

Your Civil Partnership



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

*"Fabulous service
from start to finish"*



A very warm welcome to The Royal Borough

Whether you live in Kensington and Chelsea or not, forming a civil partnership is a special occasion for both of you and for everyone involved. Choosing the right location for your ceremony is just as important. The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has such a lot to offer, and if you are reading this guide to find out more about what we can do for you then we hope to persuade you that Kensington and Chelsea is *the* place to choose!

Chelsea Old Town Hall has long been famous as a marriage venue and we bring that same experience when arranging Civil Partnership Registrations. Whether you wish to have a simple Registration or to include a Civil Partnership Ceremony as part of your celebrations, we are here to help.

All our years of experience will ensure that your day is second to none. We are delighted to provide this brochure to help you through the planning and organisation of your special day and pride ourselves on offering you the highest standards of service and customer care.

Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andrew L. Kenyon'.

Andrew L. Kenyon
Superintendent Registrar

Kensington and Chelsea Register Office
Chelsea Old Town Hall,
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Website: www.rbkc.gov.uk/communityandlocalife.aspx
Email: chelsea.registeroffice@rbkc.gov.uk



Choosing the Royal Borough

Chelsea Old Town Hall is a beautiful and stylish building located on The Kings Road, Chelsea and houses the famous Chelsea Register Office and four other Approved Venues.

The Royal Borough also has many other venues where you may register your civil partnership from elegant hotels to a unique garden oasis overlooking the London skyline. Amongst these are The Brydon Room and The Rossetti Room, which are located at Chelsea Old Town Hall. You are most welcome to visit us to see our rooms for yourselves.

A full list of our Approved Premises is available in the pocket at the back of this brochure. Many of these venues will also be able to arrange your reception for you so that everything takes place under one roof. Whatever you decide, we hope that you will find this guide invaluable in helping to make your civil partnership a memorable and unique occasion.



Getting Started

You can form your Civil Partnership at any Register Office or Approved Venue within England and Wales regardless of where you live. However, before you do there are certain legal requirements which you must undertake.

If you are both EU citizens then both of you must give formal Notice of your intention to the Superintendent Registrar of the district in which you reside (or have resided for the preceding eight days).

If one or both of you are non-EU citizens then you may need to apply for special permission for your Civil Partnership to take place. If this is required, then once you have obtained that permission you must both give formal Notice of your intention to a Superintendent Registrar at a Designated Register Office. Further details of the required documentation is available from any Register Office.

Your Notices will be publicly displayed at the Register Office where you have given your Notice for a period of fifteen clear days and only then can the schedule allowing your civil partnership to go ahead be issued.

Your Notice will state where you wish your civil partnership to be contracted and is valid for twelve months. If you change your venue or your notices expire you will both need to give fresh Notice of Intent. Both of you are required, under law, to give Notice of Intent in person. A relative or friend cannot do this on your behalf nor can you give Notice by telephone, fax or e-mail. If you are giving Notice at Chelsea we operate an appointment system for your convenience.

The Paperwork

When you give your Notices you will need to prove your age, marital status, address and nationality. The documents we require at Chelsea are a current passport or identity card. We also require some official proof of your address preferably a council tax document, driving licence or tenancy agreement.

If you are unable to produce any of the above documents you should contact the Register Office where you will be giving Notice to ascertain what other documents (if any) may be acceptable.

If one or both of you are non-EU citizens you may need to produce documents giving special permission for your civil partnership to take place.

If you have previously been married or formed a civil partnership which has now been dissolved you will need to show a Decree Absolute of Divorce/Civil Partnership Dissolution showing the Court's official stamp – photocopied documents are not acceptable. If your documents are not in English then a translation will also be required.

If you have previously been married or formed a civil partnership and your partner has died then you will need to produce certified copies of the death certificate and your previous marriage or civil partnership certificate.

