



# BIRTSMORTON COURT

WORCESTERSHIRE





## A Medieval Moated Manor House

Birtsmorton Court, with its seductive mix of history, romance, informality and modern facilities is an exceptional venue for those who value exclusivity, privacy and excellent service above all else.

There has been a Manor House on this site since at least 1241 and the original foundations, surrounded by the moat, still remain today exactly as they were laid nine centuries ago.

With a fascinating lineage of previous owners, the Court is now the home of the Dawes family, and has been for over 40 years. During that time, Birtsmorton Court and the surrounding estate has been lovingly restored, maintained and developed for the benefit of future generations.

Company Directors, Simon and Kathryn Dawes, and all of their team pride themselves in offering a bespoke service for every wedding. Birtsmorton Court is not a hotel, and therefore all attention is poured into each exclusive wedding, with no other event or customer to consider during each special wedding day.

The individual focus sets this magical venue apart. Here wedding couples are free to incorporate individual and unique elements into their wedding. The aim is to make every couple feel relaxed and confident, ensuring their special day will remain a happy memory for the rest of their lives.

***This page:** The North Aspect overlooking the Moat, a Stone Boar, the Court illuminated at night*

***Opposite page:** Children playing on the bottom lawn, bagpipes at the Main Entrance, Bridesmaids looking through the Angel gate, String quartet in the White Garden, Brides and Grooms outside the court*





It goes without saying that Birtsmorton Court is an incredibly beautiful setting and, if you add Birtsmorton Court's good organisation and lovely people, you are guaranteed a wonderful day. We had it all – a superbly enjoyable wedding. We have hundreds of stunning photographs of very happy people in a beautiful setting to prove it.



## The Gardens

During her residency of over 40 years at the Court, Mrs. Rosalie Dawes has remained very much a hands-on gardener, and she has worked tirelessly alongside her head gardener, Mr. Tim Morse, to develop and maintain this beloved garden.

The grounds of the Court are dominated by water, not only by the moat surrounding the Court, but also the Westminster Pool – so called because it was made to mark the consecration of Westminster Abbey and is the same size as the Abbey's nave. There are four main features within the 15 acre grounds, consisting of the Victorian Topiary, a White Garden within, the surrounding Herbaceous Borders and a Potager.

As an alternative or addition to the Terrace, The White Garden offers a tranquil space to hold the perfect drinks reception. The garden explodes with white flowers from April right through to early October providing the most fitting environment for wedding receptions. Other unique and elegant features can be enjoyed throughout the gardens, from the fountain in the White Garden, to the Angel Gate set in the walled garden and the Little House adjacent to the marquee.

***This page:** Drinks reception in the White Garden, aerial view of the White Garden*

***Opposite page:** The Garden House exterior and interior, exclusivity and luxury in the Bridal Suite*



## Bridal Suite

The Georgian Wing in the Court offers the Bride and Groom the ultimate in privacy and romance.

The suite is set out over three rooms incorporating a dressing room, a sumptuous bathroom with large enamel bath, and the Bridal Suite itself, boasting an elegant 6ft four poster bed, chaise long, sofas and television. The Bridal Suite enjoys by far the most beautiful views of any room within the Court, as it is surrounded by the moat, and overlooks the Westminster pool, topiary and the Malvern Hills. The seclusion of the Bridal Suite provides a tranquillity that has to be experienced. The morning sun streams in and the gentle sound of water runs from the Westminster Pool into the moat.

## On Site Accommodation

The Garden House is located within the grounds of Birtsmorton Court. This light and spacious home is the ideal place for the bridal party to get ready and make their grand entrance.

The Garden House is also available for hire the night of the wedding and can comfortably sleep up to ten guests. This beautiful cottage has been recently restored to the highest standard. The large open plan kitchen and dining room is perfect for a sociable and relaxed breakfast, ensuring that the immediate wedding party can relive the memories of the wedding together the following day. The Garden House is set within the grounds of Birtsmorton Court, and is a stone's throw from the church and the civil ceremony locations. This saves on the need to hire a wedding car, and ensures the bride stays calm and gets to her wedding crease free! New for 2012, we are offering beautifully furnished bell tents for hire in addition to the Garden House. The tents can individually sleep up to four guests. Located in the field opposite the Garden House, the overnight 'Glampers' can make use of separate shower room facilities in the cottage.





## Church Weddings

The Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury with St. Peter and St. Paul is a delightful parish church within a few yards of the Court. The church grounds are linked to Birtsmorton Court using a private gateway opposite the main house.

The church can seat up to 115 guests and offers a newly reconditioned organ and the option of the village choir to sing during your service. Church bells ring out to the parish announcing the celebration of the marriage. For weddings of up to 200 guests, couples can marry in Eldersfield Church, a historical and impressive spire structure just ten miles away.

Reverend Rogers likes to form a special relationship with all couples who marry within his Parish. To establish this relationship and to become a member of the parish, couples must attend a minimum of one church service every month for the six months leading up to their wedding day.

Please contact Reverend Michael Rogers on 01684 833230 should you wish to enquire about getting married at Birtsmorton or Eldersfield Church.

