## **Events & Weddings**



Every day we pour enormous amounts of time, effort and emotional investment into preserving this historic landscape for future generations to enjoy. By hosting a wedding in the beautiful gardens here you make a direct contribution to our work and your special day becomes another personal chapter in Miserden's long history.

We are also happy to talk about our conservation efforts as a part of any corporate event to give the audience a better sense of place.



"The garden has a timeless quality, having changed sensitively over the years. It has a feel of a private garden which happens to be open to the public." – Nicholas Wills



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## MISERDEN

DISCOVER, EXPLORE & ENJOY





"We are fortunate enough to be close to the idyllic village of Miserden and the immaculate garden, with its bursting herbaceous borders that I find myself constantly drawing on for inspiration both in terms of planting and scale. The garden is wonderfully complemented with its woodland walks and abortorium, especially in summer and autumn with such vibrant colours. The touch of Lutyens architecture in the manor house overlooking the gardens is wonderfully balanced between its grandness and elegance and the flawless keeping of the garden with all of its subtleties, making it a garden I keep coming back to time and time again."

- Paul Bangay OAM





In 1086 Miserden was recorded as Greenhampstead in the Domesday Book. It was the Norman family, Musard, who lived at Miserden until 1297 who ultimately gave the village it's current name. From 1326, the Estate belonged to the Crown and was granted to the Earl of Kent and subsequently the Earl of March (later the Duke of York) in 1411. The Estate was transferred to Cicily the mother of Edward IV before forming part of the dowery of Catherine Parr when she married Henry

VIII until her death in 1548. In 1620 William Sandys bought the Estate and it stayed within the Sandys family until 1832. After four short ownerships (Reed, Wittis Lyon, Rolt, Leatham) in the 19th Century, the Estate was bought by Captain FNH Wills in 1913 and the Wills family remain custodians to this day. The bones of the garden are likely to have been laid out in 1620 when the house was built on its current site by William Sandys, certainly the structure of the garden is evident from an engraving by Johannes Kip in 1720. Gerturde Jekyll never had a direct link to Miserden, but her influence can be felt as the garden developed under the stewardship of Margery Sinclair (the present owners greatgrandmother) and Sir Edwin Lutyens who designed the east wing of the house after a fire in 1918 and stayed at Miserden on many occasions.

Please be aware that some routes in the garden include uneven ground. Please take extra care on the stone steps and paving as they can become slippery when wet.

Children must be accompanied and supervised at all times.

Please note the grounds are not supervised, contact 01285 821303 to report to any incidents or damage to property.

In an emergency please call 999.