If you have changed your name by deed poll, change of name deed or statutory declaration, the relevant documents will need to be shown.

If either of you is under eighteen we will need proof that your parents or legal guardian consent to your proposed civil partnership. If your parents are divorced we will also need to see the Court Order that gives custody to one or other parent. You will also need to produce a full copy of your birth certificate. You cannot form a civil partnership if you are under the age of 16.



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Booking The Date

To enable you to make all your arrangements in good time we offer a provisional booking system which allows you to book a date up to a year in advance. A provisional booking may be made with our office by telephone, in person or by e-mail. Full details of the required legal formalities and availability of the ceremony rooms will be given to you when you make your booking and confirmed on the Provisional Booking form we send you.

If you would like to book a Civil Partnership Registration then there is no legal requirement to book a ceremony along with your registration but if you would like to include a ceremony as part of your special day we will be happy to accommodate your wishes.

Bookings for Approved Premises within The Royal Borough are subject to a non-refundable booking fee. Further details are available on application to this office or can be found on our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/communityandlocalife.aspx.

The ceremony rooms at Chelsea Old Town Hall are open for viewing on Thursdays between 4.00 pm and 6.30 pm and members of staff can be available for informal discussion by prior arrangement.



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Chelsea Old Town Hall

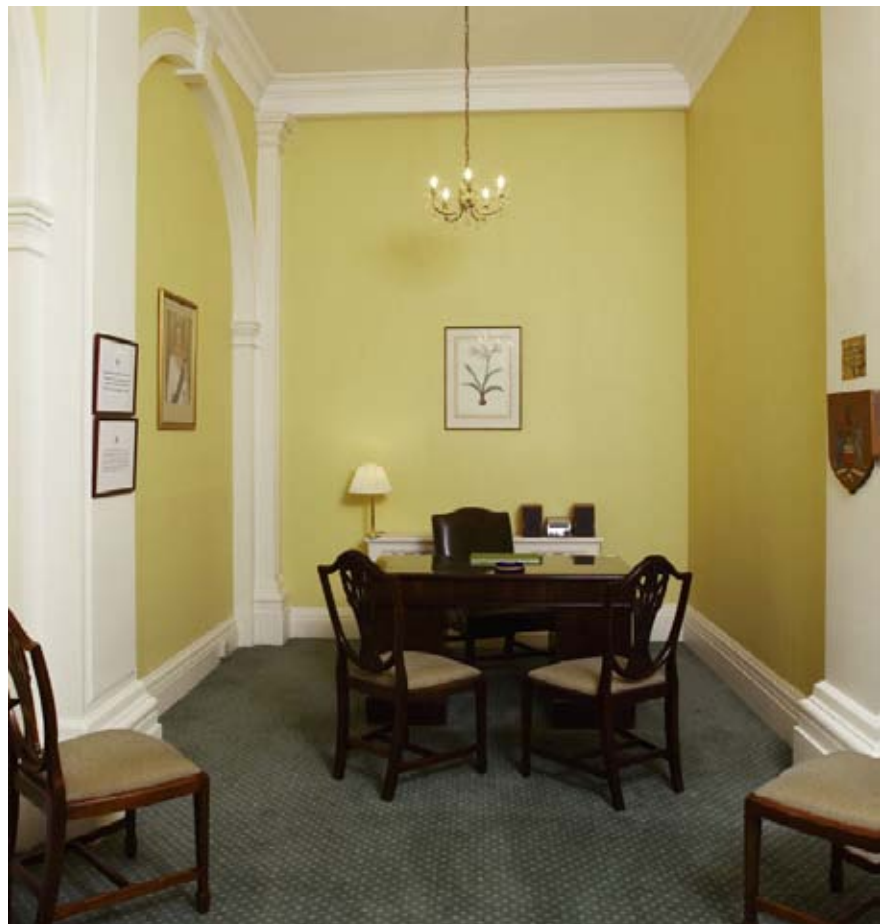
Probably one of the most famous ceremonial venues world-wide, Chelsea Old Town Hall is a graceful Victorian building which not only houses the renowned Chelsea Register Office but also four of the Royal Borough's many Approved Venues namely The Brydon Room, The Rossetti Room and the Main and Small Halls.

