



CHANNELS

— Weddings —





*Over 40 years  
of unforgettable  
wedding days*





# THE VENUE

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Situated on the east of the Channels Estate, just north of Chelmsford and on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Little Waltham.





*The beautifully restored 17th century thatched Essex barn is an idyllic venue for your special day. Set in tranquil surroundings, with large outside areas, a fountain and an avenue of mature trees.*



With years of experience our wedding coordinators and head chefs will ensure your dreams come true. Every wedding is special to us and you can be confident that you will find us professional and organised, ensuring your day is relaxed, happy and memorable.

From arriving after your church ceremony, your car will enter the courtyard and our wedding coordinator will be ready to welcome you to Channels.

It's not long before you and your guests are invited into the wedding garden where canapés and refreshing welcome drinks are served. The lake in the front entrance is laden with lily pads and provides wonderful photo opportunities all year round. The mature tree-lined avenue also provides welcome shade on the hottest days, plus many options for your photographer.

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MAXIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS

140 **Seated Wedding Breakfast**

200 **Evening Reception**

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# CEREMONY

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Marry at Channels and you can choose an indoor ceremony surrounded by the splendour of the Essex Barn, or step outside to our 'church without a roof.'







*Tie the knot with your soulmate in surroundings full of character with up to 140 of your loved ones there to share the moment.*



With our stunning outside ceremony garden you can tie the knot outside under our beautiful thatched cart house. With antique pews and views over the Essex countryside, a very popular option for our weddings, described as a 'church without a roof.'

Of course, the English weather can be unpredictable, or you may wish to marry during the colder winter months, so you can rest assured that your ceremony will be just as magical held within our 17th century converted barn with beautiful beams and magical mood lighting.

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The decision to hold your ceremony inside or outside can often be decided by the weather. **Rest assured we can wait until just 15 mins before the start of the ceremony to make the decision.**

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# FOOD & DRINK

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Our experienced chefs at Channels are flexible and accommodating to your individual requirements. Catering at Channels is freshly prepared in house.



*However you decide to dine on your wedding day, you can be assured all our food is homemade and freshly prepared from the finest local suppliers.*



- Canapés and Receptions Drinks
- Silver Served, Traditional Four-course Wedding Breakfast
- Carved Buffet
- Barbecue
- Finger Buffet
- Suckling Pig and Pork Belly Buffet
- Extensive Wine List.

We offer an extensive choice of dining options to suit your wedding day plans. All dietary requirements, whatever the request, will be gladly catered for.

**TASTER MEAL:** Once your wedding day is confirmed you will be invited to your pre wedding tasting meal. We will serve you your chosen menu and wine choices, using the cutlery, crockery, glasses and linen that will be used on your wedding day.

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**Please see enclosed Food & Drink Menus for all options and prices**

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# THE LODGE

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Within the grounds of the Channels Estate is Channels Lodge, a 4 star Gold Award luxurious hotel with en-suite bedrooms, including two superb Honeymoon Suites.



*This beautifully converted Tudor house and accompanying buildings provides you with the convenient option of on-site accommodation for you and your guests.*



Each of the luxurious bedrooms and suits have been individually designed and equipped to the highest standards, combining the finest of the old with the finest of the new.

We recommend enquiring as early as possible to check availability for your chosen wedding date.

View the accommodation at:  
[www.channelslodge.co.uk](http://www.channelslodge.co.uk)

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Over 20 **Luxury Appointed Bedrooms** 4 **Star AA Rosette Award**  
5 **Star Trip Advisor Rating** 2 **Honeymoon Suites**

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## YOUR BIG DAY

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Whether you prefer a traditional church wedding or a more modern civil ceremony, we have compiled an itinerary which you may find of help.



## WEDDING DAY ITINERARY

During your final planning meeting with us, you will meet with your personal Front of House assistant who will then, along with your wedding coordinator, welcome you on arrival on your wedding day and ensure the whole day is perfect.

