

Wedding Planner

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Editor's Foreword

We hope that this document will not only serve as a promotion for the stunning locations and the professional businesses that could service your wedding in South Central Cornwall, but will also stand as a testimonial to how well we do everything in this beautiful part of the British Isles.

So if you'd like to consider having your wedding in this area of outstanding natural beauty, we hope this in-depth document will make it easy for you to choose the perfect location and services, but also answer any questions you may have as to how it should or can be done.

We aim to cover every aspect of your wedding; from suitable questions to ask your suppliers and hosts, to ideas for gifts, the etiquette of who, what, where, and when things should happen (so you can break the rules knowingly if you wish!) all to make sure your perfect day goes as smoothly as planned.

We've done all the research for you so this should be your one-stop shop on how to get it right... in the right place! Whether a traditional, eco, handmade, or more unusual wedding, just sit back and enjoy the extensive content we've provided for you, full of ideas and inspiration. And if we can help you in any way, don't hesitate to contact us and we'll do our best to point you in the right direction.

Best wishes and here's to a wonderful celebration!



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Accessories & Jewellery



Your choice of what to wear on your head for your wedding day will partly be determined by the design and look of your dress. Generally wedding veils are made of lace or tulle and made secure by a circlet of flowers or a tiara. As a rule, though, the more formal the dress, the longer the veil should be. You'll also need to consider how your veil is going to be secured.

Veils and tiaras can be passed down through family generations, so you may wish to use one from your own family or the groom's. Alternatively you might like to have a headdress made of real flowers - ones from the same varieties as your bouquet. It would be best to have these made up and delivered on the day. Most bridal florists will offer several designs of headdresses you can choose from.

Although it's more sensible to buy your wedding rings and engagement rings from diamond specialists or traditional jewellers, some brides choose costume jewellery like necklaces, bracelets and tiaras. There are a few wedding accessory shops, especially specialist retailers for tiaras.

Fabric flowers are another stress-free option as they'll stay in perfect condition throughout your busy day. Bridal shops and stores will have an extensive range for you to choose from. It would be advisable to try a selection of headdresses with your dress before purchasing one. A hat might complete your outfit, too, especially if your wedding dress is less traditional. If you do decide on a hat, though, the custom would be for the bride to carry a prayer book rather than a bouquet of flowers... but again, it's your choice.



Shoes

Shoes are significant accessories. They must be comfortable, non-slip and have a heel that complements both your height and your wedding. Try your best to find these well in advance if you can. Walk about in them at home to give them some pre-wear and take them with you to dress fittings. And on the day, do remember to have a spare pair of tights or stockings with you for those inevitable ladders!

Traditions

Traditionally a bride should have; *Something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue*. Apparently it gathers all the available mystical influences into a bride's possession! Something old represents the past, something new, the future; something borrowed, the present, and something

blue is a symbol of purity. Carrying a lucky charm like a silver horseshoe or an old sixpence is still quite popular, as well.

Jewellery

As with everything, taste is the most important factor in choosing your jewellery. Start by selecting your bridesmaid's dress colour; your Matron-of-Honour will be happy to help you with that decision. This will help you decide what will work for all of your bridesmaids and she can try on some of the dresses.



Before deciding on your own jewellery, consider the style and cut of your wedding dress. A sleeveless dress can support a different shaped necklace than, say, a halter-cut dress, which may be better for a simple, single-strand necklace. An off-the-shoulder gown, however, would look good with a more extravagant necklace; one that fans out onto the chest. Alternatively, you may want to leave out the necklace all together and plump for a pair of earrings and a bracelet. As with everything, your taste will be the deciding factor.

The sky's the limit when it comes to the stones, shapes and design styles of your jewellery. Keep in mind integrating the bridesmaid's dress colours into your jewellery as well. This will create visual harmony between the bride and bridesmaids.

A beautiful addition to a necklace, earring and bracelet ensemble could be a hair barrette or a comb with crystals and freshwater pearls. Beaded Jewels could also custom design both. Earrings, too, need to be complementary to the neckline of the dress. Dangling earrings or drop earrings look fabulous on plunging necklines while studs are more suitable for higher necklines. And, as before, the individuality of each bridesmaid is to be considered when choosing your own.

Wrists are greatly accentuated with a beautiful bracelet as well and they make all dress styles look lovely and if you're planning to make your bridesmaids wear long gloves, then you might consider a single row crystal bracelet as an option, or freshwater pearl bracelets, which look better on bare wrists.

Wedding lingerie

Finally, don't forget that every bride needs good foundations! Comfortably fitting bridal lingerie is a must and it'll keep you feeling safe, sexy and comfortable throughout the day. Most bridal lingerie is flesh coloured so it won't show through your gown and will give you a smooth contour.

Accommodation



South Central Cornwall is undoubtedly one of the most stunning places to stay for your wedding. Because of its beauty, it's one of the UK's top tourist locations and therefore the accommodation is abundant.

So, whether enjoying your wedding days in luxury or more modest B&B's or holiday homes, there's no doubt you'll be spoilt for choice here for both yourself and your wedding party; although it's advisable to book well in advance, especially if you're thinking of getting married over the holiday seasons.

Traditionally it's the groom's responsibility to arrange the wedding night accommodation, so if you go down this route it would be a good idea

to make some suggestions and be clear about the type of wedding night you are anticipating. This will help avoid confusion or disappointment on one of the most special nights of your lives.

Roseland Online Wedding Planner's following top tips will help you focus on the perfect accommodation for you:

Decide with your fiancée whether you want to party all night with your guests, or whether you'd prefer the wedding night and the 'first' morning to be a private time for just the two of you. If you agree on partying you should book your wedding night in the same hotel as your other guests. For a more private time you might like to find a more private hotel a little further away.

Try not to book your wedding night accommodation too far from the reception venue. After a long day - and plenty of champagne! - if it takes a while to drive to, you'll probably be waning before you reach the hotel.

If you're flying off on honeymoon quite early the next morning you might like to consider staying at an airport hotel so your leave - and wakeup call - won't have to be early the following day. Make sure you arrange suitable transport from your venue to the hotel, too.

Check out the special offers your venue may have on wedding night accommodation. Maybe they have a special bridal suite they can offer for free because you'll be spending so much with them, but if they don't offer accommodation, they could well have arranged discounts with other local hotels. You can't always get good discounts through your venue, but it can't hurt to ask.

Be prepared to splash out. It's a once-in-a-lifetime occasion and you deserve some luxury and comfort. Remember, though, you'll only be there for a short time - especially if you're leaving early the next day - so you may want to consider this when booking. There's no point in paying extra for unlimited use of the spa, for example, if you are arriving in the middle of the night and checking out before lunch.

If you're only staying one night, ask the hotel if you check-out late as it's a special occasion. You want your first morning as newlyweds to be a relaxed and romantic occasion and you don't want to be worrying about racing down for breakfast and leaving before 10am.

When you're booking the perfect accommodation, ask what little extras they can offer to make your stay just that bit more special. Many hotels offer newlyweds extras like fresh flowers, chocolates, music, champagne, strawberries, or fancy toiletries including massage or bath oils, so ask to see if there's anything they can do to make that evening and next morning something to remember.

Book early! Many couples spend hours searching for the perfect guest accommodation, getting excellent reduced rates for everyone else, but when it comes to booking something for themselves they find that their guests have taken every room. So before you send out your wedding invitations and if wedding night accommodation isn't available at your venue or included in your wedding package, book somewhere for yourselves first!

Accommodation Questions

How many rooms are available for overnight accommodation?

What are the costs of those rooms?

Is breakfast included in the room price?

What time must the guests vacate the room?

Do you have a room we can use to store wedding presents until we collect them and are you insured for any loss or damage to these whilst in your care?

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The St Mawes Hotel	01326 270266
Trelagossick Farm Cottages	01872 501338
Trenona Farm Holidays	01872 501339
Trevalsa Court Hotel	01726 842468
Trewithian Farm B&B	01872 580293

Beauty



It's true; all brides are beautiful. But working on the premise that many brides don't *believe* that they are, let's see what we can do to make you FEEL more beautiful. Here are some very important guidelines brides can follow to ensure they are confident and radiant on their wedding day.

When it comes to hair and makeup, it's not practical for bridal parties travel to a salon on the wedding day. Find a relaxed and private setting like your hotel or bridal suite at the venue and ask your makeup artist to come to you. It will take a lot of pressure off your day and eliminate drive-times and directions and be a relaxing start to your wedding day.

If you have a big bridal party with a range of hair types, preferences and personalities, it would be better to use a hair and makeup artists with who specialises in weddings rather than a friend or your own local make-

up artist. Professionals are expert at meeting harsh deadlines, catering for a wide variety of tastes, and keeping groups of women relaxed on such important occasions.



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A good make-up artist gets a sense for what the bride-to-be looks like on an everyday basis; the look her husband-to-be fell in love with. They'll then work with that to provide something special, but still reflect her personality. The last thing you need is to look unnatural and over made-up so remember that your groom likes the way you look.

A full hair and makeup trial with your chosen artists prior to the wedding is highly advisable. A good make-up artist will ask you to arrive at the trial with your hair and makeup as you normally wear it. This will allow them to see your comfort level with products; a very important part of



understanding what look you'll love and blending that with what will look good on camera.

If you have flower girls, why not let them into the fun of primping on the wedding day, too. Flower girls should always have their hair styled last, after they're fully dressed and have eaten as even the most patient child can get restless if they're waiting around for hours or are hungry.

A last tip - especially here in Cornwall - is to wear sunscreen on all parts of your body that will be exposed to the sun on the day. The last things you need are tan lines or sunburns in all your wedding photos, and this applies grooms too!

Cakes



In the 'good ol' days' wedding cakes consisted of three tiers of fruit cake covered in icing sugar with bride & groom figures sitting on top... but times they are a changing!

Now, there are these options to consider: A traditional or contemporary fondant iced cakes (the good ol' option), a Chocolate Wedding Cake, individual cakes or cupcakes or maybe a Croquembouche profiterole cake.

For something more unusual, like an evening reception you might consider a cheese wedding cake, a chocolate fountain, a dessert style cake or anything else you can think of to make your wedding unusual!