"Many thanks to the wonderful staff who made our civil partnership a memorable and lovely experience."

The Register Office

Small and select, the Register Office room is set aside for you and your two witnesses only. Civil Partnerships performed in this room are simple and elegant.

"We wanted to thank you all at Chelsea for making our dream come true and making the day effortlessly smooth."



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*"Wonderful day,
iconic venue,
lovely people!"*

The Rossetti Room

The Rossetti Room, although larger than the Register Office room, is small enough for that intimate occasion. Situated on the first floor, and with seating for up to 14 people, it offers a quiet and relaxed setting for your ceremony. The Rossetti Room is available to you for about three quarters of an hour.



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The room is decorated with a fresh floral arrangement, however you are welcome to provide a small arrangement of your own for the ceremonial desk.

If you choose to have a ceremony in the Rossetti Room you can include readings and music to enhance your special day.



"Thank you very much for a magical experience"

The Brydon Room

The Brydon Room is a beautiful and stylish venue offering a unique setting for your special occasion. It is in this room where royalty and many famous faces have held their own ceremony. This spacious room is located on the first floor and is able to seat parties of up to 40 people. The room is decorated with fresh floral arrangements, however you are welcome to provide a small arrangement of your own for the ceremonial desk.



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The advantage of choosing the Brydon Room for your ceremony is that the room is yours for an hour. This not only means that if you choose to have a ceremony you can customize the proceedings with readings and music but you can take your time, ensuring that not only yourselves but also your guests can relax and enjoy the experience.

This additional time allows you and your partner to be interviewed (a legal requirement) separately by the Registrar prior to the registration. This means that the first time you see each other on the day will be when you stand side by side in the Brydon Room.



The Mayor's Parlour

The Mayor's Parlour is situated on the first floor of The Kensington Town Hall - a stone's throw from the stylish Kensington High Street.

Contemporary, yet classic in design, a private antechamber leads to the Mayor's Parlour which can accommodate parties of between twenty and seventy people and is the seat of Mayors past and present of the Royal Borough.



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This beautiful room lends itself perfectly to either small, intimate ceremonies or the large and formal occasion.

For further information please contact.

Conference & Events Office, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington, London W8 7NX.

Tel: 020 7361 2220

Fax: 020 7361 3442

Email: hall-let@rbkc.gov.uk

Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk/venues



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Chelsea Old Town Hall

Elegantly situated on London's famous and fashionable King's Road, Chelsea Old Town Hall is perfectly placed to host your special day. This magnificent late Victorian building, lovingly restored to its original glory, provides a beautiful, memorable and photogenic backdrop for civil ceremonies and receptions, while its central position at the heart of the exclusive Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, offers a well-placed and endlessly adaptable space.

This delightful building is part of London's present but offers an opportunity to enjoy the stylish surroundings and distinguished heritage of times past. It's perfectly situated for a perfect day.

For full details on Chelsea Old Town Hall or their extensive facilities at Kensington Town Hall, please contact them directly as follows:

Conference & Events Office, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington, London W8 7NX.

Tel: 020 7361 2220

Fax: 020 7361 3442

Email: hall-let@rbkc.gov.uk

Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk/venues



Chelsea Old Town Hall

The Orangery Gallery, Holland Park

At the heart of Holland Park lies the Orangery Gallery. Formerly a summer ballroom, this elegant and tranquil venue now hosts some of London's most prestigious events.

Described by Elle Decoration as "a glass and stone palace", this historic venue, flooded with natural light, provides a stylish space for your special day, with the additional attraction of the park's glorious gardens.

