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CEREMONIES IN WARWICKSHIRE



NESTLING IN THE HEART OF ENGLAND, WARWICKSHIRE IS HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE COUNTRY. HISTORIC COACHING TOWNS, MEDIEVAL AND GEORGIAN MARKET TOWNS AND PRETTY VILLAGES ARE SET IN A BACKDROP OF ROLLING COUNTRYSIDE AND FLOWING RIVERS.

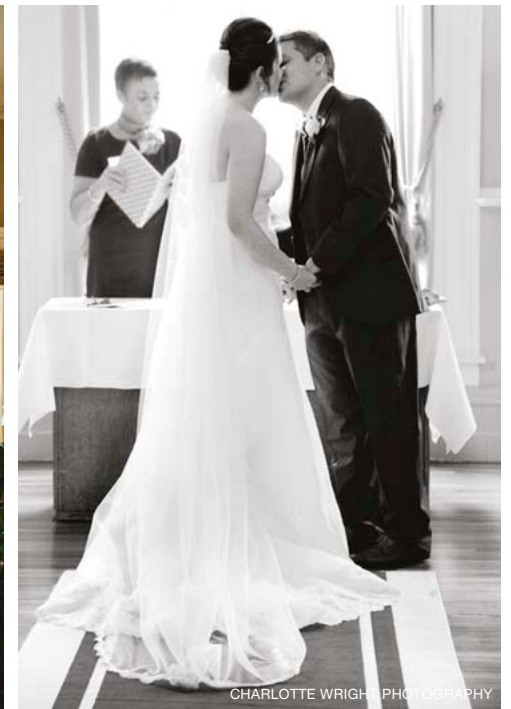
As well as world renowned Stratford upon Avon, birthplace of William Shakespeare, Warwickshire was also the home of novelist George Eliot, whilst Rugby's famous public school, founded in 1567, gave the world the game of Rugby football.

Whether you're looking for a venue in the centre of an historic town, by the water or on a country estate, take a look at the wide range of venues we can offer including of course the option of holding your ceremony at one of our registration offices in Warwick, Nuneaton, Rugby or Stratford. Warwickshire has great road, rail and air links and our friendly staff will guide you through from start to finish.

Whether you are looking for the intimacy of just a few friends, a close family gathering or the largest of celebrations, simply select the setting that suits you from a range of hotels, restaurants, stately homes, castles, golf clubs, race courses, historic buildings and registration offices and look forward to a celebration to remember.

Registration staff will discuss your individual needs and wishes and guide you through the legal formalities. They will work to ensure that your ceremony runs as smoothly as possible, leaving you with memories to treasure.





CIVIL MARRIAGE AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONIES

A CIVIL CEREMONY CAN TAKE PLACE AT A REGISTRATION OFFICE OR OTHER PREMISES APPROVED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (HOTEL OR STATELY HOME, FOR EXAMPLE). YOU MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE YOUR MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION AT ANY REGISTRATION OFFICE OR APPROVED PREMISES IN ENGLAND OR WALES.

However, for a ceremony in an approved premises, you will also need to make arrangements with the venue in question. There are fees payable for the attendance of registration staff at your ceremony, both at a registration office and at a venue. In addition you will both need to give formal notice of marriage or civil partnership in the district where you both live.

LEGAL FORMALITIES

Unless you are holding your ceremony in a Church of England or a Church in Wales, you will both be required to attend personally at the registration office for the district(s) in which you

both live to give a notice of marriage or civil partnership to the Superintendent Registrar. Both of you must have lived in that registration district in England or Wales for at least eight days immediately before your notice appointment.

If you both live in the same district, you should ideally attend your local registration office together to give notice. If you live in different registration districts, then each of you will need to give notice in your own district, preferably as near to each other as possible.

A fee will be charged for giving notice and documents will need to be produced

– we will advise you what you will need to bring. After giving your notices, there is a variable waiting period before your ceremony can take place.

Once given, a notice of marriage or civil partnership remains valid for one year for the venue stated. If one of you is not a national of the European Union please contact your local office for advice.

Further details of how to give notice of marriage or civil partnership can be found on our website – www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations.



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PLEASE NOTE

Your ceremony cannot go ahead unless the legal formalities have been completed. You and your partner must give notice in person – no one can do so on your behalf. Where a provisional booking for a ceremony has been made, it is essential that formal notice is given within the timescale requested by the registration office to ensure that your booking remains secure.

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES

If you wish to have a religious ceremony in a Church of England or Church in Wales, you should speak to the vicar about the arrangements. If you wish to have a religious ceremony of any other denomination, you should first arrange to see the minister or other person in charge at the building to discuss your requirements, before contacting your local registration office to complete the legal preliminaries. It is usually only possible to have a ceremony in a religious building situated in a district where one or both of you live. You may however hold your ceremony in a religious building in a district in which neither of you lives, if either or both of you usually worship in that building.

The religious building will generally have a person appointed to register your ceremony. If this is not the case, you must ensure that a registrar from the district in which the building is situated is present at your ceremony by prior arrangement. If you are unsure whether you need a registrar to attend, please contact your local registration office for advice.

REGISTRATION OFFICES

Warwickshire has five ceremony rooms located in the main registration offices throughout the county, the details of which can be found below. All our ceremony rooms have disabled access and are decorated to a high standard. You can view photographs of our venues on our website at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations.

A provisional booking at one of these offices can be made by telephone or in person but you must still give legal notice in the district where you live no more than twelve months in advance of your ceremony. We will be pleased to offer you a provisional booking up to two years before your chosen ceremony date.



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PLANNING AHEAD

We know that planning a wedding ceremony can be both time consuming and stressful, so here are a few helpful suggestions on what you may need to arrange before the ceremony to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

12 – 24 MONTHS BEFORE

- Book your ceremony venue
- Book the reception venue and book the registrars
- Book the caterers
- Look into wedding insurance

9 – 12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Arrange an appointment to give your legal notice of marriage (Please note that this can be no more than 12 months prior to the ceremony. Once notice is given this confirms your booking)
- Choose your attendants and close wedding party
- Book your photographer and / or videographer
- Order your invitations or start making them yourself
- Plan your outfits
- Book the entertainment
- Send out save the date cards as soon as you have your date, to avoid holiday clashes
- Decide on what sort of transport, if any, you will be using on the day and book for the ceremony and afterwards

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Organise your wedding gift list
- Plan and book your honeymoon
- If you want to book your honeymoon in your new name you will need to apply for a passport in that name

Further information can be found at www.gov.uk/changing-passport-information.

- Send out invitations
- Arrange stag/hen parties
- Book your wedding day hair appointment
- Choose menu options for the reception and order the cake
- Choose your florist and place the order
- Buy rings

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalise honeymoon arrangements
- Book overnight hotel if necessary
- Send list of local accommodation to guests who may need it
- Buy attendants presents
- Pay the balance of your wedding ceremony fees
- If you have booked your honeymoon in your new name remember to book your PD2 appointment for your new passport. Appointments can be made with the Registration team carrying out your ceremony
- **Reminder: Make sure you have given notice of the marriage**

1 MONTH BEFORE

- Chase up guests who have not replied
- Give final guest list to caterers and venue and arrange seating plan
- Have any final clothes fittings
- Check transport arrangements
- Prepare thank you cards for presents you may receive
- Send back your Ceremony Planning Form to the Registration Service

2 WEEKS BEFORE

- Work out rough timetable for the day and run through it with the wedding party
- Wear your wedding shoes around the house
- Give your outfits a final check for fit
- Ensure all hired clothes are collected on time
- Order currency if travelling abroad
- Pack for honeymoon

ON THE DAY

- Delegate important jobs to the wedding party
- Remember to allow time for your pre-ceremony interviews
- Drink plenty of water
- Try to relax



MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS IN WARWICKSHIRE'S REGISTRATION OFFICES

WARWICK – PAGEANT HOUSE

The ceremony room is situated in a historic Georgian building and opens onto formal gardens with a view of Warwick Castle. The room is light and airy and accommodates 40 guests.

