



Layer
Marney
Tower

Whatever our souls
are made of
his and mine are the same.

MY
TRUE
LOVE

Where there is great
love,
there are always
wishes
everyone
of love
becomes a poet.

YOU KISSED MY
SOUL





Weddings

Congratulations and welcome

Thank you for requesting more information on having your wedding at Layer Marney Tower, a very special historic building in the most beautiful setting.

The Tower, grounds and outbuildings are available to hire for a wedding ceremony, reception, or both. We are proud of the fact you can use our spaces in all sorts of ways. We are keen to help you to shape your wedding the way that you want it. The size, structure and timings of your day are very much in your hands and we are happy to help in your planning as much, or as little, as you like.

This brochure is filled with stunning photographs from previous weddings and gives us the opportunity to show you some of the property. Whilst they are designed to give you inspiration for your own wedding, and a sense of this unique place, we really recommend you come and have a look for yourself.

We would be delighted to book you in for a show round any day of the week, day or evening. In order to arrange this, please either email: weddings@layermarneytower.co.uk or telephone 01206 330784 to arrange a viewing.

I hope that the following pages give you all the information you need when deciding that Layer Marney Tower is the place for your perfect day. If you have any queries or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Charrington

Changes 2023

Wedding Ceremony

The fee for a wedding ceremony in 2023 is £900. This is paid in full at the time of booking and is non-refundable. The booking will be for one hour, allowing time for the ceremony and photographs. Ceremonies take place between 10am and 1pm, except on a Saturday in High Season when they may take place between 10am and 12 noon. Ceremonies may be held after these times when booked together with a reception.

Wedding Reception

Wedding receptions at Layer Marney Tower include the use of the Rolls Royce and the bridal suite. We require music to cease by 12 midnight and guests to leave by 1am.

A non-refundable deposit of £1000 confirms a booking. The remaining balance together with a damage deposit of £500 is to be paid 2 months before the wedding. The damage deposit will be returned as soon as possible if there is no damage, usually within 7 days.

Wedding reception charges 2023

	Sunday to Thursday	Friday	Saturday Including Bank Holiday Sundays
Low Season <i>January, February & November</i>			
Ceremony	£900.00	£900.00	£900.00
Reception	£2,200.00	£2,850.00	£3,650.00
Mid Season <i>March, April, October & December</i>			
Ceremony	£900.00	£900.00	£900.00
Reception	£3,100.00	£3,600.00	£4,650.00
High Season <i>May, June, July, August & September</i>			
Ceremony	£900.00	£900.00	£900.00
Reception	£4,350.00	£5,550.00	£6,450.00

Cancellation

If your reception is cancelled more than six months in advance then no further payment will be required. If the reception is cancelled between three and six months in advance then 50% of the outstanding balance will be required to be paid. If less than three months notice of cancellation is given, then the whole of the outstanding balance must be paid.

These charges may be subject to alteration.

Booking Form

The fee for a wedding ceremony is paid in full at the time of booking. This fee is non-refundable. A deposit of £1000.00 is required when booking a reception. This deposit is non-refundable. The balance of the reception fee is to be paid two months prior to the event, together with the damage deposit. The damage deposit will be returned as soon as possible if there is no damage, usually within 7 days.

Cancellation

If your reception is cancelled more than nine months in advance then no further payment will be required. If the reception is cancelled between six and nine months in advance then 50% of the outstanding balance will be required to be paid. If less than six months notice of cancellation is given, then the whole of the outstanding balance must be paid.

Name of couple to be married

Address

Postcode

Primary telephone

Secondary telephone

Email

Date & time of event

Ceremony only

Reception only

Ceremony & Reception

Payment

£ Ceremony fee (2023 - £900.00)

£ Reception deposit (£1,000.00)

£ Total

Please pay by BACS to The Marney Partnership

BACS details: Sort code 20 97 40, Account No. 50253766

Please quote a reference of your surname with the date of the wedding in the format dd/mm/yy.

Signed

Date

A confirmation of this booking form will be sent.

