



ADVICE ON WEDDING ETIQUETTE

TOP TABLE PLANNING

The traditional way to seat everyone is on a long table of eight. From left to right as we face the Top Table it is as follows:

Chief Bridesmaid, Grooms' Father, Brides' Mother, Groom, Bride, Brides' Father, Grooms' Mother, Best Man. An alternative is to sit the Brides' parents together and the Grooms' parents together.

THE WEDDING CAKE

The cutting of the wedding cake is to symbolise that the Bride and Groom will be sharing everything in their future together. A mock cutting of the cake can take place with the photographer during the Reception drinks hence allowing the photographer to take uninterrupted photographs.

The official cake cutting ceremony takes place after the Main Course with the help of the Master of Ceremonies, or if preferred can take place at the beginning of the Evening Reception allowing all the guest to witness the cutting. In this case it will be with the assistance of the DJ.



SPEECHES

The best speeches are not the ones read word for word. It's a good idea to give yourself plenty of time, write your speech out in full and then transfer your points onto cue cards to help you remember. Most importantly remember the audience are all friends and family and to speak from the heart.

IN THE TRADITIONAL ORDER

Father Of The Bride - thanks guests for coming, toasts absent friends, welcomes his new in laws into the family, tells funny and touching stories about the Bride from childhood to current. Then importantly toast to the Bride & Groom.

Bridegroom - thanks his Father In Law for his kind words, thanks both sets of Parents for all their help during wedding arrangements, explains how and when he met the Bride and importantly compliments her, thanks everyone for coming and then toasts the Bridesmaids.

Best Man - replies on behalf of the Bridesmaids, tells humorous stories about the Groom, reads out cards from any guests that couldn't make it and finally toasts the Bride and Groom.

THE WEDDING DRINKS

A traditional way to thank your guests for attending your Wedding Ceremony is with a drink on arrival at the Hotel. It is also customary to provide a drink with the Wedding Breakfast meal. Some people find the more the merrier, however this is personal preference. The final drink is to toast the Bride and Groom.