



**THE WHITE HART GREAT YELDHAM**

*A wonderful venue, chosen especially by you...*



# Welcome to The Essex Barn @ The White Hart

## The perfect venue for your wedding amongst stunning surroundings

The Essex Barn provides the perfect wedding venue, along with award winning restaurant and accommodation situated on the 4.5 acre grounds of a 15th century inn.

Set within beautiful gardens on the border of Essex and Suffolk, The White Hart is conveniently placed to visit local sights Hedingham Castle and Colne Valley, as well as being within easy reach of Stanstead Airport and Newmarket.

Inside, The White Hart's open fireplaces and traditional wooden beams create a relaxing and traditional feel, allowing the rich history of the building to remain alongside the contemporary.

## Award Winning Hotel & Restaurant

The White Hart is proud to announce that we have been awarded both the coveted Gold Star and Four Star rating in a recent inspection by the AA and British Tourism Board. Our restaurant has been the proud recipient of AA Rosettes for eight consecutive years, as well as recently receiving a four Gold Star AA rating for accommodation.

We can help you with every stage of your preparation and our experienced wedding planner is on hand to help make sure your big day runs smoothly.

This brochure covers a variety of our wedding packages, menus, accommodation, services...and a little bit extra!





## The Essex Barn

### Fusing the traditional and the contemporary

The Essex Barn is our latest addition to The White Hart venue. In keeping with the style of our 15th century coaching inn, The Essex Barn is the perfect place to hold your wedding or function.

Beautiful woodwork, hung tapestries and an immaculate attention to detail, The Essex Barn is a truly unique venue in Essex.

Opened on the 21st of May 2009, the barn is superbly styled to give any occasion that extra sense of flair.

Space for up to 200 guests (seated), we can accommodate your wedding whether it's a large event or something more intimate in scale.