Pageant House,
Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EW

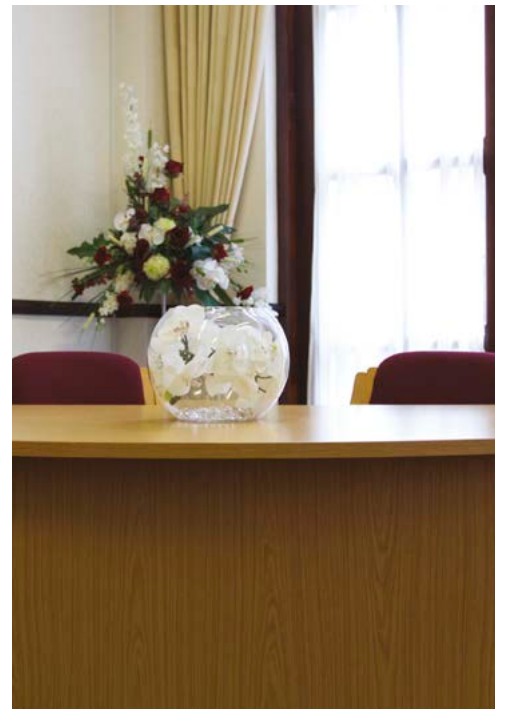
For all enquiries please contact:
Warwickshire Register Office,
PO Box 9, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SA.
Tel: 01926 413724 Fax: 01926 413736
Email: warwickro@warwickshire.gov.uk

WARWICK – SHIRE HALL

Ideal for smaller ceremonies with a maximum of eight guests, the County Register Office is situated within Shire Hall and is available from Monday to Thursday only.

Warwickshire Register Office,
PO Box 9, Shire Hall, Warwick CV34 4SA.
Tel: 01926 413724 Fax: 01926 413736
Email: warwickro@warwickshire.gov.uk





NUNEATON – THE RIVERSLEY SUITE

The attractive ceremony room seats 50 guests and is situated in Riversley Park which has been the main town centre park in Nuneaton since opening in 1907. The park has riverside walks and open spaces, as well as lovely formal flower beds around the museum and art gallery all of which offer excellent photographic opportunities.

Riversley Park, Coton Road,
Nuneaton, CV11 5HA.

Tel: 02476 375209

Fax: 02476 350988

Email: nuneatonro@warwickshire.gov.uk

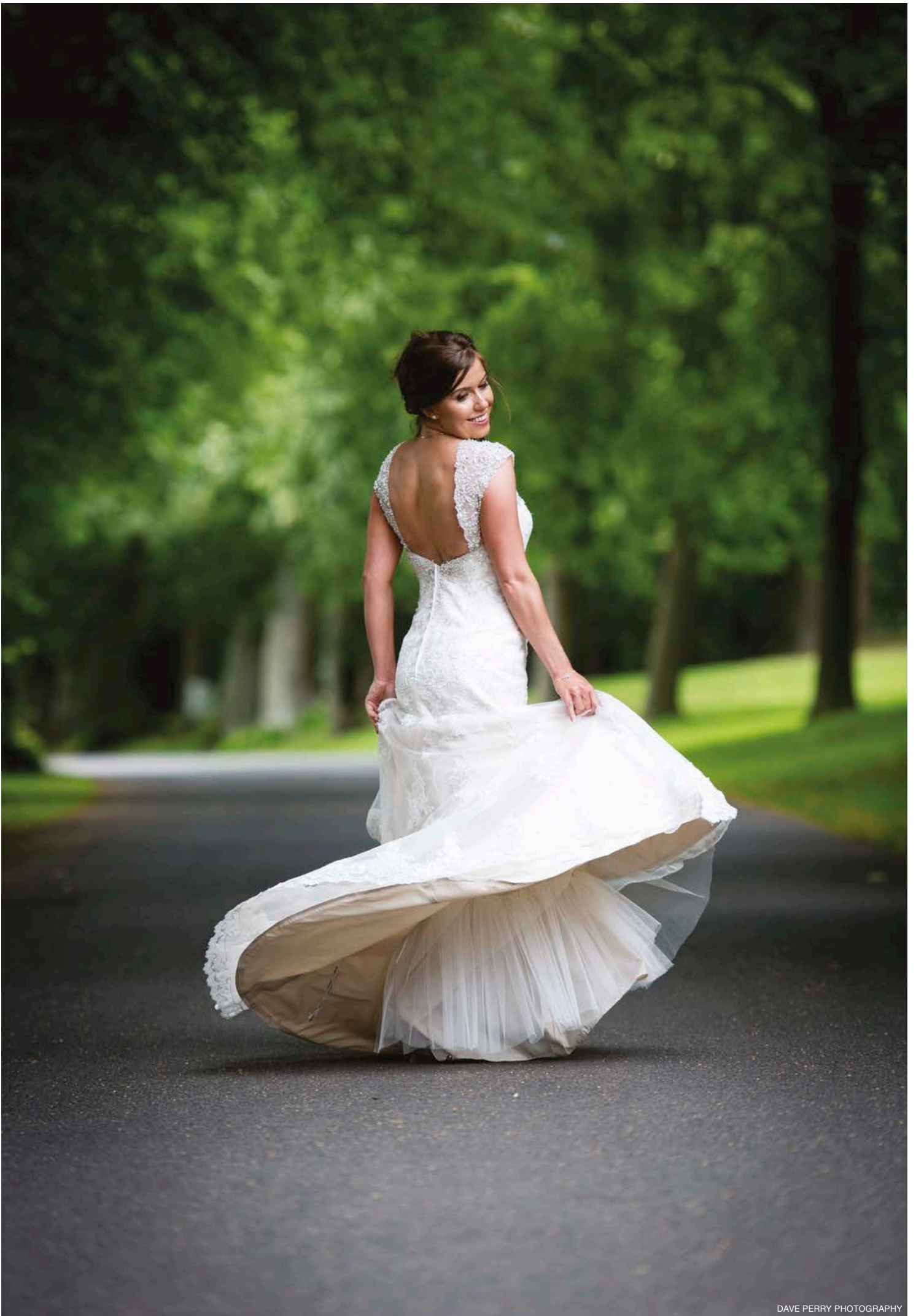




RUGBY – BLOXAM ROOM

The large and attractive ceremony room was once the town council's meeting chamber and seats 60 people. Situated centrally in one of the town's conservation areas, it is adjacent to gardens offering a lovely setting for photographs.

5 Bloxam Place, Rugby CV21 3DS.
Tel: 01788 551829
Fax: 01788 542024
Email: rugbyro@warwickshire.gov.uk



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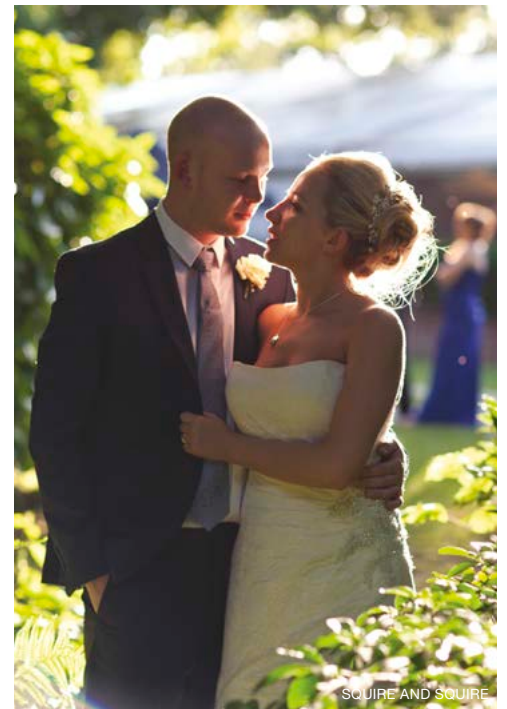


STRATFORD UPON AVON – THE HENLEY ROOM

The Henley Room is located in a Tudor building, formerly a College House, which dates back to the 1800s. It is situated centrally in a vibrant and bustling area of the town and seats 35 guests.

For further information contact:
The Warwickshire Registration Service
Tel: 01926 413734
Email: warwickro@warwickshire.gov.uk
Web: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/weddings





AN APPROVED PREMISES CEREMONY

IN ADDITION TO OUR REGISTRATION OFFICES WE HAVE AROUND 85 EXCELLENT PREMISES APPROVED BY WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE SOLEMNISATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS AND MARRIAGES.

The exact number of venues is constantly changing so check our website for the most up to date listing at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations.

If you choose to hold your ceremony in one of these approved premises you should initially contact the venue of your choice and make provisional arrangements for the date and time of your ceremony. You should then immediately contact the registration office in the area the venue is located to ensure that registration staff are available to conduct your ceremony.