Bouquet Garni

The catering and the overall management of your wedding day is run by Bouquet Garni. They have an excellent reputation and offer a wide variety of delicious menus. Whether you are after a formal meal, a less formal sharing platter or a summer barbeque they are happy to work with you to create just what you want.

At an initial meeting, you will meet them to discuss your menu, and help work out the running of your day from start to finish. They will cover details like table layouts, linen requirements and timings. On your wedding day a dedicated manager from Bouquet Garni will be there beforehand, working with your suppliers and throughout the day to ensure everything runs smoothly.



This is just an outline selection of Bouquet Garni's menus, 2022 pricing.

Canapes

A selection of six canapés – hot and cold options are available.

£5.40

Three Course Sit Down Meal

Served to your guests at the table, choose the options or give your guests a choice of three options.

from £54.30

Barbecue

Enjoy your food from the barbecue with a selection of salads. Desserts served to your guests at the table.

£43.95

Sharing Platters

An informal approach with a more casual feel. A selection of six canapés served with drinks, a sharing main course with salads and a dessert served to your guests at the table.

from £49.85

Evening Food

Served to your guests during your evening reception.

Bacon Rolls – £7.68
Wood Fired Pizzas – £10.92
Mac 'n' Cheese – £8.82
Fajitas – £11.10

Dietary requirements are catered for accordingly.

A quirky Citroen H-Van can be hired for evening food adding real wow factor for your guests. All prices include staff, crockery, cutlery, white linen napkins and tablecloths. Price inc. VAT. Prices quoted are for 30 – 140 people. Smaller and larger numbers can also be catered for.

Bouquet Garni

Telephone 01206 393244

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www.bouquetgarni.co.uk

Layer Marney Tower

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Layer Marney Tower has a flexible drinks policy that can be tailored to your needs and budget. When you meet with Bouquet Garni you can discuss what will work best for you. As well as helping with quantities and delivery arrangements, they can also help with inspiration if wanted. Champagne and Prosecco are the classic drinks for a reception, but have you thought about Pimms, cocktails, traditional lemonade or perhaps a seasonal drink like Mulled Wine?



The majority of our wedding couples choose to supply their own alcohol and soft drinks for the reception, wedding breakfast and speeches. Most people will then move to a bar in the evening which normally starts when the dancing begins, or after the evening meal. We do not charge corkage but Bouquet Garni will charge a service fee: £4.20 per person.

If that doesn't work for you, you can arrange for Bouquet Garni to organise all drinks on a per head basis or to have Bouquet Garni run a drinks bar all day.

The Bar is open to midnight and serves draught beer and lager, wine and spirits. If you have particular requirements - cocktails, craft beers etc., then just arrange this with Bouquet Garni. You may have a "free bar" (allowing you to pick up the tab), a restricted tab (limited to just wines and beers) or there can be a normal pay bar.

We ask for any of the drinks you are supplying to be delivered the day before your wedding to allow time for them to cool, warm or settle as necessary and, of course, so we know it will be ready for your arrival!

Mr. Wheeler

Mr. Wheeler have been supplying wine to weddings in East Anglia and beyond since 1883. The sixth generation of the Wheeler family owns the company, and specialise in sourcing interesting, good value wines from small, innovative producers worldwide.

The personal Mr. Wheeler experience is not to be missed. Nestled in beautiful Constable Country, and easily accessed from the A12, our characterful cellar shop, Mr. Wheeler's Wine Cellar, is within 45 minutes' drive of the M25 and Stansted Airport, and only just over an hour from Cambridge and Norwich. If you're planning on making a special trip, please call ahead to discuss with us your wine preferences, so we can prepare a selection of wines for you to taste.

Come and meet our team of friendly, knowledgeable wine experts, who will be delighted to show you suitable options in our private tasting room. We aim to help you select all your wine needs from reception sparkling wine or Champagne to good wine matches for your chosen menu. Our team can advise on the exact quantities required, and offer sale or return so that you only pay for what is used on the day. We aim to make the wine aspect of your big day easy, fun and stress free and you'll find very generous savings to be made on sealed cases.