All events are tailor made to suit the individual, and their caterers offer a bespoke 'one stop' service. The Orangery comfortably caters for up to 150 reception guests or 80 seated guests for lunch or dinner. A marquee may be added on the lawn to accommodate larger receptions.

For further details or to arrange a viewing, please contact the Lettings Manager on 020 7603 1123.

The Orangery Gallery, Holland Park, London W8.

Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk/TheOrangery



The Orangery Gallery

"I was very impressed with how helpful, kind and cheerful all members of staff were at every stage in making arrangements"

Approved Premises

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is pleased to be able to offer a range of different venues for Civil Partnerships. Some of our venues can offer facilities for parties of over 100 people whilst others are more suitable for smaller, intimate occasions.

In order to form your Civil Partnership at an Approved Venue you must first make contact with the venue of your choice and then confirm with the Superintendent Registrar that Registration Officers will be available on your chosen day and time. We are able to attend Civil Partnerships at Approved Premises on any day including Sundays and Bank Holidays (subject to staff availability) but the law requires your registration to take place between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm. In order to ensure that your civil partnership is completed by 6.00pm, the latest time for which we will accept a booking is 5.00pm.

If you are forming a civil partnership at any one of our Approved Venues your booking will be subject to a non-refundable booking fee. It is regretted that we no longer accept cheques for booking fees unless presented in person and supported by a valid guarantee card covering the amount payable. However payment can be made by credit/debit card or in person by cash. There will also be additional fees to pay for the attendance of the Registrars at your ceremony and these fees must be paid no later than four weeks before the registration. Lists of our current Approved Venues and attendance fees can be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure.



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Personalising Your Special Day

Once you have given your Notice of your intention you will be sent a pack which will include additional information to help you organise your ceremony. We are happy to discuss any aspect of your ceremony with you so please feel free to contact us. Everyone is different and we want to provide a day that is special for you, however please remember that any music, readings or vows must not have any religious connotations. Your choices need to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar at least two weeks prior to the day of your ceremony. This will give you time to find an alternative should your original choice be declined.

Points To Remember

- Book as far ahead as you can in order to secure the date and time you would like. We will accept bookings up to a year in advance at this office.
- If one or both of you are non-EU citizens then you may need to apply for specific permission for your civil partnership to take place.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you have enough time to complete all of the relevant paperwork prior to the date of your civil partnership.
- You both have to attend to give Notice of your Intention even if you live in the same registration district and this must be done at least 16 days before the date of your Civil Partnership. However, you are able to give Notice up to one year in advance of your proposed date.
- If you will be giving Notice at Chelsea Register Office then you will need to make an appointment and you can book this by telephone or in person.



- Make sure that you have the correct documents when you attend to give Notice. If you are in any doubt telephone and discuss the matter with The Superintendent Registrar. This will save you time and trouble when you attend to give Notice of your Intention.
- Remember that your readings and music must have no religious connotations and the Superintendent Registrar's ruling on the suitability of a reading or piece of music for a ceremony is final.
- It is your day so feel free to put forward any suggestions. We will endeavour to accommodate as many of your wishes as possible (subject to legal restrictions).
- This brochure is for general information only and is not a full statement of the law. Please contact this office for further information about forming a civil partnership (We are constantly seeking to improve the service that we offer and any suggestions or comments will be most welcome).



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"Fantastic day made wonderful by the people involved. Thank you!"

Renewal Of Vows

This is a special ceremony for couples who wish to renew their vows in a unique and personal way.

Often a Renewal of Vows ceremony is associated with a special anniversary but the ceremony is just as appropriate for couples at any stage of their union. It is a renewal of commitment, particularly relevant to those who have been through a difficult period which may have put a strain on their relationship. This ceremony is a wonderful opportunity for you both to reaffirm your love for one another.

Many couples who have formed a civil partnership abroad choose to Renew their Vows on their return at this special celebration in which their family and friends can share.

