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for your special day...

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on your forthcoming marriage

The Ideal Special Occasions Venue

Your wedding day is probably one of the most memorable and exciting days of your life. It is also one which involves a great deal of planning and organisation.

Here at BEST WESTERN Livermead Cliff Hotel, we provide the ultimate venue for your special day.

The unique coastal location offers a wonderful backdrop for your reception drinks, and those memorable photographs.

Our guarantee is of quality and our experienced staff are at your service, from the moment you sit down to discuss your requirements, to the time the very last guests says farewell.



Your Wedding

at *BEST WESTERN Livermead Cliff Hotel*

The Hotel has the perfect position, located right on the water's edge, with beautiful sea views that will take your breath away. There is also direct access to the beach below.

Here at the Hotel we can help to arrange as much or as little of your day as you choose.

To start off the day one of our fleet of Rolls Royce can transport the Bride and Groom with traditional English elegance. Weddings of over 50 guests, daytime and evening will receive a complimentary white Rolls Royce, or if you prefer you may wish to upgrade to one of the other four Rolls Royce available.

Upon your arrival at the hotel, you will be greeted with a much needed glass of chilled bubbly to help you unwind, now that the stress and worry of the nuptials have been taken care of.

After your guests have taken in the wonderful sea views, and all of the photographs have been taken, the wedding breakfast will commence.

All weddings here are tailor made to suit your individual requirements. In the accompanying wedding pack you will find a selection of sample wedding packages. These include everything you will require priced to make the decisions easier for you.

There are also many other items featured so that you can create your own menu and drinks packages. Please feel free to discuss any other food or drink requirements that you may have and we will do our best to assist you.



Accommodation

The Perry Suite

In honour of one of the previous long term owners of the hotel, we have created our bridal suite. The suite has been completed to a high standard and has a separate spacious lounge area with stunning views across Torbay. With a table in the bay window, where could be better to enjoy breakfast following your first night of married life together?



Overnight Accommodation

Each of our 65 bedrooms are all tastefully decorated and many of them enjoy a wonderful sea view. All rooms have en-suite facilities, flat screen televisions, telephones, hairdryers, tea and coffee making facilities and free wireless internet connection.

Wedding Packages

Our Wedding Packages are designed so that everything you will require is available at an all-inclusive price.

Within our Wedding Packages the following services may be included:

- A choice of wedding suites
- Complimentary Rolls Royce (May include)
- Red carpet reception
- Complimentary bubbly on arrival for the Bride & Groom
- Personal assistance of pre-wedding information with experienced and hands on staff
- Complimentary use of cake stand and knife
- Special accommodation rates for guests
- Services of Master of Ceremonies
- Wedding day menus printed by the hotel
- Stylish table linen with assorted napkins available



What Our Clients Say

"I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the way in which you and your staff handled our wedding reception. The entire event was carried out with notable efficiency and professionalism on your part, particularly the way the meal was served, and the quality of food. I have been to other wedding receptions at so-say grander establishments, and none were of the standard of BEST WESTERN Livermead Cliff Hotel"

Stuart D. Smith

"Thank you for making our wedding reception a wonderful success, we had a fantastic day"

Sarah and Kevin

"Thank you very much for making our big day very special, we had a lovely day and all of the staff were wonderful"

Roger and Sharon

"We would like to offer a big thank you for all your kind considerations and effort in making our wedding a great success, we have received a number of compliments on the reception, we would not hesitate to recommend your hotel and services to others"

Chris and Shirley



Suggested Top Table Seating Plan

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Best Man	Groom's Father	Bride's Mother	Groom	Bride	Bride's Father	Groom's Mother	Chief Bridesmaid

Traditions

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 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 meaning. The bouquet used to always contain orange blossom which symbolised fertility.

Photography

The first photograph was taken in France in 1826. It took eight hours to make the exposure. Luckily today's bride and bridegroom don't have to stand still that long. In 1853 William Fox Talbot of Britain invented the process of making a negative from which later prints could be taken. The first colour photograph was taken in 1861.

