



# Weddings

Timelessly elegant, a unique wedding venue with a personal touch

## Quick venue reference guide

Ceremony Venues	No. guests
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The Ballroom	110
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The Billiard Room	80
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The Morning Room	60
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The Drawing Room	50
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The Summer House	36
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Swiss Cottage	20
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Grotto & Fernery	16
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Reception Venues	No. guests
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The Garden Suite	150
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Hangar 3	120
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The Ballroom	80
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The Billiard Room	80
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The Morning Room	60
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The Drawing Room	50
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# Introducing Shuttleworth

*Breathtaking venues to choose from for your wonderful day*

Congratulations on your engagement and thank you for considering Shuttleworth as your wedding venue.

Our dedicated and experienced wedding team will guide you smoothly and professionally through to your special day. They will be there with you at every step of the way, advising and supporting you to ensure that your day is exactly as you imagine. You and your guests will leave with special loving memories of your Shuttleworth wedding.

Combining excellent service with a stunning setting, meeting and exceeding your expectations and dreams. Please contact us today to start your exciting journey.



# The House & Parkland



The House as it stands today was built by Joseph Shuttleworth who bought the Old Warden Estate in 1872 and commissioned Henry Clutton, the prominent Victorian architect, to design The House based on Gawthorpe Hall in Lancashire.

Clutton designed the building in Jacobean style and the high chimneys and 100 foot high clock tower have defined and distinguished The House for over a century. In addition, Clutton designed many of the interior features such as the carved doors and balustrades.

Gillows of Lancaster made many of the interior furnishings and there are several magnificent examples of 19<sup>th</sup> Century paintings that still decorate the house by prominent artists such as Sir Frank Dicksee, William Leader, George Vicat Cole and Frank Holl.







# The Swiss Garden

The nine-acre Swiss Garden was created in the 1820s by Lord Ongley. Its highly individual late Regency style sets it apart from other English gardens in this period of picturesque gardening and landscape design.

By the 1870s, the Shuttleworth family owned the estate and embellished the garden with Victorian flourishes.

Features include floral arches spanning lawns and a stately Broadwalk, serpentine paths, ponds with wrought iron bridges leading to a series of islands, an impressive Grotto & Fernery and the charming Swiss Cottage, both of which are licenced for wedding ceremonies.

Peacocks strut around splendid trees and shrubs, each season bringing different areas of interest alive, from the daffodil and Hellebore display in Spring, Rhododendrons and Azaleas, roses twining over arches in Summer, and finally brilliant Acers announcing Autumn. With a surprise around every corner, the garden's picturesque style lends itself to many unique and beautiful photographic opportunities and is the perfect setting for weddings and other ceremonies.









# The Collection

The Collection's Hangar 3, located in the aerodrome, transforms to an attractive location for wedding receptions. Usually home to Richard Shuttleworth's DH60X Moth and Comper Swift aircraft these can remain in place (if space allows) to

make an interesting backdrop to a non-traditional location. The space is flexible enough to accommodate up to 120 seated guests, with room for a dance area and licenced bar.







# Your ceremony

Shuttleworth can offer a choice of licensed settings to choose from, with something for every taste and budget.

## The House

### The Ballroom

This is one of the most magnificent rooms with a double-height, gold-leaf ceiling, glass skylights, chandeliers, a large marble fireplace, wood panelling, parquet flooring. The Ballroom can host 110 guests. (image p.12)

### The Billiard Room

This brightly lit room boasts a hand-carved, wooden fireplace along with magnificent views. The Billiard room can accommodate 80 guests. (image p.13)

### The Morning Room

The room offers original marble fireplace and affords stunning views of the parkland and drive. It provides an intimate setting for 60 guests. (image p.14)

### The Drawing Room

With elegantly carved wooden décor, this room displays several classic examples of 19th century painting and has beautiful views of the lawns. The room seats up to 50 guests.

### The Summer House

Just a few hundred metres behind the main House and a short walk past the formal lawns, the picturesque Summer House is nestled within a pretty, ornamental garden complete with lily pond and cherub fountain. A popular venue in the warmer months, this beautiful setting is more intimate and tranquil than The House. The Summer House seats up to 36 guests. (image p.16)

## The Swiss Garden

### Swiss Cottage

The two-storey Swiss Cottage sits at the centre of the Swiss Garden and is built into a mound, creating a series of views out into the landscape. Its rustic style, thatched roof and decorative detail of unpeeled bark, split hazel, willow and pine cones combine to make this building a beautiful and unusual venue for your ceremony. It is licensed for 20 guests inside the cottage with the option of up to 60 additional guests standing outside the cottage viewing the ceremony through the windows and doors. (images p.18-19)