Your children or any other special people in your lives are welcome to take part.



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Naming Ceremonies

A Naming Ceremony is an occasion for parents, family and friends to pledge their love and commitment to a child. It is an opportunity to celebrate the birth of a new baby or to welcome an adoptive child or step-child into a new relationship and to form a bond within an extended family.

A Naming Ceremony allows supporting adults, grandparents and older siblings to offer assurance and guidance through their promises to your child. You can choose poems or readings to enhance the ceremony and may present your child with a special gift to mark the occasion.

Naming Ceremonies can be arranged by any parent, from any cultural background and with any spiritual or religious beliefs. There is no age limit to a Naming Ceremony and more than one child may be named at the same time.

Commitment Ceremonies

This is a unique celebration for couples who wish to make a public declaration of their love and commitment to each other in the presence of their family and friends. Unlike a civil partnership, this ceremony has no legal status but is intended to be of deep personal significance. You are able to say your promises to each other, exchange rings and invite your guests to participate in the ceremony.

If you prefer, the ceremony may be held in private without any guests present. Either way this moving and intimate ceremony is unique and meaningful.



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Further Information

If you are planning a Civil Ceremony here in the Royal Borough your booking will be subject to a non-refundable booking fee. You will then be sent a booking pack, allowing you to create your perfect day. There will also be additional fees to pay for the attendance of the Celebrant. These fees must be paid no later than four weeks before the ceremony. Lists of our current Approved Venues and fees for Civil Ceremonies may be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure.

If you wish to book a Civil Ceremony then a provisional booking may be made by telephone, in person or by e-mail. Full details of all these ceremonies are available on request

It is important to note that Renewal of Vows, Naming and Commitment Ceremonies have no legal status and Registration staff are not acting in their legal capacity when carrying out these ceremonies but as civil celebrants only. Any certificates issued after the ceremonies have taken place are purely commemorative.

“Our immense thanks and appreciation to all the staff who made our Renewal of our Vows such a special day. Just the right balance of it being a respectful occasion but in a relaxed and welcoming spirit, all of our guests had such a wonderful day”



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The Orangery at Kensington Palace



The Orangery at Kensington Palace

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

A beautiful building set within its own private gardens and steeped in centuries of majesty and splendour – the Orangery at Kensington Palace is the perfect venue for your civil ceremony and reception.

It adds a certain thrill to walk in the footsteps of kings and queens; to invite your friends and family to toast your future happiness just as courtiers would have done hundreds of years ago.

Their events team can advise on every aspect of hosting your civil ceremony at the Orangery, helping you to enjoy a wonderful day that will become one of the highlights of your own family history.

The Orangery can accommodate up to 150 guests, and can be combined with a marquee on the terrace or lawns to accommodate receptions of over 1000 guests.

For more information please call 020 3166 6115 or email kensingtonpalaceevents@hrp.org.uk

The Orangery at Kensington Palace, Kensington Palace, London W8 4PX
Web: www.hrp.org.uk

The Garden Bar and Grill

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

The Garden Bar and Grill has the largest garden in Notting Hill and perhaps even central London.

They can arrange parties, corporate evenings and bespoke events for 20 to 400. They have a Kensington and Chelsea civil partnership licence and their garden marquee can accommodate up to 200 guests.

The atmosphere is laid back and the style is an eclectic mix of stone mosaics, leather booths, candles and an abundance of flowers.

With an immensely talented kitchen team, who utilise the freshest seasonal produce available from the market, their chefs will create a bespoke menu to enhance your event.

The Garden Bar and Grill
41 Bramley Road, London W10 6SZ
Tel: 020 7229 1111
Email: gardenbar@housebars.co.uk
Web: www.housebars.co.uk/gardenbar



The Garden Bar and Grill

Millennium Gloucester Hotel

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

The Millennium Gloucester Hotel, situated in the heart of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, offers a diverse selection of private rooms ranging from the small and intimate to a grand, chandeliered ballroom for 500 guests. Together with superb service, a choice of international cuisines and luxurious accommodation, your perfect day is assured.

