

# MAKE MEMORIES AT THE MANSION



The  
Reader

# PART OF YOUR STORY



Follow in the footsteps of generations of newlyweds with a wedding celebration at the Mansion House in Calderstones Park.

Lovingly recalled to life by The Reader in 2019, the Mansion House is a unique public space and event venue offering experiences that bring people together.

The Grade II listed building is nestled among acres of parkland in one of South Liverpool's most beautiful green spaces. Celebrate your big day with family and friends in newly refurbished rooms that can host from 50 to 80 guests, and magical outdoor spaces with room for up to 100 additional evening guests.



Pam and Keith, 1968





# WEDDINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE

As a charity, The Reader puts people first, and you can be sure you and your guests will enjoy the warmest of Reader welcomes.

By choosing to celebrate with us, you're making a difference to people and communities across the UK.

Our friendly and experienced team will be on hand to advise and guide you through your event – from your very first viewing to the departure of your last guest, we will attend to every detail with the utmost care.

We can help you select readings from poetry and literature, suggest literary references for your table plans, or even create bespoke wedding favours using your favourite poetry.



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**Still potent from those  
black and white photos, the  
palpable electric charge  
between us, like the negative  
and positive poles of a  
battery**

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From 'Friends Photos' by Ruth Fainlight

# A ROOM WITH A VIEW



The Theatre Room is an art deco inspired alteration to the Georgian Mansion House that was added to the building in the 1940s. Following the 2019 refurbishment, the room is now a blank canvas event space that can be transformed to suit all tastes.

Perfect for both ceremonies and receptions, the Theatre Room comfortably holds up to 80 ceremony and wedding breakfast guests and offers additional capacity for evening receptions.

In a nod to its past life as an open air theatre, a design feature of the Theatre Room is the line of bi-folding doors that offer uninterrupted views out to the secret garden and private terrace at the rear of the House.





# BRINGING THE OUTSIDE IN

For larger parties in need of additional space, slide back the bi-folding doors of the Theatre Room and take the sweeping staircase out into the Mansion House's secret garden.

The terrace can be set up with outdoor furniture and there's also room for a marquee in the beautifully secluded area if you're looking to give your guests an extra wow factor.

In the secret garden, guests can take in the beauty of the parkland as they sip a welcome drink or meander along the path to the glass enclosure where the Neolithic Calder Stones, which give the local area its name, are housed.

As old as Stonehenge, the 5,000 year-old Calder Stones are one of the UK's most significant ancient monuments and offer a unique backdrop to your celebration.

- Approved venue hosting ceremonies and receptions
- City location in a historic park setting
- Fully licensed bar until midnight
- Facilities to support live band and/or DJs
- Fully accessible venue
- Free parking on site
- Access to private garden and outdoor terrace
- Locally sourced, delicious food





# FOOD & DRINK



Everything on our menu is fresh and locally sourced.

From our delicious canapés and traditional three-course menu, to BBQ's, bowl food and buffets - our team will work to design a menu with you and your guests in mind.

We love working with local suppliers like **Love Lane**, **Hanydmans Brewery**, **Cuthberts Bakehouse** and **Liverpool Cheese Company** to bring that special touch to your perfect day.



Our bar is fully stocked with draught beers, wines and a selection of spirits, as well as plenty of non-alcoholic soft drinks. We're happy to create a special cocktail for your celebrations. Talk to us about drinks packages, available to suit all budgets.



Got something extra special in mind? We'll come up with something perfect.

# SAMPLE MENU

## CANAPÉS

Chicken katsu skewers / Bruschetta topped with basil, shallots and cherry tomatoes / Halloumi dippers with honey and orange dressing / Crispy potato nest with bacon and cheddar / Mini Thai crab cakes with chili dip

## STARTERS

Feta and spinach bruschetta (v)  
Pâté with crusty bread and homemade chutney  
Leek and potato soup (ve)(gf)  
Salmon and horseradish toasts

## MAINS

Tender chicken breast stuffed with sun-dried tomatoes, mozzarella and spinach, with baby tomatoes on the vine, asparagus and dauphinoise potatoes  
Slow cooked chicken breast or beef accompanied by roast potatoes, parsnips, baby carrots, stuffing, Yorkshire puddings, cheesy cauliflower and gravy  
Balti Pie or butternut squash topped with Mediterranean vegetables and breadcrumbs, accompanied by roast potatoes, parsnips, baby carrots, stuffing, Yorkshire puddings and vegan gravy (ve)

## DESSERTS

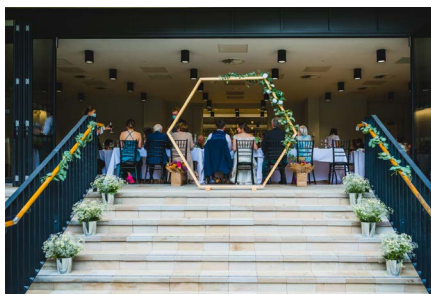
Warm homemade brownie with cream and strawberries  
Vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream (vegan option available)  
Eton mess (vegan option available)  
Salted caramel cheesecake



# MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

It's important to us that you to feel at home during your time in the Mansion House.

Located on the ground floor are three beautiful Reading Rooms, which can be made available on your big day if you require additional space for guests to freshen up, or for safe storage in the evening. Our Reading Rooms are also licensed to hold smaller, intimate ceremonies.





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**'The lifelong  
friends', he said.  
'We sometimes  
wait a lifetime for  
them.'**

From *Autumn* by Ali Smith





# ABOUT THE READER

The Reader is a charity that brings people together every week in Shared Reading groups that take place in community spaces, prisons, hospitals, libraries and on high streets across the UK.

The groups – the majority of which are led by a movement of volunteers – read great novels, poems and short stories aloud, and talk about them together. Sharing literature in the company of others in this way helps people to connect at a deeper level, improving wellbeing, reducing isolation and strengthening communities.

Groups are free, open to all and there's no pressure to read or talk – just come along and listen.

To find your nearest group, visit [www.thereader.org.uk/joinagroup](http://www.thereader.org.uk/joinagroup)

**“  
Honestly,  
seriously,  
without  
word of  
a lie, this  
is what's  
kept me  
alive.”**

Shared  
Reading  
group



500+  
Groups around  
the UK



10,000+  
Readers  
per year



84%  
Made new  
friends



94%  
Felt better  
after a session

If you're looking for a venue with a difference, that helps make a difference, we can't wait to hear from you. For more details, or to arrange a viewing, speak to our events team on **0151 729 2200 / 07949330771** or email **events@thereader.org.uk**

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**Car parking:**

There are free parking spaces at three points in the park: two car parks at the Calderstones Road entrance adjacent to Cromptons Lane, and a third at the Yewtree Road entrance. The nearest accessible car park and drop off point can be reached from the Calderstones Road entrance.

**Access information and facilities:**

Every floor of the Mansion House is accessible to wheelchair users via a lift. Accessible toilets are available on every level. Baby changing facilities are available on the ground floor.