In Warwickshire it is possible to provisionally book your ceremony up to two years in advance even though you cannot give legal notice at that time. This will enable you to make other arrangements connected with your ceremony. Registration staff will be pleased to advise you.

Fees for attending ceremonies at approved premises differ from the fees at registration offices. Please see the website for the current fees.

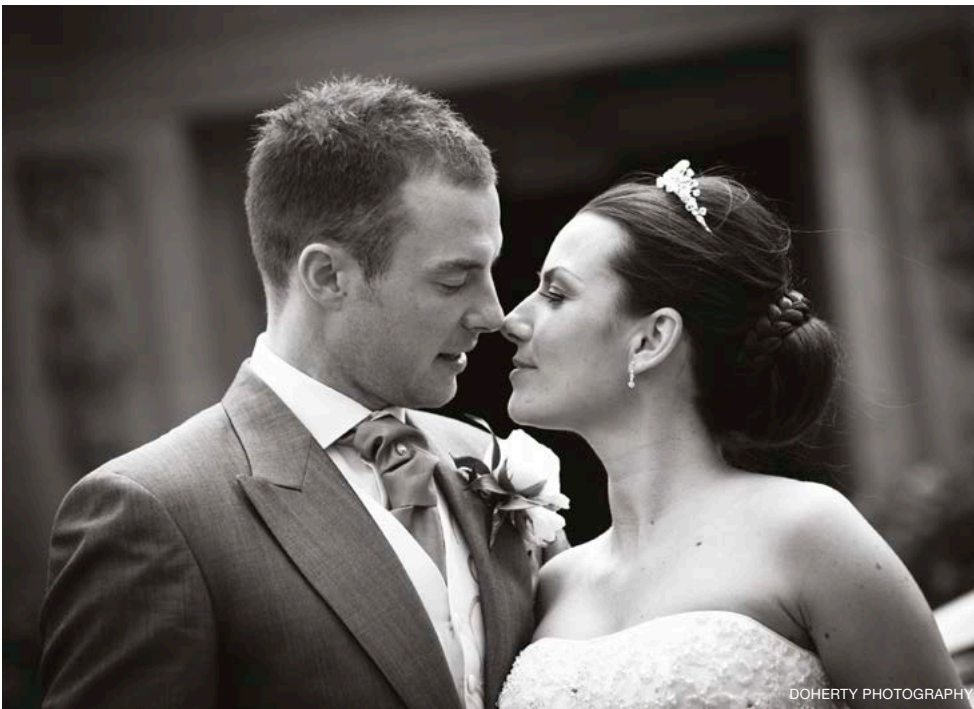




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WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY?

ARRIVAL AND MEETING THE REGISTRAR

You are both required to be ready for a pre-ceremony interview by the registrar before your ceremony can begin – this interview is essential to ensure that all of your personal details are correct for the registration of your marriage or civil partnership. Interviews can take place separately or together. Your guests will be seated whilst this interview is taking place and so it may be useful for you to appoint an usher who can help co-ordinate this.

It is very important that you and your guests arrive in plenty of time – it is probable that the registrars will have other ceremonies to attend on the same day and so we are unable to delay the start of your celebration so that we do not risk being late for any other couple's booking. If you are late for your ceremony, we may not be able to proceed as planned, so to avoid any disappointment, please make sure that you have allowed enough time to get ready and arrive at the venue calmly and promptly.

WITNESSES

On the day of your ceremony, the law requires that you bring with you at least two other people who are prepared to witness your ceremony and sign the marriage register or civil partnership schedule. They may be relatives, friends or colleagues who are able to speak and understand English, as they must be able to comprehend what is taking place and testify to what they have seen and heard.

NUMBER OF GUESTS

Of course, in addition to your witnesses, you may wish to invite your family and friends to your celebration. Each ceremony room will be licensed for a particular number of guests and you must adhere to these numbers as they are laid down according to fire regulations. No extra guests are permitted to stand in the ceremony room, unless stated. Please note that any children over 2 years old are counted as individual guests and must be included in your overall numbers.



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INTERPRETER

It is essential that both you and your two witnesses fully understand the content of your marriage or civil partnership ceremony, and therefore the full legal implications of such a celebration. If there are any language difficulties, you must provide a suitable interpreter to attend with you who must sign as a witness and is satisfied that you understand the nature and purpose of the ceremony.

FEES AND OTHER INFORMATION

There are legally set fees for giving notice of marriage or civil partnership and there are additional costs for the attendance of registrars to perform your ceremony. You will be advised of these costs when you book your registrar attendance; alternatively they can be found on the registration section of the Warwickshire County Council website – please visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations.



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CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event that you need to cancel a ceremony, you will be required to notify us in writing.

If you cancel:

- more than eight weeks before the ceremony date, you will receive a full refund (excluding non-refundable booking fees).
- between three and eight weeks before the ceremony date, you will receive a 50% refund (excluding non-refundable booking fees).
- less than three weeks before the ceremony date (or failure to cancel), there will be no refund.

You may wish to consider taking out an appropriate insurance policy in case your ceremony has to be cancelled or postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.



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PERSONALISING YOUR CEREMONY

THE PERSONALISATION OF ALL CEREMONIES IS ENCOURAGED AND WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR OWN IDEAS, OR PRESENT OUR AVAILABLE CHOICES TO YOU.

The marriage ceremony includes the required legal declaratory and contracting words but you may choose additional words, readings and music if you wish. All other ceremonies can be tailored to your personal wishes, on the understanding that there can be no religious content and the dignity of the occasion should be respected.

If your ceremony is at an approved premise you should check what facilities they have for playing music.

You will receive an options booklet to assist you with your planning which includes a planning form which you should return to the relevant registration office at least four weeks before your ceremony for approval.



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CHANGING YOUR NAME ON YOUR PASSPORT

YOU SHOULD THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHETHER YOU WISH TO CHANGE YOUR NAME ON YOUR PASSPORT IN ADVANCE OF YOUR CEREMONY DATE OR WHETHER YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE RETURNED FROM ANY HONEYMOON OR FOREIGN TRIP.

This is because you should ensure that the name on your passport matches the name in which you have booked your travel. Even if you have your marriage or civil partnership certificate with you, some countries may not let you in and some travel companies may not let you board their flights if your name is different on your tickets than on your passport.

You should check with your travel agent or the consulate of the country you plan to visit prior to making the decision to change the name on your passport in advance, particularly if visas are involved.

If you decide to change your name on your passport (to your future married or partnered name) in advance of your ceremony, you can do so up to three months before the ceremony date. Her Majesty's Passport Office (HMPO) will

cancel your old passport and issue you with a new one. But please note: the new passport will be dated to become valid on the day of your ceremony and therefore cannot be used before. Similarly, when IPS cancels your old passport, any visas on that passport may become invalid.

To amend your passport before your ceremony, you need to complete a standard application form but also a form PD2 which you can obtain from the Post Office or download from the internet.

After you have completed your section of the PD2 form, a Superintendent Registrar will also need to complete part of the form. Please take the form into the relevant Registration Office during opening hours and we will gladly do it for you – you do not need to make an

appointment. There is no charge for this service. Alternatively you can post the form to us enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

If you decide to change your name on your passport after your ceremony when you have returned from any trip overseas, you need only complete a standard application form and send your marriage or civil partnership certificate to IPS with your application – form PD2 is not required.



RE-REGISTRATION

ACCORDING TO LAW, A CHILD'S BIRTH WILL NEED TO BE RE-REGISTERED IF THE PARENTS HAVE ENTERED INTO A MARRIAGE OR CIVIL PARTNERSHIP WITH EACH OTHER SINCE THE BIRTH.

At this time, a new birth record will be created showing the child as a child of the parents' marriage or civil partnership, replacing the original registration. All future copy birth certificates will be issued from this new record.

MARRIAGE

To complete the re-registration, both parents need to fill in a form LA1 which can be obtained from any registration office in England or Wales. Once you have both completed and signed the form you should contact the registration office where you would like to have the re-registration appointment. You will need to take your marriage certificate and child's full birth certificate with you to your appointment along with the completed form. If you have more than one child, you will need to complete an LA1 form for each child. If you were married abroad, please contact your local registration office for advice.

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

The General Register Office authorises all re-registrations of children born to same sex couples. Please contact them on 0300 123 1837 to initiate the process.