Choosing Your Cake

The key considerations when choosing a cake are your personal taste, both for the cake filling and style of the cake. Also consider your venue or location: a more relaxed country venue does suggest a less formal cake. Safety considerations need to be thought of. More example, will there be children at the venue? If so, make sure you don't place it on a wobbly marquee table. And if you're worried, why not opt for stacked tiers on lots of carefully balanced tiers rather than cup cakes, which could topple?

If you have few guests or are on a budget, choose a cake that works well with just two tiers. And don't be tempted to cut corners and buy three 'normal' cakes and sit them on top of each other. The weight will probably make the bottom cake billow and will ruin the effect completely!

Colour schemes are important too. A carefully chosen colour is a great way to add a splash of colour to your reception.

Tips for Choosing Your Wedding Cake

Choosing a wedding cake often seems like an easier process than it actually is. After all, the only thing you really need to do is to make sure that the cake you choose looks and tastes appealing. However, because of the massive selection of wedding cakes available at various bakeries, and even online stores like [M&S](#), finding a cake that stands above the rest can be quite tricky. Additionally, it can be more difficult than perhaps it ought to be to find wedding cakes that taste as wonderful as they look! So, in order to help you to prepare for the process of finding that special cake for your upcoming wedding, here are a few helpful tips.

Research Online - These days, everything is online, and bakery reviews are included. Of course, at some point you will need to visit the store or bakery you choose in person, but when you are first starting your selection process, you ought to do at least some online research. On different sites, you can see images and descriptions of the different cakes offered, as well as customer reviews and feedback. These things can help you to get a good idea in advance of whether or not to trust a baker.

Sample The Taste - When purchasing a cake, do not assume that getting a taste sample will be complicated. Wedding cake stores and bakeries are perfectly capable of supplying you with samples of the flavours that will be in your cake, and it is important that you and other people prominent in planning your wedding try these samples early in the process. Many wedding cakes look incredible, but do not taste particularly nice. A quick sampling session can help you to ensure that your cake doesn't follow this trend.

Consider Image - Naturally, a wedding cake is supposed to look fairly spectacular for a cake - but you might also want to think of it as something of a decoration. In most wedding receptions, the cake is displayed prominently, which means that it is important for it to blend in well with the style and decorations at your wedding. In fact, some wedding planners even suggest you match the cake specifically to the bride's dress, or the bridesmaids' outfits! Whatever the case, be sure to picture the cake at your reception before purchasing it.

Allow Adequate Time - Finally, when considering all of the tips listed above, be sure not to wait until too late to actually start looking for the right cake. You may have to go through more bakeries than you expect, and planning a wedding is a very busy job. It's always best to get as many things out of the way early as you can, and having the right cake crosses a major item off of your list.

Traditional cakes

When you conjure up images of a traditional cake, you're probably thinking of the 'good 'ol' fruit cake with marzipan and royal icing; something from your parent's era. Despite many 'new cakes on the block' traditional cakes are experiencing a big resurgence, with smooth fondant icing replacing the royal icing, making them easier to serve and offering greater design flexibility.

Most wedding cakes are white or ivory, however fondant icing can be coloured or flavoured to your taste and a range of white chocolate and milk chocolate fondant icings have become available of late.

Fruit cakes usually have a layer of marzipan under the icing sugar, but as marzipan serves no real purpose other than to flavour, if it isn't to your taste, simply leave it out.

Chocolate cakes

Sponge or chocolate cakes, too, can be covered in fondant icing, giving the impression of a traditional cake. These are quite a popular choice for many couples and are guaranteed to be popular with your guests - especially the kids! White Belgian chocolate curls and fresh flowers can give a traditional look, or a smooth glossy dark chocolate ganache forms the base for many contemporary designs. The most recent designs incorporate chocolate transfers to add a very modern twist.

Cupcakes & Individual cakes

Cupcakes were the in-thing in 2010 and designs were constantly being up dated to prolong the trend. In 2011, though, bigger American style cupcakes with a whirl of butter cream and a simple decoration became more popular. For those with heftier budget, individually iced



single cakes became popular which were displayed with a larger top tier for ceremonial cutting. So who knows what will be in trend next? The *Roseland Online Wedding Planner* has a few examples for you below:

Croquembouche



Croquembouches is a traditional French wedding cake and have become well established as an option in the UK. Made from light choux pastry and filled with crème patisserie, the individual profiteroles are held together in tower and coated with sweet caramel.

Croquembouches must be made on the morning of the wedding, so you'll need to order early. And remember; the humidity in a marquee can cause problems with softening caramel, so discuss this with your cake supplier and venue in advance if you're using a marquee. And if you don't want one as your main cake, how about serving it as one of the dessert options at your reception?

Chocolate Fountains

Chocolate fountains with dark, milk or white chocolate are a treat for everyone. You could even colour the chocolate to match your wedding colour scheme! Chocolate fountain companies will provide a selection of dips and an unlimited amount of chocolate in their price and would be used from

the beginning of the evening reception until the entertainment is well underway.

A few venues might have their own chocolate fountain - so ask - but if they don't, search out some local specialists offering hire packages. A DIY option might also suit you, but you'll need a responsible volunteer to set it up and keep an eye on it during the evening's proceedings. Of course there's the fully staffed option, where the fountain comes complete with its own attendant, but this, of course, will cost much more.

Hire Inclusions

Your hire will probably include around 10 kilos of chocolate and a small selection of 'dips'. You might want to add your own favourites like fruit, profiteroles, cookies marshmallows or doughnuts. You'll need to find a five foot circular table close to a power-point to house it, and, depending on your option, the hire company may provide a member of staff to operate the cascade for your guests.

It's also possible to get flavoured chocolate, like orange or lemon, in addition to the more traditional milk, white and plain chocolate.

Cheese Wedding Cakes

For those with a savoury tooth, another 'new cake on the block' is a sophisticated cake of cheese. Such a 'cake' would be made entirely from slabs of cheese and decorated with unusual fruit and vegetables and would be served in the evening with fresh French loaves. Of course, if you want it served by your caterer, expect to pay an extra service charge for this and tell them in advance.

Savoury wedding cakes are a great option for an evening buffet and could even become a central focal

point of the wedding reception allowing guests to help themselves to the different tiers of cheeses. They can be decorated with fresh fruit, vine leaves, and served with a selection of crackers.

Additionally fresh breads and chutneys can turn your cheese wedding cake into a ploughman's for those guests needing extra sustenance throughout the evening's celebrations. The most popular cheese options are Cheddar, Stilton, Red Leicester, Double Gloucester, Lancashire and Wensleydale with either cranberries or apricot

Cake Stands, Swords & Cake Boxes

Standard cake stands are 16 inches in diameter. Most wedding venues have their own cake stand, though it will probably be a basic plastic one covered with something to make it look silver. This will suffice for most weddings, but if you can track down a silver plated stand they are worth the additional cost.

Silver plated stands are available in a few of the more exclusive venues, or you can hire them from cake suppliers. Most couples cut their cake with a traditional cake knife. To add an air of panache, though - particularly with the ornate French croquembouche - why not hire a ceremonial sword? Again, advice on this can be sought from your cake supplier.



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Ceremonies



South Central Cornwall and the Roseland Peninsula is blessed with many wonderful locations to get married. Whether a traditional church wedding in one of our beautiful parish churches or a stunning house by the sea like the Rosevine on the beautiful Roseland Peninsula, you'll find the complete how-to here and the contact details for everyone you'll need to get in touch with to make your wedding a day to remember.

Churches

Our catchment area boasts 25 village churches. From the renowned St Just in Roseland church with its waterside gardens spilling into the Fal estuary, to the countryside church at Creed, it will be hard to find any area in the UK more blessed with choice.

But what are the rules to getting married in a Cornish church?

Anyone who lives in parish has right to use their parish church as long as they are have not been divorced and previous spouse is still alive. Divorcees may be allowed to marry at priest's discretion, so it's always worth talking to a priest if you're in that category.

People who don't live in one of our many parishes may qualify if they have a link to a certain parish. For example if they were born there or their parents were married there, etc. Only one of couple needs to have this connection so have a look through your family history and see if there's any connection before speaking to one of our priests.



And if someone lives in a parish whose church doesn't have a weekly service, couples can get married in an adjacent parish church.

A third option is available to those who have no connection to the parish. It is imperative though that you first speak to the priest in charge of the parish you'd like to take your wedding vows in (see entries below). It is at their discretion entirely, so don't think it's a foregone conclusion that if you adhere to the following rules, you'll be allowed to get married here anyway.

Those that are granted permission will need to obtain a bishop's common license. Either the bride or groom (both isn't a necessity) will also need to reside in said parish for a minimum of 15 days beforehand and have their 'bands' read for the three Sundays previous to the ceremony (e.g.: if someone had their first band read on the 1st day of their stay (a Sunday), then two consecutive Sundays and were married on the Monday thereafter, this would account for the minimum 15 days).

Alternatively they could attain a superintendent's register certificate. With this they must only reside in the parish for 7 *complete* days, which excludes their arrival and departure days. They would need to talk to the superintendent registrar and the priest well in advance of this, of course, to obtain their blessing. Remember, though, it is not a foregone conclusion that you will be allowed to be married here; you must be prepared to be polite and negotiate!

The costs involved vary, but as a rough guide it will be somewhere between £300 & £500. This covers the following costs

The Wedding Bands
Marriage certificate
Organist
Bell ringers
Heating
Verger



This is just the basic costs, of course, and things like photography, videos, carriages, etc would be on top.



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An Italianate four acre hillside garden winding down to the sea with a vast array of palm trees and subtropical plants. The "Cupola" is the wedding setting with the sea as a backdrop. Set in the Roseland Peninsula, this Mediterranean Garden, is surrounded by the sea with extensive views over Falmouth Bay. A drinks reception can be arranged as part of the celebrations. Lamorran House, St Mawes, TR2 5BZ

The right contact for the churches at Caerhays: St Michael, Cornelly, Creed, Gerrans, Gorran, Gorran Haven, Grampound, Ladock, Lamorran, Mevagissey, Philleigh, Portloe, Probus, Ruan Lanniorne, St Erme, St Ewe, St Just in Roseland, St Mawes St Michael Penkevil, Sticker, Tregony St Cuby, Tresillian & Veryan can be found by following this link: www.achurchnearyou.com

For Portscatho United Church, the contact details are [here](#), and for St Mawes Roman Catholic church you'll find all you need by [clicking here](#).

