

## Role of Best Man

One of the most recognised roles of the best man is the speech, one that is understandably worrying for many but have a look at our tips on speeches for some reassuring advice. There are other important roles though, you will need to help the Groom, choose the ushers and organise the stag do. You can also be of help by organising the list of names for the head table and generally being there for the bride and groom. More towards the special day the best man tends to check all transport for the wedding, making sure they are booked, timed well and diversions avoided. Also visit Milsom Hotels and Restaurants, familiarise yourself and ask us any questions that may arise. On the day it's the best man's role to ensure the ushers know what they are doing, the groom is ready and gets to the ceremony 20 minutes beforehand. And don't forget the rings!

On the special day it tends to be the best man's role to escort the chief bridesmaid and assist the suppliers with any queries they may have. If you don't have a toastmaster you also tend to announce speeches and also will need to read yours.

## Role of Maid of Honour

The role of the maid of honour is to support the bride and lead the bridesmaids, flower girls and page boys. The maid of honour also organises the hen do. It is great to get involved with the outfits, advising the bride on her dress and looking at the other outfits, not forgetting the accessories. On the special day, the maid of honour needs to help with make-up and hair and have an emergency make-up kit, ensure everyone has their outfits okay and that the bouquets are all ready. At the reception you can help with receiving the gifts and helping the bride with her outfit changes. The maid of honour also traditionally has her first dance with the best man.

## Role of Father of the Bride

A traditional role of the father of the bride is to help with finances of the wedding, though this is expected less now. The father also gives a speech at the wedding, view our great speech tips for some ideas and also the main role is to give away your daughter during the ceremony. The father of the bride should generally be there for the bride and groom and help out in areas asked of him.

## Role of Mother of the Bride

The mother of the bride's role is to support the bride and maid of honour. You tend to direct the guest list, make sure the bride and groom are happy with their list, organise the invitations to send out, chase RSVPs and create a table plan. The mother also organises the wedding list and helps to organise suppliers such as the flowers and cake.

## Role of the Parents of the Groom

Traditionally the parents of the groom take a back-seated approach but this is changing. Some parents decide to contribute more financially where others do so with their time. Speak to the rest of the party and find out how they would like your help - you will always find someone who could do with a little!