

Planning Your Wedding

Civil Ceremonies

Our event rooms are licensed for a Civil Ceremony allowing you to move seamlessly from ceremony to reception.

Room	Max guests	Room Hire
Wedding Pavilion	150 guests	£500
The Orangery	150 guests	£500
Washington & Clinton Suites	150 guests	£400
Brasserie	50 guests	£250
Nixon & Kennedy	30 guests	£175

Receiving Line

You may want to organise a receiving line to welcome your guests formally and to make sure your wedding party is introduced to everyone. Below is a traditional receiving line.

Bride's Mother ~ Bride's Father ~ Bride ~ Groom ~ Groom's Mother ~ Groom's Father

You can also invite your Bridesmaids and Best Man to join the receiving line or for a less formal option you may wish to greet your guests just the two of you.

Rooms

Our extensive options of event rooms will seat up to 130 guests for a day time reception and up to 200 for an evening reception.

Top Table Suggestion

Best Man ~ Chief Bridesmaid ~ Groom's Father ~ Bride's Mother ~ Groom ~ Bride ~ Bride's Father
Groom's Mother ~ Bridesmaid ~ Bridesmaid

Cutting of Cake

After your meal the Master of Ceremonies will announce the cutting of the cake. Guests are given the opportunity to take photographs. The bottom tier of the cake is traditionally taken away and cut to serve with coffee.

Order of speeches

Our own Master of Ceremonies will be on hand on the day to assist everyone who has to make a speech and to ensure that their responsibilities run smoothly from beginning to end. Below is a recommended order of speeches that you might like to follow:

After coffee and cake have been served the Bride's Father will then propose a toast to the Health and Happiness of the Bride and Groom.

The Groom responds by thanking both sets of parents if they have contributed towards the wedding. He also proposes a toast to the Bridesmaids.

The Best Man responds on behalf of the Bridesmaids, generally making a light hearted speech and reading selected cards. He finishes with a final toast to the Bride and Groom.

For a more informal wedding you may decide to have your speeches before your meal and end with cutting of the cake.

