

## HOUSE MEADOW

There are many unfounded worries and concerns raised in the representations which seem to be based on incorrect information being relayed in the Village. We wanted to have the opportunity to explain what we are doing, why we are doing it and the reason why we have applied for the PREMISES Licence.

- We have the ability to offer the use of Farmland for events under permitted development rights. This is not an application for a planning or a licence to hold these events, which some seem to think. Whether or not this premises licence is granted, these events will continue.
- We are offering High End, Bespoke events mainly in the form of Intimate family weddings – we are not going to be hosting 18<sup>th</sup>'s or 21st birthdays. The nature of the site is that it will be exclusive, we will not be rolling out events every weekend throughout the year. They will be occasional select events and we will VET couples who apply. We have already discouraged some who we feel their type of event would not suit House Meadow.
- We have applied for a premises licence so that we CAN put policies and procedures in place to monitor and control the alcohol sale, consumption and music at any event. The alternative would be to allow the wedding couple to use outside mobile bars under a TEN's or bring in their own alcohol to consume and music, which we would have no influence or control over.
- There are concerns in the representations about weddings at the church and the village being disrupted. We have had enquiries and bookings from Hampton Village residents to hold their wedding reception with us at House Meadow. The guests at House Meadow are most likely going to be these same church guests.

In response to the allegations of noise and noise complaints.

- We have only actually had two events at House Meadow.
- We have received a number of anonymous telephone calls during the early hours of the morning on dates we were not hosting events - the last one being on 27<sup>th</sup> August at 2,45am - a lady asking if we were Redbank Events, instructing us to 'turn the noise down' and when we politely informed her we were Redbank, we were not hosting any event that evening, and so any noise she could hear was not us - she replied, their partner assumed it was Redbank and without apology put the phone down. We also received phone calls of a similar nature during early hours of 14<sup>th</sup> July, again when we were not hosting events.
- We have not received any direct calls complaining of noise during events we have held at House Meadow.
- Some representations have referred to Environmental Health sending out officers to investigate noise. This has never happened, or if it has, again it was nothing to do with House Meadow. Environmental Health have written to us to confirm that there is no evidence provided to them to support any alleged noise at House Meadow.
- We are being accused for all noise without any evidence having been shown to prove that we are actually the cause. There have been a number of birthday and other celebrations held in the Village at private residences, some of which have coincided with late night phone calls to us.
- We fear that the noise complaints, issues and concerns in the representations are actually based on noise caused by others in the village or vicinity who because they are operating without a licence have no control measures.
- At a local Parish Council meeting we extended an invitation for anyone who had concerns to contact us to discuss operating hours, worries about noise and noise solutions etc. We are disappointed that no one has been in touch with us. Lobbying and a petition has taken place to halt our application based on what appears to be incorrect information if we are to go by some of the worries and concerns in the representations.
- There is support of our venue within the representations subject to certain conditions which we have already addressed and agreed with licencing and is stated within our application.