

WEDDINGS AT MONKS

*A real country wedding
venue in
Dartmoor National Park*

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OUR STORY

Simon and Nicky bought Monks in 1998. When they first saw Monks, they couldn't go upstairs in the house, because the floor was collapsing. For the next three years Nicky made thousands of cups of tea for Steve Gallimore and his brilliant team as they worked to re-roof and repair the beautiful granite farm buildings.

As the building team restored the farmhouse and barns, Nicky created the gardens.

Designing and making a garden from scratch was the best fun and completely fascinating. We cleared brambles and nettles, old barbed wire and broken farm implements. Then it was time to rotovate and barrow out endless loads of manure from the farm buildings. Weeks of work before we could even begin to mark out the flower beds and seed the lawns. Finally we could plant hedges for shelter, trees for shade, and then roses and shrubs and bulbs to complete our "Heaven in a Garden."

It wasn't until 2010, when our daughter Cressy got married at Monks Withecombe, that we thought of becoming a wedding venue. But after hearing "What a fantastic place for a wedding!" over and over again on that very happy day, the penny finally dropped. We looked around and realised that Monks really is **"A fantastic place for a wedding!"**





EXCLUSIVE VENUE

Monks Withecombe is the perfect country wedding venue. Located in the Dartmoor National Park, Monks is just over a mile from Chagford, and a couple of miles from the A30. Monks Withecombe welcomes you into its flower filled courtyards, beautiful gardens, and wildflower meadows.

Whether you are planning an intimate ceremony with close friends, or a romantic epic on a grand scale, Nicky and Simon are here to help you plan and organise your wedding day. Both the Corn Barn and The Gallery are licenced for civil ceremonies. The larger Corn Barn is perfect for a wedding breakfast, Ceilidh, Barn Dance or disco. There are spectacular views from both the Corn Barn and The Gallery, and the Marquee Meadow offers a wonderful open aspect to the west and free off-road parking in the adjacent field. What could be more romantic than to watch the sunset over Dartmoor, gathered around the warmth of the fire pit, with friends and family? Hay bales, banners, bunting and fairy lights? Simon and Nicky can recommend excellent local contacts and suppliers and take in deliveries during the week of your wedding.

Monks Withecombe is a wedding photographer's dream location. The Spring Garden, Orchard, Main Lawns, courtyards and meadows are all yours to wander and enjoy. With plenty of space for cricket and croquet, and magical gardens to explore, Monks Withecombe really is a wonderful place for a wedding. The venue fee covers exclusive use of Monks for your Wedding Day along with access to the venue during the week before your wedding. You are also welcome back to Monks on Sunday morning for brunch.







THE CORN BARN

Flooded with light through its huge windows, the oak floored Corn Barn is double height, and measures 40ft x 20ft. There is level access to the Middle Courtyard, or through the West Doors to the Spring Garden. This lovely space links through to The Gallery. Underfloor heating and excellent lighting ensure that the Corn Barn is warm and welcoming throughout the year.



“What can we say? This venue, and its owners - Nicky and Simon - are simply fantastic. With the backdrop of Dartmoor, the stunning gardens and beautifully rustic Corn Barn and Art Gallery at Monks Withecombe helped us create the wedding of our dreams. Nothing was too much trouble for Nicky and Simon and they went above and beyond to help us pull off the perfect day. Being the first couple to use their brand new Corn Barn made the experience even more special and we feel truly blessed to have been able to hold our wedding here. Our guests had an amazing day enjoying the beautiful gardens, playing games in the field, and dancing until they dropped under the sparkling fairy lights in the barn - it was a truly magical day. Ali and Simon Ramsay

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THE ART GALLERY

Licensed for civil ceremonies, The Gallery measures 36ft x 16ft and links through to the Corn Barn. Holding up to 100 people, with views out across the Middle Courtyard to Dartmoor, the Gallery is a peaceful, beautiful space. Access to the Gallery is via 13 external granite steps from the Middle Courtyard, or from the Corn Barn, or from within the main house for those with walking difficulties. There are two toilets within easy reach of The Gallery, for use during the ceremony.



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We honestly can't thank
you enough for
everything you've done
for us. You've both
worked so hard with
getting everything
ready. The place looked
stunning!! We had a
perfect wedding day.
“ Tim & Charlie





THE MARQUEE MEADOW

In 2016 the nine acres of meadow at Monks produced 53 bales of wonderfully scented hay. You are welcome to explore the paths mowed through the meadow grasses. Once the hay is made, the meadow becomes a perfect arena for games of cricket and croquet. As night falls, settle down on the hay bales around the fire pit, and watch the sun set over Dartmoor. We have had marquees large enough to accommodate over 200 people, and we can recommend excellent local contacts for the marquee, flowers, caterers and all the other elements for the perfect country wedding.

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Absolutely stunning venue perfect for
a country wedding! I just love the
decor and the garden is amazing.

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THE GARDEN

On arrival, your guests and families will be directed from the Parking Field into the main garden, to enjoy champagne and canapes or a Devon Cream Tea in this beautiful setting. From the main lawn, guests can wander through the Orchard to the Marquee Meadow, Corn Barn or Art Gallery, entirely as you choose. Nicky and Simon are passionate gardeners, and have designed the garden to create bee and butterfly friendly areas of colour and scent. The gardens and courtyards of Monks are filled with swallows and house martins, sparrows and blackbirds – all welcome to find shelter and make their homes here.

