

Weddings at The Mill House

Welcome to The Mill House...

The Mill House is an independent hotel and restaurant set in beautiful gardens beside the River Loddon. Originally built in 1823, The Mill House once formed part of the Stratfield Saye estate, owned by the 1st Duke of Wellington. In more recent times the house and grounds have been restored to their original Georgian splendour and we are considered a very enviable wedding venue.

Our stunning riverside marquee is available all year round, with views over our beautiful gardens and the river, alternatively, more intimate weddings may be held inside the main house. Cosy corners and roaring log fires in the winter create the perfect ambience to accompany the views over our floodlit gardens. The Mill House Hotel really is the ideal wedding venue for all seasons.

Having held two family weddings at The Mill House Hotel we understand the importance of your special day and assure you of a friendly and attentive service with spectacular food lovingly prepared by our chef, accompanied by fine wines to complement your reception.

We have a variety of packages for you to choose from or alternatively items are individually priced to create a bespoke package. We would be delighted to show you around the hotel and discuss your requirements in detail so that we may create a package to suit your needs.

## We promise you a day that you will both treasure for the rest of your lives.





Your Wedding Ceremony

We are delighted to hold a licence to conduct civil ceremonies, vow renewals or blessings. The Garden Room and Cottage Suite inside the main house, both overlook our gardens, are bright and spacious and give the perfect setting to say your marriage vows.

For larger weddings, our permanent Marquee gives the perfect setting for your ceremony, with bifold doors onto the gardens, high ceilings and beautiful drapes.





During summer months why not say 'I do' outside in our beautifully manicured gardens under the Cedar Pavilion. Situated next to our walled garden and the River Loddon, it truly is the most romantic setting to exchange your wedding vows.





Exclusively Yours

Our beautifully landscaped gardens with manicured lawns, patios and water fountain create the perfect backdrop for your photos and drinks reception. With views of the Loddon river, vibrant flowerbeds and plenty of outdoor seating.

Exclusive Use of The Mill House allows you to celebrate in a private and intimate setting, with only you and your guests. Exclusivity is included in all our wedding packages and is also available in our more bespoke pricing.

## The Duke's Marquee

Situated within the gardens, our permanent marquee is available all year round and is a truly stunning venue to celebrate your wedding, offering your own bar and dance floor. On glorious days the bi-fold doors can be fully opened across the front giving access straight onto the decking and lawns. In winter the marquee is fully heated and the covered walkway from the main house ensures comfortable access for your guests.

## The Garden Room

With beautiful views over the grounds, the Garden Room is delightfully bright and spacious, an ideal room to have your more intimate civil ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception inside the main house. With doors onto the patio in the summer, and roaring log fire in the winter. The Garden Room is the perfect setting all year round.

## The Cottage Suite

For more intimate occasions, the Cottage Suite is the perfect choice. Natural light fills the room from the French Doors which also lead to a patio overlooking the gardens.



Why Mot Stay Overnight

The charming character of the main house is reflected in our twelve individually designed bedrooms, including a four poster suite, executive and family rooms, ensure your friends and family a comfortable sleep after dancing the night away. Upon booking your date with us all twelve rooms are automatically reserved for your guests.

Meet with friends and family for a full breakfast the next morning and share memories of your special day, before heading off to start your married life.







Create your Perfect Day

The Master of Ceremonies

The role of the master of ceremonies is to ensure the co-ordination and smooth running of the entire day. We will supervise and co-ordinate the following;

- Liaise with the registrars and co-ordinate the wedding ceremony including live or recorded music.
- Liaise with the photographer with regards to timing and photo opportunities.
- Co-ordinate and announce the receiving line.
- Announce the bride & groom into the dining room
- Announce the cutting of the cake
- Announce the speeches
- Co-ordinate the setting up of the evening entertainment
- Co-ordinate and announce the first dance

We can tailor make this service to suit your wedding and make it as formal or informal as required. This service ensures that, under our guidance, you can relax and enjoy the day to the full.

We recommend allowing the following times to ensure a smooth flow to your day;

Civil Ceremony (if held at The Mill House) – 30 minutes Reception drinks & photographs – One and a half hours Receiving line (optional) - 20-30 minutes Three course wedding breakfast - 2 hours Speeches & cake cutting – 30 minutes The duration of your evening reception is recommended from 8.00pm-midnight. Evening buffet suggested serving time – 9.00pm





Special Touches...

Table and Room Set Up: With all of our weddings we include, white table linen and napkins. Chair covers, sashes, coloured table clothes and napkins can be hired at an additional charge. If you would like different glassware, silverware, crockery, we would be delighted to obtain a quote for you. We are pleased to provide floor plans to assist with your table plan and layout.

**Red Carpet:** A red carpet can be placed at the front of the hotel to welcome your arrival. We also have a white carpet to place down the aisle for your wedding ceremony.

**Wedding Cake:** We have a 16" square or 16" diameter round silver cake stand available to display your wedding cake. Your cake cutting and service will all be co-ordinated by our master of ceremonies.

**Cocktail Bar:** Add some fun to your reception by booking our cocktail bar at an additional charge. This is available for a 3.5 hour period and our bartender will guide your guests through up to six of your specially chosen and individually priced cocktails.

**Music:** Whatever music you decide upon for your celebrations, it will create a lovely atmosphere for the duration of your day. If your wedding reception is taking place in the main house live bands are permitted throughout, although we do recommend up to a three piece band due to the size of the area available. For all weddings held in our marquee our resident DJ will automatically be booked for your evening reception. Live music is permitted in the marquee until 9.00pm, and provides a delightful ambiance to your wedding breakfast and into your evening reception.

**Children:** We are very family friendly here at The Mill House and welcome your younger guests with special menus, highchairs and family bedrooms.



For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact our Wedding Team on:

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