing

**9:00pm** Evening food served

**11:00pm** Music ends

**11:15pm** Carriages



## SPACES & STYLING

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### The Courtyard

The entrance to your wedding and a beautiful space for canapés, drinks, photographs or even for your guests to welcome you as Mr and Mrs with confetti.

### Threshing Barn

A characterful connecting barn (11.25m x 5m), often used for reception drinks on cooler or damper days, tea and coffee stations, or just a cosy place to chat around the log burner come the evening.

### Gildings Barn

The largest of our spaces (16m x 8.75m, height 6.75m), with vaulted oak beams, fairy lights and a stage (2.2m x 3.3m) - perfect for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening celebrations.

### The Side Barn

A calm and versatile space for your guests to sit when seeking a quieter moment, with its own log fire and comfy furniture.

### The Granary

This, together with The Smithy, are the only structures detached from the others, providing a key focal point on the expansive lawns around the main barn. An intimate oak-framed space (4.18m x 3.7m, with central beam height of 1.9m), popular for outdoor ceremonies. A fantastic back drop for photographs, or a quieter spot to enjoy the gardens.



# THE SETTING



## FOOD & DRINK

### Food is at the heart of every celebration.

We ask that you use one of our trusted catering partners.  
We are proud to work with two local caterers, who know Gildings inside out.

#### Browns Kitchen

Their team has been creating unforgettable meals at Gildings for years, combining creative menus with genuine warmth and flawless service. Whether it's a relaxed sharing feast or a plated, multi-course dinner, Browns will guide you through every step, making the process simple, enjoyable and tailored entirely to you.



Browns Kitchen

#### The Wheeler Estate

A flexible, relaxed approach, from hog roasts and BBQ to traditional roasts and themed menus. Wheelers start with a blank page and builds your menu around your ideas and memories, ensuring your food feels personal to your story.



The Wheeler Estate

#### The Drinkery by Browns Kitchen

This premium bar service provides cocktails, craft beers, a dedicated gin menu and much more, all served by professional, uniformed staff, behind a beautiful, mobile bar structure.

#### The Real Pizza Company

The Real Pizza Company serve the most delicious stone baked craft pizzas. (evening only).

The Real Pizza Company



The Drinkery



## OUR FAVOURITE COLLABORATORS

We've built relationships with talented people who know Gildings Barns and share our passion for making every wedding effortless, beautiful and memorable.

To make planning even easier, we can share a hand-picked list of trusted suppliers, carefully chosen to suit your day. We just ask that you use one of our outstanding catering partners to provide your wedding cuisine.

### Catering and Bar

#### **Browns Kitchen**

[www.browns-kitchen.co.uk](http://www.browns-kitchen.co.uk)

#### **The Wheeler Estate**

[www.thewheelerestate.co.uk](http://www.thewheelerestate.co.uk)

#### **The Drinkery**

[www.browns-kitchen.co.uk](http://www.browns-kitchen.co.uk)

#### **The Real Pizza Company**

(Evening food only)

[www.therealpizzacompany.co.uk](http://www.therealpizzacompany.co.uk)

### Floristry

#### **Hedgerose and Honeysuckle**

[www.hedgeroseandhoneysuckle.co.uk](http://www.hedgeroseandhoneysuckle.co.uk)

#### **Surrey Florals**

[Instagram](#)

#### **Bramble & Belle**

[www.brambleandbelle.co.uk](http://www.brambleandbelle.co.uk)

### Lighting & Styling

#### **Creative Spark**

[www.creative-spark.co.uk](http://www.creative-spark.co.uk)

#### **Twilight Trees**

[www.twilight-trees.com](http://www.twilight-trees.com)

#### **Stress Free Venue Styling Company**

[www.stressfreehire.com](http://www.stressfreehire.com)

### Photographers

#### **The Lightpainters**

[www.thelightpainters.co.uk](http://www.thelightpainters.co.uk)

#### **Someplacenic Photography**

[www.someplacenicphotography.co.uk](http://www.someplacenicphotography.co.uk)