1 - 2 pm	Church wedding (local)
2 - 3 pm	Civil Ceremony at Channels
3 - 4 pm	Served arrival drinks & canapés during photos
4.15 pm	Introductory top table line up
4.30 pm	Sit down for silver served wedding breakfast
7 pm	Finish meal & speeches Bar open & entertainment sets up
7.30 pm	Extra evening guests arrive
9 pm	Evening buffet served
11.30 pm	Bar closes Music & dancing until midnight.

*These times are for guidance only,  
if you prefer to get married earlier  
or later we shall accommodate these  
changes accordingly.*

## YOUR DAY WITH US INCLUDES

- Professional team of coordinators who pride themselves on superb hospitality dedicated to giving you total commitment at every stage to ensure your day is perfect
- 17th century thatched Essex Barn
- A stunning outside ceremony garden, a 'church without a roof'
- Beautiful surroundings for those memorable photos
- We are proud to be able to offer the facility of Civil Ceremonies under the 1994 Marriage Act
- Silver served wedding breakfast by our team of professional staff, or buffet option of your choice
- Idyllic private wedding garden
- Ample free car parking
- Complimentary Master of Ceremonies
- Use of house linen, table numbers, cake stand and knife
- Flexible and accommodating to your individual requirements
- All prices are inclusive of VAT
- No service charge and no hidden extras.



## CHANNELS

— Bar & Brasserie —

Channels Bar & Brasserie is the perfect place for dinner and drinks the night before the big day, especially if you are staying at Channels Lodge.

Our private function suites are also available for intimate weddings for up to 20 guests and are licensed for Civil Ceremonies.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. A provisional booking can be held for a period not exceeding 14 days. A booking cannot be confirmed until the required non refundable deposit has been paid.
2. A second non refundable instalment of £1,000 will be invoiced one year prior to the date of your wedding.
3. Corkage only allowed on table wine for the Wedding Breakfast only.
4. Approximately 4 weeks prior to the function, you will need to attend a consultation with one of our wedding coordinators. We will discuss in full detail, your requirements for your day at this consultation.
5. The venue accepts all bookings on the basis that the venue supplies all food & drink items with the exception of the wedding cake or corkage fee on wine.
6. It is regretted that no refund of deposits or pre-payments can be made in the event of cancellation.
7. The full and final invoice paid no later than 7-10 days before the wedding.
8. Table Plans must be submitted 3 days prior to the function.
9. Minimum numbers on a Friday & Saturday are 70 adults for the wedding breakfast.
10. Channels, accept no liability for a wedding ceremony not taking place however caused.
11. The venue cannot accept responsibility for the loss of wedding gifts, property or possessions however caused. Channels would therefore suggest that all wedding parties should consider taking an appropriate insurance policy to insure their wedding day. Any properties left by the guests at the venue will be left at the owner's risk.
12. The management reserves the right to amend its published prices by giving a minimum of 3 months notice.
13. The management also reserves the right to increase its published prices for VAT & duty increase imposed on them by the Government's budget, without prior notice.
14. The latest finish time for functions is 12.00 midnight; all alcohol must be consumed within 30 minutes from last orders 11.30 p.m. Please advise your band or disco that they must vacate the premises 30 minutes after the function ends.
15. Dance floor, house linen & cake stand is inclusive of room hire. Floral decorations and chair covers are not included.
16. All noise, in particular music must be kept to a reasonable level & comply with both Statutory & Local Regulations, inside & outside the Function room.
17. Damage to the building, plants, equipment, etc., (other than fair wear & tear) caused by the booking person or their guests, will be charged at cost to the person booking the function as an extra.
18. All persons booking a function at Channels are responsible for their guests, it is therefore required that all evening events have a person or persons appointed by the booking person, to act as a steward. Although unlikely, such a person will be required by the Management to control any unacceptable behaviour by guests of the said function.
19. For their own safety children under 12 years of age must be supervised by an adult at all times during the function. Under no circumstances must children be allowed to wander unaccompanied through the building or it's surrounding grounds.
20. All guests are required to stay within the confines of the particular functions designated areas for their own safety, to avoid triggering alarms & to avoid unnecessary annoyance to other events taking place, that in turn your functions may enjoy its own privacy & security.
21. The management reserve the right to cancel any function due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, or for any matter deemed necessary by the management & accept no resultant responsibility, financial or otherwise.