Please contact them to arrange a viewing and meet with your personal event planner.

Millennium Gloucester Hotel
4 – 18 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4LH
Tel: 020 7331 6257
Fax: 020 7331 6466
Email: mcc.events@millenniumhotels.co.uk
Web: www.millenniumhotels.co.uk/millenniumgloucester



Millennium Gloucester Hotel



The Roof Gardens

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(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Say 'I do' at The Roof Gardens! The Roof Gardens is a truly exceptional venue and one of London's most beautiful locations. Set on the 6th floor, high above Kensington High Street, with three themed gardens and exotic wildlife such as Flamingos; The Roof Gardens is incomparable. Tie the knot in the stunning indoor venue then enjoy exclusive use of the 1.5 acres of gardens. For more intimate civil partnerships, Babylon, located on the 7th floor offers fine dining and spectacular panoramic views across London. The Roof Gardens can accommodate civil partnerships from 12 to 500 for a party.

Whatever your choice for your special day, The Roof Gardens will assign you a dedicated wedding executive to guarantee it will be an unforgettable experience...and help relieve the stress! The team can take care of all the details ranging from photography, flowers, entertainment and fireworks to make your day a truly romantic occasion.

For more details and information about packages, please contact:

Frances West
Wedding Executive
The Roof Gardens,
99 Kensington High Street, Kensington, London W8 5SA

Tel: 020 7368 3986
Email: frances.west@roofgardens.virgin.com
Web: www.roofgardens.virgin.com



The Map Room



The Royal Geographical Society's Hall

The Royal Geographical Society

Lowther Lodge, the Royal Geographical Society's home for almost a century, was built in the 1870s as a grand private house. It provides a unique setting for civil partnerships and receptions with a difference. Situated on the corner of Kensington Gore and Exhibition Road, it overlooks Kensington Gardens and boasts a stunning view of the Royal Albert Hall from the terrace.

For enquiries and bookings contact their venue hire team on 020 7591 3090 or email venuehire@rgs.org
Web: www.rgs.org/venuehire



Mosimann's

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Celebrate your civil partnership at Mosimann's. The possibilities are endless. Take advantage of the Club's civil licence for your ceremony, with its unique ambience and history as a 19th century church, followed by a splendid cocktail reception and dinner.

Mosimann's Club can cater for up to one hundred seated guests and its licence for late-night entertainment means you can easily host all the events of your special day under one roof, including after-dinner entertainment and dancing.

Contact the Events Team on 020 7592 1625 or email pdr@mosimann.com to explore your options.

Mosimann's
11B West Halkin Street, Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8JL.
Web: www.mosimann.com

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The Cadogan Hotel

The Cadogan Hotel

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Set in the heart of Knightsbridge, where romance is part of the scenery, The Cadogan has been a byword for grace and luxury since 1870. Amid the quintessentially English Hotel are the stunning Cadogan Gardens that are ideal for your civil partnership photographs. Their attentive staff are always there to ensure that your day is as brilliantly organised as it is special. For ceremonies for up to 40 guests and civil partnership receptions for 60 people, please contact their Events Executive on 020 7201 6618 or events@cadogan.com.

The Cadogan Hotel, 75 Sloane Street,
Knightsbridge, London SW1X 9SG.
Tel: 020 7235 7141
Fax: 020 7245 0994
Web: www.cadogan.com

Blakes Hotel

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Blakes, the inspiring, romantic and visionary creation of renowned Designer Anouska Hempel, hidden in the fashionable neighbourhood of South Kensington; the perfect hideaway and unique setting for your very special day.

