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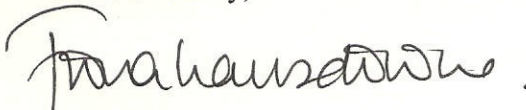
JUSTIN VARCOE – WHITE CANVAS TENT COMPANY

I employed Justin Varcoe and his tent company (formerly Far West Pavillions) in July 2004. This was for a major event at Bowood House, Wiltshire. We used a total of three enormous rectangular marquees and one round 'Chill-Out' tent, all beautifully lined with printed Indian fabric.

The entire operation took place during the worst week of weather of the whole summer with force 8 winds. Despite this, Justin's team worked tirelessly and efficiently. All his crew were charming, polite and very reliable. They worked well with our own staff and were a pleasure to have around for the whole week. There was also a small crew on site during the party to ensure the tents were safe at all times as the rigging needed constant monitoring in the bad weather. The take-down was carried out with equal efficiency and they left no mess nor any damage.

The whole effect was very pretty and much admired. These tents require longer time to erect than modern frame marquees and must not be hurried, so I would urge all future clients to give Justin the time he requires to ensure the wonderful finish he achieved for us.

Yours sincerely,

  
The Marchioness of Lansdowne