



STUBTON HALL

## Getting hitched at Stubton Hall.

### Frequently asked questions and answers.

Stubton Hall is an elegant 19<sup>th</sup> century country house set within 24 acres of its own parkland with commanding views over the Lincolnshire countryside close to the Nottinghamshire border and the historic market town of Newark.

#### Where is Stubton Hall?

The picturesque village of Stubton lies 5 miles southeast of Newark and 10 miles northwest of Grantham in Lincolnshire close to the Nottinghamshire border. We are about 120 miles north of London, 25 miles east of Nottingham, 75 miles south of Leeds and easily accessible from mainline trains to the Newark stations.

#### Why get hitched at Stubton Hall?

The Hall will be exclusively yours for the day. You will be able to take over the entire house without sharing it with any other parties, guests or residents. We will tailor-make your event to your own specifications and promise not to railroad you into inflexible packages. We specialise in looking after couples who know what they want, who understand a thing or two about understated good taste and who also appreciate our own expertise in entertaining and hospitality.

Stubton Hall offers a flexible venue with overnight accommodation

- 25 individually designed bedrooms
- Choice of reception rooms & terraces
- The ability to seat 200 dining guests in the Orangery
- 24 acres of park and gardens
- Delicious food and wines

#### How much will it cost?

We're not inexpensive, but we feel that our prices are fair for the level of service and attention to detail you will find at Stubton Hall. We have a unique historic setting, expertly trained staff and a cracking chef who all look forward to giving you and your guests a fantastic wedding. Because we offer such a personalised service, we expect to sit down with you to finalise the cost of your special day, but we have drawn up some guideline prices to assist you in calculating the cost of a wedding at Stubton Hall. Our prices consist of three parts: the exclusive use venue hire fee, the price per guest and the cost of the bedrooms. Neither the venue fee nor the packages include the cost of the civil ceremony or church blessing because these charges are payable directly to the Registrar or the church. All of our prices are calculated to include VAT at 20%, so you won't have to get out your calculator to add to our published costs. It is less expensive to get married on a weekday from October through March than in April through September when we are at our busiest. If you haven't already seen our guideline prices, please ask us for a copy or look for them on our website [www.stubtonhall.co.uk/weddings](http://www.stubtonhall.co.uk/weddings).

#### How many people can attend a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall?

The Bow Room can fit up to 20 people, the Conservatory up to 50, the Music Room up to 100 and the Orangery up to 200. All rooms are easily accessible and air-conditioned

#### How many people can attend a drinks reception?

The main house can easily accommodate up to 200 people for a stand-up reception. When the weather is fine, we suggest using the large terrace on the south side of the house overlooking the fountain.

#### How many people can attend a sit-down meal?

The Orangery can seat up to 200 people while the Music Room or the Conservatory can seat up to 50 people. We can also make arrangements for more intimate meals.

#### Will the ceremony and reception take place in the same room?

Not normally. One of the wonderful things about Stubton Hall is that we have lots of space and a variety of reception rooms. We suggest a ceremony in the Music Room followed by drinks on the terrace and a sit down meal in the Orangery. For ceremonies with more than 100 guests, please speak to us about other options.

#### Can we have a civil ceremony at Stubton Hall and hold our reception elsewhere?

Hmmm, we'll have to think about that. We prioritize use of our licensed rooms for guests who plan to use our full services.

#### Is there a church nearby?

Yes. St Martin's Church is at the centre of the village just steps away from Stubton Hall and St Peter's Church, Claypole is just two miles down the road. They are available for wedding ceremonies (if you are eligible) or for blessings of civil ceremonies.

#### Can we get married elsewhere and have our reception at Stubton Hall?

By all means!

#### What about photography?

Whatever the weather, Stubton Hall, its lake, park and gardens offer a wide variety of beautiful places for photo opportunities. You don't need to worry if the sun doesn't shine because the wedding photos taken inside the house are as spectacular as the ones taken outside. If you are looking for a photographer or videographer, we'd be happy to recommend one.

#### What about flowers and decorations?

We highly recommend a few terrific local florists and venue stylists. They will be delighted to discuss colours, flower arrangements, chair covers, candles and other fun ideas for your tables with you and are also available to make co-ordinating wedding bouquets, bridal party flowers, church flowers and additional house decorations. It is also possible choose your own florist or stylist, please speak to us about this.



