

Editor's  
review

## The Embankment: A Bedford Bolthole

*Your Herts & Beds Wedding's* editor Lisa Morgan checks out one of Bedford's newest venues

Bedford's newcomer, The Embankment, isn't just a great wedding venue – it also provides the perfect getaway for loved-up couples in need of a break from wedding planning. I stayed there in December, and I have to say the guys at Peach Pubs – who brought the property back to life in March, 2009 – have done an admirable job at both retaining the old-world charm of the Victorian inn, and adding the modern touches found at trendy boutique hotels.

Our front-facing room, which had a clear view of the Great Ouse, was a surprisingly generous space given the age of the building, with a comfy king-size bed, sofas, a flat-screen TV and an open-plan bathroom complete with the little additions you'd expect to find at a luxury hotel – including a toothbrush, toothpaste and shaving kit.

But The Embankment's main selling point for a pre-wedding getaway is the treatments, which couples can have in their comfort of their own rooms. These come courtesy of the fabulous girls at Therapy Club, a local team of beauticians and therapists that works in conjunction with the hotel. Among others, there are tailored bride and groom packages, which comprise top-to-toe treatments that will have you in perfect condition for the nuptials.

For active couples, the stretch of river just outside is a favourite for dog walkers, joggers and rowing enthusiasts alike, and a stroll along the bank is just as romantic by night, when the lights are magical, as by day, when the well-kept gardens and maze of walkways and bridges come to life. If it's raining, just stay in bed and watch the rowers go by.



In short, The Embankment ticks all the boxes as a local romantic bolthole: gleaming, fresh interiors; a cosy ambience; enthusiastic, friendly staff; great food; and affordable prices, starting at just £79 per room. I'll definitely be going back.

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