You do not have to return to the same registration office where you originally registered your child's birth, although it is preferable. The new birth record will still have to be entered in their registers, but if you have moved since your child was born, you can complete a re-registration appointment at the registration office most convenient to your new location. That office will take all of the relevant information from you and forward it on your behalf to the registration office holding the original birth entry for processing – this is called a declaration.

Only one parent needs to attend the re-registration appointment (although both are welcome) and there is no

charge for this service. The only cost that you will incur is if you wish to purchase a new, full birth certificate for your child which you will need for many official purposes, such as passport applications.

You will need to book an appointment to re-register your child or children at any of our Warwickshire Registration Offices and it can only happen after your marriage or civil partnership ceremony has taken place – re-registration cannot be completed in advance.

To obtain an LA1 form or if you have any queries on re-registration, please call the Warwickshire Registration Service on 0300 555 0255, log on to www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations or visit any of our registration offices during opening hours.



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RENEWAL OF VOWS CEREMONIES

ARE YOU ABOUT TO CELEBRATE THAT SPECIAL MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY: TWENTY-FIVE, FORTY OR EVEN FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIED LIFE?

Do you know somebody close to you, parents or grandparents, who have given you those years of love and support and you wish to help them celebrate a wonderful family occasion? There is no better way of acknowledging the day than preceding the anniversary party with a delightful ceremony to renew those treasured marriage vows.

Maybe, as a younger couple, you held your marriage or civil partnership ceremony abroad in an idyllic tropical setting? Now that you are home and the photograph album has been shared with family and friends, perhaps you would like to relive the moment and let those closest to you witness the restating of your vows to each other and follow with a celebratory party at the venue of your choice. Warwickshire Registration Service will be happy to assist you in making your arrangements and conducting just such a ceremony.

Renewal ceremonies can take place at any of the registration offices in Warwickshire or at any of our approved venues.

The renewal ceremony has no legal standing: this allows the freedom for each couple to create a unique celebration to suit their own particular requirements. A typical renewal of vows ceremony will contain:

- An introduction and welcome.
- The acknowledgement of any children of the marriage.
- Readings by friends or the couple themselves.
- Re-dedication of rings, or giving of new rings or gifts.
- The signing of the commemorative certificate.
- Closing words.

You will receive an options booklet to assist you with your planning. All choices not in our booklet must be approved by registration staff.



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NAMING CEREMONIES

A NAMING CEREMONY IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF A BABY OR WELCOME ADOPTED OR STEPCHILDREN INTO YOUR WIDER FAMILY CIRCLE.

This secular ceremony is designed as an alternative to a religious celebration and has no legal standing, but it creates a special event at which to gather together family and friends for a dignified but relaxed occasion.

A naming ceremony:

- welcomes a new child or children into your family and enables you to express love, care and commitment to them in front of your family and friends.
- celebrates the name of a new child or children.
- enables supporting adults or grandparents to publicly promise to help and support your child or children as they grow up within our community.

Our ceremony is designed to meet the individual needs of your family and you may choose to personalise it further by including a reading of verse or a suitable piece of prose. Every ceremony is different and your own choice of content will ensure that it is a truly unique celebration that you and your family will remember as your child grows older.

You will receive an options booklet to assist you with your planning. All choices not in our booklet must be approved by registration staff.



CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

ONCE AN APPLICATION TO BECOME A BRITISH CITIZEN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE HOME OFFICE, EACH NEW CITIZEN (AGED OVER 18) IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND A CEREMONY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CITIZENSHIP STATUS.

The final part of the process of becoming a British citizen is to attend one of these special ceremonies. Group ceremonies take place regularly at Shire Hall, Warwick in the presence of a civic dignitary or alternatively, individuals can opt for a private ceremony at any of our registration offices (an additional fee is charged for this).

The ceremony formally welcomes new arrivals into the British family. It confers rights and acknowledges responsibilities. By definition, nationality means to have membership of a particular nation – in this case, the nation is the United Kingdom.

At a citizenship ceremony, new citizens are required to make promises and swear or affirm an oath to the sovereign that they will be faithful citizens. They must also make a formal and public pledge to be loyal subjects and observe the laws of this country.

The ceremony concludes when new citizens are presented with their certificate of naturalisation.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MUCH WILL OUR CEREMONY COST AND WHEN DO WE HAVE TO PAY?

The price of a ceremony is dependent on the day and location that you have chosen. Please contact one of the Warwickshire Register Offices who will be happy to provide you with details or visit our website – www.warwickshire.gov.uk/registrations.

Reservations / non-refundable booking fees will be taken at early stages of booking your ceremony with the remaining balance becoming due twelve weeks before the ceremony date.

CAN ONE OF US BE 'FASHIONABLY LATE'?

Unfortunately not. You must be ready to start your ceremony on time – we are unable to delay the start of your celebration as we will most likely be conducting another ceremony after yours and we will not risk being late for

another couple's booking. If you are late for your ceremony, you risk us not being able to proceed as planned which would be extremely upsetting, so please make sure that you allow enough time to get ready and arrive at the venue calmly and promptly!

I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN BY MY PARTNER/GUESTS PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY – IS THAT POSSIBLE?

We conduct separate interviews at all of our venues and their staff are well-practiced in keeping you hidden until the last moment. We will also endeavor to assist with this at our registration offices.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I FORGET WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IN THE CEREMONY?

You do not need to learn and remember the words you need to say at the ceremony. The registrar will ask you to repeat all vows after them and will break them down into bite-size chunks.



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I AM WORRIED THAT I MAY MAKE A MISTAKE IN MY VOWS OR START TO LAUGH OR CRY?

We understand that these types of ceremonies are significant events in your life, that emotions run very high and you may be extremely nervous. If you make a mistake, the registrar will repeat what you need to say or help you correct the words. Please don't be embarrassed – all of your guests are there to celebrate your special occasion with you and will not mind if you show some nerves or make a mistake. If you have a giggle or shed a tear, most of them will probably join you!

CAN WE WRITE OUR OWN VOWS?

You must say the legal vows at your ceremony but you can choose to add some extra words, if you wish. You will need to have these approved by the Superintendent Registrar prior to the ceremony, so please return them with your checklist in plenty of time.

CAN A FRIEND/FAMILY MEMBER WRITE A READING FOR OUR CEREMONY?

Yes, if you are having your ceremony at an approved premises, although the registration staff must approve it prior to the ceremony, so please include it with your checklist. If they are writing it as a surprise for you, they can send it to us under separate cover, but it cannot be read at the ceremony unless it has been approved.

IS THERE ANYTHING I NEED TO AVOID WHEN WRITING MY OWN VOWS OR CHOOSING MUSIC AND READINGS?

You are not allowed any religious content in your ceremony, so we are unable to accept hymns or religious music such as some choral works/arias. Similarly, you are not able to have readings from the Bible or any verse or prose that has religious connotation. All readings must be approved prior to your ceremony, so we will be happy to discuss any queries you have early in your planning.

CAN MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY BE WITNESSES AT OUR MARRIAGE/CIVIL PARTNERSHIP?

Your witnesses can be members of your family or you may choose friends. They must be able to speak English (as they must have understood the vows you exchange) and understand the nature and purpose of marriage or civil partnership.

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR WAY I HAVE TO SIGN THE REGISTER OR SCHEDULE?

You will be asked to sign your usual signature on the register or schedule in the same way that you would sign an application form or cheque.



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WHAT IF WE NEED TO CANCEL OUR CEREMONY – WILL WE GET ANY MONEY BACK?

The registration service has a detailed cancellation policy which will determine whether you are entitled to a refund – this depends on how much you have paid and how far ahead of the ceremony date you have cancelled. If you do need to cancel your ceremony, please contact us as soon as possible and we will advise you of your individual situation. The full cancellation policy can be found on our website and is included in the ceremony pack that you will receive at the time of booking.

CAN WE HAVE A CEREMONY OUTSIDE?

We now license garden structures at some of our venues, which enable a ceremony to take place outside between March and October. Please contact us for further information on which venues have this option and the terms and conditions surrounding such bookings.

CAN WE HAVE A CEREMONY IN OUR BACK GARDEN?

