

Your Marriage



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, getting married is a special occasion for both of you and for everyone involved and 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 through 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 whether you wish to have a simple ceremony or a large, formal affair with your family and friends, we are here to help.

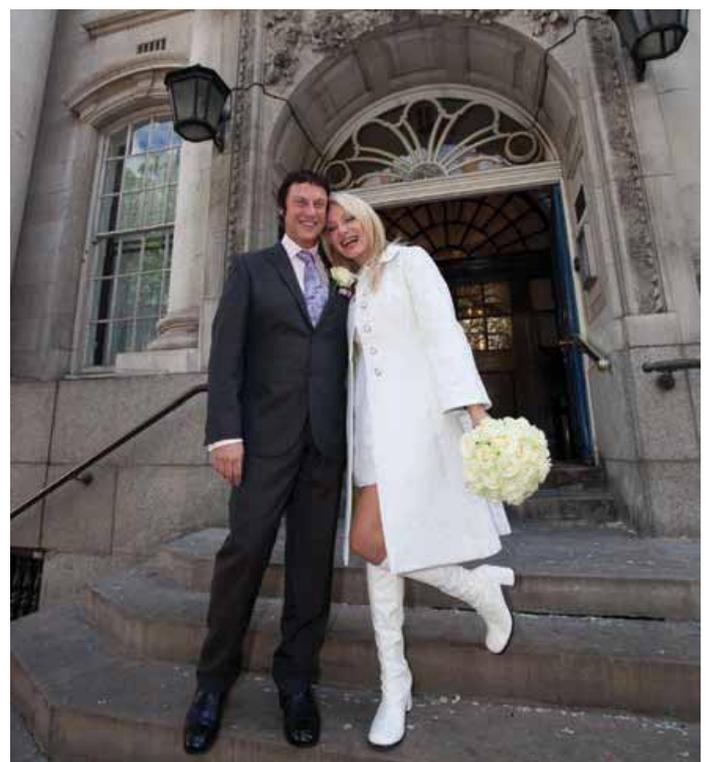
We also offer two other types of Civil Ceremony – Naming and Renewal of Vows and these ceremonies can take place at any of our Approved Venues, including those located here in the Chelsea Old Town Hall and you do not have to live in the Royal Borough to hold your ceremony here.

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!

Andrew L. Kenyon
Superintendent Registrar

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“I cannot remember when I last received such high quality service delivered in such a friendly manner.”

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 licensed rooms, including the Brydon Room and the Rossetti Room, and you are most welcome to visit us to see our rooms for yourselves.

The Royal Borough also has many other venues where you may hold your ceremony, from elegant hotels to a unique garden oasis overlooking the London skyline.

A full list of our Approved Venues 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 marriage a memorable and unique occasion.



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Getting Started

You can get married 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 must both give formal Notice of your Intention to a Superintendent Registrar at a Designated Register Office (Kensington and Chelsea is a Designated Register Office).

Your Notices will be displayed at the Register Office where you have given your Notice for a period of 15 clear days and only then can the authorities which allow your marriage to go ahead, be issued.

Your Notices will state where you wish to marry and are valid for 12 months from the date they are given. If you change your venue or your Notices expire you will both need to give fresh Notice. It is a legal requirement that you both give Notice 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 planning to give Notice here in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea then you will need to book an appointment and you will be asked to pay a non-refundable booking fee (currently £35.00 per person) when doing so.

The Paperwork

When you give your Notices you will each need to provide a valid passport as proof of your identity, age and nationality. 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 you have previously been married/formed a civil partnership which has now been dissolved you will need to show a Decree Absolute of Divorce or 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 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 18 we will need proof that your parents or legal guardian consent to your marriage. 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 showing parent(s) details. By law you cannot marry 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 up to a year in advance. A provisional booking may be made with our office by telephone or in person. Full details of the required legal formalities and availability of the ceremony rooms will be explained to you when you make your booking and will be confirmed in writing on the Provisional Booking Form we send to you.

Bookings for Approved Venues within the Royal Borough are subject to a non-refundable booking fee – this is in addition to the attendance fees and is non-refundable if you cancel. However, you are able to move your date and time should it be necessary. There is no fee to change a date/time on the first occasion but any subsequent changes will carry an administration fee of £25.00 each. Further details are available in the pocket at the back of this brochure, on application to this office or on our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/communityandlocallife/registrarsservices.aspx.