Mr. Wheeler

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www.mrwheelerwine.com

The Maythorn

When you book your wedding reception at Layer Marney Tower you have the use of a 1931 Rolls Royce 20/25 hp four door limousine, with coachwork by Maythorn and Son of Bedfordshire.

The Maythorn is chauffeur driven and can comfortably seat two or three adults in the main rear seat. It can also seat a further three children or adults using the two occasional seats and chauffeur's compartment. We strongly recommend that your journey time is limited to 30 minutes or a 20 mile radius of Layer Marney Tower.

If you decide to have both your ceremony and reception at Layer Marney Tower, you can enjoy a short drive in the time available between events. Upon your return you will be greeted by your guests for your reception.

With uniformed chauffeur and conservative yet well proportioned coachwork, the Maythorn offers a unique opportunity to enjoy the very best of the past. The magnificent coachwork is finished in black over red, with the Spirit of Ecstasy gracing the famous Rolls Royce Radiator.

Considered by many as the jewel of pre war Rolls Royce models, the 20/25 hp uses the 3669cc cross flow version of the Rolls Royce six-cylinder overhead-valve engine. The resulting ride combines smoothness, silence and a small degree of performance.





Transport

Rolls Royce & Bridal Suite Booking Form

Please complete the relevant parts of this booking form below and return it to Layer Marney Tower.

Included in your wedding reception is complementary use of our bridal suite – the de Zoete Rooms. These comprise a luxurious bedroom with a four poster bed, and a superbly appointed bathroom with double ended bath and walk in shower. Breakfast essentials such as coffee, tea, orange juice, bread and cereals are also provided. The de Zoete Rooms are available from 1pm on the day of your wedding reception through to 11am the following day.

Please tick this box if you would like use of the de Zoete Rooms

We are delighted that you have decided to have your wedding reception at Layer Marney Tower. The price for hiring the Long Gallery and grounds for your wedding reception includes the use of our 1931 Rolls Royce – The Maythorn. Please enclose a clear map or directions showing us from where to collect you. Please see conditions on reverse.

Please tick this box if you would like use of the Rolls-Royce

Please tick this box if both your wedding ceremony and reception are being held at Layer Marney Tower and you would like a drive after the ceremony

Name of couple to be married

Address

Postcode

Home telephone

Mobile

Email

Date Rolls Royce required

Number of passengers

Collection address

Collection time

Ceremony address

Reception venue

Layer Marney Tower

Signed

Date

The Routemaster

Layer Marney Tower is pleased to offer the use of an original red London Transport Routemaster bus – RML 2398. Whether it is for friends and family coming to a wedding, delegates coming to a conference, or a society going on a magical mystery tour, there is now a way to travel together and travel in style.

With smart Layer Marney Transport livery and finished in iconic London Transport red, guests will be able to enjoy the journey to Layer Marney Tower, chatting together and with no worries about taking a wrong turning or not turning up on time. No parking problems, no drink driving problems and peace of mind for non driving guests: the advantages are numerous.

Typically, the Routemaster will collect guests from up to two locations and then come on to Layer Marney Tower. If you are having a wedding at a church then guests may be collected from one pick up point, taken to the church and then driven onto Layer Marney Tower. The top speed of a Routemaster is a modest 40mph, so we recommend pick up points such as hotels, railway stations or houses within a 20 mile radius of Layer Marney Tower.

For the typical journey outlined above, the charge for hiring the Routemaster in 2022 and 2023 will be £550, payable on booking. We will be delighted to provide a quotation for alternative types of journey.

At the end of the evening guests may return using taxis, minibuses or a modern coach. We have details of many local companies and will be pleased to put you in touch with them. Alternatively, for an additional £250, we will return your guests to two local destinations of your choice, with the Routemaster departing from Layer Marney Tower not later than 12.30am. Please be aware that late night winter journeys on the Routemaster will be a little chilly!

If you would like to hire the Routemaster please telephone 01206 330784 to discuss your journey requirements, availability and we will then prepare a quotation.