Alternative locations

To get married in other less traditional locations throughout South Central Cornwall, you'll need to contact the local registry office. Alternatively you can talk to managers of location where you intend to marry to find out if they have a license. Many hotels and more commercial locations in South Central Cornwall already have a license and the ceremony can be carried out by a registrar. However, this is only marriage by law and no religious ceremonies are allowed to be performed by registrars nor be present at the ceremony.

Here is a list of some approved venues in our area:

- The Veian, Caerhays Castle, Gorran, St Austell, Cornwall, PL26 6LY

- Hotel Tresanton, Lower Castle Road, St. Mawes, TR2 5DR
- Lamorran Gardens, Upper Castle Road, St Mawes
- Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock, TR2 4PT
- The Rosevine, Rosevine, Portscatho, TR2 5EW
- Rosteague, Portscatho, TR2 5EF
- Smugglers, Tolverne, Philleigh, TR2 5NG
- St Mawes Castle, St Mawes TR2 5AA
- The Lugger Hotel, Portloe, TR2 5RD

If you decide on using one of these options, a priest can do a blessing at any church once you're married, so this may be an easier option than opting for a church marriage, but, once again, you'll need to negotiate with the priest in charge. This option would look and feel the same as your church wedding, but won't have the official necessities, so doesn't need the same stipulations as a pure church ceremony.



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Surround yourself with family and friends for a relaxed but stylish Cornish coastal wedding. The Rosevine is a big house by the sea hidden looking out towards Portscatho and just a short stroll from Porthcurnick beach. The whole house, which is licensed for civil ceremonies, can be booked for a wedding. Up to 50 guests can be hosted in the house itself, with larger parties in a marquee or a tipi in the grounds. Guest apartments accommodate up to 30 adults and 20 children.

To speak to a registrar, you can contact Cornwall Registration Service here: Dalvenie House, County Hall, Truro. By phone under: 0300 1234 181, or by e-mail: registration@cornwall.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit their website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/registration

Documents

When you give notice of your marriage, the following documents must be produced. All documents must be originals, the registrar cannot accept photocopies:

- Current valid passport or a full birth certificate. Please check with the Registration Office when making your appointment to give notice.
- Utility bill, driver's licence, rent or council tax document, as proof of residence.
- Persons from abroad are required to produce identity documents, eg, passport, identity card, Home Office travel documents. Persons subject to immigration control will need to get additional documents. For more information please contact the Truro Office on 0300 1234 181 or the Home Office at www.ind.homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
- Persons under 18 years of age must submit written consent from the appropriate parent/guardian/authority. The Registration Officer has forms for this purpose.
- Widowers or widows must provide proof of death of their former spouse or civil partner in the form of a death certificate certified by a Registrar.
- Persons who have been married before or party to a previous civil partnership are required to produce a decree absolute or a final order of dissolution of a civil partnership bearing an original court seal. If the divorce/dissolution took place in a foreign country, the original document should be produced, and if applicable, an English translation. Some foreign divorces/dissolution require clearance from the Registrar General and the Registration Officer

can arrange this.

- If a name has been changed by deed poll or statutory declaration then these documents should be produced.
- A fee is payable to give each notice.

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Decoration



Our wedding is one of the most important events in our lives. For most it's a one time opportunity to 'splash out', so it needs to be special and memorable. Almost all wedding ceremonies these days are either recorded on photographs or video film so we want it to look as perfect as possible and decoration is an important part of that 'look'.

Traditional Wedding

Consider space when making your choices. If it may hinder the movement of the guests then it won't serve the purpose well no matter how good it looks in an empty room. Decorations should give enough space for the guests to move around freely and mingle. The guests' line of sight to the bride & groom should be clear, too as everyone wants to see the wedding ceremony and speeches.

Make sure you budget well for the smaller items as well as the bigger ones. It's the smaller details that can soon add up if not planned properly. Also think about the time required to achieve these little extras as they may not all be achievable in them time

you have.

Consult with your photographer and videographer as to the look of the decoration may look good in to you but could end up impeding on their view or not look good on screen. The professionals have a good knowledge of what looks better on video or in photographs so it's important you listen to their suggestions.

Lighting can make or break the look of a room. Again, consult with your professionals about that before you make any choices. If you're at a venue that does lots of weddings, the professionals make well have worked together so this can make things a lot easier for you.

Themed Weddings

If you decide to go down this route it's important that every participant at the event is comfortable with the theme. Whilst consideration should be given to the profile of the participants, the venue, surroundings and weather should be taken into account to blend with the theme. It's no good holding a 'horror' themed wedding in a graveyard, for example, if it's going to be pouring down the whole day, so choose wisely.

The theme shouldn't overshadow the meaning of the wedding day, either. The theme should be there to add your own uniqueness to the event, not overshadow it completely. Decoration can be made to enhance the wedding ceremony by blending the theme with the ceremony but you shouldn't compromise on the spirit of the event just to make the decoration more interesting.

Consider professional help when going down this route. They will



help you make sure everyone has got your vision clear and professionals have are well versed in these things and can be of great help when it comes to decision making and budget planning for the event.

The colour scheme, materials and costumes should all be in sync with the theme and shouldn't take centre stage. While the theme can be reflected in the decoration, it should only be there to compliment the wedding; you want the theme to add a fun element to the event and not be a shock!

Whatever wedding you're planning, decoration does give colour to the event. If proper planning and execution is achieved the event can be memorable for not only the bride and the groom but also for the guests.

DIY



Many brides these days like to be involved in their wedding extras. A great way to do this in South Central Cornwall - especially if you've chosen a church wedding and have to be here for a week or two before the day - is to do some of the many craft workshops on offer.

People like [Lou Tonkin](#) hold courses which are a great way to for you to personalise your wedding table decorations, invitation cards and even cake decorations.

It's also a wonderful way to get your bridesmaids involved on maybe your hen weekend and will be not only fun, but save you money on the little things that can easily add up.

We have a whole section on [DIY Weddings](#), which, for the more adventurous, is a fabulous way to make your wedding a more bespoke and personal affair.



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DIY Weddings



DIY weddings can be fun and full of surprises for the guests. It's a lot more work, but if well planned and executed, can be a beautiful way to make your wedding exactly the way you want it and a much more informal affair than otherwise. Here are a few helpful tips to consider when creating your own DIY wedding.

Cakes

In the 'good ol' days', it was common practise for a friend or family member to make the wedding cake. Although this can be fine for supper parties, the *Roseland Online Wedding Planner* has a few pointers to take into account before deciding on this option.

Master cake makers cook using professional ovens, which cook the 12 inch tiers evenly. In a domestic oven, the sides of the cake can burn before the middle cooks, so make sure your 'baker' tries it out first.

Icing and decorating your cake may take few days, but you'll want your cake to be fresh, too. So take this into account as you don't want your 'baker' to be finishing it on your wedding day. Individual cakes or cup cakes, though, should ideally be baked on the morning of the wedding, so this might not be the best option if your 'baker' is also a guest.

Whether the cake is to be stacked or separated with pillars, each tier must be dowelled correctly to prevent to cakes melting into the bottom tier.

Lastly, consider the legal issues. Some venues require liability insurance for any food items being brought into the venue for their caterers to serve, so check in advance if you are intending to bake your own cake.

Decorations

A fabulous way for you to make your wedding more bespoke which saving a few pennies is to make the invitations, table decorations and cake 'Bride & Broom' models yourself. You could also include learning some of these 'skills' in your hen weekend, especially if you need to be in South Central Cornwall for a time before your wedding day to qualify for a church wedding.

We have a host of craft makers in the region, like [Lou Tonkin](#), who can teach you anything from card making skills to table and cake decorations made from felt. It's fun, practical and saves money whilst giving your wedding a personal touch, so it might be worth planning this well in advance.



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Dresses & Clothes



Shopping for your wedding dress is probably the highlight of your wedding arrangements. There are many options for you to consider when shopping for a dress and we've listed a few of these below.

Off the peg

The majority of bridal gowns sold in the UK are 'off the peg'. Examples of these you've probably seen in a bridal magazines and stockists, or at a local bridal boutique.

The way this works is you'll try on a sample of the gown in the shop. They take your

measurements then order the nearest size which is delivered to their store for precise alterations to fit your figure. You'll then be asked back for a fitting.



Designer Dresses

Bridal boutiques also stock collections of gowns made either from their own 'in-house' designer and/or from a number of 'famous name' designers. The more famous the name, the easier it would be to sell after the wedding should you decide to go down that route.

There are many designer names in Britain. Their gowns cost anything between £1500 and £4000. Each one has their own unique style so, like your favourite fashion store, if you like one gown from a particular designer, you'll probably find that their entire collection will appeal to you. Rather than using stockists, though, these big designers tend to have their own boutiques who sell just their own range.

If you're considering selling a designer wedding gown after the wedding, you'll need to be prepared to part with it as soon as possible after the wedding if you're to get the best price for it. And if you are planning to use an agency to sell your gown, let them know as soon as possible the date it'll be free so they can pre-sell it for you because Designer gowns lose their value as soon as they are no longer 'this season's' design.

Made to Measure

If you're planning having a made-to-measure dress, it's a good idea to spend some time trying on different styles. Choosing a dress from a picture or paper pattern won't give you a definitive idea of what it looks like on.



That said, remember dress designs are protected by copyright and you're prohibited from recreating an exact copy of any designer dress.

Consider combining different aspects of different dresses; maybe the skirt of one, the neckline of another, and the train of a third. Allow at least six months for your dress to be made and remember: check the costs for last minute alterations, especially if you're planning to lose weight before your big day!

Samples

At the end a season, bridal shops may well sell end-of-line samples at discounted prices. Discontinued lines will be included in their sales and popular designs that are too marked or damaged will be there alongside them. But don't expect to find a spotless sample of a popular design; the popular dresses aren't discontinued and the samples will be kept until they are too damaged to use.

If you choose to buy a sample dress then you'll have to accept any damage it may have sustained when tried on in the shop by previous prospective buyers.

