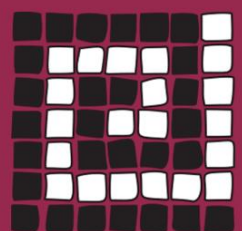




Sussex Past Weddings
~Michelham Priory
~Lewes Castle
~Anne of Cleves House

2022 -2023



SUSSEX
PAST

SUSSEX PAST WEDDINGS – OUR VENUES



MICHELHAM
PRIORY

HAILSHAM

EAST SUSSEX

LEWES CASTLE

LEWES

EAST SUSSEX



ANNE OF CLEVES
HOUSE

LEWES

EAST SUSSEX

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SUSSEX ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Sussex Archaeological Society (Sussex Past)
began in 1846 and it is the oldest Archaeological
Society in England.

We are a registered charity whose aims are to enable people to enjoy, learn about, and have access to the heritage of Sussex. We do this by opening six historic sites in Sussex to visitors old and young, providing research facilities in our library, running excavations, providing a finds identification service and offering a variety of walks, talks and conferences on the archaeology and history of Sussex.



We rely on income from admissions, donations,
grants, weddings, events and membership to
enable us to look after the buildings and sites in
our care.



CHOOSING YOUR VENUE

Once you have decided which of our venues most suit your needs, you can email our Weddings and Functions Manager Bev to arrange a viewing: weddings@sussexpast.co.uk

Please include in your email:

Both your names

The venue you are interested in

Any dates you have a preference of

Securing your big day

Once you have agreed a date, chosen your venue and agreed the hire fee. We will require a non – refundable booking fee to secure your date.

Michelham Priory: 25%

Lewes Castle: 50%

Anne of Cleves House :50%

Final payment is due 10 weeks before your big day – payment plans are available.

You will be issued with a card that allows you into your chosen venue for free up to five times outside of any meetings with the Weddings and Functions Manager to allow you planning time and to show friends and family around.



We offer full planning and coordination support from the day you book and a Wedding Coordinator



MICHELHAM PRIORY

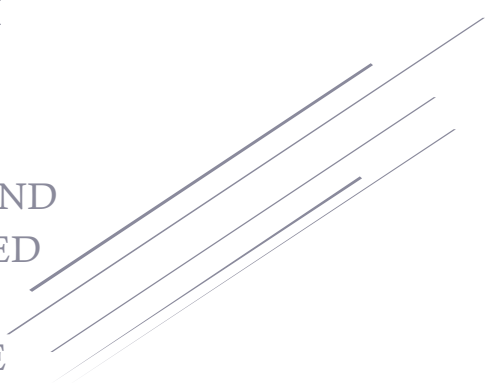
Elizabethan Barn and Priors Chamber

More than just a barn.....



FOUNDED IN 1229, THE PRIORY HAS A REPUTATION FOR ENTERTAINING HONOURED GUESTS WITH LAVISH BANQUETS AND MERRY PARTIES.

HIDDEN AWAY IN THE CUCKMERE VALLEY OF SUSSEX AT THE FOOT OF THE SOUTH DOWNS AND SURROUNDED BY THE LONGEST WATER - FILLED MOAT IN ENGLAND.... WHAT BETTER WAY TO SPEND THE MOST MAGICAL DAY OF YOUR LIFE THAN ON YOUR OWN ISLAND SURROUNDED BY BEAUTY, NATURE AND HISTORY?



Michelham Priory is available to hire from
9am – 11pm mid-February to mid-
December any day of the week

There are two licenced spaces at Michelham
Priory. the Priors Chamber and our
Elizabethan Barn



Ceremonies in
our Elizabethan
Barn can
accommodate
up to 130
people.



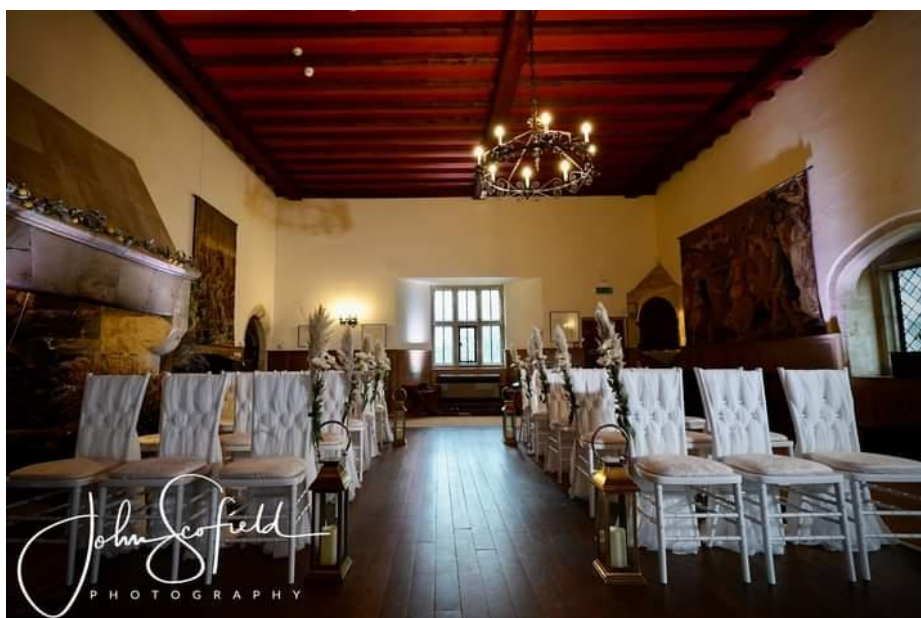
Ceremonies in
The Priors
Chamber can
accommodate
up to 60 people.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MICHELHAM PRIORY:

PRIORS CHAMBER (SITUATED IN THE MAIN PRIORY HOUSE)



- *Ceremony only space with receptions held in the Barn*
- *Situated on first floor with no disabled access.*
- *Chairs included in the hire*
- *Space available in the picture gallery for small drinks receptions*



ELIZABETHAN BARN



CEREMONY AND
RECEPTION SPACE

ROUND TABLES AND
WOODEN CHAIRS
INCLUDED IN YOUR
HIRE

PA SYSTEM BUILT IN

BANDS AND DJS MUST
PLUG INTO OUR
SOUND LIMITER

PRIVATE GARDEN
SPACE

UNIQUE MOAT VIEWS



GENERAL

- Biodegradable confetti is permitted in the gardens.
- Michelham Priory will remain open to the public until 5pm unless our exclusive use package is booked.
- Ample free on-site parking.
- The Elizabethan Barn is fully accessible.
- On site toilets with disabled facilities.
- Hire includes day before and after your wedding for set up and collection.
- Space available for getting ready.
- Photographs can be taken anywhere on site.

HIRE

Priors Chamber: ceremony and drinks reception (4 hour hire Mon – Thurs only) **£1,600.**

Priors Chamber: Ceremony followed by wedding breakfast in the barn and evening reception (any day) **£5,500.**

Elizabethan Barn: Ceremony and drinks reception (4 hour hire Mon – Thurs only) **£2,400.**

Elizabethan Barn: Ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception (any day) **£5,000**

Exclusive use (includes closing whole venue to the public and a champagne picnic the day before)

£30,000

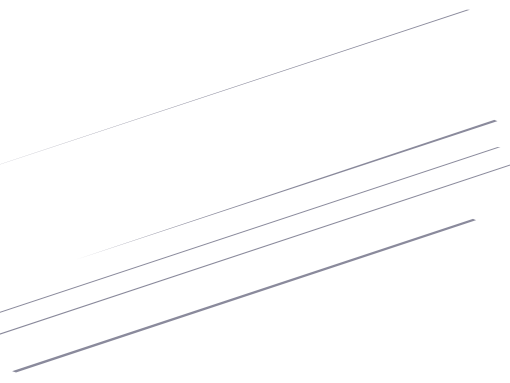
Prices inclusive of VAT at the current rate

LEWES CASTLE

A fairy tale wedding...



STANDING TALL AND PROUD IN THE HEART OF LEWES, IS THE ROMANTIC RUIN OF LEWES CASTLE, THIS OUTDOOR FAIRY TALE RUIN HAS BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE, MYSTERIOUS TOWERS AND BEAUTIFUL WALLED GARDENS. WHY NOT ADD YOUR OWN TALE TO THE STORY OF THIS STUNNING NORMAN CASTLE AND FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF BRAVE KNIGHTS, HEROIC EARLS AND COURAGEOUS COUNTESSSES?



Lewes Castle is available to hire from 9am until sunset between April and October every day of the week.

The Castle is an outdoor venue, with 139 steps to the ceremony space with no disabled access.



The Castle is an outdoor venue.

There are 139 steps to the pleasure garden where the ceremony takes place with no other access.

Chairs, a wedding coordinator and staff are included in the hire.

There is no on-site parking available.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LEWES CASTLE

- Maximum 80 guests for ceremonies (50 seated, 30 standing)
- We do not allow amplified live bands. Recorded music, classical and acoustic musicians are welcome.
- Basic marquee provided in extreme bad weather.
- The Castle remain open to the public until 5pm unless you book an exclusive hire package.
- Biodegradable confetti is allowed in the grounds
- Preferred caterers must be used, we do not have a corkage option.
- Décor is allowed but must be removed at the end of your hire time. You will, where possible be allowed in earlier or the day before at your own risk to put up décor. Any chair decorations must be arranged for on the day.

HIRE

Ceremony only - 4-hour hire, can include a drinks reception.