Tossing the Slice

Believing that newly weds 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.

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.

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 "moon" - hence honeymoon.

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.



Wedding Etiquette

The tradition and conventions of wedding etiquette will not suit everyone but it is important to be aware of them. This explanation of who does what in the preparations and ceremony aims to enable you to make an informed decision on the best way to run your wedding day.

The Bride

The bride traditionally selects the type of service. She oversees all the preparations, which include choosing the date and the church, who her attendants will be, her own dress and accessories, as well as those of the bridesmaids. She will choose the flowers, help with the guest list and seating arrangements, and attend to the many small details which will contribute to her perfect day.

The Groom

The groom has to arrange transport for himself, the bride and the wedding party, as well as hiring the church and booking the honeymoon. However, this will be done with direction from his future wife. The groom chooses his best man and ushers, of which it is traditional to have three, and is conventionally given responsibility for little else! However, in reality, the bride and groom discuss most aspects of the day as it is, after all, 'their' wedding.

At the reception, the groom will reply to the father of the bride's speech, thanking the bride's parents and guests, and proposing a toast to the bridesmaids.

The Best Man

Traditionally, the best man is responsible for his own dress and that of the groom. He sees that transport to the church for them both is arranged, and also organises the 'Stag Night', preferably several days or even weeks in advance, if he is to successfully fulfil his duty of escorting the groom to the church on time. On the day, the best man has to ensure that the whole day runs smoothly, primarily ensuring safe keeping of the rings. After the ceremony, he is responsible for transportation of all the guests to the reception. The best man will speak at the reception, replying to the groom's toast to the bridesmaids, and will read out a few cards from guests unable to attend. His final responsibility of the day is to ensure that the bride and groom leave the reception in good time, and that their transport is arranged.

The Chief Bridesmaid

The chief bridesmaid is chosen by the bride to assist her during the preparations. On the day itself, it is her job to make sure that all the other attendants are in their places. She will arrange the bride's dress and veil when she arrives, ready for her entry into the church. During the service, she holds the bride's bouquet. The chief bridesmaid also

signs the register, along with the best man. She is then escorted by the best man, and will be on hand all day to assist the bride.

The Ushers

The ushers greet the guests as they arrive at the church. They will distribute the service sheets and show people to their seats. If it is raining they will help escort the guests and bridal party from their cars to the

church under umbrellas.

The Father of the Bride

Much of the father of the bride's responsibility lies with the financial aspect of the event, as traditionally, he pays for the bulk of the costs. Nowadays, though, it is likely that the bride and groom will meet some of the expenses themselves and also a possibility that the groom's family will make some contribution.

On the day, the bride will be accompanied to the church by her father, who will escort her up the aisle and give her away during the ceremony. The bride's father will sit next to the bride on the top table during the wedding breakfast, and will make the first speech, in which he proposes a toast to the bride and groom.

The Bride's Mother

The bride's mother will help her daughter with the wedding arrangements and may have a major role in the decisions taken, especially if she is contributing financially. She will compile the guest list, in consultation with the groom and his parents. She may organise the sending out of invitations, and the display of the wedding gifts.

The bride's mother will not only stand proudly watching her daughter on this special day, but is there to oversee all the arrangements, as well as to stand in line to greet the guests, along with her husband.

The Groom's Parents

There is no specific traditional role for the groom's parents, but it is important that they do not feel neglected. Today, it is not unusual for the groom's parents to make a considerable contribution to organisation and payment. It is only good manners on the part of the bride, to ask their advice and approval and ensure they are included as much as possible in the preparations.



Your Wedding Checklist

Set the Date & decide on your Budget.

Ceremony & Registrar - book as soon as you have a date in mind to avoid disappointment.

Write a Guest List - this gives you a better idea of the size of the venue you will need.