Refrain from going to sample sales, though, if you want the full 'bridal boutique' experience. In the main, gowns are sold at cost-price so there is little or no profit margin for the seller, so shop owners won't want to spend hours with you as they normally would and you'll almost certainly have to pay for and collect the dress on the day of the sale.

Used Dresses

There are several places to buy used dresses. In the main, the dresses on sale at these shops are designer gowns and you'll have the peace of mind that you're buying from a business with a reputation, rather than an individual, so the gown should be exactly as advertised.



If you're feeling brave, you might like to bid for a dress on an auction site like eBay. Some dresses advertised there haven't even been worn, and you may even find a style that you've tried on in a bridal boutique but couldn't quite afford. This will need to be altered, though, so bear that in mind when buying.

If you're planning to sell your gown on eBay, take all the photos of the dress before your wedding day so that it's ready to get online right after your wedding. You may need to add extra photos if the dress has picked up any damage or marks when in use.

Buying online is a great way to find a designer dress at a bargain, but if the dress has been altered, make sure to ask questions about the height and shape of the bride who was wearing it before. It could have started life as a standard size 14, but had several inches taken off the hem or waist, so make sure you do your homework!

Bridesmaid's Dresses

Having chosen your bridesmaids, maid of honour and flower girls - hopefully without offending too many friends and relatives! - your next dilemma is the bridesmaid's dresses. If you have an older Maid-

of-Honour, she'll be concerned about looking like mutton dressed as lamb, so consider that when choosing the dresses, too. The younger bridesmaids and teens will probably look good in most things, so it might be worth working age downward when making your decision.

Bridesmaid's Shoes

After patting yourself on the back for successfully navigating the tricky issue of bridesmaids dresses, it's time to face on the next dilemma; your bridesmaids shoes and, more importantly, whether they should wear heels or flats. While flower girls are usually delighted with strappy flat sandals or ballet pumps, older bridesmaids may feel uncomfortable in those, so, once again, regardless of whether they will tower over you in heels, it may be prudent to consider everyone's feelings.

Entertainment



When picking entertainment, let's start with your budget. Once you've costed the main wedding you can then start to think of how you'd like to entertain your guests with the remaining budget.

Music

The musical entertainment could be as simple as a DJ to something more abstentious as a string quartet. There are plenty of choices and we'll try to give you some ideas here, but, as always, it's down to your taste.

As you step out of the Wedding Carriage, you could choose to be joined by a Cornish Piper, dressed elegantly in a traditional Cornish Tartan and leading you into the ceremony. He could also play during the signing of the register and pipe you out after the ceremony and/or into the reception. Remember, you don't need to be Cornish to engage a piper.

Alternatively, if you're having the ceremony at one of South Central Cornwall's many historic castles or stately homes, Medieval Minstrels may set the scene better.

In the venue, a Harpist, String Quartet, Vocalist, Solo Classical/Spanish Guitarist may be more your thing. Or, if you're in a church, an organist playing might be more traditional as you and your guests arrive and during the signing of the register. Ask your vicar about this when you speak to him; it may be included in the price of the church.

You might like to employ a solo vocalist, duo, or full choir who can be an alternative to the musicians, or work together with them. But you need to check with them if this is something they're comfortable with; if they usually come as a separate package as they'll need to rehearse with each other which will hike up your costs.

If you are having a Civil Ceremony it's possible to have a Gospel Choir as long as they have a non religious repertoire, which they're allowed to do at such an event. But check with your registry office.

Whilst eating, family and friends will want to chat and enjoy their meal so the entertainment should be only background here. Again, a Harpist, String Quartet, Vocalist, Solo Classical/Spanish Guitarist Jazz Band, or a DJ, are a few choices you might like to consider. And if you're having a themed wedding in of the many period or a medieval venues in South Central Cornwall, why not consider some Medieval Minstrels?



Traditionally the evening reception is the longest part of the day and has the largest population of guests so musical entertainment is essential. A DJ or live band or better still a combination of both is the most popular choice at these occasions.

There is a choice of bands available in South Central Cornwall from Jazz, Soul and Pop & Rock, etc. Most 'covers' bands will play two sets of music up to a max of 1 hour per set which leaves a few hours to fill, hence the need for a DJ. Some bands may even offer a DJ in their package or know of a good one, so it's worth asking.

One thing to avoid is your local 'favourite band'. They'll probably only do their own material which may be fine for you, but when you've got children, parents and older guests, it's unlikely they'll have the same tastes and may become bored quickly and end up either leaving early or standing in the bar, so be careful with your choice here.

You could ask your 'favourite band' to play one or two songs between the 'main' band, but you'll need to consider space for their equipment if you take this route as the 'main band' probably won't take kindly to others using their equipment - especially without prior notice - so check first.

Other Entertainment

For many couples, their wedding is more than the ceremony and meal; it is an opportunity to really celebrate and give their family and friends a day to remember. It's the little touches that can make a big difference and for a few hundred pounds, you can hire professional entertainers and small events to help customise your wedding reception.

Fireworks



What better way could there be than to end a wedding reception with an explosion of fireworks into a moonlit sky...? And it's a perfect way to lure your guests outside and a fabulous backdrop to be waved away from your reception. However there are a number of issues to consider, not least whether your venue has sound restrictions, so, once again, before booking anything like this, check with your venue first.

Remember though, it will be your responsibility to liaise with local authorities and the venue, arrange insurance, ensure that health and safety procedures are adhered to and that there are suitable barriers. And you'll need to put by a minimum of £600 for a decent six minute professional display.

Some firework companies can supply self-fire packages which will give a display lasting up to 2 minutes from a single ignition which would cost much less, but you would need to purchase fireworks that conform to British Standard, from a reputable dealer and follow all safety guidelines.

The exact content of a firework display will depend on your own requirements and on the nature of the site. Ideally the display site should be 50 metres long and 25 metres wide for the fireworks themselves, with a fall-out area clear of marquees, cars, etc. as display fireworks produce quite a bit of debris and ash. Many firework displays reach heights of 100 metres and care should be taken to avoid areas with

overhead power cables, trees etc. Your guests should be 50 - 75 metres from the nearest firework, with the wind travelling from the spectators towards the fireworks.

There is a noise limit of 120 decibels for category 3 fireworks, which are the most powerful fireworks available to the general public. New laws were imposed in October 2004, these were primarily aimed at anti-social use of fireworks, including on the spot fines of £80 for 'loutish behaviour'. The new Curfew bans the use of fireworks between 11pm-7am. This is extended to 2am-7am on certain nights, though, such as New Years Eve, Chinese New Year and Bonfire Night.

Magicians/Caricaturist

Guests of all ages love the novelty of having a caricaturist or a magician present at your reception. Some magicians like to work around the tables while guests are eating. This is a good way to keep your guests occupied in between the courses and break up the chats a little (they may be glad of the distraction if they're sitting next to boring Uncle Colin!)

Other magicians will entertain guests while they enjoy the drinks reception, and some prefer to be based in a "quiet area" away from loud music, to allow guest interaction and to give the older guests a chance to wind-down if they wish, so ask your magician beforehand so you can plan who you'd like to book and where you'd like them to be.



Casinos/Gaming

A really special idea for your evening reception is a mobile casino. Professional companies allow your guests to play using tokens. And, whether roulette, blackjack, poker, the casino staff will be pleased to teach your guests the basics of the game, enabling those who have never played before to join in the fun.

Childcare and Crèches

Even the best behaved children will eventually become bored at a wedding, so if you're having a fair few, for their sake, and the sanity of their parents (one of the most common reason for parents leaving the celebrations early) you might consider a professional crèche or childcare facility as an idea. Many reception venues have special rooms adjacent to the main reception specifically put by for this purpose; a place where children can blow off steam, play with the crèche staff or even take a nap.

Other options to consider are the services of a Children's Entertainer. This can be in the form of a Magician, Face Painter, Clown or the old favourite: a Bouncy Castle.

Chinese Lanterns

In South Central Cornwall, Chinese Lanterns aren't recommended. There have been instances of crop fires and danger to livestock so it is much appreciated by local farmers if this isn't a consideration here.

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Flowers



Traditionally, this is one of the areas where the groom, rather than the bride's family, has to pick up the tab. He's responsible for paying for the bride's bouquet, the buttonholes and corsages. He and the bride are jointly responsible for buying bouquets for their parents, too and the Bride's family is normally only responsible for the outlay of the church and reception flowers and the bridesmaid's bouquets.

Choosing flowers in season

Choosing flowers that are naturally in season ensures that they are at their best and at their least expensive. It's also a more eco-friendly

approach to floristry. Here's a checklist of what you may require:

- Bridesmaid's bouquets
- Corsages for both mothers
- Buttonholes for Groom, fathers, best men & ushers
- Church Flowers
- Table decorations
- Pedestals for the entrance to the venue
- Flowers for the wedding cake or the cake table
- Bouquets for both parents
- Flower arrangements for the toilets

Flowers represent...

The idea of the bridal bouquet was traditionally a bride carrying a bag of fragrant herbs to ward-off evil spirits. The Romans advance this to signify a bride's fertility. The couple would also be adorned with flower garlands to symbolise their new life together. Later, in the Victorian era, different flowers had different meanings, thus enabling lovers to communicate just by using well chosen blooms and these associations are still used to day. Here is a list of some of those meanings:

- Calla Lily represents Magnificent Beauty
- Freesia represents Innocence
- Ivy represents Wedded Love, Fidelity
- White Lily represents Virginity, Purity
- Orange Blossom represents Eternal Love
- Orchid represents Love, Magnificence
- Pink Rose represents Perfect Happiness
- White Rose represents Charm and Innocence
- Red Rose represents Love and Desire
- Tulip represents Love and Passion



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Types of flowers

Roses are perhaps the most popular and versatile of wedding flowers, available in almost every shade with the exception of blue and dusty pink; both of which are frequently requested. Each variety has its own characteristics and a particularly good choice if you are having your bouquet preserved.

Cala Lilies

Cala lilies are very popular. With their clean shape and wide range of powerful colours from mango to dark grey, it is easy to see why. They're cheaper during the summer than in winter as they're actually much harder to find.