# Civil Services

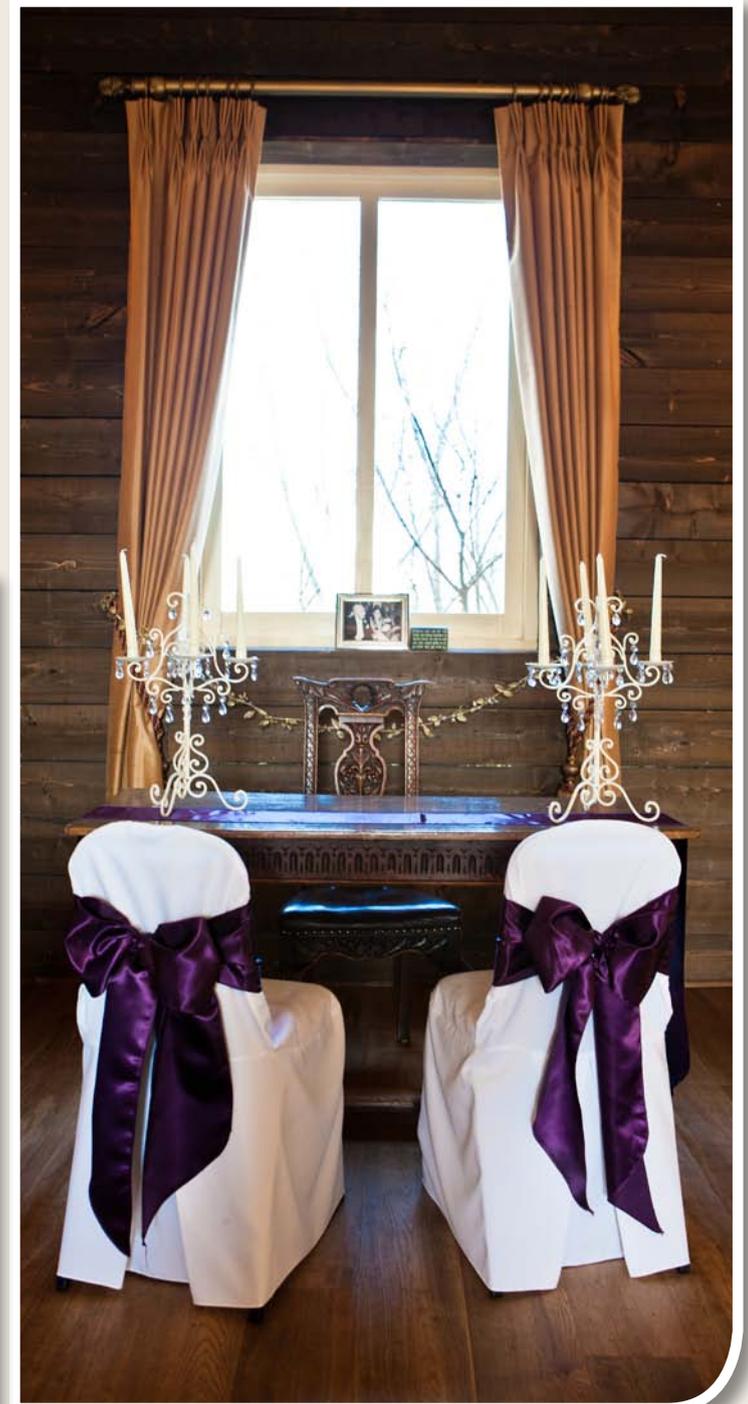
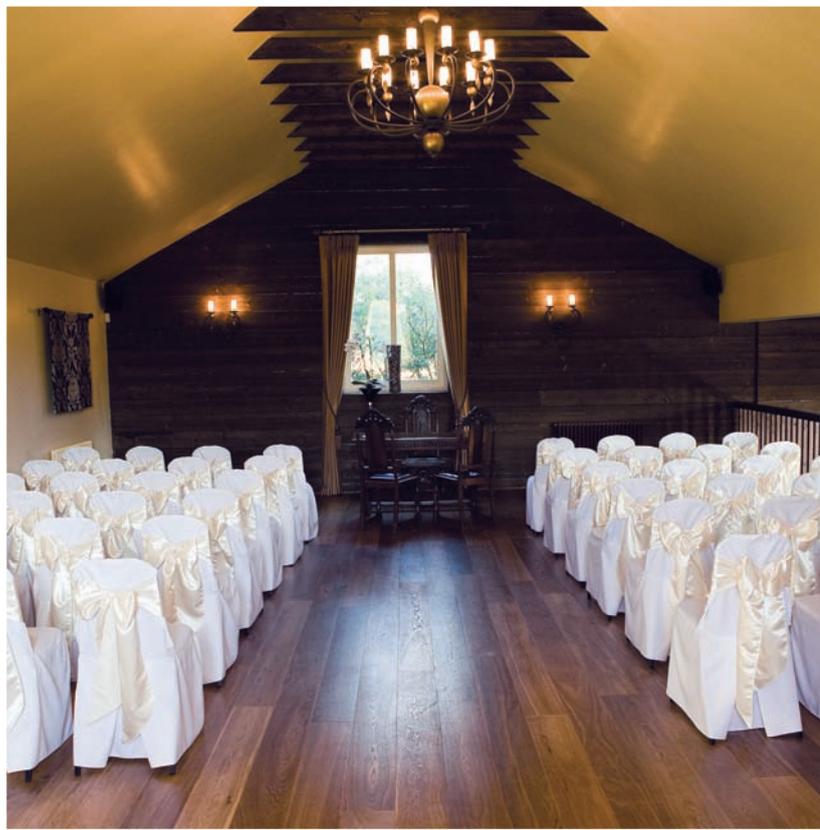
## Relaxed and traditional surrounding for your service

We offer our spacious mezzanine of the Essex Barn for guests to witness your civil ceremony. The mezzanine (pictured below) can accommodate up to 120 seated or 150 standing guests, with room for parties of up to 200 on the lower barn floor.