Choose your Venue - remember to book early especially if you are planning on a summer wedding.

Theme - deciding on colours this early will help when matching everything.

Invitations - normally these are best sent 6 months in advance, however if your wedding is a long way off, perhaps send a save the date card first, and remember to include an RSVP date.

Menu - If you are having a choice menu then maybe include this with the invitation so that your guests can make their selection, including any dietary requirements they may have.

Wedding Present List - If you have registered your list, or if you prefer your guests to give you money as a gift, then remember to include this detail on your invitations.

Wedding Dress - make sure you order your Dress in plenty of time, normally at least 4 months in advance, always allowing time for any alterations that may be needed.

Bridesmaid Dresses - if buying your dresses order them around the same time frame as your dress, or if you are having them made always remember when you give the seamstress the material and instructions, allowing plenty of time for fittings.

Groom & Best Man Suits.

Photographer - always book early as soon as you have a set date, especially if booking during the peak season.

Flowers - book an appointment with your chosen florist to discuss your needs.

Car Hire - Bride, Groom & Best Man, Bridesmaids, to and from the ceremony.

Wedding Cake - when ordering your cake ask if your preferred cake maker can also deliver the cake to the Wedding Breakfast venue.

Entertainment - for the evening reception.

Rings - if you are having your rings engraved with your special date or personal message on this can take a few weeks.

Gifts - make a list of the gifts and who they are for Bridesmaids, Best Man, Mum's etc.

Ceremony Music - Religious music is not allowed for a civil ceremony, choose Pre Ceremony, Entrance, Signing of the Register and Exit music, and remember to label them clearly.

Order of Service & Readings - most civil ceremonies do not have an order of service, however that is up to the individual. You may also wish a member of your family or special friend to make a reading of your choice, or theirs, on your special day.

Hair & Make Up - discuss in detail your requirements, with your Hairdresser and remember to have a trial with any flowers, tiaras, veil etc.

Table Decorations - Table confetti, personalised Wedding Favours, Candles, Balloon Clusters, personalised Serviettes, etc...

Table Plan & Place Cards - when you have received all your replies you can then prepare all your place cards & table plan.

Honeymoon - once you have chosen your destination and booked your honeymoon, check your passports are in date if travelling abroad, and order your foreign exchange.

These are just guidelines for you to help plan your special day, you may not require all of them or you may wish to add to them.

With many years of experience our Wedding Co-Ordinators are always there to advise you.

We can arrange everything from your arrival car through to your bridal suite. From the Wedding Breakfast & The Toast to the Evening Reception we will make sure we provide the perfect dining experience for you and your guests.

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There is no better setting for your big day than at BEST WESTERN Livermead Cliff Hotel.



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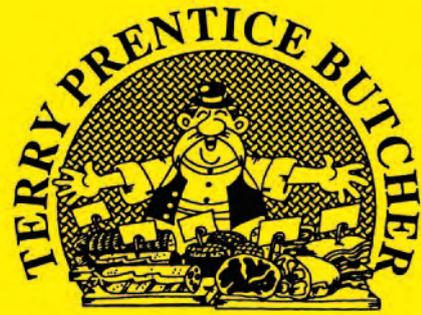
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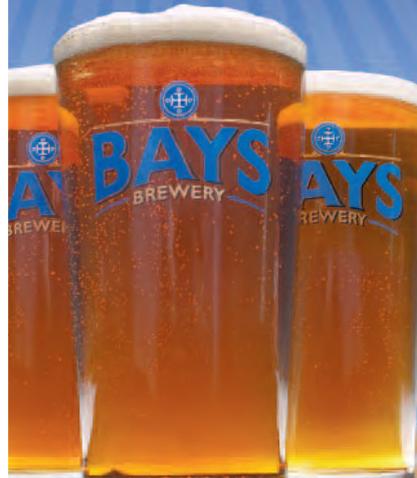
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