Gerberas

Bright, cheerful gerberas are available in a multitude of colours and are currently a very popular choice, particularly for brides looking for bold colour schemes. Varieties like Sundance, Dino and Amby make a good substitute for sunflowers, and some varieties are similar to chrysanthamums if you're looking to match them with smaller blooms for your arrangements.

Cymbidium orchids

Cymbidium orchids, which are larger than Singapore orchids, are available most times of the year. They can look exquisite trailing from the bridal bouquet and they make unusual buttonholes, too, however they can be easily lost in larger arrangements. So, for a better effect in pedestals - and at less cost - why not substitute orchids with large, bold & impressive lilies? Alstromeria Alstromeria are similar in shape to lilies and orchids, they last well, but will need to be wired, so won't be suitable for a simple hand tied bouquet.

The English varieties are more vibrant in colour but are only available during the summer, whereas pink and white varieties which are grown in Holland are available all year round.

Alternatives

There is a growing trend towards using more natural looking garden varieties of flowers to create a romantic, vintage look. The possibilities are endless; from Sweet Peas, delphiniums, poppies and



ranunculus to garden roses, dahlias and herbs. Your florist can give you advice as to what is in season and what will look good throughout the day; allow your imagination and creativity to run wild!

Bouquets



Choosing the perfect bouquet is not only one of the most exciting prospects, but can also be one of the most daunting. Of course, you want a bouquet that enhances your dress and compliments your colour scheme, but it shouldn't distract from the most important thing... you! How you look and feel on the day is so important, so accenting your dress with the right flowers will help you look and feel special.

There are so many popular styles of bouquet to choose from; simple hand tied posies, over-the-arm bouquets to teardrop and trailing shower bouquets. Take in the shape of your dress and its detailing. A simple dress may look stunning with an elaborate bouquet, but a heavily detailed dress may well need something simpler with it that won't distract from its beauty.

Posy styled hand tied bouquets will suit most dresses and are particularly stunning against slim, figure-hugging dresses. More traditional dresses and princess line dresses, though, look fabulous with teardrop and trailing bouquets. Whatever you choose, the most important thing is to select something you like and will feel comfortable holding.

Colours

When considering colours to go with your dress, some brides may chose more traditional ivory flowers against an ivory dress, like William and Kate's Royal Wedding. However, you may choose to take colours from the bridesmaid's dresses and put some of these colours in your bouquet.

Consider what flowers you like most and maybe write a list. Also make a list of what flowers you don't like, then consult with your florist to work out ways to incorporate all your favourite flowers into your chosen style of bouquet, creating the right shape to compliment your dress, your figure and the colour scheme.

It's quite fashionable to mix shades of colours together these days. So that rather than just having mauve and ivory flowers in a bride's bouquet, for example, you might mix shades of mauve and deep purples, through to lilacs and ivories, creating a less stark colour scheme. This has the benefit of giving the bridesmaids delightful mixed-flower posies to match, because the ivories and lilacs will look pretty against Purple dresses.

Bridesmaid's bouquets will often be simpler



than the brides. If you choose a trailing teardrop or shower bouquet, you might consider a hand tied bouquet of matching flowers for your bridesmaids. And if you're having a hand tied bouquet yourself, maybe they'd like something a little smaller and simpler?

Bouquets can also be trimmed with exciting finishing touches like lace, diamantes or pearls that match the details on your dress. Feathers and small butterflies are popular, too. Most of all, your bouquet should be as unique as you are and individual your tastes.

Once the bouquet's sorted you now have to decide which of the flowers to use for buttonholes, so the whole wedding party will look coordinated. You might like to incorporate one or two flowers from your own bouquet into the groom's buttonhole, leaving the rest of the wedding party to have a simple buttonhole using the flowers from the bridesmaid's bouquets?

When planning your wedding flowers, though, do remember: there are often many ways to economise, but please don't do it with your bouquet! It will be in all your official pictures and will be ingrained on your memory for many years to come, so, like your dress, it must be perfect and everything you dream of.



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Ceremonial Flowers

Whether a church or a civil ceremony, you want it to look beautiful. If you're working on a tight budget, though, remember your ceremony is only an hour at max and throughout, everyone will be concentrating on the two of you. So if you decide to cut your budget anywhere, it should be here rather than at the reception; the reception is where you'll spend the majority of your time.



Churches can be huge spaces and can engulf even the biggest flower arrangements, so it's easy to get carried away. Before you get start, visit the church and examine the areas that'll be most visible on the day. One or two pedestals at the front, for example, not only show up in pictures, but can then be relocated to your reception and flank the entrance, or either side of the top table.

Aisle decoration can be nice, but don't feel the need to decorate every pew end; if at all, every other pew is more than enough. The choices of decorating the pews are many, from floral arrangements, to single flowers or bows.

Consider your budget because floral arrangements can be expensive and it's unlikely you'll find anywhere at your reception they can be reused.

Popular, too, are font decorations and the entrance and windowsills. These can be pretty and, if budget permits, can look wonderful. However equally lovely are scattered tea light candles and lanterns.

If you're having a civil ceremony, your decorations can always be used twice like long and low registrars table arrangements which can go on to frame the top table.

A pair of pedestals at the front of any room looks pretty, too, and again, these can be relocated to the entranceway or top table. Formal floral church arrangements don't necessarily work for civil ceremonies, but small hand tied bouquets and bows can look stunning decorating the aisle.

As a finishing touch, you may choose to have chair covers or balloons in the ceremony; a simple understatement that turns a room into something unique and lovely.

Finally, why not consider having your ceremony and outside? Many modern venues have temples and pergolas you can marry under where your guests can sit out in the sunshine. The gardens themselves often make fantastic locations for your photos after the ceremony. But if you do go for an outdoor location, remember to plan for what your backup plan is if a weather front moves in!

Remember, though, the ceremony is all about the two of you becoming husband and wife and celebrating your love for each other.

Reception Guest Tables

With so many different styles to choose from, this is where confusion can set in. If you're hoping for a country cottage or vintage theme you might like to like vintage jugs filled with simple blooms, or birdcages adorned with rustic flowers. These work particularly well in marquees and barns, suiting the surroundings perfectly.

If your reception is in a grand hall with panelled walls and high ceilings then you'll probably need tall floral arrangements. Tall vases filled with sweetly smelling lilies may be an option and a tall candelabrum with twinkling candles and pretty floral arrangements. Or maybe you'd consider large martini vases with co-ordinating arrangements of flowers? There are many options.



Not everyone likes tall arrangements, though, and they certainly don't suit every venue, so alternatives could include goldfish bowls wrapped with stems of flowers, cubes filled with roses, or traditional round posy arrangements of mixed flowers. There's really no limit to what you could spend on your reception flowers, but try to bear in mind that large arrangements with lots of flowers will always be more expensive than simple arrangements.

Wedding favours are often a part of the place setting, from simple nets of sugared almonds to boxed chocolates or mementos. Attractively packaged they should coordinate with the colours of the flowers and style of the table setting.

Try not to clutter the tables. Once flowers are in the centre and the tables are laid with cutlery, glasses and wine bottles, they probably won't need too many extras. It's very easy to go over the top, but if you aren't careful the table will end up looking cluttered and uncoordinated.

One other thing to bear in mind; if a florist supplies containers, vases, bottles, etc, for your use, they will want a deposit. And, of course, if anything is broken or goes missing, this will need to be paid for.

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Floral Displays during Lent

Be aware that many places of worship discourage larger floral displays during Lent; the period before Easter. If you plan marrying during this time, have a chat to the minster about what is acceptable to them.

Final Hints & Tips:



Book your florist early. Most can only do one or two weddings per day and you want to be sure the person you want is available.

Use someone enthusiastic and is sympathetic to your needs and look.

Be realistic with your budget and tell the florist what it is. This way they can show you options that stay within it.

Be realistic about colours. Brown and blue roses don't exist, but there are shades of vintage inspired ones that may blend beautifully.

Relax and enjoy planning your special day. It should be a delight, not a chore!

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Food & Drink

In-House vs. Outside Catering



There are two kinds of wedding reception. The traditional wedding 'breakfast' - a sit-down, formal lunch with a top table for the bride and family and placements for everyone else. The stand-up, canapés style lunch, which would normally follow an early or mid-afternoon service.

Almost all hotel venues have their own kitchens and in-house caterers, so when booking the venue you'll almost certainly have no option but to use theirs. If your chosen venue doesn't have its own in-house staff, however, catering will be your wedding's biggest additional expense. But

if planned carefully, it could also be where you make your biggest savings.

Typically, outside catering packages cost anything from £25-£95 per guest, which is a huge price range when multiplied by 100 guests. Caterers normally include linen, crockery and cutlery in their pricing, and glasses, if they're supplying the drinks. Their price should also include the waiting staff who will serve the meal and be responsible for tidying up afterwards.



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Catering Hire

Many specialist wedding caterers will have their own mobile kitchens and bar service. These will come with a selection of chairs, tablecloths and sometimes chair covers. However, if you are looking for something unusual you may choose to hire in catering equipment.

The most common catering equipment hired are chiller units; whether for champagne, wedding leftovers or a bit of extra fridge space for the weekend, you'll find they'll come in very handy. Vintage crockery and country style linen, too, have been popular at weddings these past years and pretty, floral patterns and gingham are all available from specialist hire companies.

Tips for Outside Caterers

It's important to do some research on your chosen caterers. That said, catering companies equipped to serve 150 guests in one sitting aren't necessarily set up to cook a sample for one person. They may be happy for you to visit them on location at a reception, though.

If they agree, try to arrive an hour or so before guests so you can see the quality of their linen, their crockery and cutlery, meet their service staff, and get a feel of how well organised they are. But remember they'll be busy, too, so try not to distract them with too many questions. Just observe and take notes which you can then cover afterwards with them.

It's good to find out who will be in charge on your day. Larger catering companies have several teams, each covering a different wedding, so make sure you're seeing the team that'll be servicing your wedding day.

Meeting the team beforehand will not only ensure you see some familiar faces on your day, but also give you a chance to see how well they work under pressure. Check you're happy with the quality of china, table linen, glassware and crockery, too, and that the staff are suitably dressed.