The Ceremony Rooms at Chelsea Old Town Hall are usually open for viewing on Thursdays between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm and members of staff can be available for informal discussion by prior arrangement.

*“Thank you very much
for a magical experience.”*

Venues For Your Ceremony

One of the first things to remember is that you are free to get married at any venue within England or Wales which holds a valid licence for Civil Marriage ceremonies. This means that if you wish to get married here in the Royal Borough then you are free to do so, no matter where you live.

There are over 20 venues within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea which have been licensed for civil ceremonies and all have been carefully selected and are subject to the high standards the Royal Borough demands. However the most famous of the venues for marriage within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and known worldwide, is the Chelsea Old Town Hall. The town hall is a graceful Victorian building which not only houses the renowned Chelsea Register Office but also four licensed rooms namely the Brydon Room, the Rossetti Room and the Main and Small Halls.

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



Chelsea Old Town Hall, YBPHOTOGRAPHIC



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Following recent changes in legislation it is now possible for us to conduct your civil ceremony after 6.00 pm and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is pleased to be able to offer two evening ceremony times on Fridays and Saturdays at 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. However, please be aware that there is an additional £100 Evening Fee payable for any ceremony booked from 6.00 pm onwards. Please note that these late ceremonies do not apply to the Rossetti Room.

Due to the popularity of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea as a marriage venue we have to ensure that all ceremonies with us are performed in a timely manner. This means that any ceremonies taking place within the Royal Borough are subject to our Lateness Policy – please see page nine.

*“Lovely, lovely people.
The perfect venue.”*

The Register Office

The first of the venues in the Chelsea Old Town Hall is the Register Office. Small and select, this room is set aside for you and your two witnesses only and ceremonies performed in this room are simple and elegant. The room is situated on the first floor and your ceremony will take a maximum of 30 minutes, including your pre-marital interview and any photographs you may wish to take.



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The Register Office is available at 9.00 am and 9.30 am from Monday to Thursday only and we regret that for operational reasons it is not possible to have a ceremony in this room on any other day or time.



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*“Would recommend
to anyone to marry
here. Very intimate
and caring.”*

“Our marriage was just perfect in every way.”

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 room is decorated with a floral arrangement, however you are welcome to provide a small arrangement of your own for the ceremonial desk. If you choose the Rossetti Room you can include a reading and music to enhance your special day.



John Rogers

A ceremony in the Rossetti Room allows you and your partner to be interviewed (a legal requirement) separately by the Registrar prior to the ceremony. This means that the first time you see each other will be when you stand side by side to take your vows thus maintaining an important bridal tradition.



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“Andrew and I just wanted to say a huge thank you for making our wedding day the most special and fabulous start to our married life together.”

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 that royalty and many famous couples 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 a fresh floral arrangement, however you are welcome to provide a small arrangement of your own for the ceremonial desk.

The advantage in choosing the Brydon Room as your venue is that you may personalise your ceremony with readings and music, taking your time and ensuring that not only yourselves but also your guests can relax and enjoy the experience.

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John Rogers

“We were blown away! It was an experience – everything and more than we dreamed of. Amazing venue, fantastic staff, would love to do it again just to relive the experience. Highly recommended.”



John Rogers

Approved Venues

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is pleased to be able to offer a range of different venues for marriage ceremonies. Some of our venues can offer facilities for parties of over 300 people whilst others are more suitable for smaller, intimate occasions.

In order to be married at an Approved Venue you must first make a booking with the venue of your choice and then confirm with the Register Office that Registration Officers will be available on your chosen day and time. In theory we are able to attend marriages at Approved Venues on any day including Sundays and bank holidays (subject to staff availability) and, following recent changes in legislation, it is now possible for us to conduct your civil ceremony after 6.00 pm. However please be aware that there is an additional £100.00 Evening Fee payable for any ceremony booked from 6.00 pm onwards.

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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Our Lateness Policy

We all understand that arrangements can sometimes go awry but it is important that your ceremony commences at the agreed time and in order for this to happen you and your guests are expected to be assembled a minimum of 15 minutes before the ceremony start time.

The Registrar in attendance will need to conduct a legal interview with both of you, in private, prior to the ceremony and will need to check that your witnesses etc. fully understand what is required of them.

