

# Wedding Day Angel

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For Your  
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**Rustic Barn & City Chic**



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Wedding packages from  
**£2018**

\*for up to 50 guests



The Chichester Hotel



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# Wedding packages from £2018

Package based on the following:

- Use of the Essex Barn for a ceremony and evening function
- A reception drink
- 2 course wedding breakfast
- Glass of wine included for the speeches
- Chef's choice buffet (3 item)
- Cake stand and knife
- Accommodation for the bride and groom

Please note maximum numbers apply – 50 guests  
Selected dates only from 01st February to 31st  
December 2018

\*\*the above package is not available on Saturdays or Bank Holiday weekends.



## The Chichester Hotel: Wickford, Essex

This independently owned venue, which is now under new management is a historic building with a newly renovated barn, with a stunning beamed ceiling reception room offering couples a rustic, stylish and utterly beautiful wedding ceremony and evening reception.

There are also more than 30 bedrooms for you & your guests to stay relaxed

during the day or evening with 7 being recently refurbished.

The car park is very large and can accommodate numerous types of wedding vehicles. Arrive in style and your guests can park free too, while celebrating with you.

The team at the Chichester can arrange your wedding planning services

including Caterers, DJ, Flowers, Venue Decor and much more to ensure that your day is bespoke for you and your partner.

The quaint and secluded garden is the perfect setting for those intimate photo opportunities.

For more information visit the Hotel's website: [www.thechichesterhotel.co.uk](http://www.thechichesterhotel.co.uk)





# NEW FACEBOOK GROUPS



We recently started 2 new groups on Facebook for Engaged Couples getting married in Essex & London so they can chat about their big days in private & get tips & advice from each other. The Essex group has over 150 members & the London Group has just been launched.

To join, go to Facebook & search 'Getting Married in Essex' or 'Getting Married in London'



## Featured Suppliers from our recent Essex Bridal Show in Wickford



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## CHOOSING YOUR FLORAL DESIGNER

**When it comes to your wedding**, you want to be sure that the choices you make in your suppliers will reflect your style & theme & none more so than your Flower Designer.

Ultimately a Flower Designer's job is to use your ideas to create arrangements that look stunning while most importantly are kept within budget.

### **How do I know if the Designer suits my style?**

Do as much research as you can before instructing a Designer for your wedding.

There are so many different styles out there, whimsical & romantic, rustic charm, classic & vintage are only the most popular trends at present.

Some designers focus solely on one specific style & there are others that like to cater for many. Just because a designer takes on many styles, doesn't mean the arrangements will be of a lesser quality.



A Flower Designer should be versatile, but there will be a preferred style that they are more inclined to create.

The risk of having a designer who can cater for many styles can sometimes mean they mix, as they will naturally adapt designs to their preferred way of working, but are often cheaper as they aren't limiting their couples to a particular style.

It's all down to what you are willing to pay to get what you want.

### **How do I know if a Designer is offering value for money?**

A Flower designer doesn't just create your flower arrangements & bouquet for the big day itself, they also purchase & care for the flowers until they are made into the arrangements you will remember them for.

To most couples, this is the first time organizing a wedding, it's understandable if you do not know how much something is going to cost.

Be mindful that purchasing good quality flowers doesn't come cheap.

Factor in hire costs, transport charges, labour & materials & the costs are inclining rapidly.



Value for money can be found in the expertise of your chosen designer, who should help guide you with alternatives that could offer savings within a consultation where you meet face to face.



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**Button Belles**  
Bespoke wedding button bouquets & accessories

## Make Your Bouquet As Bespoke As You..!

Accessorising the most special day of your life needn't be dull. The luxury we have now is that planning your perfect day can really come from your own heart & mind. You, as a couple can take it as far as your imagination wants to!

### **Button Belles can help with the planning & make it real!**

Adding different colours, textures & materials into your venue, make your wedding unique & fun, & like no other!

Try & think outside the box; what would you love to be included & how can it become real!

There are great social media platforms like Pinterest & Google to help get you some ideas.

Try putting together a colour palette, & be brave; colours you may think won't go together, sometimes are the perfect combination.

