

Organising a wedding can seem like a daunting task but we at Milsom Hotels and Restaurants are here to make it as simple and enjoyable as possible. Here you can find a basic wedding planner to see how to create your perfect wedding. Remember you can always give us a call on 01206 321102 for any further details.

## The beginnings

Once you have announced your engagement it's time to think about the first questions.

When would you like to get married? As soon as you decide on a date you can send preliminary 'keep this date free' invites and confirm after you have made your bookings. What is your budget? Do you want a lavish, large wedding or a more simple, intimate wedding?

### Guests:

Start thinking about the number of guests you would like and who to have as your best man, maid of honour, ushers, and flower girls? And start delegating! - Your maid of honour and best man particularly can be of great help.

### Bookings:

Have a look around the several different venues on offer at Milsom Hotels and Restaurants, it's best to book 12 months ahead but always give us a call as we may have availability. Remember certain venues are ideal for different sized ceremonies and receptions.

### The dress:

Start looking for the dress; let your bridal shop or seamstress know your budget. Also look for the bridesmaids, groom and the other outfits, find out if they have any particular needs or wants.

## The countdown, 6 months plus

### Guests:

Decide on your final guest list and send out invitations and wedding lists. Also organise your stationery, such as the table cards.

### Bookings:

Make sure you have your final bookings for the ceremony and venue. Start to think about what readings, hymns and songs you would like. Start to look for some suppliers you may want to use, have a look on here to view our recommended suppliers. Book your music, flowers, cake etc. as soon as possible to ensure availability. Finalise your food and drink menus with your caterer, remember Le Talbooth provides excellent catering for all types of wedding.

### The dress:

Organise the fittings and order the dress and outfits for everyone. Make sure you have chosen your wedding rings.

### The honeymoon:

Organise your honeymoon, and make sure your passport will be in date! Apply for your new surname as well.

### Wedding formalities:

It's a great idea to take out wedding insurance.

## 3 to 6 months

### **Guests:**

Chase RSVPs and advise on accommodation for guests, we have plenty of accommodation over our five properties. Start to organise your seating plan with Milsom Hotels and Restaurants. Plan the Hen and Stag do and organise the favours and the thank you gifts for your bridesmaids, best man and parents.

### **Bookings:**

Double check that you have everything booked and in writing!

### **The dress:**

Have another dress fitting. To decide on how to look on the day and book, meet your hairdresser and go to a beauty salon.

### **Wedding formalities:**

Organise your wedding transport and buy your marriage license. Inform your bank, doctor etc. of your name change and when it will be.

## 1 to 2 months

### **The guests:**

Chase any missing RSVPs and then finalise numbers and table plan with Milsom Hotels and Restaurants. Hold a ceremony rehearsal and give the best man the rings and all the contacts that may be needed on the day.

### **The dress:**

Have the final fittings for the dress and outfits, don't forget the accessories and wear your shoes in!

### **The honeymoon:**

Check your holiday bookings, do you need inoculations, foreign currency?

Write your wedding speeches

## The day before

Make sure the venue is being decorated as you wish.

Relax and get pampered at the Treatment Rooms at Maison Talbooth.