

chaucer barn

Where Nature Weaves Its
Magic

A secret valley. Twenty acres of living, breathing wonder. A place where very little needs to be added because so much is already here.





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.

Built in 1836 the Barn itself sits on an estate that was owned by Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1402). The name 'Chaucer's Farm' stuck over the centuries. 600 years later, the current owner James Mermagen farmed the land and converted the working farmyard into the present buildings and gardens, where he lived for 15 years before changing its role to a wedding venue. He planted the trees, stopped growing crops and re-wilded the valley. He has been thrilled to see the return of many species of flora and fauna, including owls, families of Red Kites and Buzzards, deer, rabbits, hares, foxes, squirrels, voles and Field mice. All can be seen through the binoculars provided in our eco-lodges.





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 prey 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

100

Seated Guests

Plus up to 130 for an evening of
dancing and celebration

20

Acres of Wonder

Exclusively yours - meadows,
woodland, gardens and sky

Chaucer Barn is pet-friendly, exclusively yours, and guided by James whose warmth, wisdom and passion for this place ensures that every detail of your day is as *magical* as the landscape that holds it.



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.

Season	Weekend / Midweek	2027	2028
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.

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-  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*.