### **Don't over-think a theme, let all your ideas come together & on the day it will just flow!**

Here at Button Belles, we make each day unique by designing & brainstorming with each couple. Right from the beginning to the very end, communication is key.

Whether it's just the bouquet you'd like us to make or backdrops and table accessories or even a flower wall, we like to think we can help with it all. If it involves paper, buttons, fabric & glue, we are the people to make your dreams a reality.

**Wow your guests** & get them talking about your day, they will be in awe that they went to the wedding of the century!

Call **07725 036 506** or visit us on **Facebook**



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## 3 FAQ'S ON WEDDING CAKE CHOICES



### ***When Should We Order Our Wedding Cake?***

Couples are getting super-organised these days so a good time to book your wedding cake would be 9-12 months in advance but if you're getting married in the peak of the wedding season it's advisable to get your wedding date pencilled in ASAP as summer months get booked up very quickly.

### ***I Don't Know What Style of Cake I'd Like?***

There are so many different styles of wedding cakes now so always bear in mind the type of venue you're having your wedding reception in; if you're getting married in a barn style venue you may want to consider having a rustic "Naked" or "Semi-Naked" wedding cake with either fresh fruit and berries or fresh flowers.

If your venue is a grand historic building with ornate features & high ceilings, a 4 or 5 tier traditional iced wedding cake with sugar flowers would fit in beautifully.

If your venue is a seaside hotel you could have some fun with your cake with seashells, starfish, beach houses, bunting etc. *The possibilities are endless!*

### ***Do We Have to Have Just One Flavour or Can We Have Different ones for Each Tier?***

Gone are the days when each tier is made of just fruitcake or sponge. Select a traditional flavour, a slightly more "out there" flavour then whatever your favourite flavour is, then you're pretty much pleasing everyone.



Call now: **07746 859 488** or visit: **[www.sfcakeco.com](http://www.sfcakeco.com)**

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## GET AHEAD OF THE GAME!

### ***Will A Hat Suit Me?...***

Whether you're Mother of the bride, mother of the groom or a guest, a hat adds that all important finishing touch to any outfit.

Whether you wear a hat frequently and are confident in doing so, or never wear a hat and feel a little nervous by the prospect there is a style to suit everyone from large picture hats to headpieces and fascinators.

It's always worth consulting an expert for guidance on the current styles available so you can find one to suit you.

This also means you can have the hat fitted properly so that it feels secure, you feel confident and can forget you're wearing it.

When ladies come into the showroom, we provide a relaxed environment for them to take their time, enjoy themselves and try on as many hats as they like.

### ***Will The Hat Match My Outfit?...***

We recommend that you always try your hat on with the outfit you are planning to wear on the day, you can either match the colour or provide a spectacular contrasting statement.

Have fun and try different styles and sizes and to look at the hat from all angles, particularly from the back.

You will never know how good you look in a dramatic wide brim hat until you try one on!

It's important to consider the hat is the context of your whole outfit, and that you wear the height of heel that you intend to wear on the day.

We always recommend ladies take their wedding outfit with them when they try hats

on, so they can see the completed finished look as this is what's important.

### ***Do I Hire or Buy?...***

Hiring is a great option to consider and means you can have a designer style on a budget. It's also great for ladies who are unlikely to wear the same hat on another occasion.

For ladies who are looking to buy their hat, they can be made to order to match any outfit. A selection of hats available to hire or to buy can be seen on our website.



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## We Didn't Let The Snow Stop Everyone From Having Lots Of Fun!

Our latest Wedding Fair at The Chichester Hotel, Wickford in Essex went ahead...

The week leading up to our Wickford Fair was indeed challenging.

From Snow to high winds, the weather seemed to be against us. We were determined to still put on a great show for the 100+ engaged people who had registered to come along and boy, did we put on a great show!

Sunday, 4th March, the fire was lit to keep everyone warm and snug in The Chichester Suite and Essex Barn.

Our brilliant suppliers displayed their products and services superbly and every stand looked amazing.

From the delicious Chocolate Fountain to blooming lovely Flowers and Cakes, we had it all and everyone had a great time.

If you came along, THANK YOU. We love welcoming everybody at each event.