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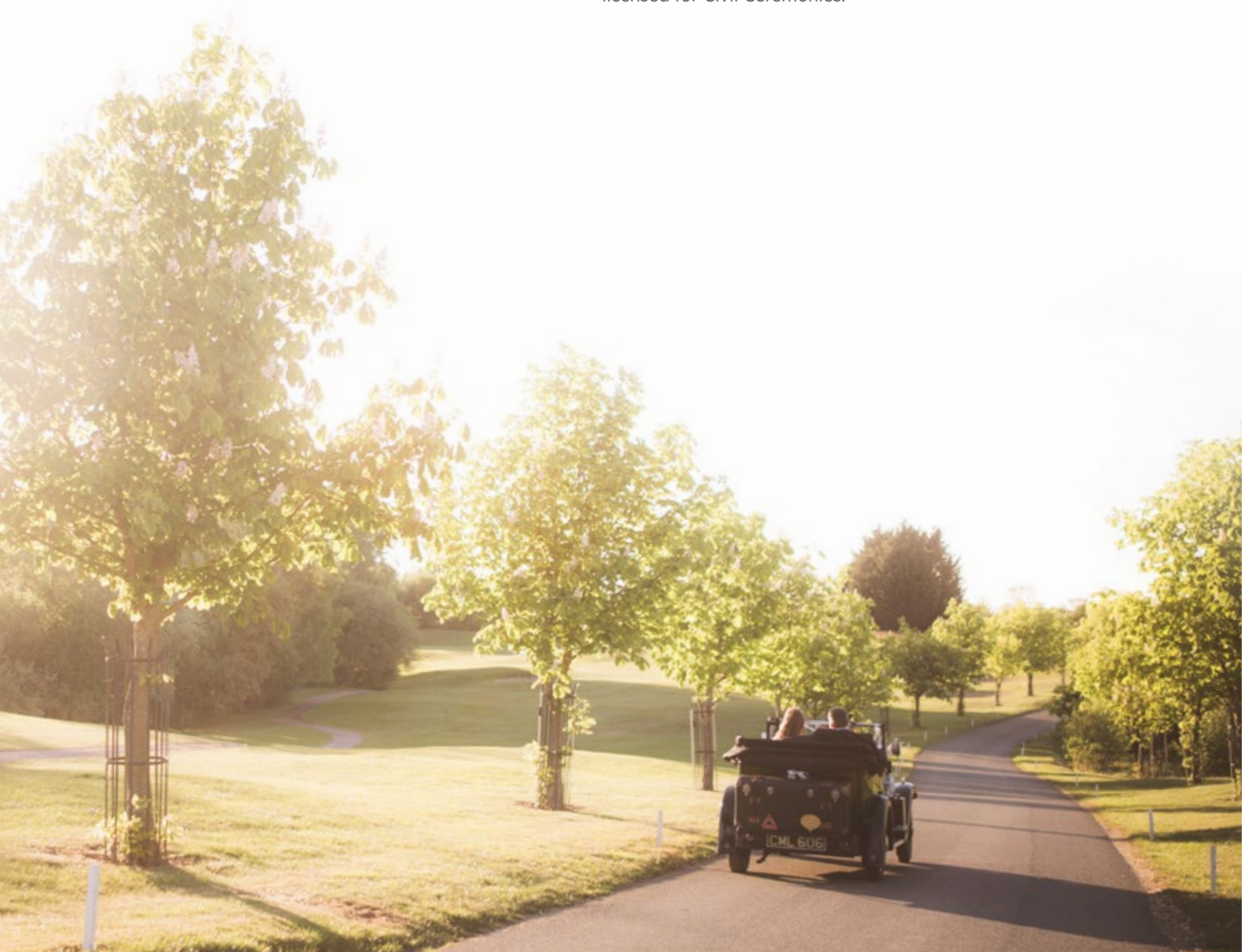
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