Transport

The Routemaster Booking Form

Name

Address

Postcode

Home telephone

Mobile

Email

Date Routemaster required

Pick-up point 1.

Collection time

Pick-up point 2.

Collection time

Pick-up points other than hotels will require full location details together with a map.

Please be aware that not all roads are suitable for a double decker bus.

Ceremony venue

Ceremony time

Reception venue

Reception time

Payment and cancellation

Full payment is required to confirm your booking. Refunds, less an administration charge will only be given where more than 12 weeks notice is given.

Please phone 01206 330784 or e-mail info@layermarneytower.co.uk for a quotation, prior to completing this booking form.

Payment

£

Total

Please either pay by BACS or cheque.

BACS details: Sort code 20 97 40, Account no.50253766 or cheques, made payable to Layer Marney Tower.

Signed

Date

A confirmation of this booking form will be sent.

The de Zoete Rooms

When you book Layer Marney Tower for a reception you also have the use of the de Zoete Rooms. This suite is named after the de Zoete family who lived at Layer Marney Tower in the early 20th century and who did much to the house and gardens.

The small entrance hall of the de Zoete Rooms leads to a beautiful bedroom with a four poster bed and a bathroom with walk-in shower, double ended bath and bidet. The hall has the essential supplies for breakfast – coffee, tea, orange juice; fresh bread and cereal. Access is available from 1pm on the day of your wedding, and the rooms are yours until 11am the following morning.



Glamping 'Posh Camping'

There are six luxurious tented encampments in the grounds of Layer Marney Tower which are suitable for your more outdoor friends and family. Don't be misled by the term "camping," this really is very posh. Your stay will be under canvas but with wooden floors, running water, flushing loo and some have a hot tub.

Each encampment sleeps 6 in comfortable beds. There are lights powered by batteries, an indoor cooking stove, an outdoor cooker and a fire pit. Glamping at Layer Marney Tower is available for weddings between April and October each year.



Book through

Featherdown Farm

Telephone 01420 80804

www.featherdown.co.uk

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Accommodation

Hotels

The Marks Tey Hotel

Marks Tey, Colchester, CO6 1DU

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Email info@marksteyhotel.co.uk

www.marksteyhotel.co.uk

When you enquire at The Marks Tey Hotel, please mention you are having your reception at Layer Marney Tower and ask for their special rates.

Bed & Breakfasts

The Hare and Hounds Pub

Crayes Green, Layer Breton, CO2 0PN

Telephone 01206 330459

Email thehareandhound@live.co.uk

www.thehareandhound.co.uk

The Layer Fox Pub

2 Malting Green Road,

Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JH

Telephone 01206 738723

www.thelayerfox.co.uk

Rye Farm

(Self-catering)

Rye Lane, Layer de la Haye, CO2 0JL

Contact Peter Bunting

Telephone 01206 734350

Email peterbunting@btconnect.com

www.ryefarm.org.uk

Ransomes B&B

Contact Nicky and Andrew Ellis

Telephone 01206 735166

Email nicky@essexguesthouse.co.uk

www.essexguesthouse.co.uk

Conduit Farm

Airbnb

The Stables, Birch

<https://abnb.me/ErGD4j1Z5M>

W. Flowers

Beautiful flowers can make a real difference to your wedding day. Selecting a florist is a very personal choice and you will want someone who can listen to your ideas and interpret your wishes. At Layer Marney Tower you can have as many or as few flowers as you like. The Long Gallery is beautiful in its own right but table arrangements, a decorated mantelpiece and a staircase interwoven with greenery can add glory and colour to your day.

