



ENGLISH HERITAGE  
KENWOOD



In the 18th-century Kenwood was home to William Murray, 1st Earl of Mansfield, once England's most powerful judge. As the Lord Chief Justice he had a long list of distinguished figures to entertain. The house he bought in 1754 was a relatively simple villa. The house it became was a grand design. Carriages would sweep down the gravel drive, unloading statesmen, artists and even royalty in front of the house. Passing under a full-height pedimented portico they would step into the entrance hall and begin a weekend of fine dining, music and engaging conversation.

On the other side of the house guests could stand surrounded by exotic plants in the Orangery, to look out over the parkland to London. After Lord Mansfield's death, a music room was added on. Ladies would withdraw here after dinner, joined later by the gentlemen for tea, music and a view of the gardens.

These views over the rolling hills of Hampstead Heath are still part of Kenwood's charm today. Holding your wedding day here you'll feel ensconced in greenery. With a ceremony in the Orangery, your guests can overlook the clipped lawns that stretch down towards two lakes. Or, from the Music Room, look out at the blaze of colour in the rhododendron garden.

Continue your celebrations with dinner in the Old Kitchen. Once humming with the work of the cook and kitchen maids, you can now dine surrounded by the old wooden dressers and the cast-iron open range. Or, if you want to be fully enfolded in the spectacular grounds, a marquee out in the flower garden creates a memorable setting



# ROOM HIRE

## THE ORANGERY

CEREMONY: 100 | DRINKS: 100 | DINING: 80

The Orangery sits in the west wing of the 18th-century mansion. Wall to ceiling windows run right across the south wall giving spectacular views across the landscape – where trees grow on a grassed slope that sweeps down to two lakes.



## MUSIC ROOM

CEREMONY: 40 | DRINKS: 50 | DINING: 40

For smaller ceremonies the Music Room and the Green Room provide a highly atmospheric space. Surrounded by some of the greatest British portraits of the 18th-century you can make your vows under the watchful eye of society ladies. With high ceilings, chandeliers and garden views, it's a refined setting.



## OLD KITCHEN

DINNER: 90 | DRINKS/DANCING: 120

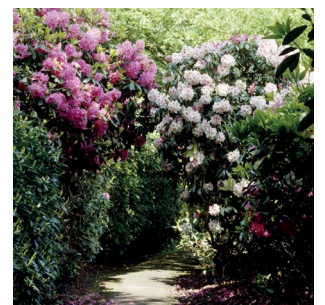
As an optional extra you can hire the Old Kitchen for dinner and dancing. Please be aware that there's no music after 11.30pm and we ask that you and your guests have wrapped up your celebrations by midnight.



## FLOWER GARDEN

DINNER/DANCE: 480 | DRINKS: 480 | DINING: 480

The flower garden sits next to the main house and shares its long reaching views over the parkland. With Scots pines towering overhead it's a picturesque site for a marquee whatever the time of year – from the dramatic flowering of rhododendrons in spring to the russet and golden canopy of the trees in autumn.



# ❧ SAMPLE RUNNING ORDER ❧



Congratulations on your upcoming wedding and thank you for considering Kenwood.

The following is a guide to costs, suppliers and timings that may need to be considered when planning your wedding here. Please note that this is designed as a guide only. The timings and how the day runs can be flexible and should be discussed with your hospitality events co-ordinator and suppliers to ensure you have a wedding day that is unique to you. The prices will vary depending on the number of guests attending and the suppliers you wish to use.

## **CEREMONY & DRINKS RECEPTION**

### **GUESTS ARRIVAL**

Guests should start to arrive from 4pm in preparation for a 4.30pm ceremony. We encourage guests to use public transport or taxis to get to Kenwood as there is no parking available on site. Staff will greet your guests at the East Lodge Gate and they will guide them to the main porticoed entrance before making their way to the West Wing.

### **CEREMONY**

The ceremony should last approximately 30 minutes and can take place in either the Orangery or Music Room. The Orangery can accommodate up to 100 guests, with its incredible natural light and views over the rolling hills of Hampstead Heath and the picturesque lake. The Music Room is perfect for an intimate ceremony of up to 40 guests.

### **DRINKS RECEPTION & PHOTOS**

Once the ceremony concludes at 5pm, the newlyweds will make their way to the adjoining rooms within the West Wing, where you will be able to greet your guests and toast to your marriage. Guests will be offered a selection of reception drinks and waiting staff will then circulate around the West Wing offering your guests the chosen selection of canapés. At your request and for an additional charge we can provide private tours of the house where we can provide trained staff to share their knowledge of Kenwood with your guests. If you are not staying with us for your reception, you and your guests can then depart for your chosen Wedding Reception location. If you would like to arrange private transport for yourself or your guests this could arrive at the East Lodge Gate.

# ❧ SAMPLE COSTS ❧

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## CEREMONY & DRINKS RECEPTION

To give you an idea of costs we have put together a sample guide to help you budget for your day.\*

- **VENUE HIRE** FROM £2,450
- **CATERING** FROM £60pp\*\* (All of our caterers can offer a bespoke quote.)

