

WEDDING BROCHURE

2017/18

VENUES
FOOD &
PRICING





You've
Fallen In
Love Once.
Now It's
Time To Do
It All Over
Again

THE HALFWAY HOUSE

INTRODUCTION

One of Essex' best known landmarks, The Halfway House has been part of the South Essex landscape for the best part of a century.

Once an old coach house and stop over on route to Southend, The Halfway House is now a destination in its own right. Owned by the O'Donoghue family for over 30 years, "The Halfway" as it's affectionately known is a byword for friendly service offering affordable excellence.

Our Grand Marquee, set in its own gardens, caters for our larger elaborate weddings and events, whilst our

Herongate Suite, fully self contained, situated in the main building is perfect for events on a smaller scale.

Essex County Council granted approval for The Halfway House as a venue for the solemnisation of Marriages, under the 1994 Marriage acts. We have also been granted approval under the Civil Partnership Act and Same Sex Couples Act. If you would like any further information on the ability to marry within our venue, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to offer assistance during this process.

We are only too aware that the requirements for your ideal celebration will vary from that of others. Allow our experienced wedding co-ordinator and their team to assist you in putting together a truly memorable experience, making your day a truly special one!



THE VENUE

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THE GRAND MARQUEE

The Grand Marquee is the jewel in our crown, catering for up to 250 guests in elegantly finished surroundings. This versatile and attractive venue needs to be viewed to really visualise your celebration and the ability to customise it to your specific needs.



THE HERONGATE SUITE

Our Herongate Suite has proved to be a very popular option for a more intimate wedding. This fully contained suite has everything you need to deliver a celebration to remember.

Avenue To Remember



THE GRAND MARQUEE

Our elegant Grand Marquee is set in the grounds of The Halfway House overlooking Thorndon Country Park. In these stylish and tranquil surroundings, this beautifully appointed marquee can host up to 250 guests and has its own private bar facilities, terrace and gardens. The marquee is tastefully lined with ivory wall and ceiling linings making it a perfect neutral backdrop to complement your chosen wedding décor.



THE GRAND MARQUEE





THE HERONGATE SUITE

Newly refurbished, our Herongate Suite is a truly versatile space. With its clean lines and subtle hues of grey and white, this room can be transformed into a perfect setting for a more intimate wedding celebration without losing any of the elegance. The suite can cater for 90 guests in a wedding breakfast setting, or up to 120 for a more informal layout.



A
Day To
Cherish



THE
HERONGATE
SUITE



Food To Devour



THE FOOD

Our experienced team of chefs have put together a selection of menus using finest ingredients locally sourced. We take pride in delivering catering options of an exceptionally high standard, which can be created individually for you. Sample menus can be happily provided on request.



Made
In Our
Kitchen



Freshly
Prepared



BBQ



We are happy to cater for many different types of events. Our BBQ menu has become increasingly popular, making great use of the adjoining private gardens. All we need is good weather, but even that won't put a damper on your day.



THE PRICING

Choosing the right menu for your wedding guests can be a very daunting prospect, here at the Halfway House we pride ourselves at delivering bespoke menus for you and your guests. Our chefs take great pride in offering delicious dishes with the finest ingredients served professionally by our staff.

This is a pricing guide

Wedding Breakfast

3 course Wedding breakfast	from £29.00
Fork buffet	from £29.95
Barbecue menu	from £23.95
Dressed buffet	from £37.95
Drinks package	from £17.95
Children's menu	from £17.95

Additional Extras

Soup course	from £5.60
Fish course	from £8.00
Sorbet course	from £6.00
Selection of continental cheeses	from £7.50
Desserts	from £6.50

Evening Reception Food

Light finger buffet from £11.95

All charges include VAT

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Wedding Breakfast A

£29

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Starters

Melon with Parma Ham
Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose Sauce
Duck Liver Pate with Toasted Bread

Soups (All Soups are served with thick slice of fresh bread)
Tomato & Basil
Traditional Leek & Potato
Fresh Garden Vegetable

Main Courses

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes
Roast Norfolk Turkey Served with the trimmings
Panfried Chicken Breast with Mushroom & White Wine Sauce served with Saute Potatoes
Steak & Ale Pie with Mustard Mash
(All dishes served with Chef's seasonal Vegetables)

Vegetarian Options

Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Rocket Parmesan & Balsamic Salad
Creamy Tagliatelle cooked in a roasted leek, walnut & rocket sauce

Desserts

Apple Pie
Strawberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake
Key Lime Pie
Sticky Toffee Pud

