



PLANNING GUIDES & PRACTICAL ADVICE

12 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Choose a wedding date
- Decide on a budget
- Make a list of guests and decide on numbers
- Book your Church/Ceremony location
- Book your reception venue/caterers
- Send out 'Save The Date' cards
- Choose your Bridesmaids, Ushers and Best Man
- Start looking for The Dress!
- Choose and book your photographer
- Choose and book your videographer
- Take out insurance cover
- Start thinking about the Honeymoon
- Confirm bookings in writing

8 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Choose bridesmaids' dresses
- Choose the music, hymns and readings for the ceremony
- Order wedding stationery
- Book entertainment
- Choose and order your wedding cake
- Make an appointment with your chosen florist
- Select a Toastmaster

6 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Give Notice of Marriage
- Purchase or hire menswear
- Order venue decoration/chair covers
- Select your wedding rings
- Book a make-up artist/hairdresser and arrange a trial

4 MONTHS BEFORE:

- Send out your wedding invitations
- Check your passport expiry date
- Check if you will you need visas or vaccinations for your honeymoon destination
- Choose attendants' gifts
- Buy shoes, lingerie and accessories
- Choose a Gift List
- Order favours
- Start thinking about a seating plan
- Book your wedding night accommodation
- Attend initial fitting for your wedding dress
- Make arrangements for Hen and Stag parties
- Arrange fittings for the menswear
- Buy a going away outfit and honeymoon clothes
- Organise a rehearsal and let relevant people know

1 MONTH BEFORE:

- Arrange a final fitting of your wedding dress
- Telephone guests who have not responded to your invitation
- Buy a wedding gift for each other
- Arrange for a final fitting for your bridesmaids, ushers and best man and arrange when to collect the outfits
- Confirm timings with the venue and all relevant suppliers
- Finalise the seating plan
- Enjoy your hen and stag parties!

2 WEEKS BEFORE:

- Make a note of wedding gifts as they arrive
- Confirm the date and time of the rehearsal to the relevant people
- Arrange to change your name if appropriate
- Speak to all your suppliers to confirm details

1 WEEK BEFORE:

- Arrange to collect your wedding dress, bridesmaids dress and the menswear
- Arrange for your order of service to be given to the minister
- Pack for your honeymoon
- Have all your beauty treatments
- Book the groom a hair cut
- Organise an emergency kit for on the day
- Drink plenty of water and have some early nights
- Relax and enjoy this time - all your hard work is about to come to fruition



BUDGET PLANNING

| | AVERAGE BUDGET | MY BUDGET | DEPOSIT PAID | BALANCE DUE | DATE DUE |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Wedding Venue | £1000 | | | | |
| Reception Venue | £2500 | | | | |
| Catering | £2500 | | | | |
| Drinks | £800 | | | | |
| Cake | £300 | | | | |
| Entertainment | £550 | | | | |
| Photography / Video | £1500 | | | | |
| Flowers | £450 | | | | |
| Car Hire | £300 | | | | |
| Stationery | £200 | | | | |
| Honeymoon | £2500 | | | | |
| Engagement Ring | £2000 | | | | |
| Wedding Rings | £1100 | | | | |
| Wedding Dress | £100 | | | | |
| Accessories | £350 | | | | |
| Hair and Beauty | £125 | | | | |
| Groom's Outfit | £250 | | | | |
| Attendant's Outfits | £550 | | | | |
| Thank You Gifts | £150 | | | | |
| First Night Hotel | £175 | | | | |
| Fees | £450 | | | | |
| Total | £18,600 | | | | |



CONTACTS & SUPPLIERS

| | NAME | CONTACT NO. |
|----------------------------|------|-------------|
| Attendant's gifts | | |
| Balloons / Favours | | |
| Cake | | |
| Caterer | | |
| Child Care Services | | |
| Dresses | | |
| Florist | | |
| Gift Registry | | |
| Hairdresser | | |
| Honeymoon | | |
| Insurance | | |
| Invitations | | |
| Make up | | |
| Marquee Hire | | |
| Marriage Preparation | | |
| Men's Formalwear | | |
| Minister / Registrar | | |
| Music / DJ | | |
| Photographer | | |
| Reception Venue | | |
| Toastmaster | | |
| Venue Decoration | | |
| Videographer | | |
| Wedding Cars | | |
| Wedding Co-ordinator | | |
| Wedding Night Accomodation | | |
| Wedding Rings | | |