There is no additional charge for use of the barn facilities as the venue for your wedding as they are included in all of our wedding packages.

Although you will need to arrange and cover the cost of a Registrar our friendly wedding planner is on hand to help and provide all of the details required to do so.

We recommend a time of 2pm for your service as this allows the day to run as smoothly as possible. However, it is of course your big day and we will try to accommodate any time which you have in mind.





## Hotel & Grounds

**Comfort and quality for you and your guests to enjoy during your stay**

We have a range of ten en-suite rooms: including single, double and twin rooms, as well as our bridal suite for your wedding night or romantic weekend. All of our rooms are available all year round.

Our rooms are located in a separate block away from the main building offering a quiet and secluded area in which to enjoy your stay.

The decor is soft and inviting and the attention to detail has ensured that these rooms offer the very best in overnight accommodation.

Flat screen TV's and internet access are installed in every room along with coffee and tea making facilities.

We offer English breakfasts in our award winning restaurant the following morning.







## The Gold Package

Wedding day package for up to 80 guests

### Includes:

Aperitif on arrival

Hire of venue for service - excludes registrars fee

Hire of barn, fully furnished, dance floor & licensed bar

3 Course wedding breakfast

2 Glasses of wine per person

Celebration toast drink for you and your guests

BBQ Buffet for all daytime guests

Finest white table linen and white crockery

Cake stand and cake knife

Bridal dressing and preparation room

Bridal Suite discount

Your personal wedding advisor

(For prices and full menus see price sheets attached)



# The Platinum Package

Deluxe wedding day package for up to 80 guests

**Includes all the features of our standard wedding package plus:**

Canapes for 80 guests

Fourth Course - sorbet, soup or fish

Unlimited aperitif from the end of your ceremony until you seat for the meal - choice of Bucks Fizz or Pimms and Lemonade

Jugs of iced water on the tables

DJ evening entertainment

Bridal Suite in the Hotel

Breakfast for the Bride & Groom

Evening buffet for 120 guests - your choice of BBQ, Baked Potatoes or Finger Buffet

Chair Covers - your choice of colour scheme

(For prices and full menus see price sheets attached)





# Wedding Traditions

## Origins and meanings behind our most cherished wedding traditions

### Third finger, left hand

Engagement and wedding rings are traditionally worn on the third finger of the left hand. The Ancient Greeks and Romans believed that a vein of blood ran directly from this finger to the heart. The vein was called vena amoris, literally, “vein of love”. The wedding ring represents a never ending circle, symbolising everlasting love.

### Throwing confetti

Originated from the ancient Pagan rite of showering the happy couple with grain to wish them a fruitful union.

### Bride on the left and Groom on the right

It is believed this practice goes back to times when the right arm was considered the sword arm of most fighting men. If a man had to protect his bride from rival suitors he would hold her with his left hand, leaving his right hand free to use his sword.

### Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue, and a Silver Sixpence in your shoe.

“Something Old” signifies the bride’s link to her family and the past. The bride might, for example, wear a piece of family jewellery from her mother or grandmother’s wedding dress.

“Something New” reflects hope for good fortune and success in the future. The bride often chooses the wedding gown as the ‘new’ item.

“Something Borrowed” is often an item already worn by a happy bride at her wedding, such as a handkerchief or item of jewellery.

“Something Blue” dates back to biblical times when the colour blue was considered to represent purity and fidelity. Over time this has evolved from wearing blue clothing to wearing a blue band around the bottom of the bride’s dress and more modern times where the bride wears a blue coloured garter.

“And a silver sixpence in your shoe.” During the early 1600’s it was customary for the Lord of the Manor to give his bride a piece of silver as a wedding gift. Later, the custom evolved to that of the parents of the bride presenting a sixpence as a dowry gift. Since Victorian times, however, it has become more of a good luck charm to bring wealth and happiness to the marriage.

