

Wedding Day Angel

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Entertainments



The Chichester Hotel & Restaurant Newly Renovated Venue in Wickford

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



ESSEX BARN STYLE VENUE

The Chichester Hotel



ROOMS | DINING | MEETINGS | WEDDINGS | EVENTS

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PACKAGE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

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A reception glass of Prosecco or Kir Royale | Three bite canapé selection | Three course wedding breakfast
Half a bottle of wine per person | A glass of Prosecco per person for the speeches | Chef's choice buffet (three items)
Complimentary bridal suite | Complimentary meal to be taken on your first anniversary

PLEASE NOTE - Maximum numbers of up to 80 guests | Selected dates only from Sept 2017 – Apr 2018

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MARCH WEDDING SUPPLIERS



Sunday, March 4th from 11am - 3pm: Come and meet all these suppliers and more for a day full of wedding planning!

Find out more at: www.weddingdayangel.com/essex

Images from our previous wedding fair



**Cars, Photographers, Suits,
Flowers, Cakes, Cars, Gifts...**



**Props, Stationery, Hats,
Entertainment, Sweets...**



**Next Fair: March 4th, 11am - 3pm, with quality wedding
suppliers from around Essex, to help plan your perfect day.
Meet them at: www.weddingdayangel.com/essex**



WE SAID "I DO" ON A BUDGET

By Hazel Thomas, from sayidoonabudget.com

We got married at Donnington Valley Hotel in Berkshire on 8th October 2016 on a budget of just 6.5k with a navy blue and gold color scheme. We bought my love of nature & his love of classic cars into the wedding. I knew from the moment we started planning that I wanted to bring the outdoors in to our wedding. I'd always wanted to get married in Autumn and as a nature loving girl I wanted to bring the beautiful Autumnal season into the wedding decorations.

Bringing in Memories... We also incorporated our love for classic cars in a subtle way. There was a picture of our Ford Cortina on our cake, the tables were named after our favorite classic Fords & Steven wore Cortina cufflinks.

Budget all the way... To keep costs down, we handmade items including decorations & our stationery. We spent £100 in Hobby Craft & 1 day making our invitations. With the help of my sister & her boyfriend, we collected leaves from a Hazel Tree then sprayed some blue and some gold before writing our guests names on them and had them as place names for the guests.

My favourite DIY out of all the things we made ourselves though was our personalised 'Guess Who' game.

Pretty much everything was done to save money. I had a sample sale dress, we made our own invitations, we bought second hand table decorations, I also borrowed all of my bridal accessories & we had a 2 course wedding breakfast to ensure we could stick to our small budget.

Special Touches... Some of our best pictures came from the moment before the evening reception started when guests gathered outside with sparklers.

When I was little, I always loved them & as soon as we had decided upon an autumnal wedding, I put sparklers on our 'must have' shopping list. Although sparklers are relatively common in the wedding industry as a whole, none of our guests had been to a wedding with them which really added a special touch to our day.



Anniversary Looms... Steven & I are now racing towards our 1st wedding anniversary which is completely unbelievable!

It seems crazy how quickly this year has gone. I almost think our first year married has gone quicker than the last 12 months of all the wedding planning!

We're planning on buying each other the tradition of paper gifts but I can't tell you what I'm getting him just in case he reads this, heehee.





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TOP TIPS TO CREATE YOUR PERFECT DAY

By Wedding Day Angel



- **BUDGET** - Make one and stick to it as much as possible but if you overspend on one thing try and make a saving on another, such as flowers or the invitations. Make your own favours if you are having them as you can find hundreds of variations online that you make up yourself at home. Get the bridesmaids round to help out! :)
- **WEATHER** - If you are marrying in the UK, as you know, you can never predict what the weather will be doing even in the summer we can get rain, so the best thing is to not worry about it. Plan ahead and hire/buy a few pretty umbrellas for you and your guests. They can also be used if the sun is out and make for some great photo opportunities so no wastage on the budget there! Keep dry/keep the sun off!
- **GUEST LIST** - A big part of the planning is trying to please both families where the guest list is concerned but do not stress! It will all depend on the size of your venue especially for the ceremony so explain this to both families from the outset. You can then invite more guests to the evening providing budget and space allows.
- **FOOD & DRINK** - It's always difficult to know how to cater for everyone at your reception but don't panic too much. Most people attending the evening do will have eaten before they arrive so focus on the guests that will be there during the day. You could even send out an email/text to everyone as soon as the main guest list is arranged and gather information about food preferences if you like? A wide range of food will cater for near enough everyone. Have some vegetarian options in there too.
- **FLOWERS** - Seasonal flowers can be harder to get hold of or more expensive at certain times of the year so consider this into the budget. Example: We married two days after valentines day and I wanted red roses for my bouquet and red buttonholes for the men in the main wedding party. Hence, the price was double+ so I decided to make my own from silk flowers. I still use my bouquet as decoration sometimes at events that I do. You could have a smaller bouquet of fresh flowers on the day for the photos etc but then have an exact replica in silk to keep.