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Wedding Barbecues and Hog Roasts

A barbecue or hog roast as an evening wedding reception is a relaxed and informal way for your guests to mingle and get to know each other. This isn't just an option for rustic barn venues; some of the UK's most prestigious venues offer gourmet barbecues, handmade relishes and locally produced organic meats, so this might be a great way for you to enjoy your wedding.

Hog roasts are fast becoming an alternative to the traditional sit down dinners and evening buffets and are a great option for large weddings

with over 150 guests because of economies of scale. But don't be put off if you only have a small wedding; a smaller joint can be used with just as much effect. Remember, though, to offer a suitable alternative for vegetarians. Cheese wedding cakes are a good alternative and plenty of salad and bread of course. But remember, vegetarians don't just want to be a troublesome afterthought, so consider their feelings when planning your catering.

How Hog Roasts Work

The pig is pre-prepared prior to the wedding. The head can be removed if you think it may be inappropriate to leave on. It's then cleaned, wrapped and seasoned. On the morning of your wedding, the pig will be put on to the spit and delivered to the wedding venue ready for cooking.

The pig takes anything between 4-6 hours to cook, with the chef supervising the entire process. But the use of such a special roasting unit means it can be cooked pretty much anywhere; hotels, restaurants or even gardens, so it's a versatile option.

Once cooked, the pig is carved and served on heated roasting dishes on a buffet table. Sauces and salads are laid out for your guests to help themselves or are served onto plate by the chef. Any leftovers can be used in a curry the next day, so remember to ask your venue to store it in a chiller ready for you to collect.

And if you're not a pork fan, how about lamb, beef joints or chicken cooked using a spit racking? In short, Hog roasts can be much more than just pork and stuffing in a bag and your chosen meat can be served in many variations.

Questions to ask about catering

Do you (the venue) allow outside caterers on your premises?

Can you (the caterers) supply us with example menus and prices?

Can you provide a cake stand and knife if required?

Do you have a preferred order of service (when and where do we cut the cake)?

What time do you offer an alcohol license until?

Do you have a curfew for receptions?

Do you allow us to bring in wine and champagne?

If so, what is your corkage charge?

Bar Hire and Wine Supplies

Alcohol will be large part of your budget, too, especially if you have an open bar. Savings can be made when using your own caterers as most will be happy for you to supply your own wine. Check what their corkage charges are in advance and who covers the cost of the chillers, glassware and bar staff they provide to serve your drinks.

Also, if bringing in your own alcohol, consider what you'll do with the surplus after the day, or what you'll do if you run out on the day!

A best option may be to hire in a bar service. If



you don't have an 'open' bar and intend to charge guests for drinks during the evening reception, this could be the best bet. The cost is minimal for a normal pub-run bar for a reasonably sized wedding, but more expensive for a specialist bar serving cocktails.

A bar service provider will probably base their price on a minimum agreed amount of alcohol sold because this is where their profit is generated. The best part is that the bar service will deal with the licensing requirements on your behalf... but check that, too!

The Atlantic Fryer	07557 788807
Bar Flies	01326 270389
Cornish Paella	07774 739870
WatchHouse Restaurant	01326 270038

Gifts & Gift Lists



Department stores have been the most popular source of wedding lists, but several other options are gaining in popularity, offering an even wider choice. Several online companies allow you to list anything from kettles to cruises and website like www.whatidlove.co.uk even offer part payment for a gift if, say, you wanted something large that would be too expensive for just one person.

Alternative, Charity and Eco-friendly Gifts

If you love gardening, why not have your list at a garden centre where you can include plants and garden-related products? Wine connoisseurs could set up a similar wine wish-list and link it to a vineyard or wine retailer, for example.

And for those who'd like their day to be a gift to others, how about setting up a charity gift list? Many of the main charities like Oxfam or Cornwall's own Shelterbox offer ideas which you could link to if you felt you had everything!

Here's how Oxfam do it:

- 1 Go to www.oxfamunwrapped.com and create or log in to your personal account
- 2 When you select your first gift and click "Add to wish list", you'll be taken to a page where you can name your wish list
- 3 Continue to choose gifts by browsing and clicking on the 'Add to wish list' button for the gifts you want
- 4 When you're ready to email your list to friends and family, go to your wish list through 'My Account' and click on 'Email wish list'.



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We think whatidlove is the perfect way to organise your wedding gift list. There are no set up fees, no downloads and the site is free for anyone to use. There are lots of ways to use our free wedding list service: Gift Money, Give towards our Honeymoon, Cash instead of Gifts, or original Gifts from our Wedding List. Whatever your choice, whatidlove has the perfect answer for your perfect day.

Cash or Honeymoon Vouchers

40% of UK couples ask for money towards their honeymoon in place of gifts. A honeymoon wedding list would be a perfect alternative. You could divide up your honeymoon itinerary into affordable portions so that your guests can buy you things like a night in a hotel, a romantic meal, or a train or plane journey. This avoids you having to awkwardly ask people for money and your guests feel that they are actually putting something towards a memorable holiday for you. A travel agent may be willing to open a special account and supply personalised inserts to go in with your invitations, so why not have a chat with them?

The final option may be cash or gift vouchers; something you could use in future once you know what you'd really like, or once you've moved in together and have decided on your true needs and wishes.

Gift-List Etiquette (how/when to ask guests)

The bride's mother would traditionally hold details of the gift list and your guests would phone and discreetly ask for details or inspiration, or it was normal for guests to choose something for you yourselves that may not be on your list. These days, though, guests assume a gift-list will be provided within the invitations and you can do this in the form of a web address or shop contact details!



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So don't feel you're being rude or greedy by doing this. On the contrary, the majority of your guests will be thankful to have some guidance and be happy in the knowledge that they are buying you something that you actually want. But do include a variety for all pockets and age groups so you don't leave anyone out.

Thank-You Gifts

Thank-You Gifts are a lovely way of showing your appreciating for all the hard work your friends and/or family have put into your special day. The bridesmaids, best man and ushers would, traditionally receive gifts and would the mothers of the bride and groom; usually in the form of a bouquet of flowers. And if Dads or another member of the 'bridal team' have made a special contribution, such as staying up all night doing last minute

alterations, or pre-wedding changes, it's a nice tribute to reward them with something small but special.

What Should You Give?

Engraved jewellery for your girls might be an option, or silver tankards or pocket watches for the boys. Other gifts might be a spa day for the girls or a night out with the boys for your ushers. Cufflinks are traditionally given to the best man.

Thank-You letters

Guests, especially those who've gone to the expense of buying you a gift, will expect a personal thanks. A generic letter, especially a computer created one, isn't considered appropriate. One idea is to ask your photographer to make postcards of your favourite wedding photo and send these with a special handwritten note!

Remember to make a list of who gave you what (the beauty of online shopping is that it's automatic!) and remember: if your guests bought from a gift list, don't compliment them of the perfection of the item: it was you who chose it in the first place!

Wedding Favours

Wedding favours are small gifts given as a token of appreciation from the bride and groom to their guests, they are typically included as part of the table setting at the reception.

The classic wedding favour has always been a net of white or pastel sugared almonds. However there are now many variations on this theme. Couples choose to give small decorated boxes of chocolates, candles, scented soaps or Cornish fudge!

The item could be a CD with the favourite music of the bride and groom, or silver picture frames with a photo of the couple. These may be personalised with the couple's names, initials or wedding venue and date. Whatever you choose consideration should be given to whether the recipient is a woman/man/teenager or younger, one favour might not suit all.

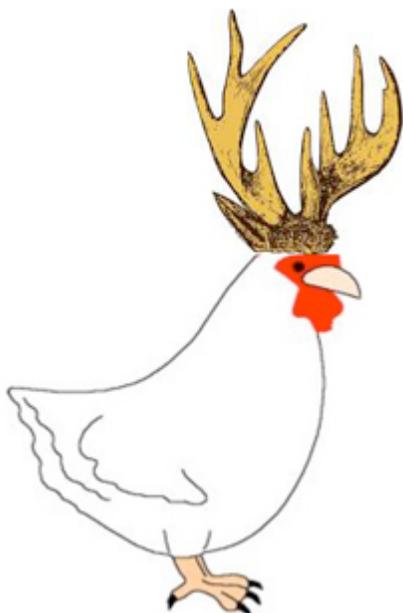
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Hen & Stag



Stag and Hen nights are the best way for you both to have 'one last' blow-out before the big day. This could consist of just one evening, right up to a weekend or week away with your best friends. Traditionally your chief bridesmaid and best man should help you organise the hen or stag events respectively, so here's just a few ideas from the *Roseland Online Wedding Planner* for both.

Stag Night

5 A Side Football - Something to get the energy flowing before a good night out.

Casino - Feeling lucky? Whether poker, roulette or the slot machines, why not have a flutter on your weekend away with the lads?

Canoeing - Why not hire a few canoes or Kayaks for the day or for a whole week and spend some nights under the stars?

Clay Pigeon Shooting - Act like perfect gentlemen armed with shotguns and see who out of your group can shoot the most clay pigeons!

Fishing - There are some great fishing opportunities here in South Central Cornwall, so why not see who can net the best catch?

Go Karting - Test your driving skills with the lads and separate the men from the boys, once and for all.

Paintball - This popular stag activity is great fun; hunting your mates down before unloading everything you've got in their general direction.

Pub Crawl - One of man's most cherished pastime and here in South Central Cornwall you've got a feast of great locations both country wide and by the sea.

Surfing - Take the boys to the South Central Cornwall waves with a surfing lesson or, for the more experienced, slip off the Newquay for the crashing Atlantic spray.

Whatever you choose, there are a thousand and one things to do in and around South Central Cornwall and even more if you travel a little east or west, so what more perfect a place to come for your stag party?



Hen Night

The girls may want to follow the boys by doing any of the above. Alternatively, for something a little

gentler, why not consider these options:



Casino - Like the boys, poker, roulette or the slot machines, are a great way to have a flutter with the girls on your weekend away?

Felt and Craft Making - Our own Sub Editor, Lou Tonkin, holds great Felt and Craft making days for those feeling a little artistic. Just [email her](#) for more details.

Horse Riding - How about trying something totally different for your hen weekend and go horse riding?