### Grotto & Fernery

With its impressive dome, the Grotto & Fernery invites further exploration and doesn't disappoint. The original ironwork structure, with its beautifully crafted cylinder glass, was embellished by Joseph Shuttleworth in 1876 to include striking Pulhamite stone-lined tunnels and planting pockets filled with ferns. Recent restoration work includes new planting schemes, designed to delight, and this building offers a most unusual setting for private ceremonies. Wedding ceremonies are held in the Grotto & Fernery from May to late September, and this building is licensed for wedding parties of 16 or less, including the bride and groom. (images p.20-21)





# Your reception

If you are looking to hold a reception Shuttleworth can offer a special choice of settings from traditional to the more unusual.

## The House

### The Garden Suite

This is a light and multifunctional room overlooking the 500 acres of parkland. The room has a fully fitted and well stocked bar, a dance floor and is located near to the Summer House and accommodation. The Garden room has capacity for 150 guests for a sit down meal. (image p.15)

### The Ballroom

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### The Billiard Room

This brightly lit room boasts a hand-carved, wooden fireplace along with magnificent views. The Billiard room can accommodate 80 guests. (image p.13)

### The Morning Room

This room is filled with natural light and offers beautiful views of the Parkland. Provides an intimate setting for 60 wedding breakfast guests.

### The Drawing Room

A room with elegantly carved wooden decor, this room displays several classic examples of 19th century painting and has beautiful views of the lawns and Summer House. Seats up to 50 guests.

## The Collection

### Hangar 3

Within the aerodrome, this is a firm favourite with aviation enthusiasts, as well as couples looking for something a little more unusual the hangar is transformed

into an elegant reception space with capacity for 120 guests at a sit down meal. (image p.17)







“ The whole team were professional and friendly. Tracy in particular was amazing. She helped everyone feel relaxed, ensured everything/everyone was organised and calm. Several guests/members of the wedding party have asked us to pass on our thanks to Tracy and the team. ”