Currently, the law requires that a marriage and civil partnership ceremony must be held at a licensed venue and so this prevents the option to have a ceremony in your house (excluding those that qualify under the housebound section of the Marriage Act). Warwickshire conducts naming or renewal of vows ceremonies at those venues that hold a marriage and civil partnership licence.

WE ARE HAVING A BLESSING IN A CHURCH/ OVERSEAS AFTER THE LEGAL CEREMONY. CAN WE SIMPLIFY THE CIVIL CEREMONY?

We understand that you may be having another celebration and are happy to accommodate your wishes for a simplified ceremony. You must exchange vows and sign the register or schedule in front of your witnesses, but may choose to leave the exchange of rings and readings until your blessing. Please just indicate this on your checklist and we will tailor our ceremony accordingly.



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CAN I CHANGE MY NAME ON MY PASSPORT BEFORE MY CEREMONY?

You can apply to change your name on your passport up to three months prior to your ceremony date by applying to the IPS and completing a PD2 form to accompany your application. Please ensure that the name on any of your flight/travel bookings and the name on your passport is going to be the same if you are going overseas after your ceremony – if they are different, you may be refused boarding onto aircraft or entry into another country.

CAN WE WRITE OUR OWN CEREMONY?

No, we will do this. The registrar performing your ceremony will provide the script for your ceremony which will not only include the legal vows, but also additional words that you can say to each other, for example at the exchange of rings. The ceremony will contain more detail than the framework printed in your ceremony pack (as this is just an

outline) and will ensure that you have an enjoyable celebration as well as fulfilling all the legal obligations. If you are holding your ceremony at an approved premises and would like to write additional personal vows to exchange, we would be more than happy to include them, provided they have been approved by the Superintendent Registrar before your ceremony and that they do not contain any religious content, but there is no requirement for you to provide the whole ceremony as that is part of the service we provide.

CAN OUR GUESTS SING A SONG AS PART OF THE CEREMONY?

You can include a song instead of a reading if you wish for either your guests to sing as a group or for one guest to sing for you. However, as with all content, it cannot contain any religious connotation (for example, you are not able to have a hymn) and must be approved by the Superintendent Registrar prior to the ceremony.

CAN I CONVERT MY CIVIL PARTNERSHIP INTO A MARRIAGE?

Yes, this is possible, please contact your local office for details.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A CEREMONY FOLLOWING CONVERSION?

Yes, this is possible, please contact your local office for details.

SPONSORING VENUES



COMPTON VERNEY



COMPTON VERNEY

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Set in the heart of rural Warwickshire, this beautiful Grade I listed Georgian mansion nestled in 120 acres of private landscaped parkland makes a stunning backdrop for your perfect day.

Whether you are dreaming of an intimate ceremony or a grander celebration, one of their dedicated event managers will work with you to bring your vision to life. With a range of galleries, formal halls, outdoor licensed spaces and marquees available for hire, your wedding at Compton Verney is sure to be as unique as you are.

Compton Verney,
Warwick, CV35 9HZ.

Tel: **01926 645523**

Email: events@comptonverney.org.uk

Web: www.comptonverney.org.uk



FOREST OF ARDEN MARRIOTT HOTEL & COUNTRY CLUB

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Whatever type of wedding you're planning – from a small intimate gathering, to a large, extravagant party – the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel & Country Club is the perfect backdrop.

When you celebrate your union at the Hotel, you can choose from four beautiful suites that can cater from 20 – 250 for your ceremony and reception. Their dedicated wedding planner is there to ensure your big day is executed perfectly your way.

Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel & Country Club,
Maxstoke Lane, Warwickshire CV7 7H5.

Tel: **01676 522 335**

Email: forestofarden.events@marriott-hotels.com

Web: www.marriottforestofarden.co.uk



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DALLAS BURSTON POLO CLUB

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

A breathtaking venue in the heart of Warwickshire, just outside the market town of Southam, Dallas Burston Polo Club offers three stunning locations across the 600 acre private estate for couples to celebrate their wedding day. Surrounded by immaculate polo pitches and rolling parkland, their venues can accommodate from the most intimate of occasions to extravagant celebrations for up to 750 guests seated banquet style. Each venue is self-contained, providing guests with exclusivity and privacy, plenty of parking, and stunning views.

Dallas Burston Polo Club is the UK's leading polo wedding venue. Couples can exchange their vows in the Golden Jubilee Pavillion, which has been recently refurbished with a softly draped ceiling and 13 glittering chandeliers. Also available for the reception, the Golden Jubilee can provide banqueting for up to 250 guests. Over at the Clubhouse, beautifully situated in the middle of the two premier polo grounds, vintage polo prints and antique books line the walls of the Silchar Club which provides dining space for 80, and an overall capacity of 200.

For larger occasions, the IXL Events Centre is a sensational venue with contemporary décor and top-range amenities. King's Court, surrounded by an impressive up-lit pillar colonnade, comfortably seats 750 for banquet dining, whilst capacity across both floors is 3,000.

Experienced wedding planners, a choice of excellent menus, dedicated Asian wedding caterers, an extensive supplier network, and total flexibility to realise your dream wedding, all against the backdrop of the Midlands' most prestigious polo club.



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Dallas Burston Polo Club,
Stoneythorpe Estate, Southam,
Warwickshire CV47 2DL.
Tel: **01926 811111**
Email: **andy@ixlevents.com**
Web: **www.dbpoloclub.com**



ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Fully licensed for wedding ceremonies, civil partnerships, renewal of vows and naming ceremonies, the Royal Shakespeare Company offers a stunning setting for your special day.

Follow in the footsteps of famous actors and take your vows on one of their two stages or reach new heights and say 'I do' at the top of the 100 foot tall theatre tower.

Spend the whole day at the Royal Shakespeare or Swan Theatres and enjoy the dramatic river views from the Rooftop Restaurant or explore bespoke options at The Other Place with large rooms perfect for dancing the night away.

Add a touch of theatrical magic to your celebration.

Royal Shakespeare Company,
Waterside, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6BB.
Email: [hires@rsc.org.uk](mailto: hires@rsc.org.uk)
Web: www.rsc.org.uk/weddings



WARWICK CASTLE

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Welcome to Warwick Castle, home of fairytale weddings.

Throughout time the Earls of Warwick have entertained royalty and hosted many lavish events within the spectacular State Rooms and beautiful grounds of Warwick Castle. Forge your own piece of history and let Warwick Castle deliver your memorable day within one of its many opulent historical rooms.

From intimate wedding breakfasts to magnificent receptions, your wedding at Warwick Castle will be a truly memorable and unique day. Their dedicated and experienced team will ensure that you realise the bespoke day you have planned and always dreamed of. Every wedding is unique and tailored to suit your requirements. They offer an array of fantastic wedding enhancements from flaming flares to a medieval knight on horseback, so they can create the perfect wedding just for you.

For larger celebrations Warwick Castle offers a wide range of marquee options.

Please contact Warwick Castle's dedicated events team if you would like to arrange a personal show round or for further information.

Warwick Castle,
Warwick, Warwickshire CV34 4QU.
Tel: **01926 406 660**
Email: [events@warwick-castle.com](mailto: events@warwick-castle.com)
Web: www.warwick-castle.com/weddings



WARWICK HOUSE



WARWICK HOUSE

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Situated in the heart of Shakespeare country, close to Stratford-upon-Avon, Coventry and Leamington Spa, Warwick House is an idyllic setting for your perfect wedding. It has been beautifully renovated to a very high standard, with a Regency feel throughout. Their Banqueting Hall seats up to 200 guests for a civil ceremony and 160 for the wedding breakfast, making it a truly exceptional space in which to dine.

Accommodation is available on the evening of your wedding for a perfect end to a perfect day. You and your partner can relax and enjoy the stunning Honeymoon Suite, with its luxurious ensuite facilities, which feature a jacuzzi bath. It really is your own private haven and a home from home for you and your guests.

Warwick House,
10 Warwick Road, Southam, Warwickshire CV47 0HN.

Tel: **01926 815738**

Email: **enquiries@warwickhouse.co.uk**

Web: **www.warwickhouse.co.uk**





BLACKWELL GRANGE

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Blackwell Grange provides a breathtaking combination of old and new, set within the idyllic Cotswold countryside. The lovingly-restored Thatch Barn gives a great sense of the history of this remarkable location, while the Orchard Barn, thoughtfully designed to cater for exquisite receptions, has everything you need for an unforgettable celebration. With a spectacular décor and plenty of tranquil outside space, it is truly a wedding venue like no other.