# How to find us

In the heart of the Essex countryside with easy access from the major roads

The White Hart  
Poole Street, Great Yeldham, Halstead,  
Essex CO9 4HJ.

We are located on the A1017 in the quiet village of Great Yeldham.

The town of Halstead is a ten minute drive away.

The nearest bus stop is a five minute walk and the nearest main line train station is Free-Port Braintree and is a fifteen minute drive away.

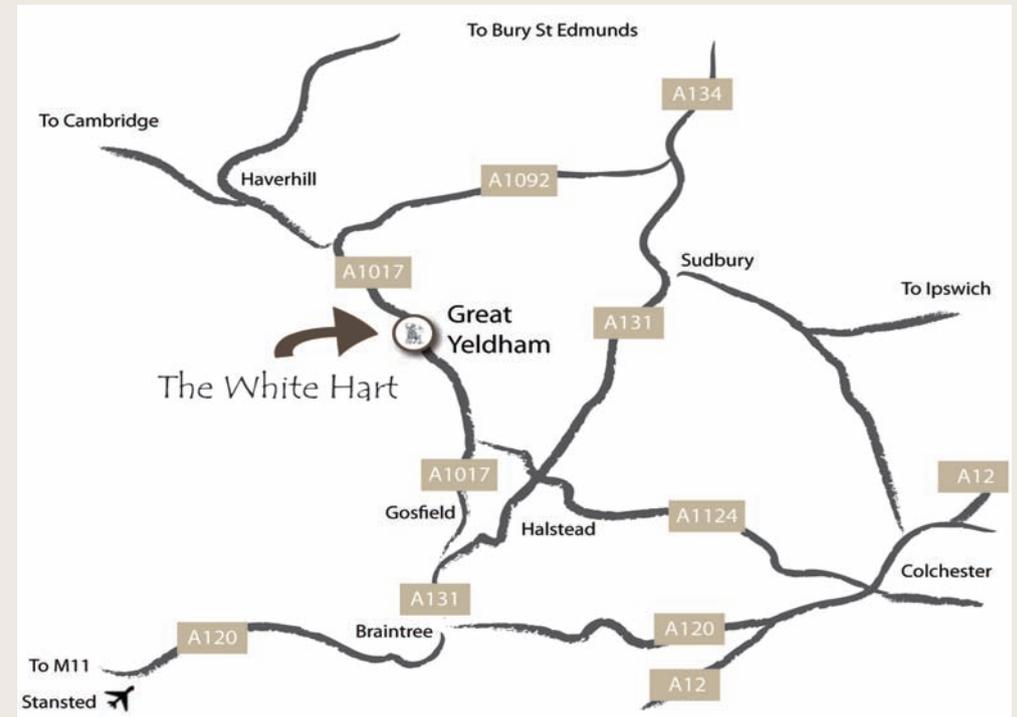
## Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

There is a large well lit off road car park. The car park is located around the entrance of the main building where reception and the restaurant is located.

We are happy to assist any guests from car park to entrance to room.

You can use our online directions by clicking below, you may also wish to email the below link to your guests:

[www.whitehartweddingvenue.co.uk/find-essex-wedding-venue.html](http://www.whitehartweddingvenue.co.uk/find-essex-wedding-venue.html)



THE WHITE HART HOTEL

# The Registrars

Once you have made a provisional booking with us we suggest you contact Braintree Registrars as soon as possible to organise a Registrar to conduct your ceremony. We, as a venue, do not stipulate when you should have your ceremony. It can be as early as 11:00am or as late as 4:00pm, however, our experience suggests 2:00pm as a suitable time as we feel this allows the day to run smoothest for both you and your guests.

On the day of your wedding it is required of a civil marriage that both partners (separately) hold a short pre-ceremony meeting with the Registrars. This will happen upon the registrars arrival and gives you the opportunity to meet the Registrar that will be conducting your ceremony. We will ensure that no one will see the bride before she makes her grand entrance in the barn.