*This page: Signing of the register, Bride and Groom outside the church, inside the Church*

*Opposite page: The White Garden set up for a Civil Ceremony, a newly married couple, the Great Hall set up for a Civil Ceremony*



## Civil Weddings

Birtsmorton Court offers three exciting Civil Ceremony options.

For wedding parties of 80 or less a Civil service can take place in the Great Hall. This beautiful and impressive 16th century room boasts large windows to the South overlooking the Terrace and large windows on the North side of the room looking into the Courtyard. The hall is light and cool in summer, and warm and inviting in winter with a log fire blazing in the fireplace.

The tranquil White Garden is the perfect setting for an intimate and relaxed wedding ceremony. Set in the heart of the gardens, the White Garden Pergola has been licenced for marriages allowing wedding couples to have an unlimited number of guests in a stunning, natural and unique outdoor setting.

For wedding parties between 80 and 200 guests, the Garden Room offers one of the largest civil ceremony spaces available within a historic house in the county. The converted Elizabethan bowling alley offers a unique setting with easy access, plenty of room and a 93ft aisle from the doorway to the ceremony table, ensuring an entrance worthy of any wedding dress!

*It's very hard to know how to thank you enough for everything you did to make our wedding day so wonderful. From the first meeting to the day itself, you've been such a great source of support and we couldn't have wished for a more fabulous team to manage our reception.*





## Drinks Reception

The drinks reception takes place on both the Terrace which overlooks the beautiful grounds, and within the White Garden.

The drinks reception is a relaxing part of the day when guests can mingle and enjoy a glass of Champagne or a favourite cocktail. As an exclusive venue this is the opportunity for guests to explore all areas of the spectacular gardens and grounds. During inclement weather the Great Hall will be cleared, or for large numbers an awning will be erected on the Terrace. Whatever the weather, we will ensure nothing ruins your wedding day.

## Wedding Breakfast

During the summer months, wedding breakfasts are served in our beautiful marquee set within the gardens and adjoining the Garden Room.

The marquee can seat 160 guests and provides an ideal canvas for any colour scheme or theme. The ivory linings, Cotswold stone floor and windows looking out onto the garden provides a light and airy setting for the wedding breakfast. Parties of up to 300 can enjoy a wonderful, relaxing wedding breakfast using both the marquee and adjoining Garden Room. Our catering team are contracted to Birtsmorton Court for weddings due to their excellent service, quality local produce, delicious menus and an ability to facilitate most requests with efficiency and professionalism. Every wedding service is fronted by a Maitre'D who works hand-in-hand with the Birtsmorton Court team to ensure guests are served to the highest standards.



***This page:** Drinks on the Terrace, a delicious selection of canapés, our catering team in the Courtyard*

***Opposite page:** Marquee laid out for a Wedding Breakfast, corn fed chicken on herb mash and red onion marmalade, service of the Wedding Breakfast, Madagascan Vanilla Cheesecake*





*A very sincere thank you for the extremely efficient and friendly way you dealt with our daughter's wedding. Your venue was magnificent, your organisation second to none, your catering company superb and your friendliness and service a credit to you all. We would recommend Birtsmorton Court without hesitation.*



## Evening Reception

The Garden Room and bar area ensure that the evening party is as memorable as the day. With lots of space available, the scope for entertaining your guests is almost limitless.

The venue offers a spacious dancing area with the dance floor situated next to the marquee that is revealed to guests after the Wedding Breakfast. This configuration allows guests to chat and relax with friends and family in the marquee, dance the night away in the Garden Room or socialise at the bar.

This area of Birtsmorton Court creates both a versatile and exciting space that can be adjusted perfectly to fit any size of wedding party. During the summer months, garden furniture is set out on the lawn outside the marquee, allowing guests to enjoy this area of the Court grounds.

***This page:** The first dance, outside the marquee on a hot summer's evening, fireworks viewed from the Top Lawn*

***Opposite page:** Wedding Breakfast in the Garden Room, a newly married couple, Birtsmorton Court as a winter wonderland*

## Winter Weddings

With a log fire blazing in the Great Hall throughout reception drinks, winter weddings are warm, intimate and colourful at Birtsmorton Court.

The Garden Room can comfortably hold 120 guests for the wedding breakfast. This room combined with the bar area allows couples to invite many more guests for the evening party.

During winter months the Court offers numerous beautiful backdrops and warm colours to create rich and memorable photos of your wedding day. Fireworks are a spectacular way of ending both a summer and a winter wedding. With the Court floodlit and the fireworks set off from the edge of the moat, the reflection of the brightly coloured fireworks in the water is without doubt one of the highlights of the day.

*We just wanted to say a huge thank you to all at Birtsmorton Court for making our big day so special. It is a truly stunning venue, and with all your hard work and eye for detail, it certainly had the personal touch and feel to everything, which we were after. All of our guests commented on the beauty of the location and the relaxed atmosphere of the day, something we didn't think we would have been able to achieve without your help!*

*The suppliers you recommended were all fantastic and extremely professional, making our job of organising things much easier and more enjoyable. The day was everything we wanted it to be and we shall treasure the memories for ever.*





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