Blackwell Grange,
Blackwell, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire CV36 4PF.
Tel: **01608 698798**
Email: weddings@blackwellgrange.co.uk
Web: www.blackwellgrange.co.uk



WETHELE MANOR

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Wethele Manor is an exclusive venue offering the perfect environment for you and your guests to enjoy on your wedding day. Set on a 250 acre estate boasting fantastic views, this 16th century manor is a family run venue with an abundance of character.

Licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships for up to 172 guests, couples can celebrate indoors and outside in the fabulous Orchard Bothy.

Wethele Manor welcomes all who would like to view by prior arrangement.

Wethele Manor, Weston-under-Wetherley,
Nr. Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV33 9BZ.
Tel: **01926 831772**
Email: simonmoreton@wethelemanor.com
Web: www.wethelemanor.com



THE ARNOLD HOUSE: MASONIC BUILDINGS

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Arnold House provides a majestic setting and can accommodate up to 280 guests in its beautiful ballroom.

An exquisite Grade II listed building in the centre of Rugby, it is the perfect venue for your wedding ceremony and reception, with a fully licensed bar until 1am.

Their friendly professional staff would be delighted to discuss a package specifically to suit your requirements whilst their dedicated events team will ensure that your wedding day is perfect.

The Arnold House, End of Elsee Road, Rugby CV21 3BA.
Tel: **01788 542357**
Email: admin@thearnoldhouse.co.uk
Email: manager@thearnoldhouse.co.uk
Web: www.thearnoldhouse.co.uk



SHUSTOKE FARM BARNS

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Shustoke Farm Barns are ideally located just east of Coleshill and about 20 minutes from the centres of Birmingham and Coventry. They are tall, dramatic, red brick, 18th century buildings surrounding a lovely courtyard.

With Rotisserie, BBQ and Feasting menus, flares, firepits, candles and fairy-lit trees – Shustoke hosts many wonderful weddings.

Visit their website to find out more, including availability, photos, and prices, or call to arrange a viewing; the staff at Shustoke look forward to hearing from you.

Shustoke Farm Barns,
 Coleshill Road, Shustoke, Coleshill B46 2BL.
 Tel: **01675 620 620**
 Email: **enquiries@crippsshustoke.com**
 Web: **www.crippsshustoke.com**



NETTLE HILL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Nettle Hill is an exclusive venue offering bespoke packages designed around what you want for your wedding day.

Set in 7 acres of Warwickshire countryside and close to Coventry, Leamington Spa, Warwick and Rugby, Nettle Hill is the perfect location for your special day.

Their friendly, professional wedding coordinators are on hand from booking through to the day itself, making sure all those special touches that make your dream day a reality are complete.

The Conservatory seats up to 110 guests for a Civil Ceremony while the Banqueting Hall seats up to 150 guests for your wedding breakfast.

Accommodation is available on site in their bespoke wedding cottage on the evening before and the evening of the wedding, making Nettle Hill a home from home.

Nettle Hill, Brinklow Road, Ansty, Coventry CV7 9JL
 Tel: **02476 621 899**
 Email: **weddings@nettlehill.co.uk**
 Web: **weddingsatnettlehill.com**





BEST WESTERN WESTON HALL HOTEL



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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Weston Hall Hotel is a Grade II listed building, with its origins dating back to the 16th Century. Set in 7 acres of grounds nestling in the village of Bulkington, situated on the Warwickshire borders and with easy access to all major routes.

They have five individual function suites, which are licensed for civil weddings, accommodating from 10 to 200 guests with ample car parking.

Best Western Weston Hall Hotel,
Weston Lane, Bulkington, Coventry, Warwickshire CV12 9RU.

Tel: **024 7631 2989**

Email: weddings@westonhallhotel.co.uk

Web: www.westonhallhotel.co.uk



CHESFORD GRANGE

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

A truly stunning wedding venue in Warwickshire, Chesford Grange has the years of experience and attention to detail that will ensure your day runs just as you've always dreamed it would.

The venue hosts a number of exclusive spaces including the Stratford Suite, boasting beautiful views of the landscaped gardens that lead down towards the River Avon, and the Kenilworth, perfect for a big celebration, with room for up to 390 guests and a dance floor for when the party really gets going.

Chesford Grange will ensure every aspect of your day is stress free, unique and the most memorable day of your life.

Chesford Grange,
Kenilworth, nr Warwick, Warwickshire CV8 2LD.

Tel: **01926 859331**

Email: chesfordevents@qhotels.co.uk

Web: www.QHotels.co.uk



ALDERSON HOUSE

ALDERSON HOUSE – MASONIC BUILDING

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

In the heart of Warwick lies this magnificent grade II listed Georgian building with onsite parking, built in 1695 and described as a most attractive and versatile venue. With an enviable reputation for catering, the splendid house boasts elegant, spacious facilities whilst enjoying open views of Warwick Castle. Internally, Alderson House has been preserved to maintain the grandeur expected, including the original galleried staircase. You will have exclusive use of this beautiful building on your very special day.

Alderson House (Warwick) Ltd, 23 High Street, Warwick CV34 4AX. (Please note access is from Back Lane)

Tel: **01926 492286**

Email: peter@aldersonhouse.co.uk

Web: www.aldersonhouse.co.uk

LORD LEYCESTER HOSPITAL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

The beautiful and historic buildings of the Lord Leycester Hospital offer a unique place in which to celebrate a marriage.

The Great Hall was built 700 years ago. In the 17th century King James I held a banquet there and today the room is licensed for civil ceremonies and is also a wonderful venue for receptions.

The Guildhall, with a capacity of 60, is also registered for ceremonies. The galleried courtyard, where David Tennant as Doctor Who and Colin Firth as Mr Darcy were filmed, offers a stunning setting for drinks receptions. Behind the hospital lies the tranquil, 500-year-old Master's Garden which is a beautiful backdrop for photographs of the bridal party.

Lord Leycester Hospital,
60 High Street,
Warwick CV34 4BH.
Tel: **01926 491422**
Email: info@lordleycester.com
Web: lordleycester.com
Twitter: [@lordleycester](https://twitter.com/lordleycester)



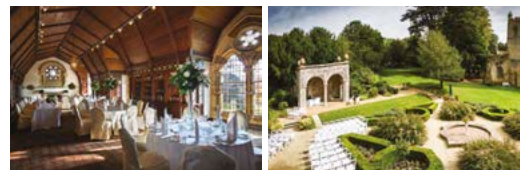
ETTINGTON PARK HOTEL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Ettington Park Hotel is set in over 40 acres of stunning Warwickshire countryside.

Every wedding here is as unique as the setting itself. To keep things as stress-free as possible the hotel has created packages that offer exceptional value and a complete solution. Their experience, attention to detail and total professionalism, combined with their friendly, flexible approach will allow you to relax and enjoy every moment of the day.

Ettington Park Hotel,
Alderminster, Stratford-upon-Avon,
Warwickshire CV37 8BU.
Tel: **01789 450123**
Email: ettingtonpark@handpicked.co.uk
Web: www.handpicked.co.uk/ettingtonpark





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THE STRATFORD PARK HOTEL & GOLF CLUB

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

The Stratford Park Hotel & Golf Club,
Snitterfield CV37 0QE.

Tel: **01789 731 857**

Email: **info@thestratfordpark.co.uk**

Web: **www.thestratfordpark.co.uk**



COOMBE ABBEY HOTEL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

With incredible history and a fairytale setting, Coombe Abbey Hotel is the perfect venue for your wedding day.

Originally a 12th Century Cistercian Abbey, this unique building has been lovingly restored to its former glory. Now as Warwickshire's premier wedding venue, Coombe Abbey Hotel offers an unrivalled setting for your celebrations. Standing in 500 acres of parkland, majestically overlooking a moat and lake with formal gardens, Coombe Abbey offers stunning photographic opportunities.

Whether an intimate gathering or larger celebration, these magnificent reception rooms are sure to impress. An exciting blend of heritage and splendour, superb food and outstanding service will make your day one to cherish forever.

Coombe Abbey Hotel,
Brinklow Road, Binley, Warwickshire CV3 2AB.

Tel: **024 76 450 450**

Email: **weddings@coombeabbey.com**

Web: **www.coombeabbey.com**



THE GLEBE HOTEL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Your wedding is the most important day of your life. It's an occasion for your family to treasure forever and a time to treat yourself to the very best. The Glebe Hotel is a fine Georgian house in a superb setting of landscaped gardens.

