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Where Nature &  
History Weave Its  
*Magic*

A secret valley. Twenty acres of living, breathing wonder.  
Land that has carried the name of Chaucer for six  
centuries — and a place where your wedding story  
becomes the next chapter in six centuries of extraordinary  
history.



# Twenty Acres of Pure *Magic*

Meadows, woodlands, stone circles, topiary gardens, parkland and sky. Every step reveals something new. Every season tells a different story. And every wedding here becomes a fairytale.

The land beneath your feet carries six centuries of extraordinary story. This estate was once held by Thomas Chaucer (c.1367–1434) — son of the great poet Geoffrey Chaucer, Speaker of the House of Commons five times over, and one of the most powerful commoners in medieval England. In 1427, Thomas sold his half of the Gresham manor to the rising Norfolk lawyer Judge William Paston — a transaction that would ignite one of the most dramatic legal and military disputes of the age, immortalised in the famous Paston Letters.

The Paston Letters — England's earliest surviving collection of private correspondence — paint a vivid picture of what followed. Lord Moleyns disputed the Pastons' claim to Gresham, and in 1448 sent a force of over 1,000 men to seize it. Margaret Paston, alone in the fortified manor house, was forcibly ejected, the gates broken down, the house ransacked of £200 in goods, and the very door-posts cut through. It was an act of medieval lawlessness that shocked the nation — and was recorded in letters that historians still study today.

Six hundred years on, the valley has returned to something quieter and more beautiful. The current owner, James Mermagen, farmed this land and transformed the working farmyard into the present buildings and gardens, where he lived for fifteen years before opening it as a wedding venue. He planted the trees, rewilded the valley, and watched nature reclaim what was always hers — Red Kites, Buzzards, owls, deer, hares, foxes and field mice have all returned. The same land that witnessed medieval siege and courtly intrigue now hosts the most joyful days of people's lives.





# A Hidden Gem, Waiting to Be Yours

Tucked into a secret Norfolk valley, Chaucer Barn is not a wedding venue in any conventional sense. It is a living landscape both wild and carefully tended, but utterly timeless. A home from home where the boundaries between celebration and nature simply dissolve. Here, you are not handed a package. You are handed the keys to something rare.

## Back to Nature

Twenty acres of untamed beauty, ancient topiary and wildflower meadows - your blank canvas awaits.

## A Hidden Gem

Voted one of the UK's finest wedding venues, yet still feels like the best-kept secret in Norfolk.

## Your Vision, Unbound

No rigid packages. No limitations. Just pure creative freedom within an extraordinary natural setting.



# Choose Your Enchantment

Each part of the land carries its own atmosphere just waiting to be discovered. From the whisper of wildflowers to the ancient pull of standing stones, it invites you to find the setting that speaks to your soul.



## The Stone Circle

Our Stone circle is a popular choice for more alternative marriage ceremonies.

Long before churches - and even before Stonehenge - hundreds of stone circles across the British Isles, were places for sacred ceremonies - including marriages!

Our magical circle has crystals buried under each stone and a huge crystal of 'Merlinite' on the 'Druid's Portal' - an inverted tree stump in the centre of the circle. Inspired by "Seahenge" - a neolithic, Druidic altar which emerged from the shifting sands of the north Norfolk coast 30 miles to the west.

Not just for marriages... our stone circle is favoured by guests seeking tranquility in nature. Over by the woods, at the far end of our re-wilded valley, it doubles as a peaceful sanctuary, far from the social scene of the Barn and formal gardens.



## The Wildflower Meadow

The wildflower garden is your church in nature.

You and your bridesmaids will process down 'the aisle' through a garden of wildflowers, towards your guests. Finally, you will walk through a tunnel of living Willow to emerge on the lawn where your congregation awaits!

Home to many species of wildflowers - including very rare Snakehead Fritillaries and wild orchids - your church is not of stone and wood but of nature itself.

Your ceremony will take place on the Wildflower Lawn, which is itself part of our magical valley that was re-wilded many years ago and is home to many species of flora and fauna.

Picture Red Kites (an endangered species) and Buzzards circling lazily overhead as they search for pray hiding in the tall grass of the valley.



## The Topiary Lawn

Formal and yet contemporary – the pyramid lawn is a favourite amongst couples (and their photographers!). Like something out of Alice in Wonderland, the forest of 33 random pyramids makes a surreal frame to the traditional English garden of the pyramid lawn. Completely unique in the gardening world, this breathtaking installation, gives a huge wow factor to your magical moment.



## The Woodland

Hiding on the far side of our re-wilded valley, sits a magical woodland glade, tucked away at the bottom of a steep slope covered in trees and bluebells. After processing through the long grass and wildflowers of the valley, you and your bridesmaids will enter through a tunnel of wisteria into a secret and secluded woodland grove. In the bosom of nature, surrounded by towering trees, you will say your vows in front of a living willow tunnel covered in climbing flowers. Magic doesn't come any more natural than this!



# Gardens That Take Your Breath Away



## LIVING, BREATHING BEAUTY

These are not manicured showpieces. They are a lifelong love affair with the land, constantly evolving, endlessly surprising, and internationally celebrated. Cloud topiary drifts beside ornamental pyramids. Alliums nod in the breeze. Every season brings a new kind of unfolding.

### National Gardens Scheme

Opened to the public each June, a testament to their extraordinary beauty.

### RHS Celebrated

Recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society for horticultural wonder.



# Stay a Little Longer in the Dream

When a place feels this *magical*, why would you ever want to leave? Chaucer Barn is a true home from home, a place where your nearest and dearest can sleep, wake, and linger within the landscape that made your day so extraordinary.