The Registrar will have other ceremonies to attend after your own and these may be in different locations within the Royal Borough. If you are running late you must make contact with us (if your ceremony is being held at Chelsea Old Town Hall) or with the Approved Venue you have chosen as soon as possible to let us know your whereabouts and how late you may be.

In order to treat all our customers fairly we will not disrupt the timing of a later service because of delays to an earlier one.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that your ceremony will proceed if you and/or your guests are late. We will wait for 15 minutes after the agreed start time and after this we reserve the right to leave the premises. Given that you are expected to arrive 15 minutes prior to your ceremony this means that the maximum we will wait is 15 minutes after the agreed start time.

Please ensure that all those attending your ceremony are aware of our policy as if any of your guests are running late the ceremony may have to commence without them.

Your Special Day

Whilst your guests are being seated, the Officiating Registrars attending your ceremony will interview both of you privately to ensure that all the details to be recorded on the day of the ceremony are correct. At your interviews you will be asked to confirm all the details given at the time of your Notice of Intent.

Once all the preliminaries have been completed, the Registrars will arrange your entrance into the Designated Room for the commencement of the ceremony proper. The officiating Superintendent Registrar will begin the ceremony with a welcome and short introduction, reminding you both of the solemn and binding nature of what you are about to do. As part of your ceremony you will be asked to repeat one set of the official marriage vows.

Once you have exchanged your vows (and rings), the Registrar will then ask both you and your witnesses to sign the register. There will then be an opportunity for photographs to be taken by your photographer and guests.



Your Marriage Vows

You must choose from one of the following sets of vows. These are a legal requirement and may not be altered in any way.

CEREMONY A

Declaratory Words: *I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I may not be joined in matrimony to*

Contracting Words: *I call upon these persons here present to witness that I do take thee to be my lawfully wedded wife/husband.*

CEREMONY B

Declaratory Words: *I declare that I know of no legal reason why I may not be joined in marriage to*

Contracting Words: *I take thee to be my wedded wife/husband.*

CEREMONY C

Declaratory Words: The officiating registrar will ask "Are you free lawfully to marry"? to which you must reply, "I am".

Contracting Words: *I take you to be my wedded wife/husband.*

Exchanging Rings

If you and your partner are exchanging rings you may wish to use our recommended words (given below), however if you wish to include your own ring words, these will need to be approved in advance by the Superintendent Registrar.

"I give you this ring as a symbol of our marriage and as a token of my love."

Personalising Your Ceremony

Once you have given your Notice of your Intention you will be sent a pack which will include additional information to help you plan 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 one week prior to the day of your ceremony. This will give you time to find an alternative should your original choice be declined.

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



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Points To Remember

- Book as far in advance as you can in order to secure the date and time you would like. We will accept bookings up to a year in advance.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that you have enough time to complete all of the relevant paperwork prior to the date of your ceremony.
- You will need to have a minimum of eight days' residency at an address within England or Wales before you will be able to give Notice of your Intention.
- 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 marriage. However, you are able to give Notice up to one year in advance of your proposed date and it is recommended that you do this as soon as is practicable.
- 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. We regret that it is not possible to book this by email.
- When you attend your Notice appointment it is vital that you bring the required legal documents as without them you will not be able to give Notice. If you are in any doubt telephone and discuss the matter with your local Superintendent Registrar.
- 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 civil 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 getting married.

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. This ceremony is a wonderful opportunity for couples to reaffirm their love for one another and one in which their family and friends can share.

“Our immense thanks and appreciation to all the staff who made our Renewal of our Wedding 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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Image by Jo Newman Photography: 020 8776 7698

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 their new family. Supporting adults, grandparents and older siblings are able to make their promises to the child and you can choose poems or readings to enhance the ceremony.

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

Further Information

If you are planning a Renewal of Vows or Naming Ceremony here in the Royal Borough you will need to purchase a booking pack which will enable you to create a script for your perfect day. There will also be additional fees to pay for the attendance of the celebrant. Lists of our current Approved Venues and fees may be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure. If you wish to book a ceremony then please contact this office, by e-mail, in person or by telephone on 020 7361 4100.

It is important to note that Renewal of Vows and Naming 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.

*“Excellent service
very impressed.”*

Nationality Checking Service

If you are planning to apply for British Citizenship then the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea offers a Nationality Checking Service (NCS) to help ensure your citizenship application is properly completed and submitted with all the relevant supporting documents. This service enables applicants to have their forms checked by an adviser before being submitted to the Home Office for approval.