Menus are tailored to your individual requirements and budget, along with an extensive wine selection and impeccable service and hospitality.

Their Management Team have extensive experience in wedding organisation which is provided as part of the professional package you will receive.

The Glebe Hotel,
Church Street, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8BS.

Tel: **01926 624218**

Email: **sales@glebehotel.co.uk**

Web: **www.glebehotel.co.uk**



STRATFORD TOWN TRUST

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Stratford Town Trust welcomes all couples in a civil marriage, or partnership, to use its beautiful Guild Chapel for a service of blessing. This might be part of your big day itself (following on from your ceremony at the local registration office, for example), or might form a separate moment of celebration later on. Or perhaps you'd like to mark your wedding anniversary in this way. The services of blessing take place within a Christian context, but mixed-faith ceremonies are also welcome. Opportunity will be made available to adapt the words of the service, as might be best appropriate.

The Guild Chapel,
Chapel Street,
Stratford upon Avon
CV37 6EP

Tel: **01789 207111**

Email: **guildchapelbookings@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk**

Web: **www.guildchapel.org.uk**



STRATFORD TOWN TRUST



RUGBY SCHOOL

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Boasting some of the most spectacular buildings in the Midlands, Rugby School is the perfect backdrop for your wedding service and/or reception.

Within the 400 acre site are two historic venues licensed for civil ceremonies and a number of unique reception venues surrounded by beautifully maintained grounds.

Dating back to the early 18th century, this elegant yet understated wedding venue is steeped in tradition yet equally suited to a contemporary wedding.

Rugby School Enterprises,
The Collingwood Centre, Rugby School,
Barby Road, CV22 5DZ

Tel: **01788 556340**

Email: **enterprises@rugbyschool.net**

Web: **www.rugbyschool.co.uk/commercial/home**

WOOTTON PARK

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Wootton Park is an exclusive use, family run wedding barn, set in 360 acres of beautiful rolling Warwickshire countryside. The unique ceremony boat can be used for outdoor summer ceremonies with stunning views across the lake and island. Alternatively, hold your ceremony in the wedding barn with wooden beams, oak floor and floor to ceiling south facing windows. Acres of grounds provide unlimited photo opportunities in this idyllic location with space for fairground rides or arrival by helicopter.

After a fabulous day, relax in the bridal suite with jacuzzi bath and star lit ceiling in the 450 year old Farmhouse or amazing Glamping pods with their own private hot tubs.

Completely flexible bespoke packages allow you to pick and choose everything you want for your dream wedding. If you are looking for a venue with a difference and a wedding to remember then you have found it!

Wootton Park, Wootton Wawen, Henley in Arden B95 6HJ.

Tel: **01564 330 350**

Email: **magic@woottonpark.co.uk**

Web: **www.woottonpark.co.uk**



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ARDENCOTE

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Ardencote are dedicated to ensuring your Wedding Day is a day to cherish. Ardencote offers two stunning venues to choose from. The Manor House is a traditional country house constructed in the Victorian era and boasts the Palms Conservatory while The Lakeside, architecturally designed to complement the Manor House, is a beautiful waterside venue with a number of licensed suites including the stunning Outdoor Wedding Island and Pavilion.

Formally a fisherman's lodge, The Lodge is the perfect place for private wedding celebrations and offers a friendly, informal ambience. The Bar and Lounge areas are furnished in a modern and contemporary fashion. Catering for up to 84 guests and set back from the main hotel, The Lodge offers one of the most stylish and flexible wedding settings as well as private parking and views out over the stunning Warwickshire countryside and three acre lake.

Ardencote, The Cumsey, Lye Green Road,
Claverdon, Warwick, Warwickshire CV35 8LT.

Tel: **01926 843111**

Email: **weddings@ardencote.com**

Web: **www.ardencote.com**





STONELEIGH ABBEY AND COUNTRY PARK

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(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Step back in time and follow in the footsteps of Jane Austen and Queen Victoria.

Set in the heart of Warwickshire, Stoneleigh Abbey is a beautiful Grade 1 Listed Stately Home and Country Park, perfect for your exclusive occasion.

Your dream wedding can really become a reality. Offering ceremonies, dining and receptions tailored to your requirements, within the spectacular grand Saloon, Gilt Hall or the Riding School/banqueting hall. Of special interest is the delightful Victorian Orangery, overlooking the beautiful River Avon and Repton Landscape beyond. All these locations will capture your magic moments to last a life time.



With its fairy tale setting and romantic history, Stoneleigh Abbey is perfect for you and your special day.

The Estate Office, Stoneleigh Abbey,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV82LF.

Tel: **01926 858585**

Email: **weddings@stoneleighabbey.org**

Web: **www.stoneleighabbey.org**

WOODSIDE

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Situated just moments from the historic town of Kenilworth and set within 32 acres of grounds, Woodside offers a romantic setting for a wedding. With 74 bedrooms, a range of ceremony and reception rooms, and the opportunity to marry outside in the beautiful gazebo, you can celebrate your whole day there, from the all-important 'I do', right through to your final dance of the night.

Woodside, Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2AL.