Guidance for couples wishing to marry on an approved premises:

1. As soon as you have made the provisional arrangements for your marriage on approved premises you should contact the superintendent Registrar for the district in which the premises are situated, i.e. Braintree.
2. Without the presence of this superintendent registrar there can be no marriage and any arrangements for that use of the premises depend entirely on their availability. Although the county council have appointed some additional staff, it can give no guarantee that a superintendent registrar and/or registrar of marriages will be available on any particular occasion and it accepts no responsibility for any matter arising as a result of no such availability.
3. You will also have to give notice of marriage to the superintendent registrar(s) of the district(s) in which you live. This notice, which is valid for 12 months, must be given in person by each of you at least fifteen days before the wedding is due to take place. Therefore, both of you should attend the registrar office where you live as soon as possible after notice has been given. If you both live in different districts then each of you will have to give notice in your own district. A separate fee is payable for each notice.
4. If either of you are subject to immigration control there will be further

procedures to take before the marriage notice can be given. The local superintendent registrar can advise further on these procedures.

5. Please note that any arrangements made for the marriage to take place on the approved premises are dependent on:
  - a) the attendance of the superintendent registrar and a registrar for the district in which the premises are situated.
  - b) the issue of the authority or authorities for marriage by the superintendent registrar(s) to whom notice of marriage was given.
6. When notice is given in a different registration district from the one where the marriage is taking place you will have to ensure the marriage authority is collected before the ceremony and that it is delivered to the registrar who is to attend the ceremony.
7. You are advised that any ceremony conducted on approved premises shall not be religious in nature. In particular, the ceremony shall not:
  - a) include extracts from an authorised religious marriage service or from sacred religious texts
  - b) be led by a minister of religion or other religious leader
  - c) involve a religious ritual or series of rituals
  - d) include hymns or other religious chants
  - e) include any form of worship

The Marriage ceremony may include readings, songs or music that contain an incidental reference to a god or deity in an essentially non-religious context.

For this purpose any material used by the way of introduction to, in any interval between parts of, or by way of conclusion to the proceedings, shall be treated as forming part of the ceremony.

8. Any rights of copyright for music, readings etc permitted at the ceremony are a matter for the couple and the holder of the approval.

If you require any further information regarding the ceremony please contact the Superintendent Registrar for your district.

Braintree Registrars: 01376 323463

# Booking Form

Date of Wedding: ..... / ..... / ..... Full Name of Bride: ..... Groom: .....

Address for Correspondence: .....

..... (Postcode): .....

Telephone (Day): ..... (Evening): ..... (Mobile): .....

Location of Wedding Ceremony: .....

Guest Estimated Time of Arrival at The White Hart: .....

Approximate Number of Daytime Guest: ..... Evening Guests: .....

Function Room Required: .....

Deposit Paid: ..... Package: .....

Additional Information: : .....

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Taken By: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....

We confirm we have read, understood, received a copy and accepted the Terms and Conditions on the reverse of this page and accept we will be bound by them singularly and/or jointly.

Bride's Signature: ..... Print Name: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....

Groom's Signature: ..... Print Name: ..... Date: ..... / ..... / .....

You should read the Terms & Conditions overleaf and familiarise yourself with them. Once you have agreed to be bound by them you have entered into an agreement under which you have an obligation to fulfil. This contract should not be signed if you do not wish to be bound by such Terms & Conditions.

The Essex Barn @ The White Hart Great Yeldham, Halstead, Essex CO9 4HJ.

