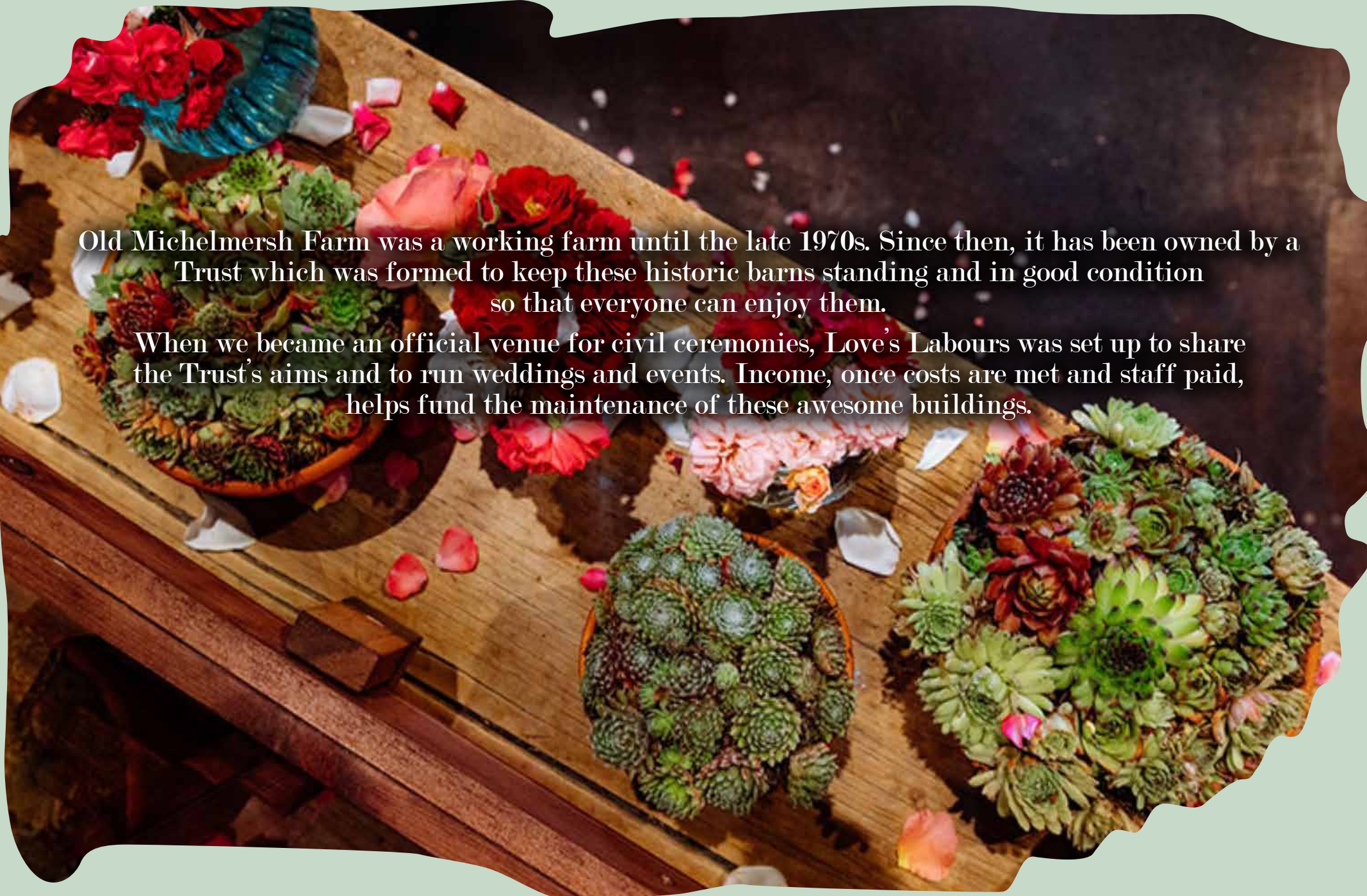




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A photograph of a wooden table with several small pots of succulents and scattered rose petals. The succulents are in various shapes and sizes, some in round pots and others in more irregular ones. The rose petals are scattered across the table, some whole and some broken. The background is dark and out of focus.

Old Michelmersh Farm was a working farm until the late 1970s. Since then, it has been owned by a Trust which was formed to keep these historic barns standing and in good condition so that everyone can enjoy them.