**THIS INCLUDES:** Canapé reception  
Sparkling drinks reception  
High top bar tables & poseur tables  
Staffing to include a hospitality events manager  
Delivery & set up

- **REGISTRAR** FROM £285

### • OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Flowers, musical accompaniment, lighting and photographer.

For our full list of accredited suppliers, please request our full brochure.

**All prices are subject to VAT.**

\*These prices are a guide only. Please contact us for your bespoke quotation.

\*\*Based on a minimum of 60 guests.

# 🌀 SAMPLE RUNNING ORDER 🌀

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## **WEDDING RECEPTION**

### **GUESTS ARRIVAL**

After your ceremony it may be nice to arrange transport for your guests to get to Kenwood for your wedding reception, this will be able to drop your guests at the East Lodge Gate at approximately 4.30pm. Alternatively we do encourage guests to use public transport or taxis to get to Kenwood as there is no parking available on site. Staff will greet your guests at the gate and they will guide them to the main porticoed entrance before making their way to the West Wing.

### **DRINKS RECEPTION & PHOTOS**

Upon arrival, guests will be greeted with a selection of reception drinks and as the sun sets over the rolling parkland, waiting staff will circulate around the West Wing offering your guests the chosen selection of canapés. At your request and for an additional charge, we can provide private tours of the house where our trained staff will share their knowledge of Kenwood with your guests.

### **TABLE PLANS**

We recommend your drinks reception should last approximately one hour, leaving plenty of time for photos, mingling and guided tours of the house if you should so wish. Guests will then be called for dinner in the Orangery or Music Room at 6pm by your chosen Master of Ceremonies. Although there are many ways to allocate guests' seating arrangements, the simplest and most effective is a table plan. You may also wish to provide place names to be set at each of the tables by your caterer. If you would like your guests to have a reminder of your day, favours at each place setting are a popular idea. Please speak with your hospitality co-ordinator to ensure that your favours are permitted at the venue before purchasing. There are many different style and colours of linen, chairs, seat pads, glasses, chinaware and silverware that your caterer can suggest for you to choose from to perfectly match your taste and chosen theme. Florists from our accredited supplier list will also be able to provide you with beautiful table centrepieces and any additional decoration you may want around the house, as well as flowers for your own bouquets for the bridal party and button holes for the groomsmen.

### **WEDDING BREAKFAST**

As guests take their seats for dinner, waiting staff will begin pouring a selection of your dinner drinks with the service of your Wedding Breakfast begins at 6.30pm. Once the food service has ended, coffee and your choice of toast drinks will be served in preparation for your speeches (if these are taking place after dinner). Once dessert has been cleared speeches can commence.

### **EVENING RECEPTION**

After dinner your Master of Ceremonies will invite your guests to make their way along the South Terrace to the Old Kitchen ready for you to cut your cake to signal the start of the dancing and your evening festivities. You may wish to have some evening catering which you can discuss with your caterer. At 11.30pm the bar will close and the music will finish as your big day starts to wind down with guests departing by midnight.

# ❧ SAMPLE COSTS ❧

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## WEDDING RECEPTION

To give you an idea of costs we have put together a sample guide to help you budget for your day.\*

- **VENUE HIRE** FROM £4,950
- **CATERING** FROM £165pp\*\* (All of our caterers can offer a completely bespoke quote.)  
**THIS INCLUDES:** Sparkling drinks & canapés reception (4 per person)  
3 course meal with bread, coffee and petit fours half bottle of house wine (per person)  
Sparkling toast drink  
Round tables, chairs, cake table, high top bar  
Linen, crockery, cutlery, glassware  
Staffing to include an event manager  
Delivery & set up
- **DANCE FLOOR** FROM £370
- **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**  
Evening bar, evening food, flowers, evening entertainment, cake, lighting and photographer.

For our full list of accredited suppliers, please request our full brochure.

All prices are subject to VAT.

\*These prices are a guide only. Please contact us for your bespoke quotation.

\*\*Based on a minimum of 70 guests.

# TESTIMONIALS

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"Just a quick word to thank you for helping everything go so smoothly on Saturday. We had an amazing day (even if it flew by in a dizzying blur), and I know our guests did too. For me, it was incredibly gratifying to see everything happen as it should (and, perhaps more surprisingly, when it should); indeed, I don't think there was anything that didn't ultimately work out! The staff at Kenwood were also very friendly and helpful at all times, not just throughout the day but also at the end of the evening and the following morning, when we were respectively stowing and retrieving various bits and bobs.

So please do also extend to them our thanks!"

Nik and Anjali | July 2016

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"Just to say thank you so much for making our wedding reception so lovely. It really went even better than we'd hoped, and you and your team were fantastic. Thanks for being so helpful and giving us sensible work-arounds. The guests all seemed to enjoy their tours and of course the beautiful location."

Katherine and Dan | May 2016

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"I just wanted to thank you and your team on behalf of myself and my parents for a fantastic evening last night. I appreciate that you ended up staying until the end and we are really grateful to you for doing so. The evening ran very smoothly and all the guests thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout. The tours were expertly run and a number of people I understand actually ended up doing a second tour! The room looked lovely and everything worked to time and without any hiccups!"

Sarah & Family | April 2016

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# ROOMS & GARDENS

