

Wedding

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For a Memorable Wedding...

...look no further. The Nottingham Gateway Hotel will provide the venue for that perfect day. Congratulations on your forthcoming wedding and may we extend our very best wishes to both of you for your future together. It's a time for you, your family and friends to celebrate in style. It's an occasion to treasure for the rest of your life and you deserve the very best. Whatever your needs, whatever your budget, we will organise a reception that is tailor made for you on this special day. Family and friends will be well looked after with special accommodation rates making it an occasion to relax and enjoy. Our wedding coordinator will be delighted to assist with the planning of your wedding.

Your Wedding Day at the Nottingham Gateway Hotel

The Nottingham Gateway Hotel is now licensed to conduct your wedding ceremony in either the Nuthall Suite, Terrace Suite or Fountain Suite. (celebrate on into the evening with entertainment and party facilities until 1.00 am (Nuthall Suite) or midnight in the Fountain or Terrace Suites.

For your Family and Friends

We are conveniently located with easy access for all your guests just off Junction 26 of the M1.

With 108 Bedrooms there are plenty of beds for all your guests to put up their party feet for a good night's sleep. A Full English Breakfast and Free Parking is included within our packaged rates. So you can rest assured your family and friends will be well looked after, leaving you to relax and enjoy your special day.

Our Gift to You

Complimentary Four Poster bedroom with Full English Breakfast

Personalised Table Menus

Personalised Seating Plan

Cake Knife and Cake Stand

White Linen Table Cloths and Napkins

Red Carpet Arrival

Toastmaster





Wedding Suites

Nuthall Suite

Catering for weddings of 70 to 250 guests this package is available for both a daytime and evening function combined (Saturdays) OR daytime OR evening only (ask our coordinator about alternative days of the week.)

Terrace Suite

Catering for weddings from 40 to 70 guests this package is available for both a daytime and evening function combined OR daytime OR evening only.

Fountain Suite

Catering for weddings from 35 to 60 guests this package is available for daytime and evening functions combined OR daytime OR evening only.

Civil Ceremonies

Ceremonies may be held with us at the Nottingham Gateway Hotel between 8am and 6pm on any day. A room hire charge is applicable for the use of a private suite during your ceremony. You must organise the attendance of a Registrar through a Registry Office to ensure that the Registrar can attend your wedding. You may confirm a date with the registrar up to 12 months prior to your wedding date. You can get married with us in the Fountain Suite, which overlooks an attractive water feature with fountains and natural wildlife. The Terrace Suite, which has a lawned area outside suitable for taking photographs. For our larger ceremonies the Nuthall Suite is available.

The Perfect Reception

At the reception the usual line-up waiting to greet the guests is as follows: the Bride's Parents, followed by the Bridegroom's parents, then the Bride and Bridegroom and lastly the Bridesmaids and Best Man. This line-up ensures that both families have the opportunity to speak to all the guests.

Conversation should be kept to a polite minimum as the queue can become unwieldy.

Most Receptions begin with an aperitif of sherry or champagne served before the meal. Include non-alcoholic alternatives for children and those who are driving.

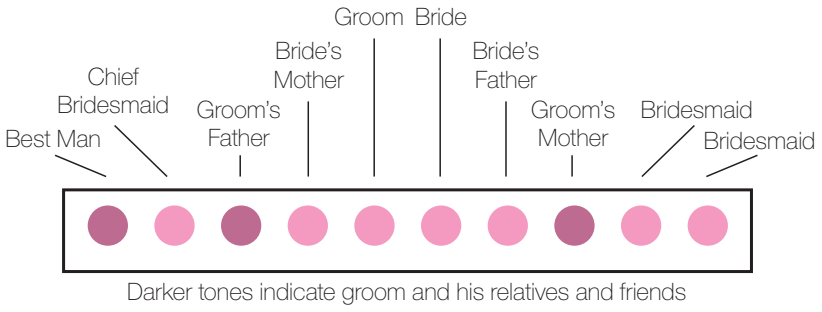
Toasts and Speeches

These would normally take place at the end of the meal and would accompany the cutting and distribution of the wedding cake.

The following is the usual order of proceedings:-

- 1.** Toast to "The Bride and Bridegroom" This is normally proposed by the Bride's Father or a close relative or friend of the family.
- 2.** Toast to "The Bridesmaids" This is usually proposed by the Bridegroom following his response to the first toast.
- 3.** The Best Man would then respond to the Bridegroom's speech on behalf of the Bridesmaids.