#### **Murray Clarke**

[www.murrayclarke.co.uk](http://www.murrayclarke.co.uk)

### Celebrant

#### **Knight Ceremonies**

[www.knightceremonies.co.uk](http://www.knightceremonies.co.uk)

### Music & Entertainment

#### **DJ2K**

[www.dj2k.co.uk](http://www.dj2k.co.uk)

#### **Tailored Entertainment**

[www.tailored-entertainment.com](http://www.tailored-entertainment.com)

#### **Katie Rose, Singer**

[info@katierosemusic.co.uk](mailto:info@katierosemusic.co.uk)

[linktr.ee/katierosemusic.co.uk](http://linktr.ee/katierosemusic.co.uk)

#### **Nicola Veal, Harpist**

[www.nicolaveal.co.uk](http://www.nicolaveal.co.uk)

#### **Becca Hurrell, Saxophonist**

[www.beccahurrell.com](http://www.beccahurrell.com)

#### **D'Arcy Spice, Ceilidh band**

[www.darcyspice.co.uk](http://www.darcyspice.co.uk)

#### **Baltik Ceilidh Band**

[www.thebigcoolcelts.com](http://www.thebigcoolcelts.com)

#### **Fendt Ensemble**

[www.fendtensemble.co.uk](http://www.fendtensemble.co.uk)

#### **Boujee Music**

[www.boujeemusic.com/weddings/](http://www.boujeemusic.com/weddings/)

#### **Tom Hancock Magic**

[www.tomhancockmagic.com](http://www.tomhancockmagic.com)

#### **Mirror My Day**

[www.mirrormyday.co.uk](http://www.mirrormyday.co.uk)

#### **Altitude Events**

[www.altitudeevents.org](http://www.altitudeevents.org)



## OUR FAVOURITE COLLABORATORS

### Hair & Beauty

#### **Beckies Bridal Hair**

[www.beckiesbridalhair.co.uk](http://www.beckiesbridalhair.co.uk)

#### **Felicity Wells Hair**

[Instagram](#)

#### **Kimberley Louise Make up**

[www.kimberleymakeup.com](http://www.kimberleymakeup.com)

#### **Tania Claire Bridal Make up**

[www.taniaclaire.com](http://www.taniaclaire.com)

### What You'll Wear

#### **Bride by Aster**

[www.bridebyaster.com](http://www.bridebyaster.com)

#### **Lush Curve Bride**

[www.lushcurve.com](http://www.lushcurve.com)

#### **Dapper and Suave**

[www.dapperandsuave.uk](http://www.dapperandsuave.uk)

#### **Gold Finger**

[www.goldfinger-rings.com](http://www.goldfinger-rings.com)

### Cakes and Sweet Treats

#### **Sweet C's Chocolate**

[www.sweetc.co.uk](http://www.sweetc.co.uk)

#### **Putty Cakes**

[www.puttycakes.co.uk](http://www.puttycakes.co.uk)

#### **Gem's Bakery**

[www.gorgeousgemsbakery.co.uk](http://www.gorgeousgemsbakery.co.uk)

### Accommodation

As well as everything for the day, you and your guests may also need somewhere to stay. Everyone is welcome to leave their vehicles at the Barns overnight for collection the day after the wedding – 9am to 12pm. We know that where you will stay is important when you start to think about venues, so see below a list of nearby hotels and Airbnbs.

#### **Best Log Cabin,**

Newdigate

[www.bestlogcabin.co.uk](http://www.bestlogcabin.co.uk)

#### **Trumbles Guest House,**

Charlwood

[www.trumbles.co.uk](http://www.trumbles.co.uk)

#### **The White Horse**

Dorking

[www.whitehorsedorking.com](http://www.whitehorsedorking.com)

#### **Denbies Vineyard Hotel**

Dorking

[www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk)

#### **Wotton House Country Estate Hotel**

Dorking

[www.wottonhouse.co.uk](http://www.wottonhouse.co.uk)

#### **The Lake House at Cudworth Manor**

Newdigate

[www.thelakehousecudworth.co.uk](http://www.thelakehousecudworth.co.uk)



## EXCLUSIVE HIRE

Our venue hire is straightforward and transparent.