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Silver Sparks Mobile Entertainments Wedding Fair Special Offer

Silver Sparks Mobile Disco & Photobooth have recently added a BRAND NEW, fun and exciting product to their services - a **Magic Mirror Photobooth**.

Unlike the larger style photobooths, (which they also provide) this is a bit more adaptable within a limited space or for a smaller venue.

With the same props and fun masks, hats and more, this is sure to bring you and your guests hours of fun and entertainment.

With touch screen functions, the magic mirrorbooth is easy to use for all ages so every guest can enjoy it all evening.

Combine it with their lovely red carpet and poles to add just a tad more glamour to the area giving your guests and you the VIP mirror treatment!

Contact Tim at Silver Sparks for all your Mirrorbooth needs :)

**Call Tim on:
07786 465 151
or Click Here**



*** The NEW Magic Mirror Booth for £300 ***

3 hours of unlimited personalised prints (x 2)
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Inc. Props, Memory Stick and Photo Booth Minder.



GIBSON HALL

LONDON FAIRYTALE WEDDING VENUE

London Bridal Show - 23rd Sept

FORMER BANKING HALL

In the heart of London, 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 and truly romantic wedding hall can accommodate a great variety of weddings from 80-400 guests.

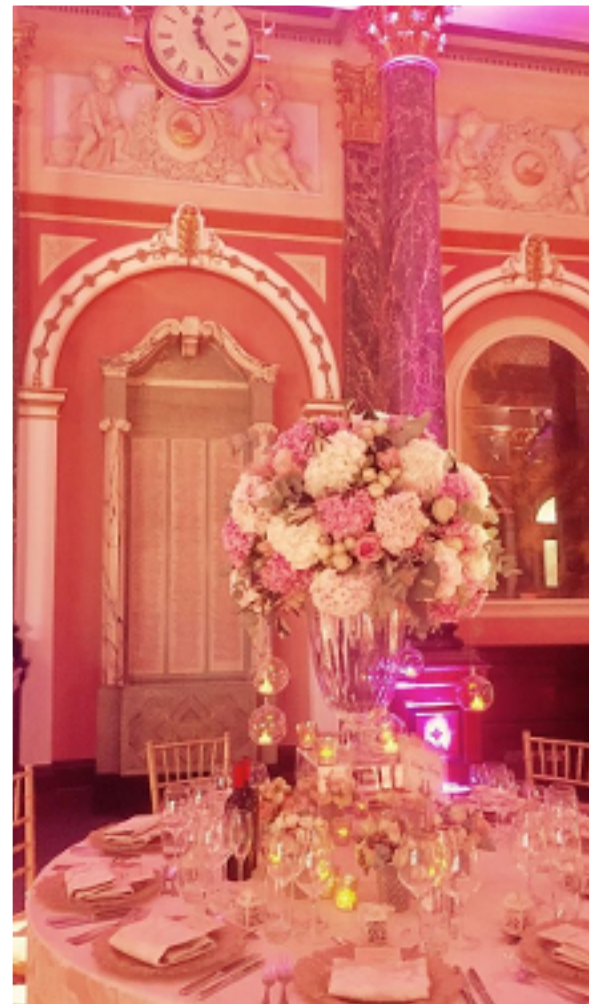
SECLUDED GARDEN AREA

Gibson Hall provides a flexible event space, mixing old with new, indoor with outdoor, whilst still retaining features relating to its banking history. Our spaces are unique, our service unobtrusive but efficient, and our passion for food, provided by Kudos, ensures successful events – time after time.