You may employ a florist of your own choice, or you may like to contact Wendy Leiper and her daughter Julia of W. Flowers. They have worked at Layer Marney Tower for many years and are full of wonderful, unique and beautiful ideas. Their website is well illustrated: www.wflowers.co.uk



W. Flowers

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Weeley
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Contact Wendy Leiper & Julia
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Mobile 07887 691904
Email julia@wflowers.co.uk
www.wflowers.co.uk

Music

Live Music

Arioso String Quartet

www.ariosostringquartet.co.uk
Email ariosostringquartet@hotmail.com
Mary-Kate Ingram 07702 710553
Katherine Joyce 07787 510288

Xenia Horne Harpist

www.ukharpists.com
Email info@ukharpists.com
Telephone 07866 568872

Louise Binks Harpist

www.louisebinksharpist.co.uk
Email Louise_binks_harp@aol.com
Telephone 07851 035523

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Singers, pianists, saxophonists, ceilidh, acoustic acts, live bands, harpists, string quartets, guitarists, roaming musicians, jazz etc.
www.weddingmusic.expert
Telephone 01621 744388

Live Bands

24 Karat

www.24karatband.com
Email 24karatband@gmail.com
Telephone 07513 545154

Three Mile Hill

www.threemilehill.co.uk

The Hot Shots

www.thehotshots.co.uk
Email thehotshots@alivenetwork.com
Telephone 01782 383544

DJ's

Devoted Events

www.devotedevents.co.uk
Email contact@devotedevents.co.uk
Telephone 017245 350515

Blu Ice Roadshow

www.bluiceroadshow.co.uk
Telephone 0330 133 1677

Essence Music/DJ's

www.disco.expert
Telephone 01621 744388

Geoff Grove

www.geoffgrove.com
Telephone 01702 200800 or 07790 200800



Wedding Suppliers

Photography & Video

Photographers

David Islip

www.david-islip-photography.co.uk
Telephone 01376 517955

Pengelly Photography

www.pengelly-photography.com
Telephone 01787 377503

E.P.S. Photography

www.eps-phtotography.co.uk
Telephone 01206 264084

Andy Chambers Photography

www.andychambersphotography.co.uk
Telephone 07862 0265273

Ayshea Goldberg Photography

www.ajg-photography.co.uk
Telephone 07967 433154

Visions of View

www.visionsofview.co.uk
Telephone 07976 914958

Videographers

Red Carpet Video

www.redcarpetvideo.co.uk
Telephone 07962 215757

Gecko Films

www.gecko-films.co.uk
hello@gecko-films.co.uk

Miscellaneous

Wedding Cakes

Tess's Cakes

www.tesscakesweddings.co.uk
Email carltravers@tesscakes.co.uk
Telephone 01206 865402

Bridalwear and Groomswear

Abigail's Collection

www.abigailscollection.co.uk
Email mail@abigailscollection.co.uk
Telephone 01206 574575

The Groom's Room

www.thegroomsroomessex.co.uk
(at Abigail's Collection)
Email mail@thegroomsroomessex.co.uk
Telephone 01206 574575

Anthony Formal Wear

www.anthonyformalwear.co.uk
Telephone 01206 571171

Amara Bridal

www.amarabridalandprom.co.uk
Email amarabridal@yahoo.com
Telephone 01376 564800

Hilary B

www.hilaryb.co.uk
Email info@hilaryb.co.uk
Telephone 01206 578889

Entertainment

Dynamic Fireworks

www.dynamicfireworks.co.uk
Email sales@dynamicfireworks.co.uk
Telephone 01206 762123

Little Horse Picture Booth

(Photo Booth)
www.thelittlehorsepicturebooth.co.uk

Simply Rustic

(Décor, Props, Games)
www.simply-rustic.co.uk

Spencer Wood Magician

www.spencerwoodmagic.co.uk
Email info@spencerwoodmagic.co.uk
Telephone 07738 555453