### What's included?

Exclusive use of the venue on your wedding day, at least the prior day to set up (possibly up to an additional half day subject to availability), ceremony license (indoor or outdoor), tables and chairs, fairy and festoon lighting, PA system, parking, refrigeration for drinks, no corkage, and full support from the Gildings team.

### Fixtures included in your hire:

- Round tables (seating 8-10 per table), or trestle tables for wedding breakfast layouts.
- We recommend trestle tables for a maximum of 70 guests, and your caterer can advise on their preferred layout for your meal.
- 130 limewash Chiavari chairs with cushions for ceremony and meal, plus 110 outdoor wooden chairs.
- Square cake table
- 8 outdoor tall drinks tables
- Permanent fairy lights and courtyard festoon lighting.

We have additional props available for hire, such as hay bales for casual seating in the garden. Just ask one of the Gildings team.

**OFF PEAK PERIOD**  
25th March to 30th April  
and 1st November to  
23rd December

**Mondays to Thursdays**  
£4,000 + VAT  
Finish at 10.30pm

**Fridays, Saturdays,  
and Bank Holiday Sundays**  
£8,000 + VAT  
Finish at 11pm

**PEAK PERIOD**  
1st May to 30th October

**Mondays to Thursdays**  
£5,500 + VAT  
Finish at 10.30pm

**Fridays, Saturdays,  
and Bank Holiday Sundays**  
£8,500 + VAT  
Finish at 11pm

Please note that we do not operate during the period 25th December to 24th March.



## Payment Schedule

- 25% deposit to secure your date.
- 50% instalment due no later than 9 months prior to date of the event.
- Remaining balance due six weeks before the event. (This payment schedule may be condensed or extended according to how far in advance you book).
- £1,000 security bond due one week before the event.



# ESSENTIALS AT A GLANCE

## The Venue

- May to October, up to 110 guests for the ceremony and wedding breakfast, and 130 guests for the evening.
- November to April, up to 90 guests for the ceremony and wedding breakfast, and 110 guests for the evening.
- You have exclusive use for your wedding day, and guaranteed prior day set up.

**The day before:** Setting up, refrigeration of drinks, etc, decorating and final rehearsals before the big day, including walk through with Caterer if you require

**The Wedding Day:** Arrival of Groom, Groomsmen approximately one hour before ceremony and guests 45 minutes before ceremony. Your vows (if marrying on site), the wedding breakfast, games and activities, then party celebrations! Carriages by 11.15pm – leave site by 11.30pm.

**The day after:** Access from 9am until 12pm, for one last look, pack up and happily ever after. Car collection etc.

## Ceremonies & Style

- Licensed for indoor and outdoor registrar-led ceremonies; celebrant-led services welcome.
- Confetti: natural petals only. Alternatives like bubbles, ribbons or even paper aeroplanes also welcome.
- No naked flames, sparklers or fireworks.
- Well-behaved dogs welcome for ceremony and photos.
- It may also be possible to bring up to two of your own well-behaved, quiet horses and coral them in the field adjacent to the garden at the rear of the main barn (with prior consent and at your own risk).

## Food & Drink

- Catering by our trusted partners only.
- No corkage - bring your own drinks if you wish, refrigeration included. Or use our bar provider, The Drinkery.

## Accommodation

There are several very local accommodation options, including premier glamping pods at Green Lane Farm, just one mile away and owned by the same family as Gildings Barns. See our recommended accommodation list for a sanctuary away from the final preparations and to retire to after the party.

## Logistics

- Cars can be left overnight at the owner's risk, behind a locked gate and collected by midday, the day after the wedding.
- PA system and microphone included.
- We will supply you with a main contact throughout your day.

Any other queries, please do ask us at [gildingsbarns@outlook.com](mailto:gildingsbarns@outlook.com) or 07847 186582.





## NEXT STEPS

We would love to show you around  
Gildings Barns and talk through your plans.

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### Email

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### Website

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Photographs only tell part of the story,  
come and experience Gildings Barns for yourselves.





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