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# Terms and Conditions

1. A provisional booking will be held for a period of 7 days.
  2. Payment Terms: A booking is confirmed when a non-refundable deposit of £500.00 has been received. Exactly one year before the date of the event £1000 will be required. Three months before the event 50% of the total package price and evening buffet price is required. Exactly one month before the date the remaining package price, evening buffet price and all associated costs towards the day are to be paid with cleared funds.
  3. Payments on account can not be refunded in the event of cancellation.
  4. Payments paid via debit/credit cards will incur a 2% charge.
  5. We require a damage deposit of £300.00 the day before the event. This will be kept on file and returned to you 5 days after your wedding day as long as there is no damage or missing items to any of the buildings, grounds or property of The White Hart.
    - a) Please do not bring any alcoholic or non alcoholic beverages to The White Hart, Great Yeldham. This includes alcohol as table/wedding favours. We have an excellent, competitively priced fully licensed bar and reserve the right to confiscate any beverages not purchased from The White Hart. Should anyone be found on the premises drinking alcohol not purchased from the White Hart a charge will be made to yourselves of the equivalent price. This also applies to guests using the bridal preparation room on the morning of the wedding.
    - b) Alcohol will not be served to guests under the age of 18.
    - c) The White Hart does not offer corkage
  7. The White Hart does not allow any food to be brought to the event, apart from the Wedding cake. This also applies to guests using the bridal preparation room on the morning of the wedding.
  8. All functions with additional evening guests must provide a buffet for 100% of the total guests.
  9. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to organise with the registrar (Braintree district) if you would like a civil service at The White Hart. We can not accept any liability for a ceremony not taking place.
  10. We advise all wedding parties should take out the appropriate insurance policy.
  11. The White Hart can not accept any liability for lost or stolen wedding gifts, personal property or possessions. Any property left by the wedding party and their guests is at their own risk. Property can be stored in the bridal dressing room but the White Hart does not accept liability for any loss or damage.
  12. The organisers must take full responsibility of guests invited by them and are required to ensure good conduct is maintained for the duration of the event. The organiser indemnifies The White Hart against the theft from, or damage to, White Hart property, both internally or in the surrounding grounds including the hotel accommodation. In case of theft or damage, the organising party agrees to replace or compensate any damage or stolen goods. Finally, the booking party will ensure that control is shown over any guests that behave in an unacceptable way.
  13. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult at all times for their own safety.
  14. We only allow bio degradable confetti in the White Hart grounds. No confetti cannons allowed.
  15. The White Hart shall not be liable for any costs, loss of property, injury, damage or accident suffered by the organiser or their guests whilst on the premises. Vehicles may be parked in the designated areas, at the owners own risk. Cars must be removed from the premises no later than 11.30am the following day.
  16. The booking party agrees to accept the terms and conditions aforementioned and undertakes to comply to these conditions. In the event of the breach, the booking party agrees to recompense The White Hart where necessary.
  17. The White Hart reserves the right to cancel any event due to the non payment of money outstanding in accordance with our payment terms, unforeseen circumstances outside it's control or for any matter deemed necessary by the management and accepts no resultant responsibility financially or otherwise.
  18. The Hotel accommodation will be provisionally booked out when you confirm your booking. It will be the client's responsibility to provide names to the corresponding rooms.
  19. Hotel accommodation will require a non refundable deposit of £20 per room. Guests will have to up to seven days before the event to cancel their room booking. If a room booking is cancelled after this time full payment will be required.
  20. Smoking is only permitted in the designated outdoor areas.
  21. Prices quoted on drinks are based on current rates of excise duty. Should the government impose any increases in these rates after the date of this agreement; The White Hart reserves the right to increase these prices accordingly, but will advise the client in good time. In the event of any disruption in food supplies, outside The White Hart, the client will be advised accordingly and a suitable alternative will be offered to the client.
  22. Dietary requirements can be catered for but The White Hart cannot be held responsible for any adverse reaction.
  23. The White Hart does not accept liability for any damage/costs incurred as a result of your outside suppliers.
  24. All prices are shown less VAT. VAT will be charged at the current rate of the wedding date.
- The terms and conditions aforementioned are acknowledged and agreed by the signing of the booking form.







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**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES**

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