## The Main Barn

Nine beautifully individual bedrooms sleeping up to 18 guests, each one a character-filled retreat.

[Explore the Barn](#)



## The Eco-Lodges

Five romantic woodland lodges, hidden among the trees, sleeping a further 10–20 guests in sustainable seclusion.

[View the Eco-Lodges](#)



## The Full Picture

Up to 38 guests sleeping on-site - waking to birdsong, mist and the gentle *magic* of a Norfolk morning.



## A Three-Day Fairytale

Why rush the most *magical* weekend of your life? Chaucer Barn is yours to savour. From the first quiet arrival to the last lingering goodbye.

Friday 3pm

Arrive & Breathe

The barn is yours. The bride, groom and closest guests arrive, settle in, and let the magic of the place wash over them. A relaxed evening meal together — no agenda, just anticipation.

Saturday Afternoon & Evening

The Day You've Dreamed Of

Guests arrive into the afternoon sun. Vows are exchanged in your chosen setting e.g. topiary lawn, woodland, stone circle or wildflower meadow. Then the celebration begins, dancing and laughter carrying long into the night.

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Saturday Morning

The Morning Unfolds

Hair and makeup artists arrive for the bride and bridesmaids. Champagne flows. The barn hums with quiet excitement as the day begins to take shape.

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Sunday

The Gentle Goodbye

A lazy morning. Canapés and a BBQ on the lawn which is the perfect way to relive the magic with those you love most. Check out at 10am on Monday, with memories to last a lifetime.



# Your Blank Canvas. Nature's Masterpiece.

Chaucer Barn imposes nothing. It simply offers everything and then steps back. The landscape is your backdrop, the seasons are your palette, and the *magic* is already here, woven into every blade of grass, every ancient stone, every shaft of golden light. All you bring is your love story.



→ Featured in *The Telegraph*, the RHS and beyond. A venue that speaks for itself

→ Proudly **carbon-negative**, where celebrating in nature means protecting it too

→ Ever-changing with the seasons, no two weddings here are ever the same

# Moments Woven Into Memory

Every wedding at Chaucer Barn is its own fairytale shaped by the land, the light, and the love of the people within it. These are just a few of the *magical* moments that have graced these grounds.



# Your Story Begins Here

# 140

## Seated Guests

Maximum seated guests — from intimate gatherings of 10 to full celebrations of 140

# 20

## Acres of Wonder

Exclusively yours - meadows, woodland, gardens and sky

## Capacity & Dining Options

We accommodate events from 10–140 guests, (including your pets) using different venue setups.

### Banqueting Hall

Up to 50 seated guests. An elegant internal dining option perfect for more intimate celebrations.

### Games / Pink Room

Up to 80 seated guests. A versatile internal space, with the option to add a Lunar Patio Stretch to increase capacity further.

### Marquee Grounds

Up to 140 seated guests. Our largest dining option, set within the beautiful grounds — ideal for larger celebrations.




# Prices

The Barn is hired as a dry hire venue with accommodation, licensed for Wedding celebrations. Inclusive of the hire you have use of 9 bedrooms in the Barn + the option of additional 5 Woodland Lodges. The accommodation is self-catered giving you a blank canvas to choose your own suppliers or get creative and do it yourself. Our support includes assistance throughout planning, venue meetings as required as well as event assistance for ceremony and on the day venue duties. Those wanting a fully Coordinated role we have local supplier options for this.

We have a wealth of experienced local suppliers who come recommended and work regularly with us, but you can choose all suppliers to suit your wants and do as much or as little yourselves in creating a truly unique celebration.

Midweek hire is based on 2-night minimum and weekend hire is based on 3-night minimum Fri–Mon (with option of extending on these if you wish). The Barn is available for hire excluding or including the Woodland Lodges — exclusivity of the land is only applied when Barn and Lodges are booked.

<b>Season</b>	<b>Weekend / Midweek</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
PEAK season (July, August & September inc Pub/Bank Hols)	Weekend (3 nights Fri-Mon, 18 guests)	£10,975	£11,100
PEAK season (July, August & September inc Pub/Bank Hols)	Midweek (2 nights Mon-Thurs, 18 guests)	£6,450	£6,500
MID season (Apr, May, Jun, Oct & Dec exc Bank Hols)	Weekend (3 nights Fri-Mon, 18 guests)	£8,650	£8,900
MID season (Apr, May, Jun, Oct & Dec exc Bank Hols)	Midweek (2 nights Mon-Thurs, 18 guests)	£5,125	£5,400
WINTER season (Nov, Jan, Feb & Mar exc Pub/Bank Hols)	Weekend (3 nights Fri-Mon, 18 guests)	£5,950	£6,000
WINTER season (Nov, Jan, Feb & Mar exc Pub/Bank Hols)	Midweek (2 nights Mon-Thurs, 18 guests)	£3,375	£3,500

 Woodland Lodges Add-on: 5 Lodges available for additional hire — 3 Nights £2,325 or 2 Nights £1,550. Exclusivity of the land is only applied when Barn and Lodges are booked. Lodge hire is added to the above totals as a combined fee payable as per Wedding T&Cs.



# Come and Feel the *Magic* for Yourself

Words and photographs can only hint at what Chaucer Barn truly is. The only way to really understand it — to feel the energy of the stone circle, to breathe the wildflower air, to stand in the topiary garden at golden hour — is to come and experience it.

## July 17 Walk the Grounds


Book a personal viewing and let the venue speak for itself.

[Get in Touch](#)

## Explore Virtually

Take a virtual tour and begin to imagine your day unfolding here.

[Explore Virtually](#)

-  James and the team are here to listen, inspire and guide you, from your very first visit to the moment you say 'I do'. This is not just a venue. It is the beginning of something *magical*.