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. (Very rare in London). 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 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 is one to remember forever.





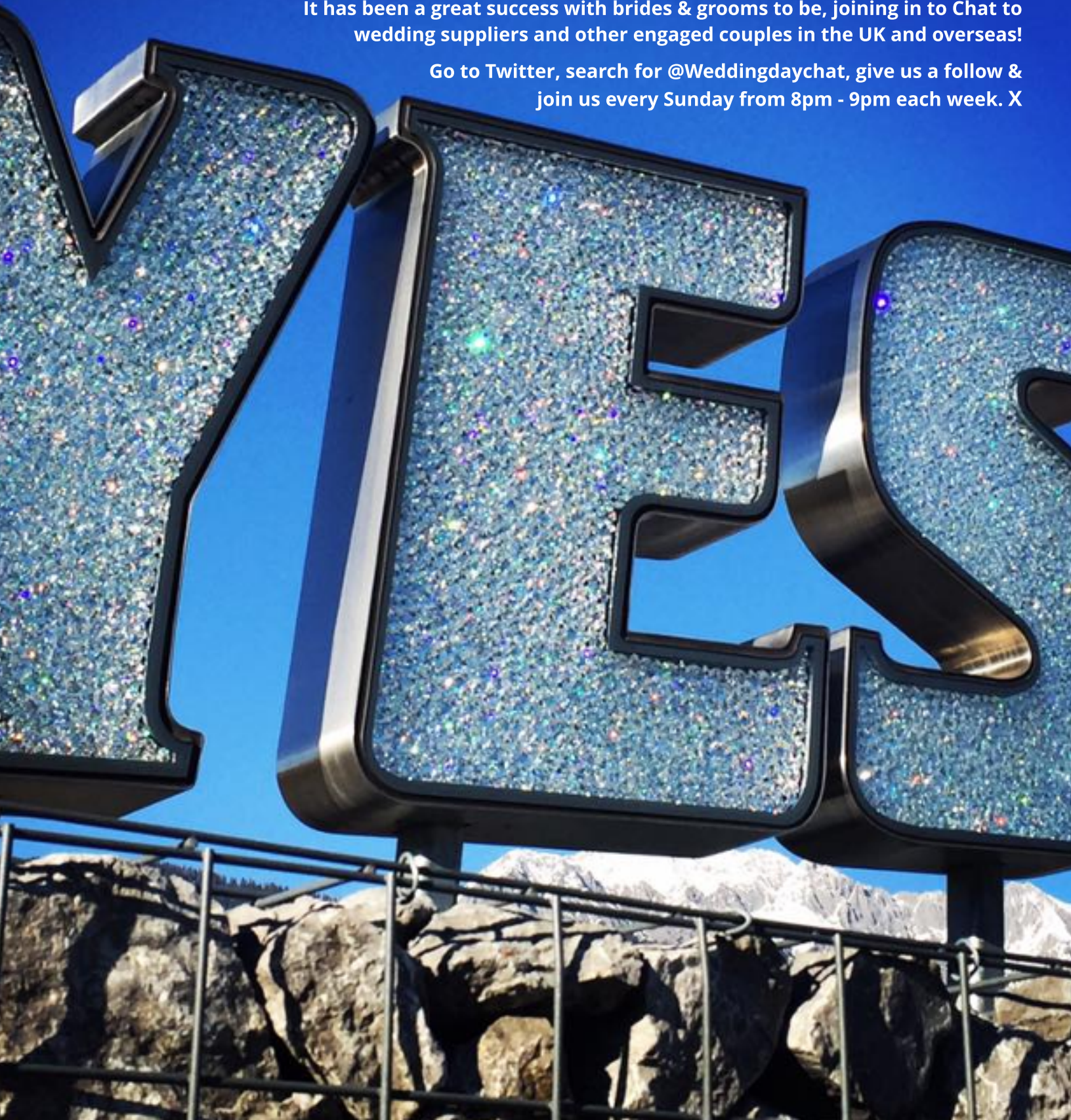
NEW TWITTER CHAT

We have launched a new & exciting project over on Twitter, called #Weddingdaychat for newly engaged couples & wedding suppliers.

This is run by myself (Wedding Day Angel) with the help of lots of lovely Twitter Friends and Supplier Friends. For one hour every week we help brides, grooms & suppliers by chatting all things Wedding!