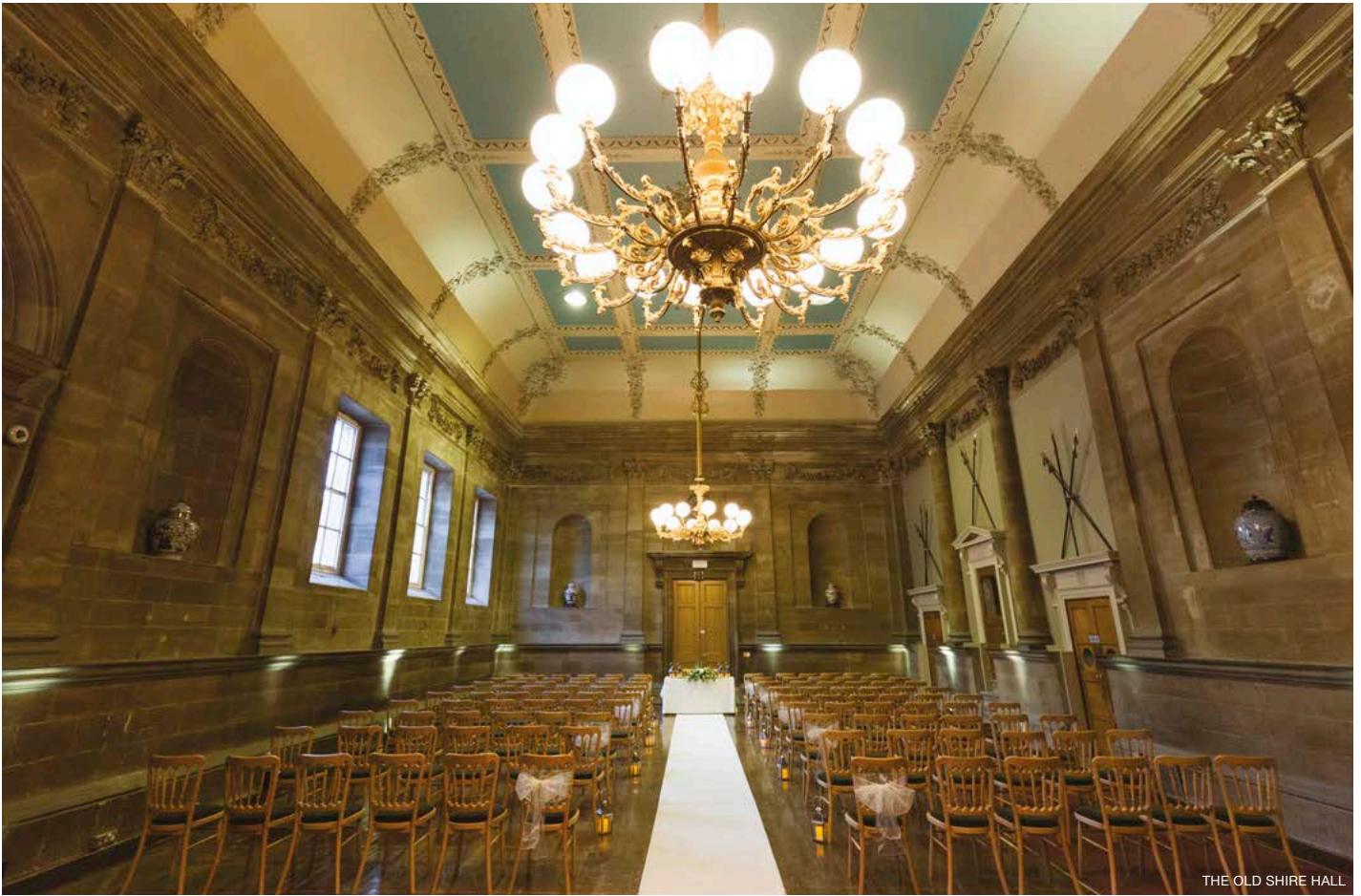
Tel: **01926 852217**

Email: **woodside@sundialgroup.com**

Web: **www.sundialgroup.com/ws-weddings**



WOODSIDE



THE OLD SHIRE HALL

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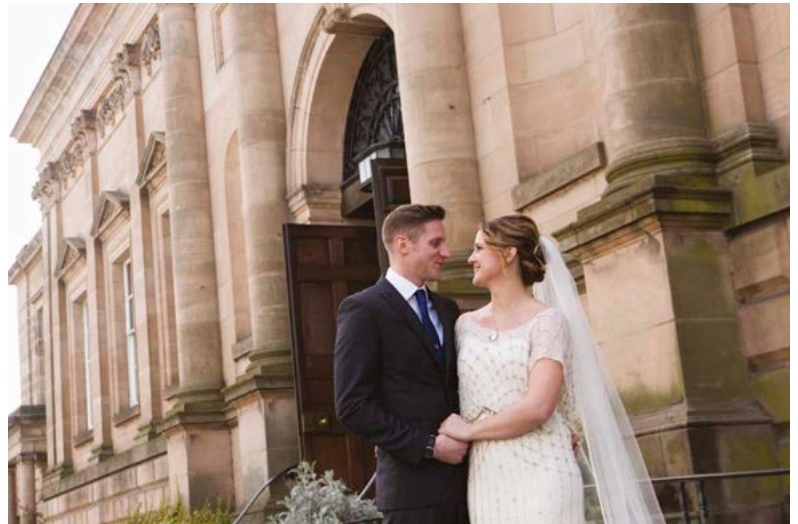
Built in 1750 to the designs of Sanderson Miller, The Old Shire Hall is a magnificent Grade I listed building nestled in the heart of Warwick, offering an unparalleled combination of character and capacity. Along with the Grade II listed Judges' House, the venue also offers elegant dining and drawing rooms.

Once the law courts and judges' residence for the county The Old Shire Hall has been restored to its former glory and is now being offered as an exclusive use wedding and events venue.

The Great Hall with its impressive entrance, stone columns, and period features can accommodate up to 280 guests for the civil ceremony or 250 for your wedding breakfast. For smaller weddings there is a choice of 6 other licensed ceremony rooms, including the octagonal courtrooms,

Plus there is also the opportunity to visit the 17th century dungeon for truly unique wedding photos.

The Old Shire Hall,
 5-9 Northgate Street, Warwick CV34 4SP.
 Tel: **01926 736350**
 Email: oldshirehall@warwickshire.gov.uk
 Web: www.theoldshirehall.co.uk





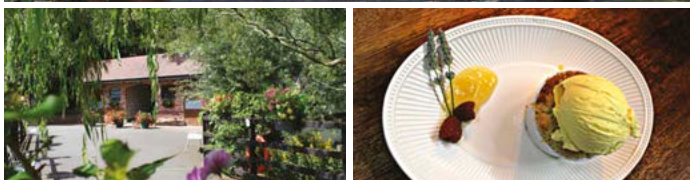
DUNCHURCH PARK

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Dunchurch Park is a Grade II listed Edwardian Manor House set within 72 acres of grounds. It is host to various period rooms including the beautiful Great Hall with magnificent chandeliers for larger parties up to 200 guests. Within its own walled Victorian Garden stands the Magnificent Mawson's Marquee available all year round.

In addition to the main house, there are 91 bedrooms with two bridal suites for you to choose from.

Dunchurch Park Hotel,
Rugby Road, Dunchurch, Warwickshire CV22 6QW
Tel: **01788 528152**
Email: info@dunchurch.co.uk
Web: www.dunchurch.co.uk



GRIMSCOTE MANOR HOTEL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Grimscote Manor is a true family run hotel, where quality and not quantity is of great importance. Whether you visit as a hotel guest for one night or whether you hold your wedding or special occasion with them, you can be assured that you will receive an individually tailored service with warm hospitality and excellent food.

Their main priority is to make sure that their guests leave as happy as they possibly can with the desire to return.

Grimscote Manor Hotel, Lichfield Road, Coleshill B46 1LH.
Tel: **01675 464222**
Email: info@grimscotemanor.co.uk
Web: www.grimscotemanor.co.uk



THE ARDEN HOTEL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Located in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon with views over the RSC and River Avon, The Arden Hotel is an award-winning boutique wedding venue. The stunning 45 bedroom hotel is licensed for civil ceremonies and offers a dedicated wedding coordinator, a choice of elegant ceremony rooms and 2 AA Rosette dining.

The Arden Hotel,
Waterside, Stratford Upon Avon CV37 6BA.
Tel: **01789 298682**
Email: info@theardenhotelstratford.com
Web: www.theardenhotelstratford.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ArdenHotel
Twitter: twitter.com/ardenhotel



MALLORY COURT COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL & SPA

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Located in the heart of the Warwickshire countryside, Mallory Court is an award-winning luxury country house hotel, complete with dedicated events team. The stunning 43 bedroom manor house is set within 10 acres of grounds and includes a spa and pool area. It will provide the perfect backdrop to your wedding ceremony.

Mallory Court Country House Hotel & Spa,
Harbury Lane, Leamington Spa CV33 9QB.

Tel: **01926 330214**
Email: info@mallory.co.uk
Web: www.mallory.co.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/mallorycourt
Twitter: twitter.com/mallorycourt



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THE SHAKESPEARE BIRTHPLACE TRUST

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust offers a range of truly unique venues and exceptional experiences at Shakespeare's Family Homes in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon. Bespoke wedding receptions can be created to suit your budget and your requirements so please contact their hospitality team to find out more.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust,
Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6QW.
Tel: **01789 204016**
Email: **hospitality@shakespeare.org.uk**
Web: **www.shakespeare.org.uk**



RAGLEY HALL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

From proposals of marriage ('Fide et Amore' says the family motto), to full Palladian style weddings, the whole of Ragley Hall, set in 450 acres of formal gardens and stunning Capability Brown parkland can become yours for the day. Or how about a bespoke Lakeview Marquee on the wonderful lawns for up to 450 people? It is just a short telephone call away.

Ragley Hall, Alcester B49 5NJ.
Tel: **01789 762090**
Email: **events@ragley.co.uk**
Web: **www.ragley.co.uk**

THE SAXON MILL

(Licensed for civil ceremonies)

Saxon Mill are licensed to hold civil ceremonies in their Warwick Suite which retains a lot of the traditional features such as wooden beams and exposed brick walls. The fully functioning water wheel, impressive outlook over the river and traditional charm mean that the Saxon Mill will provide you with a truly unique day.

They understand everybody's idea of the perfect wedding is different which is why they offer a bespoke flexible service to meet each couple's needs – after all it's your big day!

The Saxon Mill,
Coventry Road, Guys Cliffe, Warwick CV34 5YN.
Tel: **01926 492255**
Email: **enquiry@saxonmill.co.uk**
Web: **www.saxonmill.co.uk**



LOCAL WEDDING SERVICES



AUDREY DOUGLAS

Professional Harpist

Audrey has been a wedding harpist for over 20 years and is known and recommended by many venues in the Midlands. The harp is an extremely versatile instrument and Audrey has an extensive repertoire which is constantly updated, providing music to suit all tastes – from classical to current chart hits. She plays a beautiful full size concert harp and celtic harp.

Audrey studied at the Royal College of Music and then went on to spend 6 years as Principal Harp with the BBC and Ulster Orchestras. Since living in Warwickshire, she has played with many major symphony orchestras and was first call with the Royal Shakespeare Company, Birmingham Opera and Loughborough Festival Opera.

Audrey Douglas

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