Blakes is a seductive design journey through all the exotic places in the world. Elegant, eclectic ethnic and totally unique, it is the world's first boutique hotel, evoking past and current intrigues and dark mysteries. The perfect place for any intimate occasion, be it a renewal of vows, Civil Ceremony, or civil partnership celebration.

The attention to detail and flexibility will ensure the perfect civil partnership Ceremony and Reception, where guests can relax and celebrate the day in style. A dedicated Events Manager and staff will look after your every wish before and throughout the event while you just indulge in the luxury provided for a really wonderful and memorable day.

Civil partnership packages are tailored to guests' specific requirements which include the Honeymoon night in either the beautiful Corfu suite or spectacular 007 suite along with sublime Champagne breakfast ensuring the ultimate civil partnership experience.

Blakes civil partnerships are beautiful, memorable and the epitome of chic.

For further details and to arrange a viewing, please contact events on 020 7370 6701 / events@blakeshotels.com

Blakes Hotel
33 Roland Gardens, South Kensington
London, SW7 3PF
Tel: 020 7370 6701
Web: www.blakeshotels.com



Blakes Hotel



Bluebird Chelsea

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Bluebird Chelsea, situated on the King's Road is a stones throw from the Chelsea Register Office.

With four beautifully well appointed private dining rooms, you can enjoy either views of the restaurant, an abundance of natural daylight, or a chic 1930's style space. Bluebird benefits from its own events team and therefore they can work with you from the beginning, right to the very end of your civil partnership to make sure it is exactly what you wish for.

Please contact their events manager, Sarah Widdowson on 020 7559 1208 or email sarah.widdowson@danddlondon.com.

Bluebird Chelsea, 350 Kings Road, London, SW3 5UU.



Science Museum

Fashionably situated in London's South Kensington, the award-winning Science Museum offers an exciting, inspirational venue for civil partnership celebrations.

The diverse collection of galleries, ranging from the traditional and elegant to the contemporary, can hold up to 750 guests for buffets or 430 for a seated dinner dance. Combining the ground-floor galleries accommodates up to 1600 guests for receptions.

Choose the stunning Energy Hall to delight guests with a celebration message inside the Energy Ring – dramatically suspended from the ceiling and display photos of the happy couple on central plasma screens; dine amongst the original icons that shaped society in Making the Modern World; or dance the night away beneath the breathtaking icons of aviation history in the Flight gallery.

Interactive children's galleries and rides are also available for younger guests. Their dedicated wedding planners will ensure that your day is as memorable for your guests as it is for you.

The Science Museum
 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London SW7 2DD.
 Tel: 020 7942 4340
 Email: venuehire@sciencemuseum.org.uk
 Web: www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/venuehire



Science Museum



The Pig's Ear, flowers by Amanda Austin Flowers

The Pig's Ear

The Pig's Ear Pub and Dining room is a short walk from the Register Office on the Kings Road and is a Chelsea institution.

Frequently mentioned in guide books and restaurant reviews, it has an excellent reputation for its' cuisine and fine wines as well as being a stylish and fashionable destination.

The first floor dining room can accommodate up to 40 guests seated or 75 for a reception.

There is also a smaller area adjacent to the bar which caters for up to 20 diners and they can also look after those who would just prefer pre or post civil partnership drinks and canapés.

With a relaxed ambience and attentive service they believe they can offer something out of the ordinary which will add to your civil partnership day magic.

The Pig's Ear
 35 Old Church Street, Pub & Dining Room,
 Chelsea, London SW3 5BS.
 Tel: 020 7352 2908
 Email: thepigsear@hotmail.co.uk
 Web: www.thepigsear.info

The Royal Hospital Chelsea

Sir Christopher Wren's finest work in brick is set in 66 acres of private grounds, within walking distance of the Kings Road, with the benefit of private parking facilities.

The State Apartments were designed to entertain royalty and consist of a complex of two adjoining entertainment rooms (The Ante-Room and the Council Chamber) and have their own kitchens and cloakrooms, the complex has access to a private lawn. It can seat up to 96 for dining and up to 200 for a standing reception.

