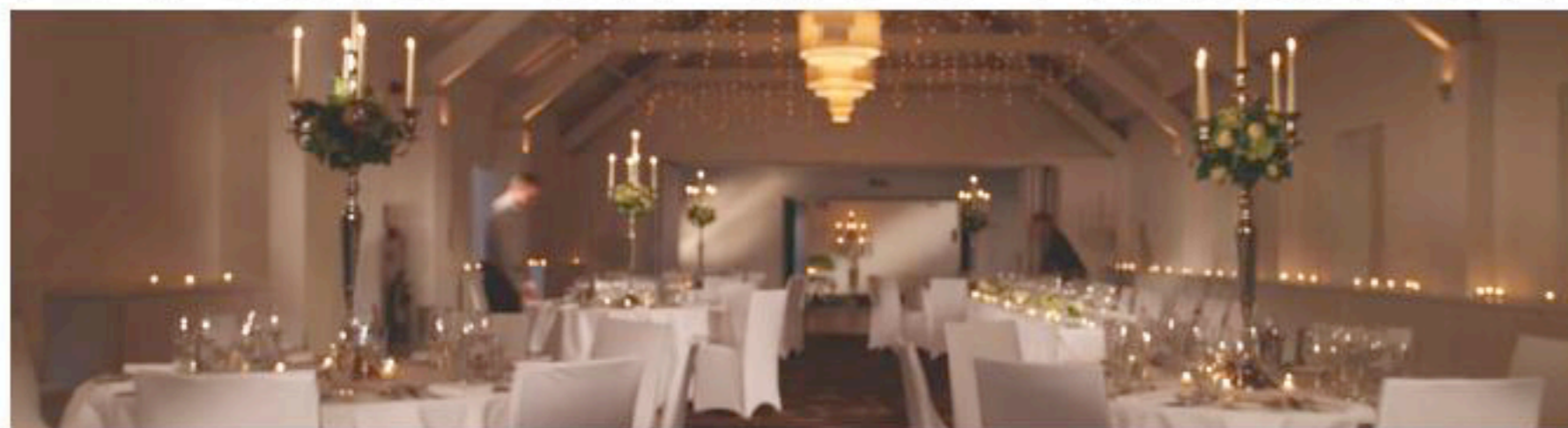




# Weddings

## Bride of the manor



**S**ET within glorious Capability Brown designed grounds, Stoke Place, in Stoke Poges, is the hip and glamorous option for the style savvy bride. Those seeking an alternative to starched, formal celebrations will find their non-cookie cutters prayers answered at this cool country house with a twist.

Built in the 17th Century, what appears as a traditional country house is anything but. Décor has been re-worked to provide luxurious adult comforts for stylish getaways and celebrations. Guests enter through the reception and the classical country house picture deconstructs. Traditional rules are bent, the classic English country manor re-invented.

The hotel whispers style without ostentation, luxury without fuss. Furnishings include bookcases in alcoves, overstuffed sofas and comfortable easy chairs. Public spaces are decorated in eclectic palettes of flamboyant colour, chandeliers,

damask wallpapers and contemporary furnishings. East and west wings were added over time and the property retains the warmth of a family home with an emphasis on service, glamour and comfort. Inside, thanks to playfully oversized furnishings and a collection of decorative curiosities, it is a highly original, welcoming party house. As part of the modern school of country house retreats, Stoke Place boasts multiple entertainment, lounge and meeting spaces furnished in colourful hues, complete with designer furnishings and stylish quirky touches. The house can be rented as a private hire venue for exclusive weddings. Four spacious and elegant function rooms regularly play host to conferences, wedding celebrations and high profile private parties. The Vyse Room and adjacent party room offer outstanding views of the estate's sweeping lawns and lake. (The Vyse Room can hold up to

80 guests and The Ballroom has a capacity of 200). The Fly Fishing Room, decorated in woodland motif wallpaper is a snug space suited to intimate soirees and celebrations. A private dancing area and orangery style bar helps complete this already romantic setting, which can host every kind of wedding affair, whether that be a civil ceremony, extravagant night-time dining or a traditional wedding breakfast.

Meanwhile, the food at Stoke Place is presented with distinct modern flourishes. The Garden Room restaurant and catering at Stoke Place is overseen by head chef, Craig Van Der Meer who serves bold, molecular-inspired versions of country house fare. While Stoke Place's luxurious rusticity has proved attractive to bright young things, The Garden Room delivers a fashionable, casual alternative to formal menus commonly found in traditional country houses. The restaurant has recently

scored an excellent rating of four in the latest edition of the Good Food Guide and has been awarded two rosettes. The hotel boasts 40 bedrooms in total, 12 of which are suites.

The appeal of Stoke Place is simple: great food, beautiful surroundings and affordable luxury. Serving up a unique venue for the ultimate occasion, Stoke Place speaks to hip brides and grooms seeking a glamorous, memorable celebration. Stripped of chintz and the typical attributes that often plague country house interiors, Stoke Place is a glamorous rustic retreat. Outside, the Capability Brown designed gardens and exterior are as they've always been; inside it's a totally different story. Stoke Place, is conveniently situated 15 minutes from Heathrow, at SL2 4HT.

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