Sailing - Whether just a day up to a week, why not take to the high seas on a sailing trip with the girls? With some of the best coast lines in the world, South Central Cornwall, with its tranquil seas, would make a perfect time away.

Spa & Pamper - Take a break and spend some quality time with the girls with a spa day or week. Enjoy the luxury of Jacuzzi, steam room and swimming pool and maybe an hour or two of pamper treatments like a facial or a shoulder and neck massage. There are a multitude of great spas in the area, so what better

way to relax before your big day?



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I can help you to make your wedding day the most special & most personal, wonderful day. Having a homemade wedding can be more economical, more sustainable, if you can use recycled or natural materials, & above all more stylish! Beautiful felted & recycled fabric flowers for 'bouquets to keep', hand printed wedding invitations, place setting cards & guest book, button holes & corsages, button hair clips for beautiful bridesmaids, etc... Decorations to make your reception perfect.

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Honeymoon



After all the heady work and payoff for your wonderful day, a holiday is just what's needed! And what better place to stay for your honeymoon than South Central Cornwall's beautiful coastline and countryside. Whether relaxing on a sun-kissed beach or going on long coastal or countryside walks, SCC has it all.

You could spend romantic days sitting on our many secluded beaches with a hamper (available to order from our [online shop](#)) and in the evening enjoy some of the best restaurants in Cornwall. More active couples could visit Mevagissey or St Mawes for a day's fishing trip then while away the evening walking in the moonlight along the seafront.

Or how about taking a day-trip to visit some of the UK's most visited attractions like the Eden Project or the Lost Gardens of Heligan? There are also a multitude of romantic gardens to visit in the surrounding area, so if you're interested in flora, this would be a great way of spending the day with your new husband/wife.

The South West Coastal path runs right along our coastline, so if you're more of a walker, or would like to have a few hours walking off that wedding cake! you can set off and visit the many coastal villages along the way including Mevagissey, Portloe, Portscatho, and of course St Mawes.

Whatever you decide to do, SCC has it all for you and we'd love to have you as our guests, saving yourself the stress of airport hustle and travel bustle and unknown foreign hotel destinations.



Locations



Undoubtedly, South Central Cornwall and the Roseland Peninsula boast some of the most beautiful locations in the British Isles to get married.

From stunning castles, stately homes and beautiful coastal locations like the Rosevine (pictured) who offer marquees on their lawns and beach photography sessions and barbeques in their packages, right through to stunning countryside fields which offer the possibility of having a marquee wedding like Martin Williams' Field in Tregassa (pictured below) with amazing stately homes like The Veian at Caerhays Castle.

Whatever your chosen style, there's something for every budget.

When you're selecting a location for your wedding, asking the right questions is the key to having all the right elements in place, so we've designed a list of questions to help with the process.

Whilst you may not think every question is relevant to you, we do suggest you get answers to as many of them as possible. After all, your circumstances may change and questions that seemed unimportant at the beginning may prove to be much more important further down the line.



Driftwood Hotel & Restaurant 01872 580644

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Situated in seven acres, with stunning views over Gerrans Bay, the driftwood is available for exclusive use for wedding receptions in the low season. With fourteen bedrooms available, the award winning hotel and Michelin starred restaurant can cater for up to forty persons for wedding receptions and other events. We can also offer private lunches for a minimum of six persons.



Rosevine - 01872 580206

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[Website](#)

Surround yourself with family and friends for a relaxed but stylish Cornish coastal wedding. The Rosevine is a big house by the sea hidden looking out towards Portscatho and just a short stroll from Porthcurnick beach. The whole house, which is licensed for civil ceremonies, can be booked for a wedding. Up to 50 guests can be hosted in the house itself, with larger parties in a marquee or a tipi in the grounds. Guest apartments accommodate up to 30 adults and 20 children.

Location Questions

How much is the location for the day?

Is your location free on the required date?

Is your location easy to find?

Is your location licensed for civil ceremonies?

If you hold a license for weddings, what authority do you hold and can you supply names and contact details of the registrar?

Will our wedding be the only one at your venue on that day?

How many people can you accommodate?

What is the car parking capacity and (if other weddings are on) how many spaces are allocated to us?

Do you allow confetti to be used at the venue?

Can candles be lit in the reception room?

Do you have a noise limiter installed or are there any restrictions on music volume?

Are there any bedrooms above the dance floor?

Are professional firework displays welcome at your location?

Should we want to arrive or leave by helicopter, do you have landing allowances?

Do you offer the option of a marquee?

Are there separate rooms provided for the wedding, reception, meal & evening reception, etc?

Do you provide a room for the use of the bride and groom for the day?

Do you provide a dressing room that the bride and bridesmaids can use prior to their ceremony?

When can we have access to the venue to begin setting up the room/s for the event?



**The Veau - 01872
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LUXURIOUS COUNTRY HOUSE RETREAT

Situated in private grounds with wonderful views across the magnificent Caerhays Castle Gardens The Veau is exclusively yours for the day, weekend or as long as you want.

Morning of Wedding/Day Before, etc.

If the evening reception is being held in a room that is used for something else during the day, do you require the DJ/Band to setup their equipment in advance?

Is there an area that our guests could use as a crèche if required?

Is there a quieter area where our older guests could retire from the noise of a band/DJ?

Do you have a room we can use to store wedding presents until we collect them and are you insured for any loss or damage to these whilst in your care?



Tregassick Field - 01872 580578

Email >>

Stunning Reception Location - Marquee field with views out across sloping fields to Percuil and beyond towards St Mawes and the Lizard in the distance - Romantic lightly wooded area to one side - Car parking is available as is mains power and water. We are happy to liaise with marquee, catering and other service companies, but will only offer advice if asked!

Any of our locations will do all they can to make your special day something memorable. Whether stunning locations like Caerhays Castle's The Veau, with its magnificent views across the Caerhays Castle gardens are to your taste, or a more rustic countryside venue with sea views, South Central Cornwall and the Roseland Peninsula has it all and we look forward to welcoming you here.



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Photography & Film



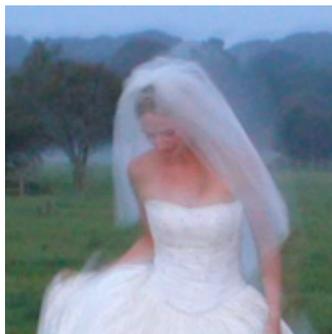
Choosing an experienced professional wedding photographer will put you in safe hands. Your photographer should be with you every step of the way, helping create stunning photographs and natural poses. That said, the poses and location shouldn't necessarily be 100% the photographer's wishes. There are many things you can do to help your photographer achieve some great poses and super photos of your big day.

Pre Wedding.

Practice makes perfect. It may feel odd posing in the mirror, but a little bit of practice can go a long way. Learn how to position your body and your face; it can be a great boost to your confidence. On your wedding day your photographer should guide your poses, but why not surprise them by suggesting a few of your own?

Within reason, spending some time getting fitter will leave you feeling your best on your wedding day. That doesn't mean dieting like a supermodel or becoming an athlete, but you might want to take some advice on how to feel fresh and beautiful for your

special day.



Just Nice Photos 01872 580429

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Mary Alice Pollard has years of experience in both press and wedding photography. Her stunning photos have featured in publications worldwide and she's sure to create the exact atmosphere you want for your weddings. She's happy to talk through your requirements before your special day and feel free to visit her website, follow the 'weddings' tab and see the many stunning photos she's taken for brides on the Roseland and beyond.

A pre-wedding shoot could not only give you some extra practice but also help you get to know your photographer and how they work. This will help you feel relaxed around them on the day and also let them get to know what works best for you. Try to book a photographer who includes a pre-wedding shoot as part of the package and use the time for some great practice shots.

On The Day.

Whatever position your photographer asks you to pose in, make sure it's comfortable. If you're uncomfortable it will show, so don't be afraid to adjust it a little so you become relaxed.

Unless your photographer has asked you to look away, try to look directly into the lens. Even if you



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laugh or smile whilst doing so (which can be lovely anyway!) maintain your eye contact. The direction you're looking will often vary, but try and keep your eyes up and in the direction requested at all times and move your head to one side whilst maintaining eye contact can give your face a great shape.



Hunched shoulders are unsightly. Shifting your weight onto one leg as often as possible can help you relax and maintain a good posture and lifting your stomach and arching your shoulders back can really give you a confident look.

Keep your hands busy. Like all poses, an experienced photographer will help you position your hands to fit. A simple hand-on-the-hip pose can keep your hands busy whilst adding a sleeker edge to your figure.

Don't be afraid to use props; hold your flowers, put your hand on your partner's face, hold each other's hands. Whatever helps keep them busy without fidgeting.

Try to forget about your dress. Yes, it was expensive but it's almost impossible to keep completely clean, and spending all your time trying to not get a mark on it will really limit what your photographer can do, and therefore the chances of a great picture.

Let your dress fall naturally on the ground and try not to worry about a little dirt. The chances are, by the end of the night, the bottom will be marked from the dance floor anyway (if not the catering!) so try not to worry about keeping the train off the floor everywhere you go... just relax and enjoy your day!

While your guests are enjoying a drink or some canapés it may be tempting to want to join them, but the more time you give your photographer, the better the results will be. Try not to rush your photographer or worry about spending 'too much' time on the photographs; the results are for you and those few minutes will last a lifetime. Use the time to relax from the hectic pace of your wedding day.

A lot of us aren't used to public intimacy, but get close to your partner and don't worry about being romantic. But overall, if there is one thing that will create great wedding photos it's confidence. Think of yourself as a confident, professional model for that one day. Work with your photographer and trust in their ability to produce stunning results. Remember; you look stunning, it's a fabulous day and the photographs will look great!

Video Options

There are a few options for your wedding video. Some companies offer a video hire service. This means you'll hand round the camera to whomever in the party wants to film something and the finished product is sent back to the



production team who extract and edit the finished footage. This can result in some great unexpected filming (and hopefully not too raucous!) so if you're having a more informal wedding, this may be a choice for you.

If booking a professional, it's essential that you and they have similar ideas as to how your finished video or DVD should look. If the videographer has an own fixed style, make sure it's to your taste. If they're more adaptable, all the better, and share your own ideas with them. It's important to feel comfortable with them - after all, they'll be at your wedding all day!

