

THE PARLOUR AT BLAGDON

Frequently Asked Questions

ABOUT THE VENUE

Do you have more than one wedding ceremony on the same day?

From the moment you arrive to the moment you leave The Parlour is exclusive to you and your guests!

Do you have accommodation?

We have 5 individually decorated en-suite rooms including our beautiful bridal suite! Yourself and 8 of your closest family and friends can unwind after a memorable day in our cosy cottage situated in our picturesque grounds.

What time should we book our ceremony?

The timing of your ceremony is entirely up to you! You could get married at 11am or 4pm the choice is yours, we do find that a ceremony between 1pm and 2pm is an ideal time of the day.

Do you have minimum numbers at The Parlour?

There are no minimum numbers required at The Parlour giving you the option to have a more intimate and reserved day or a larger, lavish gathering. All we ask is that the minimum spend for your chosen day is covered by your food and drink choices from our brochure.

Do you allow marquees?

We would hate for our beautiful gardens to have any long-lasting damage, so we do not allow marquees. We do however have gazebos on site which are more than happy to pop up on your day if it does start to drizzle!

Do you have a list of suppliers you recommend?

Yes we do! We have a list of suppliers for every aspect of your big day, from event dressers to photo booths and much more! Please don't hesitate to ask for more if there is something you are interested in that's not already on our list, we have more than likely had something similar before.

Do you have a car park?

We do indeed, our car park can hold up to 50 cars. Our car park is gated and locked over night, guests are more than welcome to leave their cars here overnight at their own risk.

What time should I invite my evening guests?

We advise around 7/7:30pm to invite your evening guests, this gives you enough time to ensure your wedding breakfast is finished any your evening reception room is ready for you to welcome everybody in!

FOOD & DRINK

What food options do you offer?

From afternoon tea to a 4 course formal sit down meal we have a wide range to suite all types of wedding day. Please refer to our full menu's in our wedding brochure to get the full range.

How long does a typical wedding breakfast take?

It all depends on the size of your wedding party and the style of wedding breakfast you decide to go for. We typically estimate around 2 to 2 and a half hours from start to finish.

We would like a BBQ, but what happens if it rains?

Since we can't predict the good old British weather we always have a plan B! If there is just a slight drizzle we have gazebos we can pop out on your day to ensure your guests stay dry. If the heavens open our chefs will happily still cook your BBQ outside however we will move the buffet table indoors and serve everything inside to ensure you and your guests don't get wet!

Do you cater for guests with dietary requirements?

Absolutely! Please let us know in advance of your wedding of any dietary requirements so our chefs can amend or plan dishes to suit your guests needs. We do suggest asking your guests to make you aware of any dietary requirements as soon as possible.

Do we get to try our food choices before our big day?

Of course! we offer menu tasting evenings a few times a year to ensure you get to try your chosen menu before your big day. The first time you come along as a couple will be free however you can come to more than one for a small charge., you are also more than welcome to bring family and friends along for an extra charge of £25 to try a wider variety of dishes!

Do you allow outside catering or corkage?

Unfortunately not, we do however allow small alcoholic wedding favours.

Do we need to cater for all our evening guests?

Yes, we recommend that you do. We would hate for any of your guests to miss out on our delicious buffets!

Do you provide a cake stand and knife?

We do! We have a round silver cake stand and decorative knife available for you to use at no extra cost!

CEREMONY

Do I need to book a registrar?

You will need to contact Alnwick Registry Office direct on 01665 602870 to book a time slot for your ceremony on your chosen day. Don't worry about your day being booked by another couple in the mean time as we hold dates 10 day free of charge whilst you arrange your registrars.

Can we have a church ceremony?

Of course you can! We will have your reception drinks and canapes at the ready on your arrival to The Parlour from your church.

What is your maximum capacity for the ceremony?

We can comfortably hold a maximum of 90 guests for your ceremony.

Can we get married outside and what if it was to rain on the day?

Yes, you can use our beautiful gardens to host your ceremony on a nice day, our intimate garden room is a licence building so you can sign the registry documents a footstep away from your ceremony. We would base your full day around having an outside ceremony but it all depends on the day! If the weather doesn't look great on the morning of your big day we will simply set your ceremony inside our beautiful Smithy. Please make your wedding co-ordinator aware that you would like an outdoor ceremony in the lead up to your big day.

Do you provide a Master of Ceremonies?

We do! a member of our wedding team will be with you all day long to ensure the smooth running of your day and make any announcements you might have planned.

ROOM SETUP & DECORATIONS

What tables can I have for my wedding breakfast?

We provide 5ft round tables that hold a maximum of 10 guests, however we recommend 7-9 guests to a table to ensure maximum comfort during your meal. We also have 6ft straight tables to be used as your top table if you want to stand out. Our Willow room will comfortably fit 9 round tables in but if you choose to go for a straight top table we recommend only having 7 or 8 round tables alongside it.

Do you supply napkins & table linen?

With all bookings we provide crisp white table linen and white napkins.

Do you allow candles around the venue?

Candles with open flames are fine to have around the venue, all we ask is that they are in a holder or lantern to ensure they dont damage our tables and there is no risk of them falling over.

Can you help us with our decorations?

We will be able to help with the smaller parts of your decorations such as place cards, table plans, wedding favours and small centre pieces.

When are we able to come in and dress the room?

Depending on if we have an event booked the night before your big you may be able to come along and dress the room the day before. If this is not possible it would be from 9am on that day of your wedding.

Do you supply high chairs?

Yes we do! We also have baby changing facilities on site.

Do you have anything we can display our table plan on?

We have 2 lovely white easels that you are more than welcome to use during your day, weather it be for your table plan or seating signs in your ceremony.

ENTERTAINMENT

Do you supply a DJ?

Yes we do! Our resident DJ is included in all wedding bookings, arriving from 7pm and playing until the end of your night. Our DJ will also work alongside any band or singer you may wish to organise for your evening also.

Do we need to use your DJ?

No of course not, you are more than welcome to book your own form of entertainment of DJ.

Do you allow fireworks or Chinese lanterns?

Unfortunately not, due to being in close proximity of a main road we are unable to allow the use of fireworks or Chinese lanterns.

Do you allow sparklers?

Yes we do! Sparklers make for a great photo after the sun sets! All we ask is that they are all disposed of correctly.

PAYMENT

What is the payment procedure?

When you are ready to secure your date you will be required to put down a 25% deposit of your total quoted price. Your next payment will then be required at your half way meeting, this will be 50% of your overall total. The remaining balance is then to be paid 14 days prior to your big day. You are welcome to make payments between these dates if you wish.

Can I pay via BACS?

Of course you can! Please ask a member of our weddings team for our details.

Who do I make cheques payable to?

Please make all cheques payable to 'Marcantonio catering limited'