The aim of the service is to minimise delays in processing applications by ensuring that all necessary information and the correct documentation is sent to the Home Office. Our fully trained and qualified advisers will certify your passport and other valuable documents so they remain in your safekeeping and send your application and the correct fee to the Home Office by special delivery post.

The Nationality Checking Service operates on an appointment only basis and if you would like to make an appointment then please telephone the Nationality Checking Officers on 020 7745 6370 from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday or send an email to ncs@rbkc.gov.uk.



*“Consistently
professional, cordial,
warm and efficient.
It is a pleasure to deal
with your NCS staff.
Thank you.”*

Citizenship Ceremonies

“A terrific way to commence life as a British Citizen.”

Any person who has applied for and been granted British Citizenship will be required to attend a citizenship ceremony where they will make their vows to Her Majesty the Queen and the United Kingdom. At the completion of the ceremony the new citizen will be presented with their ‘Certificate of Naturalisation’ and they will then be free to apply for their British passport.

If you are applying for British Citizenship and would like to have your ceremony in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea then simply write the name of the *Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea* in the appropriate place on your application for naturalisation form. Once your application is approved, your Certificate of Naturalisation will be sent to this office and you may proceed with booking your ceremony.

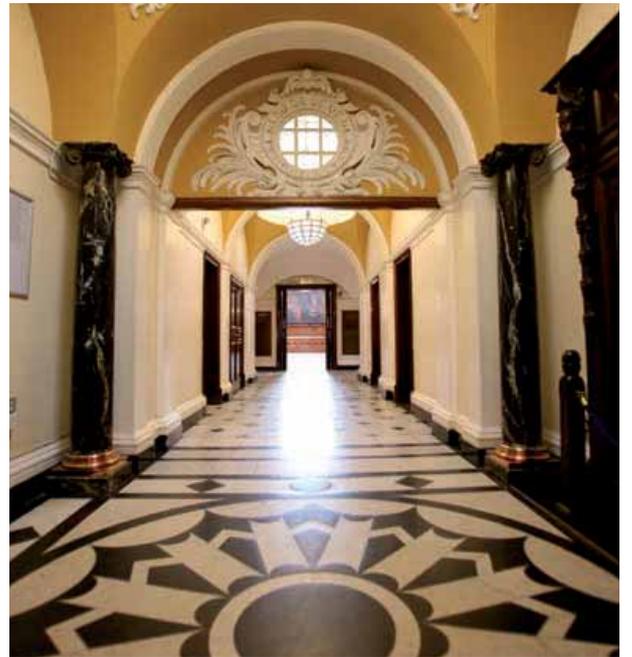
There are two types of ceremony that you may choose from. A group ceremony which is held every fortnight at the Kensington Town Hall, W8 and for which there is no charge, or a private ceremony which is held at the Register Office at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, SW3. Private Citizenship ceremonies can usually be arranged at very short notice, often within a couple of days, for an additional fee (currently £180.00 per person).

If you wish to book a place at one of our citizenship ceremonies you should contact the Citizen Coordinator at the Register Office by telephone on 020 7361 4100 or by email at chelsea.registeroffice@rbkc.gov.uk.



John Rogers

“The Citizenship Ceremony was wonderfully run and enhanced the special day for all who attended.”



Chelsea Old Town Hall

Chelsea Old Town Hall

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

In the heart of London's King's Road, this magnificent late Victorian building, lovingly restored to its original glory, provides a beautiful, memorable and photogenic backdrop for your ceremony and wedding reception.

The marble-floored corridor leads to carved mahogany doors that open to Chelsea's grand and glorious Main Hall. Here a splendid vaulted ceiling, ornate cherub-clad covings and grand marble columns make the Main Hall a stunning setting. The sprung wooden floor provides the perfect surface for dancing, while the hall's stained glass windows, murals, oil paintings, candelabra chandeliers and carved wooden crests pay tribute to the building's historical significance and standing in Chelsea.

These glorious surroundings never fail to take the breath away from visitors and guests alike. The adjoining Small Hall with a minstrels' gallery and ornamental

fireplace, provides an ever complementary space for your ceremony or alternatively a quiet and comfortable area where guests may spill out to, after the wedding breakfast.

This desirable and highly popular venue, matched with a helpful and experienced events team, is the perfect backdrop for your special day.

