

## Your Wedding or Event



At Barley Wood we believe that each wedding is individual to each couple. We do not offer packages but prefer to allow each wedding to develop into what you envisage, with or without our help or with your wedding planner. In this way we offer an exclusive, bespoke and unique service in the grand yet intimate surroundings of Barley Wood and its woods and gardens.

We only allow one wedding or accommodation booking per week. This maximizes access to the house and garden during the build up to your wedding to relieve pressure on yourselves during the preparation period and allow you to further enjoy your special day. Equally we do not charge any further fees for the use of Barley Wood – there is no corkage charge (in fact if you wish to store wine we have an extensive wine cellar you are welcome to use free of charge), no ceremony fee, no minimum number policy and no additional service charge.

We operate Barley Wood on a flat fee basis using our 2015/16 pricing guidelines as detailed on the enclosed information, although each booking has an individual price depending upon which areas of the house and grounds are to be used and for what.

The House is limited to 100 guests at any one time, however if you are expecting greater numbers than this there is more than adequate space for a marquee in the garden for 200.

We would, of course be delighted to provide any further information you would like and look forward to being able to show you around the house and grounds in person.

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### **Barley Wood Accommodation**

With a Bridal Suite, two triple and two double bedrooms, luxury accommodation for ten to twelve guests will be available at Barley Wood.

Bridal Suite - A large luxurious room with original features and a beautifully fitted ensuite. This room boasts stunning views over the Yeo Valley.

Triple and Double bedrooms - All will be finished to the highest standard and again boast magnificent views over the Yeo Valley. These rooms will have access to shared bathrooms.

On the ground floor there will be a family kitchen and dining area free for use throughout your stay; particularly ideal for a pre-wedding night get together.

#### Additional Accommodation

Located within close proximity to Barley Wood, additional accommodation can be found in the peaceful countryside of the Yeo Valley. The list below is by no means exhaustive.

Lower Stock Farm B&B – 1.9 miles bandb@lowerstock.co.uk 01934 862997

Holiday Inn Bristol Airport – 2 miles <a href="http://www.hibristolairport.co.uk/">http://www.hibristolairport.co.uk/</a> 01934 861123



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At Barley Wood we pride ourselves on providing a truly individual and personal service for each event. We only offer exclusive use so the house and grounds are yours for the day. Our team are on hand to help as much or as little as you wish, with our ultimate aim being that any person should feel comfortable enough to sit in a chair and read any book at any time. We are the antithesis of the branded hotel experience!

Whether you are looking for a small intimate event, or a wedding for 200 guests we have the flexibility and facilities, all set in 11 acres of glorious countryside.

Listed below is our exclusive weekend hire rate, for use of the venue from Friday through to Sunday. You'll be pleased to know there are no hidden charges for example no corkage charge, and no extra charges for accommodation but please do enquiry if you have any queries.

#### Venue Price

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### The Barley Wood Story



The Barley Wood Estate dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century when it was owned by the social reformer Hannah More and her three sisters. Somewhat celebrities of their time the Mores received frequent visits from many an eminent person and the estate became well known, not least, for its extravagant parties and celebrations. William Wilberforce was one of the many high profile guests rumored to have passed through Barley Woods doors.

In the late 1820's the house was purchased by William Henry Harford and passed through the family until sold in 1897 to Henry Herbert Wills and wife Monica Wills (later Dame Monica). The pair were madly in love and devoted most of their time to each other. The romantic Italian gardens were a favorite spot of theirs with many an afternoon spent together enjoying the beautiful surroundings. In their ownership the house was majorly extended and traces from their renovation remain present in the house today with the initials HW and MW printed on the ceiling.

After the death of Henry Wills his nephew, Captain Douglas Wills, became owner of the estate and remained so until his death in 1973. After passing through the hands of the HAT Group the house became, in 1990, a drug and alcohol treatment centre operated by the Adapt charity. The centre helped thousands of people turn their lives around. During renovation work many scribbles were found on the walls reading, 'God bless Barley Wood' and 'Barley Wood saved my life'.

The YMCA is dedicated to continuing the life of Barley Woods in the light of its history. Through our Wedding Venue offering we will reignite the romance of Barley Wood and bring it back to its former glory with grand celebrations and events. The YMCA is a charity devoted to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for young people and families in the community. In addition to the wedding venue a nursery provision is run from Barley Wood. This delivers a valuable service to the local community. To recognize and pay tribute to the great past of this building, memoirs and pictures will be displayed in a small corridor area for intrigued guests to view at their leisure.

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