

## TOP TIPS, ADVICE & OUR NON-NEGOTIABLES!

Recently confirmed your wedding with us? Congratulations!

Here are our top tips and advice on what to do next...

- Get chatting to those key suppliers -

Already have your eye on a photographer, videographer, humanist? Get them booked asap! Suppliers book up very quickly and you don't want to end up disappointed later down the line. Getting these things booked early takes a lot of pressure off!

We have a great recommended suppliers list you can access.

## - Questions -

If you ever have any questions, ask us direct, we are only ever an email or a call away. We will be able to give you the most informative and correct answers. We see lots of people asking forums/wedding pages questions and most of the time, these people are guessing the answers / giving you their opinions and what they 'think' or what their venue did, and they're most of the time, incorrect.

## - Good vibes -

Planning a wedding is known to be one of the most stressful things you can do, so please always remember it is meant to be FUN! You are putting on this day to celebrate your love for each other and have been kind enough to invite your friends and family to share in it.

Don't get caught up in excessive worry about the guests and their opinions Uncle Brian doesn't like beef? Bridesmaid Sarah prefers navy to steel blue for her dress?

Mother-in-law thinks Oasis isn't traditional enough for walking down the aisle? Grandmother insists on fruit cake instead of a delicious cookies and cream cake? Forget about it all. This is YOUR day and you can do it YOUR way!

## - Making it legal -

Our local registry office is Helensburgh; this is who you will need to do all the legal paper work with.



- Non-negotiables -

Working in the wedding industry, you see a lot of things! Some fantastic, some not so fantastic! Here are our non-negotiables

- Samantha -

I am already married (many many years ago,) but if I were to renew my vows I would 100% have a videographer. Watching other people's videos back is such fun, I would love to be able to watch my day back again and again and again!

I would hire a pizza truck for my evening buffet – it's always such a talking point and something everyone would remember for years to come! Who doesn't love a good pizza!

Clann An Drumma - I would 110% book these guys for my evening turn around, they really get the party started.

A wedding dresser - having someone come along and steam the dresses, knowing that the dresses are perfect and that someone is there to help you into your dress and make sure you are looking perfect really takes the pressure off. People don't think about the small things such as – jewellery being straight, hair bobbles on wrists, gum etc – let someone else make sure this is all done for you!

Favourite canape: Crispy Pork Belly Bites



- Kelly-

Suppliers are such a big part of a wedding day, I think it's so important to book those who make you feel comfortable and who you can have fun with, not only that, it's a great bonus if your suppliers know each other and have worked together in the past.

Fun and food is the next most important thing in my opinion. Drinks receptions especially, can seem quite a long time for guests whilst you're away getting all your photographs. If the weathers nice, maybe some garden games to keep them entertained or wedding bingo cards are always fun. I love seeing crisp walls, crepe carts, ice cream carts and anything like this in addition to some yummy canapes!

Avoid any stress where you can, too often I have seen DIY décor go awry... leave as much as you can to the professionals. You should enjoy every bit of the run up to your wedding day, not spending your evenings crafting – unless this is something you enjoy and are particularly good at!

Favourite canape: Mini Yorkshire Beef Puddings



- Ayesha -

Good music. I am personally a big fan of live music at a wedding and believe a good band can elevate an evening reception fantastically! If you have room in the budget, string quartets, pianists & clan bands ALWAYS make a wedding memorable and is something the guests comment on for months if not years following. If you are going for a DJ, it is BEYOND essential you have a specific wedding DJ. Nothing is more disappointing than a DJ that thinks they are too cool to play come on Eileen.

Good memories. A decent photographer is of course on every couples list of priorities and we certainly have plenty of recommendations for this. A videographer however, is one thing I, and many others, had the opinion is an extravagance and not necessary when working out that budget. It was only when my own wedding was postponed (covid) and I had more room to save that I chose to book this and I am so thankful I did. I LOVE my wedding video and in hindsight I would have given up many other 'essentials' like cake and favours to free up money for it. It will remain one of my favourite things in the world and will only become more precious in years to come.