Questions of insurances and licences will often help you eek out the professionals from the amateurs. Ask them what training or experience they have and ask to look at some of their past work to make sure the audio as well as the video is good.



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Roseland Media is a local, family run film production company based on the Roseland Peninsula. We specialise in providing high quality, unintrusive film coverage of weddings, events and theatrical productions and offer additional production services including colouring, editing and analogue to digital conversion transfer. We use full-HD broadcast quality cameras along with a wide array of grip equipment and studio quality sound recording gear to achieve all those amazing TV swooping shots.

Remember to ask whether they do this as a full-time job or just a sideline. Make sure you know exactly who'll be actually doing the filming on your wedding day as well, as some companies sub-contract the camera work out and only edit the finished film themselves.

Things to Ask:

See a sample of their work

Don't be lured by a 'hard sell' or discount

Don't feel obliged, even if they came to you

Make sure they have insurance and/or copyright licences

Make sure they're using professional cameras (although this can be hard to spot as some pro cameras are as small as amateur models)

Check the sound and picture on the video and whether the editing is done well.

Anyone quoting you less than say £400 can't possibly have enough time to working on your finished video, so be prepared to pay the 'going rate'. You don't want well shot footage badly edited due to cost restrictions.

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Planning



Your marriage ceremony is singularly the most important part of your wedding day. It's when you make your vows to one another and become legally husband & wife.

There are many types of marriage ceremony from religious weddings to civil ceremonies and, more recently civil partnerships and gay weddings. Second weddings are on the rise, too, and many couples choose to renew their vows after several years of marriage; publicly reaffirming their love and commitment to each other.

Some couples decide on a civil ceremony with separate religious blessings afterward - as mentioned in the 'ceremony' section of the *Roseland Online Wedding Planner*, this is the way around having to be in a certain parish for any length of time before your wedding day.

Wedding Planners

Whatever your occasion, if you're not living in South Central Cornwall, you may feel more comfortable engaging the help of a professional wedding planner.

They can also take the stress out of the day itself; overseeing the organisation of every person who has a role and coordinating them to make sure your special day runs as smooth as silk.

Vows

Writing your own wedding vows for a civil ceremony is a lovely way to tell the world why your partner is so special to you. The *Roseland Online Wedding Planner* has put together 20 helpful tips to help you create your own vows:

1. What did you think when you first saw your partner? Start from the top... you wanted to stay in and now you're grateful your friends dragged you out? How to use: When we met at _____, I knew _____...
2. When did you realise it was love? The more specific you are, the more moving the story will be. How to use: I knew I was in love when _____... Don't underestimate the power of humour, either and throw in a couple of playful



sentiments.

3. What have you learned from each other? Focus on the heart and head, not material possessions. Has your partner taught you to appreciate beauty differently, for example? Or maybe creating or enjoying home cooking? How to use: Before I met you, I _____... Now I _____...
4. Has your worldview changed? How has life improved since you've been together? Think about the new things you've experienced with your partner that you maybe wouldn't have on your own? How to use: Through you, I see the world _____...
5. What do you miss most when you're apart? This maybe something mundane but important; their smile in the morning, or the they make your morning coffee? How to use: You are such a part of me that when we're apart, I _____...
6. Where do you see yourselves in 10, 20, even 40 years? Happily married is a given, but try focusing on your long-term hopes, dreams, and goals together. How to use: I look forward to _____, laughing and _____ as we _____... together.
7. Is there a line from a song, film, or poem that sums up your feelings? It's okay to use copyrighted material as long as it's done tastefully ("You complete me" for example, is a cliché). Instead use something familiar and personalise it. How to use: As I watch you _____, I think to myself, "what a wonderful world".
8. Which parts of your vows resonate with you? If you're not sure about using the 'obey' part, you can't really go wrong with love, cherish, and... How to use: I promise to cherish and honour you _____,.. (and maybe add a timeframe and funny reference for added uniqueness) ...all the days of my life, especially when curled up on the couch with takeout!
9. Consider adding a funny or touching experience that put your partner in a new light. The way they are your nephew or helped your grandmother in the garden showed you his true colours. How to use: When you _____, I saw you for the _____ person you are. And that made me want to _____...
10. Have you shared a hard life-experience that strengthened your relationship? This one works like #9. How to use: See #9.
11. What goals and/or values do you share? Stating these may expose your inner poet. These ties -- whether you're of shared faith or have a mutual love of wine may help demonstrate why you're a perfect couple. How to use: We share _____.., so together we can _____...
12. Think about what they have that inspires you. What is it about your fiancé that mirrors what you'd like to improve in yourself? What do you respect most about your fiancé? How to use: Your have shown me how to be _____...



13. What promise would you like to share to pledge your devotion? This is an opportunity to personalise your vows and maybe make them fun. Some couples pledge endless love, but how about promising to take the dog out each day, regardless of the weather? How to use: I promise to always _____...
14. How do you think you'll change together? You know your goals, but think about the steps the two of you could take together to reach them. How to use: I look forward to _____... as we _____...
15. What metaphors would sum up your devotion? Try to envisage something that describes or defines your love for each other: as strong as a castle, for example, or as peaceful as a mountain stream. How to use: Our love is like a _____... because it _____...
16. What does the bond of marriage mean to you? Think of why you're marrying your fiancé; what makes them so special. You may be pleasantly surprised by the words this will inspire. How to use: To me, marriage is _____.... With you, it's _____...
17. What are the qualities that will keep your marriage strong? Find the foundation of your relationship. What is the basis of your relationship; your resilience; your shared sense of humour? How to use: Even when _____,., we will have _____...
18. What is it about married life that's so appealing to you? The wedding is only the beginning. How to use: I look forward to _____... as we embark on _____....
19. What do you expect out of your marriage? Defining your expectations will help focus your personal pledges. Think about the dreams you have and what you'll have to vow to do to make them a reality. How to use: I know our marriage will _____... and I vow to _____...
20. In what words is love manifested for you? Make a list of romantic terms to avoid overusing the word love; repetitions dilute its power. How to use: My devotion/adoration/passion is _____...

Hymns and Music



Choosing which hymns and music you'd like for your ceremony is down to personal taste. You may like classical music, or prefer something more contemporary for a civil wedding. It's helpful to sit down and read the lyrics of some of your favourite tunes and listen to several pieces of music to see if they're suitable before you decide. You can also buy CDs and listen to suggestions online before deciding and if you decide to use a wedding planner, ask them for their advice on this, too.

Wedding Readings

Many ceremonies have one or two readings from a romantic or religious story. These can be beautiful and thought-provoking and will help to set the scene for your union together. Have a look through some books you may have read that

moved you or resonated with your vows. Find a few paragraphs they, in themselves, tell a small story. Alternatively you may have read a poem or parable in your past that means something to both of you. Whatever your choice, it is always a lovely way to add a personal touch to an otherwise traditional ceremony.

Insurance

The average wedding costs around £17,000, so it's hardly a wonder many people do insure their wedding day? Sadly, things can go wrong: a bride's dress is hung too close to a light fitting and becomes scorched; marquees damaged before the wedding; heaters stolen and cakes knocked over; wedding rings, shoes and bridesmaid's clothes accidentally taken to the tip by the groom...

...believe it or not, these claims are real!

So, as premiums can start from as little as £19 it may well be worth considering insuring your wedding. Many insurance advisers will be happy to discuss covering your wedding and although it may not stop a disaster happening, it may be enough to rescue it in time to save the day!

Groom Best Man & Page Boys

Best Man

Choosing your Best Man is crucial in the smooth running of a wedding, but the most obvious choice won't necessarily be the most reliable for the occasion. They'll be helping you arrange the stag night, paying the vicar, looking after the rings (something you don't need to go missing!), right down to delivering a witty speech.

If you have engaged a Toastmaster, this will allow your Best Man to relax slightly after the ceremony. If not, it will be his job to coordinate the guests for the official photographs and ensure no one is left behind when the party heads off to the reception... so let your head rule your heart in choosing this special role!

Lastly, once the bride & groom's parents have taken to the dance floor after their son and daughter's first dance, the best man should join them, escorting the chief bridesmaid onto the floor.

Ushers

The ushers assist the Best Man with his duties and are part of the official bridal party. They're at their most visible at the beginning of the ceremony, showing guests to their seats and handing out the Order of Service. For larger weddings it is expected that the ushers will sit on the top table alongside the bridesmaids, but otherwise their role is considerably smaller than that of the Best Man.

Pageboys

Pageboys traditionally are a family member or a son of a good friend. They have no specific role, just there to add a cute factor to the day and can create some great footage for the cameraman.



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Transportation



Getting the perfect wedding transport involves some planning. Here are the *Roseland Online Wedding Planner* tips to consider:

Your carriage should be in keeping with the rest of your wedding. If you've got quite a sophisticated wedding in mind, turning up in your dad's old smoker just isn't appropriate.

Where possible, make sure you see a car before booking it or paying a deposit on it. Photos and leaflets don't reveal unsightly marks, dents or a messy interior.

Your carriage may well be a backdrop for photos, so make sure the colour matches the bride's bouquet or the bridesmaids' dresses, or at least doesn't clash.

Ask if your chosen carriage comes with ribbon and if not, purchase a suitable colour well in advance and ask a reliable member of your bridal party to fix it to the car on the day. This can be surprisingly fiddly, so for the best effect, get them to practice first!

Try to colour-coordinate the car's ribbon with your bouquet and/or the overall colour theme of your wedding.

If using your own car - or a friend's - make sure it's valeted before your big day. You don't want your shoes to be swimming in Mars wrappers or dog's hair in the back when arriving and leaving the wedding.

You'll also need to remember transport for your mum and the bridesmaids, so keep this in mind when organising this part of the wedding.

If you're fleeing directly off on your honeymoon, remember you'll need to take your luggage with you to the reception. Traditionally this is the best man's job to organise, so liaise with him to ensure he's got that in hand.



Consider having a bottle of Champagne on ice in the back of the carriage for a post-wedding/pre-reception celebratory drink as you travel with your new husband/bride to the reception.

Remember to reconfirm your booking the week before so there's no worry of double-booking on the morning of the wedding!

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