Nick Crown Magician

www.nickcrown.co.uk
Email nick@nickcrown.co.uk
Telephone 07747 802748

Eden Falconry

www.edenfalconry.com
Telephone 07704 432057

The Prop Boutique

(Games, Décor, Props)
Email thepropboutique@gmail.com
Telephone 01245 409825



Wedding Suppliers

Transport

Taxis

SS Cabs

www.sscabs.co.uk

Email office@sscabs.co.uk

Telephone 01621 817399

Allday Cars

Telephone 01206 331112

Beckingham Cars

Email beckinghamcars@btconnect.com

Telephone 01621 869993

Mobile 07813 116902

Marney Executive Cars

Contact Graham Howlett

www.marneyexecutivecars.co.uk

Email enquiries@marneyexecutivecars.co.uk

Telephone 01206 330096

Celebrant

The Authentic Celebrant

www.theauthenticcelebrant.co.uk

Email celebrant@theauthenticcelebrant.co.uk

Telephone 07821 826330

Ceremony & Reception

Things you might like to know

We are delighted you have booked Layer Marney Tower for your wedding ceremony and reception. If there is anything you want to ask us, please ring. It helps us to make sure that things run smoothly if you keep us informed of your plans. You are welcome to come over and look at the Corsellis Room and the Long Gallery to help with your planning, but please could you let us know in advance when you are coming, as it causes great embarrassment if another event is going on at the same time. Below are some answers to questions we are frequently asked.

Access & Timing

The Corsellis Room is open one hour before your ceremony starts. Our Supervisor is on hand to welcome guests and to make sure everything runs smoothly. Please arrive on time as the Registrars may have other weddings to attend at a different venue.

Music finishes at midnight and guests must depart by 12.30am.

Florists

For the reception florists may come in on the morning of the wedding from 9am onwards. Access to the Corsellis Room is available 1 hour before the ceremony. If you want to collect your flowers after the wedding, or if your florist has pedestals etc, to take back, please make sure they are collected by 11am the following day.

Fireworks

Fireworks may be let off, but you must use Dynamic Fireworks (01206 762123) who are based in Colchester. They do a range of displays to suit most budgets. Fireworks must be let off by 10pm.

Damage Deposit

The Damage Deposit payment is banked before the wedding and refunded by bank transfer within 7-10 days of the wedding taking place. Please provide us with your bank details where indicated on the hire agreement form so we may make a transfer by BACS.

Delivery of Drinks & Cakes

Drinks and cakes may be delivered beforehand. Please ring either ourselves or Bouquet Garni, and let us know when you want to deliver and we will find a place to store them.

Taxis

Taxis should be booked for 12.15am latest, as they don't always arrive as promptly as they suggest they will!

Absolute No-No's

Please do not have helium balloons as they have a habit of floating on the ceiling, to become the unwanted decoration of another event!

Please do not throw confetti outside or in the Corsellis Room. It may be thrown in the Long Gallery. Photographers tend to be the people who want it outside. Please resist them, as it is rubbish the next day, and spoils the garden for everyone else.

The swimming pool area is out of bounds.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Ceremony & Reception

Layer Marney Tower is one of the most beautiful and romantic places in Britain. Whether for your civil ceremony or your wedding reception or both, Layer Marney Tower can create the perfect setting for your special day. From your initial enquiry to the wedding day itself our service and flexible approach will ensure that your day is tailor-made for you.

Ceremonies

Ceremonies usually place in either the Corsellis Room, which is on the first floor and seats up to 120 guests, or in the hall of the Gatehouse, which can accommodate up to 18 guests. The Corsellis Room, which may be reached by either stairs or lift, has exquisite Mulberry hangings which form a beautiful backdrop for photographs. The Hall of the Gatehouse is ideal for smaller groups, guests are able to walk straight out of the Hall into the Upper Gardens.

You will need to contact the Essex Register Office to discuss the legal requirements and book a registrar to conduct the ceremony. The registrars are in charge of the ceremony and payment for their services will need to be made directly to them.

If you wish to hold your wedding ceremony at Layer Marney Tower and your reception elsewhere, then the booking will be for 1 hour, giving time for the ceremony and photography. Ceremonies may take place any time from 10am - 1pm on any day.

Ceremonies may only be held after 1pm if booked with a reception.

Receptions

Layer Marney Tower is the perfect setting for a wedding reception, with its combination of beautiful rooms, superb food and lovely gardens. The Long Gallery is a large room, 24m x 5.8m (79ft x 19ft), with wood panelling and a polished oak floor. It can comfortably seat up to 140 guests for a meal and can accommodate 200 for a stand up buffet and dancing. There is a large entrance hall with a balcony leading to ladies and gentlemen's lavatories.



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