# The Ballroom





# The Billiard Room



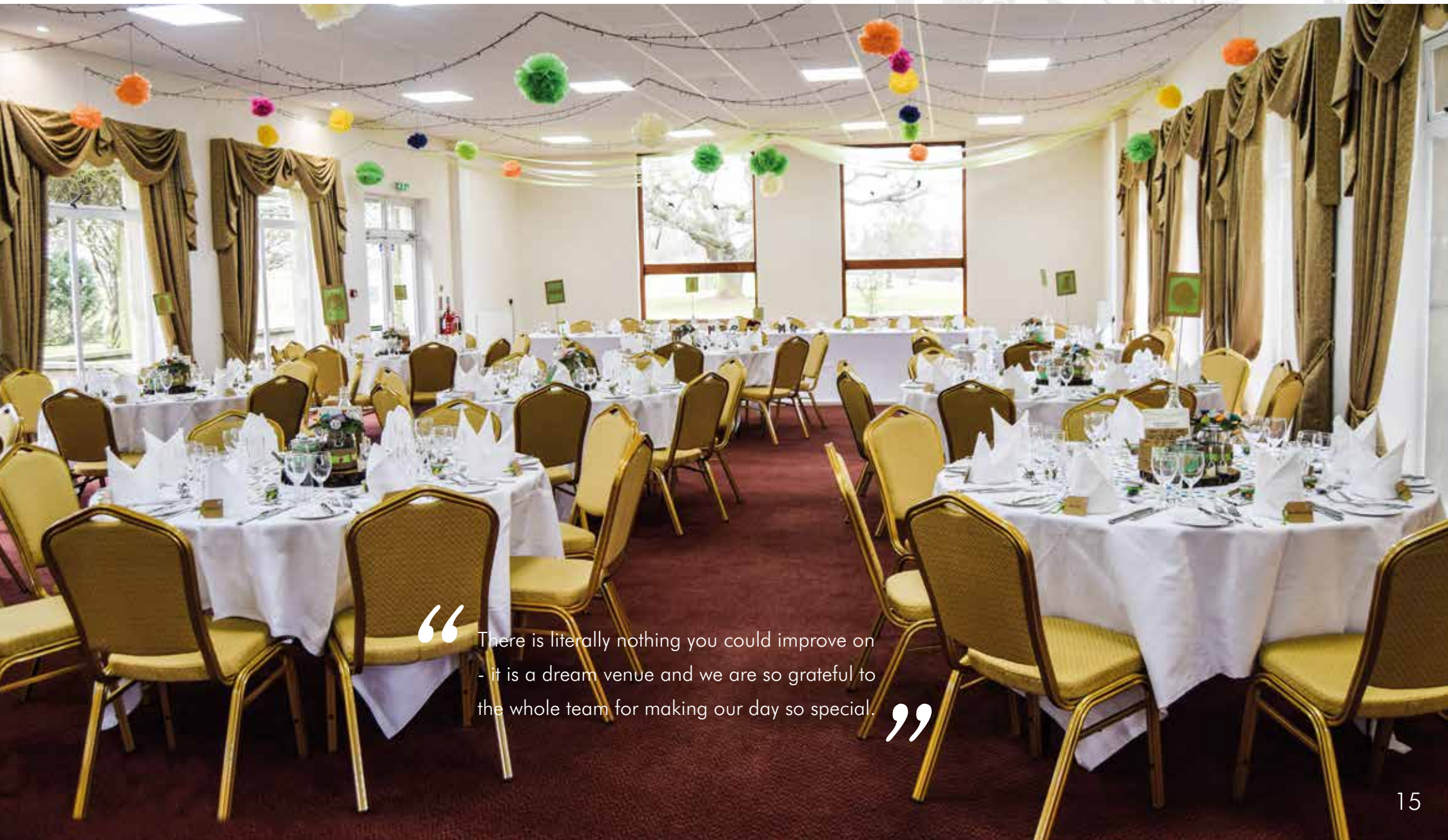


# The Morning Room





# The Garden Suite



“There is literally nothing you could improve on  
- it is a dream venue and we are so grateful to  
the whole team for making our day so special.”



# The Summer House





# Hangar 3





# Swiss Cottage









# Grotto & Fernery









# Marquees

## Your reception

### Garden Marquee

We can offer several locations on the Parkland for a marquee. With the stunning backdrop of the House this is an ideal way to cater for larger numbers or to create an outdoor feel to your wedding celebrations. You can arrange your own marquee or we can suggest some suppliers. Terms and Conditions apply. Ask us for more details.



### Swiss Garden Gazebo

Our gazebo (measuring 4.5 x 3m) can be hired for light refreshments on the East Lawn in the Swiss Garden after the ceremony.







# Catering



We offer bespoke catering for your wedding, tailored to your individual taste and guest numbers.

Packages range from fine dining to hot and cold dishes, finger buffets, and one-off quirky themed foods. We also offer a range of delicious desserts and treats to delight your guests.

Dietary requirements such as gluten free and vegetarian can be fully catered for, and we have a fully licenced bar.







# Accommodation

Providing the ultimate convenience, The House has 15 en-suite bedrooms that can accommodate you and your guests. Located in a separate wing adjacent to the main house, the rooms are equipped with televisions, WiFi, hairdryer, tea and coffee making facilities. Breakfast can also be arranged for the following day.





## Retreat Room

Prepare for your wedding in the relaxation and splendour of your own Stately Dressing Room - the Retreat Room.

With views across the Parkland, spectacular Chandelier, stunning fireplace and gold framed mirror, a large rail to hang your Wedding Dress & full length mirrors to see how perfect you look! It is all the space you will need for your hairdresser and make up artist. We also provide nibbles, refreshments and our heart-shaped wicker basket ' Wedding Day Kit ' full of all the emergency essentials—just in case!

When you are fully ready, take an elegant stroll down the fabulous staircase, using every photo opportunity available along the way, to your ceremony room.

Use of the Retreat room begins from the time of arrival (to be pre-arranged) until the end of the wedding breakfast. So you can pop back to freshen up or take your shoes off and relax a while before the dancing begins.









# Contact us

Our wedding co-ordinator will be happy to discuss your special day, and for a copy of our terms and conditions. It should be noted that the hire fee does not give hirers exclusive use of the venue.

Please email [weddings@shuttleworth.org](mailto:weddings@shuttleworth.org) in the first instance.

## Next Steps

We advise making a provisional booking as soon as possible as Shuttleworth is a popular venue. The Registry Office must be contacted to check their availability and current charges for conducting ceremonies (please call the Bedford Registry Office on 033 300 8089).

The ceremony fee and signed contract should be returned within 28 days to guarantee your booking with us. It should be noted that the hire fee does not give hirers exclusive use of the venue. Once a confirmed date is given a contract will be send to you to be signed, returned and the deposit paid. £250.00 for SG & SH ceremonies £1000.00 for full weddings.



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#### Getting here

Shuttleworth Old Warden Aerodrome is two miles due west of the A1 where it bypasses Biggleswade. We are approximately 20 miles from Junction 13 of the M1.

Postcodes for SATNAV devices: SG18 9EP for The Collection & The Swiss Garden, or use SG18 9EA for The House.



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