We saw lots of laughing and smiling :)

Here's what visitor, Vikki, had to say about her day at the fair helping her sister:

**"Attended the wedding fair yesterday with my sister and family, had the best day meeting loads of business, there was something there for everyone, from cake, flowers, rings and table plans. Everyone was so lovely to talk to and the venue looks great since its been decorated. Very well organised thank you for a lovely day x"**

[Click Here To View Wedding Fair Page](#)



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## Sarah & Tom's Spring Wedding...



### **Photos & Story by Tina Wing Photography**

It was a cold but sunny spring day in the village I grew up in and close to where Sarah & Tom met in the lovely West Hanningfield.

The church in the village holds special memories so it was important the wedding was here for both of them.

**Sarah** "We both love spring flowers and were excited about the daffodils that mum and dad had planted in giant tubs. They spent all of February moving them in and out of the sun to keep them at the right stage.

I wanted to walk to the church and it looked amazing with the daffodils all the way up the footpath, it was worth the hard work"

The reception was at Channels.

**For more info call 07927 515 996 or visit [www.tinawingphotography.co.uk](http://www.tinawingphotography.co.uk)**





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## GIBSON HALL

*London Wedding Venue, as seen  
on CH4's 'Married At 1st Sight'*



### FORMER BANKING HALL

Gibson Hall is a stunning grade 1 listed converted banking Hall perfect for wedding ceremonies & receptions, including same-sex marriages, civil ceremonies and civil partnerships.

This gorgeous & truly romantic wedding hall can accommodate a great variety of weddings from 80- 400 guests.

Gibson Hall provides a flexible event space, mixing old with new, whilst still retaining features relating to its banking history.

The venue is a five minute walk from Liverpool Street Station making it easier for your guests to get to the venue.

### SECLUDED GARDEN AREA

If you are looking to enjoy the outside air during the summer months, then you can use the outside space that this venue provides within its grounds.

The venue holds an outside wedding license or you are welcome to just use the space for the evening for games or drinks as the venue is hired exclusively for you and only you on your special day.

### ORIGINAL STUNNING FEATURES

With its tall marble Corinthian columns, 30 feet wide glazed ceiling domes and stunning chandeliers, the Main Hall is a flexible space that provides a spectacular backdrop to ensure your wedding day and evening celebrations will be remembered forever.

For more information visit the website.

[www.gibsonhall.com](http://www.gibsonhall.com)

*"We'll be there, Sept. 16th 2018  
for their first bridal show!"*



# CHOOSING YOUR WEDDING VENUE

By Wedding Day Angel



## 20 Questions You Need To Ask!

1. Does it meet your budget and do they have any current special offers?
2. Is the setting right for your style of wedding?
3. Will the location be easy for guests to get to, or find?
4. Will there be enough photo opportunities within the grounds?
5. Does the venue provide an in-house wedding coordinator?
6. Is there any accommodation for you and your guests and if so, do they offer any discounts?
7. Will they provide rooms for you to get dressed etc. before the ceremony?
8. Do they have enough tables and chairs to cater for the amount of guests you want to invite?
9. Do they have recommended suppliers that are included in the price and can you provide your own?
10. When can your suppliers get in to start setting up?
11. Are there any decoration restrictions regarding flower positions etc?
12. Do they allow fireworks and confetti in the outside grounds?
13. Are there vegan/vegetarian options if using their caterer and do they offer children menus?
14. How much deposit do they need and when is the balance due?
15. Do they have a cancellation or postponement policy and will it be in writing?
16. Can they provide a cake cutting service to provide guests before they leave?
17. Does the venue have disabled access?
18. Is the car park free for guests attending the wedding and can they leave their cars overnight if not staying at the venue?
19. Is there a room to use while setting up for the evening reception?
20. Can the wedding plans be sent to you in writing and in full before you agree to pay the deposit?

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The Wedding Planner Handbag is an exclusively designed and manufactured planner & organizer folder file, complete with handles making it easy to carry around and take with you wherever and whenever you choose, for planning and organizing your wedding.

Perfect for Brides to store all your important information, suppliers, lists, details, notes, ideas, stationery, papers & memories !



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London Bridal Show: 16th Sept 2018

Essex Bridal Show: 14th Oct 2018



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