

# Wedding Planner



So you're getting married – congratulations! Planning a wedding can be a daunting task, and it's difficult to know where to start. To make it a little easier we've put together a planning timeline, with all those important things to remember. It's not set in stone, but we hope you'll find it a useful starting point. Remember, we're happy to help with recommending suppliers and advise on details, just ask your wedding co-ordinator.

## *Things To Do Now*

- Book the Cresset as your wedding venue!
- Send out save the date cards to family & friends
- Set a budget and decide who is paying for what
- Arrange the first meeting with your priest, minister, rabbi, or if you're having a civil ceremony at the Cresset, book the registrar.
- Decide on the numbers of guests you're inviting, this will help you set the budget

## *12 to 9 Months before*

- Book transport
- Book a photographer and videographer
- Book a florist
- Order stationery
- Pick The Dress!
- Bridesmaid outfits
- Plan and book a honeymoon so you can relax when it's all over
- Book entertainment - band, disco, pianist
- Begin a beauty routine - usually just the bride, but grooms can benefit too!

## *9- 6 Months before*

- Confirm arrangements for your service
- If the wedding is in a church or venue other than the Church of England, give notice of the marriage to the superintendent registrar
- Groom to organise suits for himself and the best man
- Choose and purchase wedding rings
- Order your wedding cake
- Choose your gift list company
- Choose & book favours / table treats for your guests
- Organise dress fittings

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## 6-3 Months before

- Send out invitations, including gift list information and the menu - remember to ask guests to inform you of any dietary requirements
- Finalise honeymoon plans, check passports are up to date and travel insurance plus vaccinations and visas - don't forget to try for the first class upgrade!
- If you're writing your own vows do it now, then you'll be word perfect for the day
- Buy a guest book - it makes for great holiday reading on honeymoon
- Have order of service sheets printed
- Confirm booking, if marrying in a register office
- Organise with Chief bridesmaid and best man the hen and stag parties

## 2-1 Months before

- Choose gifts for the wedding party
- Chase unanswered invitations
- Confirm numbers with the Cresset and finalise the running order
- Finalise transport - check those journey times
- Groom, best man and father of the bride to write speeches and start rehearsing
- Send a list of must have shots to the photographer
- Make sure the DJ has your first dance organised

## The final month

- Go on the stag / hen parties - enjoy responsibly!
- Shop and pack for honeymoon
- Buy any last minute reception bits - emergency flip flops, toys for the children, flowers for the mums
- Finalise plans for the night before, if you're superstitious the Groom needs to find somewhere to stay to avoid bad luck
- Finish the table plan, noting positions of children and people with dietary requirements
- Drop off any favours, decorations, gifts, spare outfits, emergency makeup kit etc at The Cresset the day before so it's all ready for you on the day
- Try not to worry about the weather forecast - a bit of rain can't ruin your special day
- Enjoy yourselves!

