

Some facts about Wedding Celebration Ceremonies

Please do be aware that this ceremony is NOT a legal marriage. This occasion follows your legal marriage formalities, which need to be conducted either by a registrar or a religious minister. The wording required by law in a legal marriage ceremony is the only element that cannot be used in the Wedding Celebration Ceremony, therefore there's nothing that has to be said and done. You choose what to say and do, from the beginning right through to the end.

Where can the ceremony be held?

Absolutely anywhere of your choosing! A marquee in the garden, hotel, village hall, restaurant, castle or even a boat! The choice is yours.

When can the ceremony be held?

Any day at any time! Most ceremonies happen on the same day as the marriage, or soon after the honeymoon. Any time of day is available, even into the evening for guests attending an evening reception.

Who leads the Ceremony?

One of our professionally trained celebrants can conduct your ceremony or you may wish to ask someone you know to lead the occasion using a full ceremony script obtained from us.

How much do they cost?

Our ceremonies are extremely well priced, offering very good value for money and are available with or without one of our Celebrants to lead the event for you. You can also opt to have a rehearsal beforehand.

Please call us or visit our website for current prices and to arrange your wedding celebration ceremony.

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*S*ay what you love,

love what you say . . .

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You may have thought that there are only two ways to celebrate your wedding in this country – a religious ceremony or a civil marriage. But now there's something new – **'A Wedding Celebration Ceremony'**

It doesn't replace your legal formalities, but it is designed to be a perfect solution to many marriage dilemmas:

- You want to get married abroad quietly, but want a celebration on your return for everyone to share.
- You want your wedding in a particular venue that isn't licensed for marriages.
- You want religious or cultural traditions, which aren't allowed at a Register Office or in a religious ceremony, or to include spiritual, religious or symbolic elements with special meaning for you.
- You want your evening guests to be able to attend a ceremony as well.
- You might like a member of your family or a special friend to conduct your wedding – but he or she isn't licensed to perform marriages

The Wedding Celebration Ceremony is your perfect solution. It's a ceremony which you design with our help, conducted in front of all your family and friends.

Designing your own ceremony

Firstly, create your own personal vows and ceremony wording

One of the greatest joys of planning your ceremony is putting into words the way you feel about each other. We provide you with a generous selection of phrases and paragraphs, which you can choose from. Or use what we suggest as inspiration to write your own words.

Decide who else you would like to take part in your ceremony

Your wedding will also be a big event for your family and friends. Is anyone willing to deliver a reading, make a speech, play music or make a symbolic gesture as a part of the ceremony? Take time to discuss with them what they might like to contribute. Our pack provides a huge range of ideas.

Select readings and poetry that are special to you

Your ceremony pack includes over a hundred suitable readings and of course you might want to include your own favourites. The ceremony can even include prayers and blessings, and can incorporate elements from any religion or culture.

Decide on any symbolic gestures and cultural inclusions

You might like to exchange or re-dedicate your ring(s), light candles, release balloons, watch fireworks, blow bubbles or include one of the short special ceremonies, such as the Joining of Hands, that we include in our ceremony pack to inspire you.

And finally choose your special music

Music evokes enormous emotion at all ceremonies and you can choose whatever music is special to you both whether it is pop, classical, folk, jazz or rock and roll. You choose! The verse and music booklet included in your pack lists hundreds of popular wedding choices. You can even have music with religious content if you wish. Live music is a popular choice, especially when musical guests agree to play!

Put all of this together and you have it – **your own personal and unique Wedding Celebration Ceremony**. Send all your selections to us and our specialist Wedding Ceremony Team will construct **the ceremony that you really want.**

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