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### **May we throw confetti?**

Yes, but only natural petals.

### **May we decorate the tables?**

Yes, within reason and subject to prior arrangement. We particularly ask that you discuss any candle arrangements with us beforehand so that we can keep the Fire Officer happy.

### **May we bring our own wedding cake?**

Yes, you may, but we have a number of cake suppliers whom we wholeheartedly recommend who will be delighted to discuss their prices with you. Sorry, but due to dreaded health and safety rules, 'cakes of cheese' must be supplied by Stubton Hall and not you or your own supplier.

### **May we bring our own wine or champagne?**

Sorry, this isn't possible, but we're happy to source your favourites.

### **Can you get me to the church on time?**

We have contacts for everything from limousines to horse drawn carriages, not to mention dressmakers, formal hire shops, bands, DJs, photographers, makeup artists and much more. Just ask!

### **What about the kids?**

Children are welcome at Stubton Hall, provided that a parent or responsible adult looks after them. We can also recommend local babysitters. We are happy to provide meals for small kids at small rates. Meals for kids over the age of 10 are billed at adult prices.

### **Will we be sharing Stubton Hall with other bridal parties or residents?**

No way! Stubton will be exclusively yours during your wedding.

### **What about evening festivities?**

Our menus are full of evening food options. We expect you to invite extra guests and can accommodate up to 240 guests in the Orangery.

### **When will the party end?**

Our licence for drinking and music ends at midnight. Drinking outside of public hours is allowed for overnight hotel guests in specific areas. Out of consideration to our employees and other guests, we make no commitment to offering 'all night' bar service.

### **Can we stay overnight?**

We expect you to! Since you will be having Stubton Hall on an exclusive basis, we require that all weddings take a minimum number of bedrooms. During our less busy months or days of the week, it may also be possible to book additional nights before or after the wedding day.

### **This sounds great. Can we come to meet you?**

It is so much nicer to meet prospective clients in person than to communicate solely via email! We would expect to show you around in person and to explain how we operate. If you decide to book, we will meet with you to work out the details of your wedding. We are flexible with appointments and can normally find time during any day of the week or during early evenings to meet you.

### **How do we go about booking Stubton Hall for our wedding?**

For any wedding at Stubton Hall, contact us to see if your desired date is available. We can pencil in a date for you in our diary which we will hold for three weeks while you sort out your ceremony.

Then you need to book the ceremony with the Lincolnshire Registrar, a celebrant or a local place of worship.

Lincolnshire Registrar [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ceremonies) or ring on 01522 782244

Celebrants, please ask us for recommendations

St Martin's, Stubton or St Peter's, Claypole church, contact the Canon Rev Tony Tucker at [RectorClaypole@gmail.com](mailto:RectorClaypole@gmail.com) or 07968 814189.

Once you have secured a date, we will ask to meet with you to go through the cost of your proposed wedding. After this meeting, and if you agree to the quoted price, we will ask for a deposit of £1,000. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable, whatever the reason.

Everything we agree with you will be visible to you on our online database. This will include a list of deadlines by which we require further payments, menu & wine choices, guest lists and final guest numbers.

After you agree to the formal quotation you will be required to pay the remainder of the venue fee for your chosen date. This will be due 20 months before your wedding or four weeks after you agree to the quote, whichever date is sooner.

40% of the package quote will be due 9 months and again 4 months in advance of the wedding date. Six weeks before your wedding we will sit down with you again to confirm your choices and guest numbers. The final balance calculated after that meeting will be due no less than one month before your event.

### **How do we pay?**

Payment for weddings and receptions must always be made in advance by bank transfers. Any delinquent payment will be considered a breach of contract.

### **What if we need to cancel?**

At all stages in our dealings with you, we will stipulate our cancellation charges and our deposits policy. We strongly advise taking out an insurance policy to cover unforeseen cancellations.

### **Where do we go for more information?**

Visit [www.stubtonhall.co.uk](http://www.stubtonhall.co.uk) for downloads of more detailed guidelines of prices, menus, wine lists and photos. Look us up on Facebook and Instagram for lots of fun images of our food and past weddings.

Email us at [events@stubtonhall.co.uk](mailto:events@stubtonhall.co.uk) or best yet, call our Events Team during business hours on 01636626187.