Please contact the sales team for further details on:

Tel: 0207 361 2220

Email: venues@rbkc.gov.uk

Web: www.rbkc.thefc.co.uk/chelsea

Web: www.rbkc.gov.uk/venueskensington/general



The Roof Gardens

(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 sixth 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 weddings, Babylon, located on the seventh floor, offers fine dining and spectacular panoramic views across London. The Roof Gardens can accommodate weddings 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 to 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 Roof Gardens

Bluebird Chelsea

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Bluebird Chelsea, situated on the King's Road, is a stone's 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 1930s style space. Bluebird benefits from having its own experienced events manager and therefore Tiffany can work with you from the beginning, right to the very end of your wedding to make sure it is exactly what you wish for.

Bluebird Chelsea can accommodate private parties from as small as 10 guests to up to 240 guests.

Please contact their events manager, Tiffany Goodall on 020 7559 1175 or email tiffanyg@danddlondon.com.

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



Bluebird Chelsea



Beaufort House Chelsea

Beaufort House Chelsea

An exquisite private members' club complete with stylish penthouse champagne bar, members' lounge, private clubroom and sophisticated restaurant as well as London's premier cocktail bar, Beaufort House is truly a unique and multipurpose venue.

It is, however, really at its best when hosting weddings. Whether you choose a reception for up to 120 guests in the penthouse champagne bar, a dinner for up to 100 in their members' lounge or a more intimate wedding breakfast in the clubroom for up to 28 people, Beaufort House Chelsea is the perfect place to celebrate.

At the very heart of Chelsea, Beaufort House Chelsea is on the junction between the eminently fashionable Kings Road and Beaufort Street. It is a stone's throw from Chelsea Town Hall, just a mile from Fulham Town Hall and you're welcome to visit for a viewing at any time.

Beaufort House's hosts Simon and Louis will make your big day by providing the personalised and innovative wedding service that only a premier private members' club can offer. The talented creative

events team manage every facet of the day and handle any special requirements, however unique. You will receive a professional consultation on confirmation of your booking, including a detailed run through of your special day, so you can be assured that your celebration will be impeccably planned, allowing you complete peace of mind.

On top of this, Beaufort House are currently offering a year's complimentary membership to their exclusive private members' club to couples who book the Beaufort House Chelsea for their wedding reception.

To discuss your special day in more detail please contact Louis Hysa or Simon Oldham:

Beaufort House Chelsea
354 Kings Road, London SW3 5UZ.
Tel: 020 7352 2828
Email: info@beauforthousechelsea.com
Web: www.beauforthousechelsea.com



The Chelsea Gardener

The Chelsea Gardener

Entertain your guests in a setting filled with colourful plants and ornaments. This charming and unique venue is perfect for wedding parties. Intimate yet spacious, The Chelsea Gardener can provide a number of elegant options in the main heated showroom, covered and uncovered outdoor garden areas and the impressive orangery. Accommodating up to 400 people the venue is available for evening events seven days a week, all year round.

The Chelsea Gardener,
125 Sydney Street, London SW3 6NR.
Tel: 020 7352 5656
Email: info@chelseagardener.com
Web: www.chelseagardener.com



Cheyne Walk Brasserie

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(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Cheyne Walk Brasserie, located in the heart of Chelsea, mixes romantic and stylish settings whilst keeping the traditional provencal feel. In the middle of the brasserie stands an open grill where fresh, seasonal products are perfectly prepared.

The restaurant caters for up to 75 seated guests or 130 reception guests. The salon offers a stunning river view and can cater for an intimate sit down meal for 33 people or a lavish reception for up to 70 guests.

The team believes that the most important celebration in your life has to be personal and magical. They pride themselves in being able to listen to their clients and interpret their dreams into a unique tailor-made day.

Cheyne Walk Brasserie, 50 Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5LR.
Tel: 020 7376 8787
Email: events@cheynewalkbrasserie.com
Web: www.cheynewalkbrasserie.com



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The Great Hall

The Royal Hospital Chelsea

On the banks of the River Thames, at the heart of one of London's most fashionable districts, the Royal Hospital Chelsea offers a number of historic and beautiful spaces to hire, both inside and out, all of which are ideal for corporate events, private parties and wedding receptions.