Starters

Melon with Parma Ham
Prawn Cocktail with Marie Rose Sauce
Duck Liver Pate with Toasted Bread

Breaded Brie & Cranberry Preserve
Oriental Duck Parcels with Hoi Sin Sauce

Soups (All Soups are served with thick slice of fresh bread)

Tomato & Basil
Traditional Leek & Potato

French Onion
Minestrone

Main Courses

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire pudding roast potatoes
Roast Norfolk Turkey Served with the trimmings
Panfried Chicken Breast with Mushroom & White Wine Sauce served with Saute Potatoes
Steak & Ale Pie with Mustard Mash
Slow Roast Lamb Shank with a Red Wine & Rosemary Jus on a bed of Creamy Mash
Pork Loin stuffed Apple & Apricot & Sausage served with a Cider Gravy
Fillet of Salmon with a light Crème Fraiche & Dill Sauce
(Main Courses served with Seasonal Vegetables)

Vegetarian Options

Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne with Rocket Parmesan & Balsamic Salad
Medley of Mushroom Tartlet served with Red Onion Marmalade & Seasonal Leaves

Desserts

Apple Pie
Strawberry & White Chocolate Cheesecake

Key Lime Pie
Salted Caramel Steam Pud



Wedding Breakfast B

£32.50

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Wedding Breakfast C

£49.50

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Starters

Prawn & Crayfish Salad with Mango & Chilli Dressing
Duck Liver Pate with Handmade Walnut Bread
Breaded Brie & Cranberry Preserve
Oriental Duck Parcels with Hoi Sin Sauce
Soups (All Soups are served with a selection of bread)
French Onion
Butternut Squash & Chilli Soup with Crispy Sage

Main Courses

Chicken Breast stuffed with fresh Spinach, Sweet Peppers & Mushroom with a Tomato & Mascarpone sauce
Slow Roast Lamb Shank with a Red Wine & Rosemary Jus on a bed of Creamy Mustard Mash
Pork Loin stuffed Apple & Apricot & Sausage served with a Cider Gravy served with Dauphinoise Potatoes
Fillet of Salmon with a Pesto Herb Crust served with Minted New Potatoes
Lamb Rump on a bed of colcannon with a sweet Redcurrant Jus
(Main Courses served with Seasonal Vegetables)

Vegetarian Options

Red Onion & Goats Cheese Tartlette with sweet Chutney and seasonal salad
Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington with Tomato Concasse & Wild Rice

Desserts

Salted Caramel Steam Pud	Profiteroles with Warm Chocolate Sauce
Zesty Lemon Tart	Honeycomb Cheesecake
Pear & Almond Tart	Tiramisu and homemade almond biscuits

Starters

Prawn Cocktail
Tomato Soup
Cheesy Garlic Bread
Potato Wedges with Cheese & Bacon

Main Courses

Homemade Chicken Nuggets with chunky chips & Peas
Sausage & Mash
Fish Goujons & Chunky Chips & Beans
Penne Napolitano (V)
Tuna Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread

Desserts

Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce
Apple Pie & Custard
Strawberry Cheesecake
Chocolate Fudge Brownie with Vanilla Ice Cream & Hot Chocolate Sauce



Childrens Menu

£16.50

for 2 courses, for Starters Add £3

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Minimum numbers apply
 All prices include VAT
 Capacity for:
 The Grand Marquee is 250

The Grand Marquee - Hire Charges

May to September

	2017	2018
Saturday	£1400	£1500
Friday & Sunday	£1050	£1100
Monday – Thursday	£600	£650

April, October, November & December

	2017	2018
Saturday	£1050	£1100
Friday & Sunday	£850	£900
Monday – Thursday	£550	£600

January, February & March

	2017	2018
Saturday	£850	£900
Friday & Sunday	£700	£750
Monday – Thursday	£450	£500

Civil Ceremony

£150-£300

The Herongate Suite - Hire Charges

May to September

	2017	2018
Saturday	£450	£500
Friday & Sunday	£350	£400
Monday – Thursday	No Charge	No Charge

April, October, November & December

	2017	2018
Saturday	£400	£450
Friday & Sunday	£350	£400
Monday – Thursday	No Charge	No Charge

January, February & March

	2017	2018
Saturday	£400	£450
Friday & Sunday	£350	£400
Monday – Thursday	No Charge	No Charge

Civil Ceremony

£150-£300



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 All prices include VAT
 Capacity for:
 The Herongate Suite is 200



The Devil Is In The Details



THE FINISHING TOUCHES

Let us help you with...

- Chair covers & sashes
- Table decoration
- Floristry & favours
- Entertainment
- Photography
- Personalised beverage list

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