

FRIENDS, FAMILIES, HISTORIANS, NATURALISTS, ARTISTS . . .

The Tudor Barn at Mildenhall provides a very unusual location, off the beaten track, to get away for a break. Friends, families, cyclists, walkers, bird watchers or re-enactors can get together in spacious, beautiful, ancient and unspoiled surroundings, amidst a sensitively farmed landscape. At Mildenhall you can walk, run, hug trees, pond dip, read, lie about, write, draw, paint, sing, eat and be merry in 21st century style – and if you'd like to, dip one foot into the 16th century.



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The 16th century barn is surrounded by more historic buildings – the Grade II* hall farmhouse, another large barn and granary. Bantams scratch about amongst herbs and lawn next to the barn and beyond lie tracks around the beautiful hedged farm.

SLEEPING & LIVING AREAS

The barn with cartlodge sleeps one large group of up to 22 (plus 2 on sofa beds) – and more with bed & breakfast in the hall farmhouse and camping on the nearby meadow. The layout and sleeping options are a little complicated and certainly unique - so look at the layout over the page for further clarification. Within the cosy underfloor-heated and self-contained **cartlodge** there is:

- one ground floor private double, en-suite bathroom
- one upstairs twin (small, ideal for children)
- an upstairs sitting room, two sofa beds (see right)
- a large entrance hall for boots, wet coats
- a second bathroom
- a spacious, sunny, well-equipped kitchen with a big kitchen table (sits 12+)



Adjoining the cartlodge is the very **large barn** with open plan sleeping arrangements for the adventurous! A large curtain can subdivide the barn and all the hand-made Suffolk oak beds (except the four-posters) can be moved anywhere – create your own sleeping areas where you want them! There are:

- Two large comfortable Tudor, curtained four poster doubles
- Two truckle doubles (wheel them anywhere)
- Eight single beds – move them anywhere
- The '**potting shed**' – an adjoining private double with its own loo and basin (see right)
- Showers and more loos in adjacent building

The **banquet and living area** is coir-matted and you can sit around the roaring woodburner - but in deepest winter it (and the large gas heaters) may struggle to provide 21st century warmth, so woolly sweaters and a sense of adventure are essential! The candle-lit oak tables seat 30-50 with lots of room to dance or sing - space to be together, space to be apart.



Andrew Hendry/Period House

HAMPERS AND FEASTING

The large, well-equipped farmhouse kitchen has dishwashers, fridge, freezer, cooker, washing machine, cooking and cleaning basics and ... herbs from the garden. Enjoy the barbecue and croquet on the lawn on warm summer evenings.

Take the hassle out of self-catering – order a hamper of really good Suffolk produce or home-cooked meals to await your arrival. Discuss what we can do for you.



Mark Scott

DRESS UP FOR A TUDOR BANQUET

For large groups consider dressing up in period costumes (for hire) and feast at tables groaning with dishes such as smothered rabbit, venison pasties, mutton in beer, followed by Pippin pie and pan puffs. Eat off wooden platters and drink from earthenware goblets and bowls, to the accompaniment of madrigals!

EXPLORING

We have tourist information, maps, bikes to hire, planned circular footpath and cycle routes (taking in local churches, nature reserves, pubs). Try our car-free planned itineraries to visit nearby medieval villages - Lavenham, Long Melford and Constable Country, or boat down the Stour. Play tennis on our new court or golf nearby; or peacefully paint.

Discover our farm with our hand-drawn map and notes - wildflower meadows, award-winning woodland and numerous ponds. Explore our Norman castle earthworks and small farm museum – tools, weapons, pottery, coins and finds from the Stone Age to WWII.

For families

Try our outdoor activity farm pack – seasonal scavenger hunts, hedge dating, stone bugs, leaf rubbing, pond dipping, visit the happy pigs and feed the bantams. Or book a morning of tree hugging, leaf bingo, stickleback tag, bug hunts, lantern making, basket-weaving, wildflowers and woven garlands - with us to lead you (Best Wildlife Watch Group in UK 2002, 2004). There's also space to play football, discover croquet or wobble on the new bicycle. If you need indoor activities, play table tennis or let the children loose on the dressing up box and put on a play. And there are puzzles, games, books, TV and videos.



CARTLODGE AND BARN HIRE

Small group or large group?

- Small groups of less than 12: Book anytime for winter lets and summer midweek breaks but peak and summer weekends at short notice only.
- Large groups of 12-20: Book anytime for winter or summer.

Late availability: Try us at the last minute for any sized group!

Flexible booking periods

Letting periods are fairly flexible - usually Friday to Sunday (2 nights), Friday to Monday (3 nights), Sunday/Monday to Friday (4/5 nights) and exceptionally a week.

Price on application

Barn hire charges are dependent on length of stay, size and type of group (eg families, adults-only, artists, cyclists) and purpose (ie party, self-catering holiday, training etc).

Contact us with details - we'll quote. Tel: 01787 247235 email: hawkins@thehall-milden.co.uk



Air, **ARCHAEOLOGY**, ant hills, **ancient**, atmosphere, asparagus, **ALIVE**, **Bantams**, **BUTTERCUPS**, bookshelves, barns, blewitts, **butterflies**, bicycles, beer, bats, badgers, bumblebees, **BEETLES**, Countryside, colours, car-less, children, chatter, **CONSERVATION**, crickets,

cuckoos, calm, **Dragonflies**, dawdling, daisies, dandelions, drawing **Energy**, environment, explore, **EXCITING**, **eggs**, evocative, education, **Free-range**, flowers, **fungi**, farm, four-posters, fields, fun, fairies bonnets, foxes, **Garden** gooseberries, grasshoppers,

Healthy, **HEDGEROWS**, home-grown, **happy**, heavenly, herbs, hares, hazel, **Ideas**, idling, images, **IMAGINATION**, **ink caps**, instruction, **Jeans**, jesters, jive, joke, jog, jump, **Kestrels**, **Ladybirds**, **lazing**, leaves, **LAVENDER**, landscapes, linnets, **Medieval**, museum, mushrooms, **meade**, **moths**, millipedes, **Nurture**, nature, nests, newts, nourish, **Old oaks**, owls, orienteering, **Peaceful**, **pottery**, pigs, **ponds**, pasties, **PIPPIN PIES**, raspberries, rest, relax, enact, **Skylarks**, **SONG-hunts**, sausages, spinach, hugging,

Tudor, **THYME**, **Unusual**, unique, **unwind**, **Vibrant**, venison, venerable, **VEGETABLES**, **vivid**, violets, visions, **Whacky**, **wild**, woodpeckers, wagtails, **WALLS**, wine, wander, walk, willow weaving woodland, whistle, **WHIRLIGIGS**, weddings, woodlouse, **Yellows**, **youth**, **Zzzzzzzzz**.



MILDEN TUDOR BARN

ESCAPE TO MILDEN HALL BARN

Unusual self-catering accommodation
– with one foot in the 16th century



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