When we became an official venue for civil ceremonies, Love's Labours was set up to share the Trust's aims and to run weddings and events. Income, once costs are met and staff paid, helps fund the maintenance of these awesome buildings.

This land has been farmed for centuries. The two Long Barns were built in the Napoleonic Wars and the Old Barn is probably 150 years older. In the late 1970s, the farm was broadcast to the nation: part of the very popular children's TV series *Worzel Gummidge* was filmed here.



All weddings at Old Michelmersh Farm are run and managed by Love's Labours – in consultation with you of course. Our style is about complementing the barns' magnificence.

We bring our big, beautiful trees inside to create a birch forest for brides to approach the aisle and you'll find sweeping drapes as well as ivy, roses and wildflowers around the inside walls.

Our bridal arches of willow, ivy and jasmine are, like many of our table decorations, still growing. We bring the outside inside our mighty barns.



Photo by: Angela Ward Brown



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The enormous, adjoining Long Barns are for summer use and are licensed for up to 200 people. But we've had as few as 6 guests and, with all our trees inside, small weddings are not overwhelmed.

Generally, we hold your ceremony/reception in Long Barn 1 and the wedding breakfast in Long Barn 2, transforming Long Barn 1 while you eat for dancing and relaxation later. Of course, we're happy to do things the other way around, the two barns are the same size. But please note that, while there's plenty of space for 200 to sit for a ceremony, for a sit-down meal in one barn only there is room for 140 (150 at a squeeze).



Photo by: Alisa Roberts



Photo by: Photography by Vicki

For winter weddings,
both ceremonies and
celebrations, we have
the very pretty Old Barn.

This is warm, cosy and
smaller than the Long
Barns. It can take up
to 65 guests. It is also
a fine venue for
christenings, parties and
other smaller events.





When you hold your wedding here, the site is all for you. We have field car parking for 40+ cars and farmyard parking for up to 12 cars. As well as the two Long Barns, there is a garden area around the ancient granary and a pretty wildflower meadow which surrounds our garden terrace.

Here you can relax – or marry! There are five new loos in our stable block and, adjacent to the Long Barns, is both a large, airy bride's room and the Old Milking Parlour for caterers.



Photos by: bottom left – Nick Hart, bottom right – Alisa Roberts Photography



Photos by: top – Zara Rowlands Photography, middle – Angela Ward Brown, bottom – Helen Abraham Photography



We hire much of
your dining furniture.
You have a wide choice
of size, shape and style
of both tables and
chairs, from our antique
collection to simple rustic
to traditional wedding
furniture in a variety of
colours. You will need
other tables – for cake-
cutting, champagne, guest
signatures... and we have
an eclectic vintage mix.



Photo by: Angela Ward-Brown



Photo by: Nick Hart Photo

We can cater for you or you are very welcome to bring your own caterers, provided they are professional, fully insured and can also show us their hygiene certificates. You can also supply your own alcohol: we will be pleased to refrigerate and serve it for you and our corkage charge is just £5/head.

We have an attractive barrel bar which we can staff and run for you – but please limit your bar menu. If you want a full bar for your guests, we suggest you hire a bar and we can recommend a few we have worked with and like.

We are lucky that Old Michelmersh Farm is about 100 metres from the lovely village church. St Mary's holds about 112 guests in comfort (although almost 150 have been known to squeeze in).

A just-married couple leading their guests down the country lane to their reception at the farm is a fine sight. If you live outside the benefice, you can still marry at St Mary's: contact us to find out how.



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You can marry here
and hold your reception here.

You can marry at Old
Michelmersh Farm then move
on to another venue for your
reception.

Or you can marry elsewhere
and then hold your
reception here.

Each wedding is special and
unique so our prices vary a lot;
please see our website for guide
prices. They include pretty
much everything except food,
drink and the bridal bouquet.

Full management, decoration,
table flowers, service, set up and
clear up, all hire, all movement
of furniture, management
of bands, bars and other
contractors... we keep your
white wine cool and let your
red wine breathe, we ensure the
loos are constantly fresh and
cleaned, we marshal the car
parks... and we make sure your
guests are where you want them
when you want them there with
no bossiness and a lot of smiles.
Our staff all love weddings and
know each one is special and
we're as sorry as you are
when finishing time
comes, at 10.30pm.



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