Top Table Plan



Wedding Etiquette

The Bride

The Bride selects the type of service, decides on her dress and the bridesmaids attire, whilst the bridegroom selects the best man and ushers, buys the ring and pays the church fees. He can also buy presents for the bridesmaids, best man and ushers as a gesture of gratitude for their help. He buys flowers for his bride, bride's mother, his own mother, bridesmaids, and buttonholes for himself and the best man. He arranges and pays for transport for himself and the best man and for the bride and himself after the wedding.

The Best Man

The best man is the bridegroom's right hand man, who keeps the ring and ensures the bridegroom gets to the church on time. He pays the church fees on behalf of the bridegroom. He checks and ensures transport for all guests to the reception and that any travel arrangements for the honeymoon are in order. At the reception it is the best man's honour to read any congratulatory messages and cards.

The Chief Bridesmaid

The chief bridesmaid assists the bride to dress, holds the bouquet during the ceremony and organises other bridesmaids.

The Bride's Father

The father gives the bride away and receives guests at the reception. He pays for the wedding dress, bridesmaids' dresses, cars (except bridegrooms), photographs, church and reception flowers, invitations and press announcements (if any).

The Bride's Mother

The bride's mother is traditionally in charge of all the proceedings. She decides on the guest list together with the bridegroom's mother and the venue for the reception. She handles any catering arrangements and ensures the cake is ready. After the wedding ceremony, the bride's mother and father, together with the bride and bridegroom and his parents, greet the guests at the reception.

Traditions

The Wedding Bouquet

In olden days this was made up of strong smelling herbs to frighten away evil spirits, and to surround the couple with beauty. Most flowers have their own meanings. The bouquet used to always contain orange blossom which symbolised fertility.

The Dress

White was the colour which the ancient Romans believed would ward off evil spirits. It had nothing to do with purity or virginity. The veil was also designed to protect the bride from evil spirits seeing her beauty and being jealous.

The Cake

The cake is a very ancient feature of the marriage feast. The richer the mixture, the more abundant the marriage would be. The original mix was of sesame seed and honey. The first slice should always be cut by the bride and bridegroom.

The Honeymoon

Centuries ago, it was customary for the bride and bridegroom to drink mead (a wine made from honey) for a month after the wedding. A month was known as a 'moon' - hence honeymoon.

The Ring

The giving and wearing of rings has been practiced for centuries symbolising an unbroken circle or eternity. The Egyptians popularised gold for wedding rings and also designated the "ring finger", believing that a vein in this finger was directly connected to the heart.



Throwing of Old Shoes

This was the traditional way of transferring the responsibility of the bride's father to her new husband - now best kept alive by tying shoes to the back of cars.

Tossing The Rice

Believing that newlyweds brought good luck, they were showered with nuts and grains to ensure a bountiful harvest. This has now become the throwing of confetti.

Transport

Today's practice of using vintage cars and horse-drawn vehicles probably began about 30 years ago and sets the scene in the manner of the elegant 20's

Booking Your Wedding

To secure your date you will need to pay a non-refundable deposit of £250.00. A written confirmation will then be sent to confirm your minimum menu prices, Wedding Suite and Date.

You will be requested to pay a further £250.00 6 months prior to your booking, followed by your full balance 2 weeks prior to your Wedding day.

Anniversaries to Celebrate

Traditional		Modern
Paper	First	Clocks
Cotton	Second	China
Leather	Third	Crystal / Glass
Fruit, Flowers	Fourth	Appliances
Wooden	Fifth	Silverware
Candy	Sixth	Wood
Wool, Copper	Seventh	Desk Sets
Bronze, Pottery	Eighth	Linen / Lace
Pottery, Willow	Ninth	Leather Goods
Tin	Tenth	Jewellery
Steel	Eleventh	Fashion Jewellery
Silk, Linen	Twelfth	Pearls, Coloured Gems
Lace	Thirteenth	Textiles / Furs
Ivory	Fourteenth	Gold Jewellery
Crystal	Fifteenth	Watches
China	Twentieth	Platinum
Silver	Twenty-fifth	Silver
Pearl	Thirtieth	Pearl
Coral / Jade	Thirty-fifth	Coral / Jade
Ruby	Fortieth	Ruby
Sapphire	Forty-fifth	Sapphire
Golden	Fiftieth	Golden
Emerald	Fifty-fifth	Emerald
Diamond	Sixtieth	Diamond

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