The Great Hall built in 1782 is dominated by an impressive mural, and is hung with standards captured by the British Army on the battlefield. The Hall can accommodate up to 250 people for formal dining, or standing receptions of up to 400, and has a fully equipped kitchen, and has an outside reception area figure court.

It is possible for major events to hire both state Apartments and the Great Hall as a package.

The Events Department Royal Hospital Chelsea
Royal Hospital Road SW3 4SR.
Tel: 020 7881 5298
Email: eventsao@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk
Web: www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk



The Council Chamber



The Ante-Room



The Private Garden



The Great Hall



Lavender Green Flowers

Lavender Green Flowers

At Lavender Green, staff know just about every wedding venue in London, so their flower displays will be made to measure, reflecting and enhancing all of the glorious spaces you will be using on your very special day. Lavender Green is an accredited florist at most London venues, including Historic Royal Palaces, major Museums and discerning London hotels.

Their aim is to create the perfect day for both of you. Do call to arrange a free appointment with Sue.

Lavender Green Flowers
 Tel: 020 7127 5303
 Email: sue@lavendergreen.co.uk
 Web: www.lavendergreen.co.uk



Timebus 'Regent Low Height' outside Chelsea Old Town Hall

Timebus Travel

Red or silver buses from their beautifully restored fleet are an ideal method to safely transport your guests onward together to a reception, in iconic style in keeping with London's heritage. Also offers traditional Routemasters, open top variants, and historic single deckers. Early booking is advised.

Timebus Travel,
 7 Boleyn Drive, St. Albans, Herts AL1 2BP.
 Tel: 01727 866248
 Web: www.timebus.travel



Peter Jones Gift List

Peter Jones Gift List

Planning a civil ceremony? Now is the fun part - selecting your gifts.

Opening a Peter Jones Gift List is easy and the service is free. Register in person, by phone or online at johnlewisgiftlist.com

Peter Jones
 Sloane Square, London SW1W 8EL.
 Tel: 020 7881 6359
 Email: giftlist_peterjones@johnlewis.co.uk
 Web: www.peterjones.co.uk



Daphne's

Daphne's Conservatory

The area of Brompton Cross, near South Kensington, continues to attract some of London's most discerning visitors and the warmth, intimacy and charm of Daphne's is at the heart of its appeal. Its seasonal Italian country cooking, sourced with exceptional attention to detail, is justly famed around the world. Daphne's Conservatory, warmed by an open fire in winter and cooled by its retractable roof in summer, makes an ideal setting for a private party. Up to 40 guests can enjoy lunch or dinner, or 50 can gather for drinks and canapés. Menus range from £38 to £49 per person for lunch and dinner. Group bookings of up to 16 can also be accommodated in the restaurant itself.

Daphne's Conservatory,
112 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 3AE.
Tel: 020 7589 4257
Email: reservations@daphnes-restaurant.co.uk
Web: www.daphnes-restaurant.co.uk



High Road House

High Road House

Part of the Soho House Group, High Road House is a private members club in the heart of Chiswick. Conveniently located close to the Register Office and 20 minutes away from Heathrow airport, the House is an elegant and cosy space that offers the perfect setting to host civil partnership celebrations.

Downstairs can be hired by all for receptions and comprises a Games Room, Playpen and Playground. Downstairs can also be presented as open space for 60 seated for dinner, or receptions for 150 standing guests. Each area can be hired separately or all together.

Alternatively, Upstairs at High Road House can accommodate private dinners for 14 guests seated at a long table. The House also offers 14 light and airy double bedrooms which are available to both members and non-members.

For all enquiries and rates please contact High Road House
reservations@highroadhouse.co.uk

High Road House, 170 Chiswick High Road W4 1PR.
Tel: 020 8987 1614
Web: www.highroadhouse.co.uk



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