£1,800

Reception - per hour only as an add on to a ceremony.

£250 per hour

(+£200 marquee installation fee)

Exclusive hire -

£12,500

Please note, catering, if required is not included in the price, details of our caterers are at the back of the brochure.

Prices inclusive of VAT at current rate



LEWES CASTLE WAS
ORIGINALLY A
STRONG HOLD
BUILT BY WILLIAM
THE CONQUERER,
THE CASTLE WAS
FIRST HOME TO HIS
LOYAL FRIEND
WILLIAM DE
WARENNE AND HIS
WIFE GUNDRADA,
THE FIRST EARL
AND COUNTESS OF
SURREY



BUILT IN 1067,
MAKES THIS 1000
YEAR OLD CASTLE
ONE OF THE OLDEST
IN THE COUNTRY

ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE

A Tudor Dream...



HIDDEN AWAY IN THE SOUTHOVER QUARTER OF LEWES,
ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE HAS A LONG A COLOURFUL HISTORY.
FROM ITS EARLY DAYS AS A LODGING HOUSE FOR
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF LEWES PRIORY, TO BEING GIFTED
TO ANNE OF CLEVES, HENRY VIII'S FOURTH WIFE AS PART OF
ANNULMENT PROCEEDINGS.

THIS 600-YEAR-OLD HOUSE IS FULL OF STORIES,
WHY NOT ADD YOURS TO ITS HISTORY?



Anne of Cleves House is available to hire
9am - 8pm from August to September any
day of the week



OUR EAST ROOM
IS IDEAL FOR
CEREMONIES
AND WEDDING
BREAKFASTS

CHAIRS, TABLES, A
WEDDING
COORDINATOR AND
STAFF ARE
INCLUDED IN YOUR
HIRE



USE OF THE
GARDEN IS
AVAILABLE IN
GOOD WEATHER

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ANNE OF CLEVES HOUSE

- Maximum 50 guests
- The house and gardens remain open to the public until 5pm unless you book our exclusive hire package.
- Biodegradable confetti is permitted in the gardens.
- Hire period is from 9am - 8pm
- Hire includes access the day before to set up, drop off or decorate and collection time the day after.
- There are steps to access the East room and facilities.
- Chairs and tables included in your hire, or you can hire your own.

HIRE

Exclusive use (3 day hire with use of house until 10pm and closed to the public)

£4,995

4-hour hire

£800

6-hour hire

£1,100

8-hour hire

£1,500

Price inclusive of VAT at current rate



Chair covers can be included in your hire and we have a small selection of coloured sashes available.

We have an open fire that we can light to add that extra cosy feel to your day.

Our Tudor bedroom can also be used for a drinks reception space.

CATERING



Elizabeth Caton Food and Wine

Lizzie and Charlotte

elizabethcaton.com

info@elizabethcaton.com



Circa Events

Olivia and Mark

circacirca.com

eat@circacirca.com



Tie the Knot Catering

Pippa and Nick

tietheknotcatering.co.uk

weddings@tietheknotcatering.co.uk



All of our caterers can be contacted for any of our venues – due to the nature of our buildings, you must use one of our preferred caterers. All food and drink can be arranged through them. If you need any help or advice choosing your caterer, please ask and our Weddings Manager will be more than happy to help.

CATERING



Bay Tree Foods

Sarah

baytreefoods.co.uk

sarahblay@btinternet.com



Gracefully Grazing

Michelle

gracefullygrazing.com

info@gracefullygrazing.com



Garlic Wood Farm

Toby

garlicwoodevents.co.uk

toby@garlicwoodevents.co.uk



MOBILE BARS:

THE LIME BAR

KIRSTY

THELIMEBAR.CO.UK

INFO@THELIMEBAR.CO.UK

DUBBAR

CHLOE

DUBBAR.CO.UK

CHLOE@DUBBAR.CO.UK

FOOD VANS:

PINKS ICE CREAM

PINKS-VINTAGE-ICECREAM.CO.UK

INDULGENT ICE CREAMS

INDULGENTICECREAMS.CO.UK

PREFERRED SUPPLIERS:

We have preferred suppliers for every aspect of your wedding day, we highly recommend you use them, but you are welcome to use suppliers outside of the list at your own risk. Please our separate list of suppliers.

If you have any questions about booking suppliers please ask, our Weddings Manager will be more than happy to help.

GIFT SHOPS

We have gift shops at all our venues. They stock locally produced produce, bespoke memorabilia and gorgeous jewellery and gifts. Why not treat your guests to wedding favours from our shops, or gifts for your wedding party?

You could even choose your own wedding jewellery for your big day!

BOOKING INFORMATION

To arrange an appointment to see any of our venues please contact our Wedding Manager Bev, stating which venue you wish to see and if you have a date in mind for your big day.

weddings@sussexpast.co.uk

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