The venue was a dream to work, for us. There was easy access and Nicky & Simon were on hand at all times making sure everything ran smoothly.

“ Tom Cull – Dartmoor Kitchen ”





WHY MONKS?

As an exclusive use wedding venue we can offer you the flexibility to choose how the venue is dressed, to suit your individual style and wedding theme.

- ♥ *Exclusive use of Monks from the Tuesday of your wedding week through to the Sunday.*
- ♥ *Beautiful gardens*
- ♥ *No “Corkage” policy*
- ♥ *Nicky and Simon’s help with planning your special day*
- ♥ *Free off road parking for up to 200 cars*
- ♥ *Accommodation for the bride and groom*
- ♥ *Easy access from the A30 and only 1 mile from Chagford*
- ♥ *Located in the unspoilt beauty of the Dartmoor National Park*





WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ♥ Exclusive use of Monks from the Tuesday of your wedding week through to the Sunday.
- ♥ Nicky and Simon will take in deliveries from Tuesday of your wedding week
- ♥ Discreet management of your ceremony
- ♥ Free Wi Fi available
- ♥ Dedicated power supply and back up generator
- ♥ Sole use of the Marquee Meadow, gardens, courtyard and parking
- ♥ Traffic management and control





PRICES, SUPPLIERS AND SOLE USE

PRICES

You can choose which facilities you would like to hire at Monks. But however you choose to plan your day, we guarantee you will be the only wedding at the venue:-

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| Venue Fee + Marquee Meadow + Parking field | £1200 |
| Venue Fee + Marquee Meadow + Corn Barn + Parking field | £2100 |
| Venue Fee + Marquee Meadow + Corn Barn + Gallery + Parking field | £2520 |
| Venue Fee + Marquee Meadow + Corn Barn + Parking field + 1 night overnight accommodation for Bride & Groom | £2634 |

All prices include VAT.

SUPPLIERS

Nicky and Simon can recommend good local contacts. If you bring your own suppliers to Monks Withecombe you must ensure that all your chosen suppliers are properly registered, trained and insured. Please contact either Nicky on 07976 294939 or Simon on 07721 613145 to arrange site visits for your chosen suppliers. The access roads to Monks Withecombe are single track so please be sure to check the size of delivery vehicles with Simon.

SPECIAL NOTE: No stilettos in the Corn Barn please

SOLE USE OF MONKS WITHECOMBE

You, your family and friends are welcome to come to Monks Withecombe from Tuesday of the week of your wedding as you prepare for the reception on Saturday. We are happy to take in deliveries for you from the Tuesday. The marquee/yurt/tipi/raj tent is erected for a total of 4 days from the Thursday of your wedding week. You will be able to make preparations on the Friday for the reception on the Saturday. You are welcome to return to Monks Withecombe with your friends and family on the Sunday to clear up and to make use of the marquee/yurt/tipi/raj tent for a BBQ or brunch.

The marquee/yurt/tipi/raj tent must be taken down on Monday (total of 4 days).

Included in the charge for exclusive use of Monks Withecombe is use of the parking field, the gardens, courtyards, and the Marquee field. If you also wish to use the Corn Barn and/or the Art Gallery additional fees will apply, please refer to the price list.

You will have the use of the dedicated 60 amp power supply, if you exceed 60 amps, you will need to hire a generator.

The water supply to the marquee field is from our well. The water is PH balanced and treated with UK, and the supply is able to meet normal requirements. If additional water is needed, please speak to Simon at Premier Luxury Loos on 07771 738990 re hire of a water bowser.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCESS AND TRANSPORT

We make every effort to ensure that your guests can arrive and leave Monks safely. The exit from the parking field is lit, and we will manage the exit from the parking field wearing high visibility vests. Please note that the access from the A382 is single track, and that we strongly advise you to engage bus transport for the safety and convenience of your guests. We can recommend Harveys Bus Ltd 01647 441221.

In the event of wet weather, we will lay out road mats across the parking field.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Fireworks or Chinese Lanterns are not allowed because we are surrounded by farms, with farm animals out in the fields.

Noise levels: The special environment of the Dartmoor National Park, and the rights of our neighbours to peaceful enjoyment of their properties, must be respected.

Under the terms of our premises licence music must be turned off at midnight and alcohol cannot be served or consumed after midnight. All guests must leave by midnight.

Sufficient trained bar staff must be engaged to ensure that Health and Safety standards are maintained and that there is no consumption of alcohol by minors. To ensure children are safe and happy we strongly advise the engagement of a dedicated person to entertain and supervise children.

Sheep and cows graze in the fields between weddings. It is therefore essential that glass and other debris is not left in the field.

Caterers and bar staff are responsible for the removal of all rubbish and recycling material from the venue.

The dumping of hot liquids or oil onto the field is not permitted.

UNAVAILABILITY OF THE VENUE

The owner may cancel bookings made if the property becomes unavailable for reasons beyond the owner's reasonable control, including without limitation: flooding; fire; significant damage to the property; or failure of utility services to the property. In this event we will refund to you any sums you have paid. The owner shall have no other liability to you.

LIABILITY

We will not be liable for any loss or damage suffered by you or any member of your party or to your or their property, except where such loss or damage is due to our negligence. If we are negligent, our liability to you will be limited to the loss or damage which was a foreseeable result of such negligence. Except in the case of death or personal injury resulting from our negligence, our total liability to you in respect of any breach in the Terms of Business or tort or other act or omission by us shall be limited in aggregate to the price agreed to be paid by you for the right to use the property for the period agreed.

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