But the Royal Hospital can offer more than just a picturesque backdrop for your event. Private parking, excellent approved caterers and an experienced and dedicated events team combine to make every occasion truly memorable.

In addition, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the profits from room hire at the Royal Hospital go towards securing a future both for the buildings themselves and for the Chelsea Pensioners who live there.

The largest of the spaces for hire is the Great Hall, a majestic room which can seat up to 250 people for dinner or accommodate up to 400 for a stand-up reception.

With its richly panelled walls, fine oil paintings and impressive Antonio Verrio mural, this beautiful room is little changed since Sir Christopher Wren first designed it more than 300 years ago.

For those looking for an adjacent outside area, the elegant Figure Court can be hired in conjunction with the Great Hall.

Designed to entertain royalty, the State Apartments are a magnificent environment for a drinks reception or private dinner with capacities of 250 and 96 respectively. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren and featuring paintings by Van Dyke, Kneller and Lely, the State Apartments offer an exquisite experience for guests.

The serene Cannon Gardens are also available as an outdoor extension of the State Apartments on request.

Interested in hiring one of these venues? Contact the Royal Hospital Chelsea's events team by calling 020 7881 5305 or emailing RHCEvents@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk.

You can see more images of the venues at www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk/gallery.

The Events Team, Royal Hospital Chelsea,
Royal Hospital Road SW3 4SR.

Tel: 020 7881 5305

Email: RHCEvents@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

Web: www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk



Daphne's

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Daphne's is a friendly local restaurant in South Kensington, with a reputation for delicious seasonal Italian country cooking and charming service. The terracotta colours, olive and citrus trees and sandy stonework create a Mediterranean warmth which provides the perfect setting for a wedding or civil ceremony reception.

Daphne's conservatory is an intimate room for up to 40 guests seated or 50 for a standing reception, perfect for a private party with its retractable roof in summer and its open fire in winter. The restaurant can also be exclusively hired for up to 90 guests seated or for 120 standing.

Whether planning a morning wedding and lunch, or an evening ceremony followed by dinner, Daphne's offers a bespoke service, plus a first year anniversary complimentary meal.

For all rates and enquiries, please contact Daphne's event team on 020 7307 5785 or events@caprice-holdings.co.uk.

Daphne's Conservatory, 112 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 3AE.
Tel: 020 7307 5785
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 15 minutes from the register office and just 20 minutes away from Heathrow airport, The House is an elegant and cosy space that offers the perfect setting to host wedding 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



The Capital Hotel

The Capital, Knightsbridge

The perfect venue for pre-wedding shopping trips, family gatherings, wedding breakfasts and honeymoon nights.

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Blakes Hotel

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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 partnership, or traditional wedding celebration.

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

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The Hurlingham Club is an exquisite London wedding venue set in 42 acres of magnificent grounds bordering the Thames in Fulham.

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The beautiful and utterly flexible rooms offer an ideal setting for celebrations between 50 and 600 guests. The venue space opens on to the terraces with unique views over the striking grounds and River Thames.

Coach access and onsite car parking are available for your guests. On request, there is an option for arranging arrival by boat.

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The Gate Cinema

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The Gate Cinema in Notting Hill is a stunning venue to hold your wedding ceremony or civil partnership. Whether you've a flair for the dramatic, or are just looking for a venue that reflects who you are as a couple, you'll agree that The Gate is the perfect choice. More couples than ever are searching for a venue that shows personality, and at The Gate they offer both timeless elegance and cheeky kitsch, so no matter what your style their experienced staff can help. Print personalised cinema tickets for you to send your guests as invitations or why not have your photos up on screen, or even a homemade film for friends and family to enjoy before you make your big entrance? 'Movie' posters of the happy couple can also be put up in the foyer with help from the in house design team!

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Rydges Kensington London

The ideal venue to accommodate events from six to 120 guests, Rydges Kensington London, a gorgeously stylish boutique 81 room hotel, offers character filled events rooms, bespoke packages and is located just two minutes' walk from Gloucester Road tube station. To discuss your special day in more detail, call 020 7590 1562 or email david_parsons@rydges.com.

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The Park Room, Rydges Kensington London



The Regency Hotel

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The Phene

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The Pig's Ear

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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 their experienced staff can also look after those who would just prefer pre or post wedding drinks and canapés.

With a relaxed ambience and attentive service The Pig's Ear can offer something out of the ordinary to add to your wedding day magic.

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