It has been a great success with brides & grooms to be, joining in to Chat to wedding suppliers and other engaged couples in the UK and overseas!

Go to Twitter, search for @Weddingdaychat, give us a follow & join us every Sunday from 8pm - 9pm each week. X



AWARD WINNING WEDDING DIRECTORY

For more wedding suppliers in your area, check out our award winning UK wedding directory

Leap Year Madness...

Back in 2000, I took the plunge on the leap year and asked my boyfriend if he would marry me. I did this by sending him an email (we still communicate a lot like this) :)

He swiftly replied back YES!

So, that was it, he came home and we set a date for 2002 on the anniversary of when we first got together.

My mind was then blown as I trawled through the then, very slow dial up connection Internet and various magazines to find everything we wanted to make our dream day special to us! Wow! What an eye opener that was.

There were simply hundreds of suppliers and I was lost for a while.

We were also on a tight budget so to cut a long story short, I made a lot of our wedding things myself and pulled in favors from friends and family.

In the end, our day was so special for us and we remember it fondly.

I then decided that planning a wedding was a major job and I wondered how I could help future brides-to-be.

The Directory was born...

I started to build a website showcasing wedding suppliers from the UK and this soon became my main hobby.

Before I knew it, the directory had grown and now has over 2,500 UK wedding businesses on there.

Last year, I entered the Essex Digital Awards and won Bronze for using Social Media for business.



ESSEX DIGITAL AWARDS 2017 WINNER



Do You Need A Supplier?

You can now go to the directory and search for suppliers in your area so please go give us a visit if you haven't seen it already. We can keep you up to date with suppliers, tips, advice and real wedding stories too.

Want To Feature on the Blog?

Once your big day has gone and you're newly married, send in your story and photos and you could feature on our famous directory showing other brides your big day.

We'd love to share your celebration wedding day memories through our Blog. For more information, contact us on Facebook or through the Website.



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For more information visit:

www.WeddingDayAngel.com



COUNTDOWN TO THE BIG DAY

Congratulations, Your Wedding Planning Has Begun!

Once you have told your family and friends about the fact that you are now engaged, there is a huge list to work through to get that BIG day planned to perfection....Here's just a small checklist to get you started..

12 MONTHS TO GO...

- Set the Date & A Budget
- Book Wedding Transport
- Write a Guest List
- Start Visiting Venues & Book
- Book A Registrar
- Go To lots of Wedding Fairs
- Try on lots of Bridal Gowns
- Decide type of Wedding

9 MONTHS TO GO...

- Start Booking Suppliers
- Begin A Beauty Routine
- Choose Bridesmaids
- Choose Best Man & Ushers
- Send out 'Save The Date' Cards
- Organise Wedding Insurance
- Open a Wedding Bank Account
- Send Out Invitations
- Get Groom's Suits
- Choose Rings and Buy them
- Order Wedding Cake

6 MONTHS TO GO...

- Choose, Buy or Make Favours
- Book Catering & any Hire Items, eg. photobooth, marquee
- Organise Dress Fittings
- Finalise Honeymoon Plans
- Check Passports & Travel Insurance
- Buy Lingerie and Going away outfits
- Book Wedding Night Hotel
- Buy a Guest Book
- Order Flowers

3 MONTHS TO GO...

- Decide on Gifts for Wedding Party Members
- Organise Hen & Stag parties
- Finalise Wedding Transport
- Confirm with Registrar

1 MONTH TO GO...

- Remind those making speeches to finalise them
- Write a 'must-have' list for photographer
- Confirm Venue Numbers
- Pack Honeymoon Case

- Have a Final Hair & Make up Practice
- Organise for the Cake to be delivered to Venue
- Wear Your Wedding Shoes around the house each day
- Have a Dress Rehearsal
- Drink Plenty of Water to aid Healthy Skin and Hair on the day
- Assign someone to hand out Buttonholes on the day
- Get Plenty of Sleep :)

ON THE DAY...

Your big day has arrived, relax.

Give yourself plenty of time to get ready so that you are not rushing around with anything.

Chill out as much as possible and enjoy the preparations.

This day will fly past so take in every moment and take a step back every half an hour to just look at everything going on around you and enjoy!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your Wedding Day is Here!