Marry Me
in Kensington and Chelsea
A very warm welcome to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Whether you live in Kensington and Chelsea or not, getting married or forming your civil partnership 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 venue for ceremonies and whether you wish to have a simple celebration or a large, formal affair with your family and friends, we are here to help.

We also offer four other types of Civil Ceremony – Civil Partnership to Marriage Conversion, Naming, Commitment 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 of Kensington and Chelsea 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.

Yours Sincerely

Steven Lord
Superintendent Registrar

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“Fabulous service from start to finish.”

Helen Jones Photography
Choosing the Royal Borough

Chelsea Old Town Hall is a beautiful and stylish building located on the Kings Road, Chelsea and houses five licensed rooms, including the Brydon Room, the Rossetti Room, and the Harrington Room, as well as the Register Office. You are most welcome to visit us to see our rooms for yourselves.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea 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 ceremony a memorable and unique occasion.

Getting Started

There are two easy steps to get married or form a civil partnership.

1. Choose and book your venue.

You can get married or form a civil partnership at any Register Office or Approved Venue within England and Wales regardless of where you live. We hope that you choose the Chelsea Old Town Hall or another venue in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for your ceremony. However you must be a resident of England or Wales (or have resided there for at least 8 complete days).

2. Give notice of intention to marry or form a civil partnership

If you are both EEA citizens then each of you must give formal Notice of your Intention to marry or form a civil partnership to a Superintendent Registrar of the district in which you reside.

If one or both of you are non-EEA citizens then you must both give formal Notice of Intention to marry or form a civil partnership 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 statutory period* and only then can the authorisation(s) be issued which will allow your marriage or civil partnership to go ahead.

Your Notices will state where you wish to marry or form your civil partnership 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 Notices. 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 when doing so (details of the booking fees are to be found on the insert in the back of this brochure).

* It is not possible to include all of the relevant legislation in this brochure however if you contact the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office we will provide you with details of how the legislation applies to your personal circumstances.

“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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Making a Booking

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 on 020 7361 4100 or in person here at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, Kings Road, London, SW3 5EE (or on-line from mid 2016). 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/births-deaths-and-marriages/births-death-and-marriages.

You need to have decided on your venue prior to making a booking and giving notice of intention to marry or form a civil partnership.

Giving Notice of Intention to Marry and form a Civil Partnership

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 a translation will also be required. If your divorce/dissolution took place outside England or Wales then it will need to be referred to the General Register Office for approval.

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 or 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 showing parent(s) details. By law you cannot marry or form a civil partnership if you are under the age of 16.

You can give notice from a year before your ceremony date. We recommend that you should have this completed at least 3 months prior to your ceremony date.
Venues For Your Ceremony

One of the first things to remember is that you are free to have your ceremony at any venue within England or Wales which holds a valid licence for Civil Ceremonies. This means that if you wish to get married or form your civil partnership here in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea then you are free to do so, no matter where you live.

There are many 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 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 houses five licensed rooms, namely the Brydon Room, the Rossetti Room, the Harrington Room and the Main and Small Halls, as well as the Register Office.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is pleased to be able to offer two evening ceremony times on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. However, please be aware that up to 31st March 2017 there is an additional fee payable for any ceremony booked from 6.00 pm onwards, and from 1st April 2017 the additional fee applies to any ceremony booked from 5.00 pm onwards (details of this additional fee are to be found on the insert in the back of this brochure). Please note that these late ceremonies do not apply to the Register Office, the Harrington Room or the Rossetti Room.

Due to the popularity of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea 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 ten.

Register Office Ceremonies

Register Office ceremonies are small and select, being for you and your two witnesses only. Your ceremony will take a maximum of 30 minutes, including your pre-ceremony interview and any photographs you may wish to take.

A Register Office ceremony is available at 9.15 am on Mondays only.

We regret that for operational reasons it is not possible to have a Register Office ceremony on any other day or time.

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

“Thank you very much for a magical experience.”

Helen Jones Photography
The Harrington Room

The Harrington Room accommodates up to 8 guests and ceremonies performed in this room are simple and elegant. This room is situated on the first floor and your ceremony will take a maximum of 30 minutes, including your pre-ceremony interview and any photographs you may wish to take.

The Harrington Room is available at 9.15 am from Tuesdays to Fridays only. We regret that for operational reasons it is not possible to have a ceremony in this room on any other day or time.

“Lovely, lovely people. The perfect venue.”
The Rossetti Room

The Rossetti Room is our most popular venue and although larger than the Harrington Room it is still small enough for that intimate occasion. Situated on the first floor and with seating for up to 12 guests, 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.

A ceremony in the Rossetti Room allows you and your partner to be interviewed 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 tradition.

“Our marriage was just perfect in every way.”

John Rogers

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

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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 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 38 guests. 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.

A ceremony in the Brydon Room allows you and your partner to be interviewed 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 tradition.

“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.”
Approved Venues

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea is pleased to be able to offer a range of different venues for your ceremony. 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 or form your civil partnership 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 ceremonies at Approved Venues on any day including Sundays and Bank Holidays (subject to staff availability) and in the evenings. However, please be aware that up to 31st March 2017 there is an additional fee payable for any ceremony booked from 6.00 pm onwards, and from 1st April 2017 the additional fee applies to any ceremony booked from 5.00 pm onwards.

Lists of our current Approved Venues and fees are to be found in the pocket at the back of this brochure.

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 at least 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.

You may view our lateness policy on our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/births-deaths-and-marriages/our-lateness-policy.

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 Intention to Marry or form a Civil Partnership.

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 the commitment you are about to make to each other. As part of your ceremony you will be asked to repeat one set of the official vows.

Once you have exchanged your vows (and optional 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.

Personalising Your Ceremony

Once you have given your Notice of your Intention to Marry or form a Civil Partnership you will be asked to download a pack from our website 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.

It is your day and we want to make it as special as possible for you. You may choose to have a quiet intimate ceremony with just yourselves and a few friends. On the other hand, you may wish to personalise your ceremony with music, readings and video, and we will endeavour to comply with your wishes subject to certain restrictions. For example, any music, readings or additional words must not have any religious connotations and your choices need to be approved by the Superintendent Registrar at least one week prior to the day of your ceremony.

We are here to ensure that your special day runs as smoothly as possible, leaving you to enjoy a worry free experience with your families, your friends and, of course, each other! If you and your partner are exchanging rings, you may wish to incorporate some additional words. Our recommendations are shown on pages twelve and thirteen but if you wish to include your own words whilst exchanging rings you may do so, however these additional words will need to be approved in advance by the Superintendent Registrar.
Your Marriage Vows

If you are getting married you must choose from one of the following sets of vows. As a marriage ceremony is a legal contract the words below are prescribed by law under the Marriage Act and are unable to be altered in any way.

It is regrettable but it will not be possible for you to say these vows if you are forming a civil partnership.

**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 Word:  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.”
Your Civil Partnership Vows

If you are a forming a civil partnership you must choose from one of the following sets of vows. A ceremony for your civil partnership is a celebratory one and the words below are the ones used in all civil partnership ceremonies in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

It is regrettable but it will not be possible for you to say these vows if you are getting married.

**Ceremony A**

Declaratory Words:  
I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful impediment why I ................. may not form a civil partnership with you .................

Contracting Words:  
I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ................. do take you ................. to be my civil partner under law.

**Ceremony B**

Declaratory Words:  
I declare that I know of no legal reason why I ................. may not form a civil partnership with you .................

Contracting Words:  
I ................. take you ................. to be my civil partner under law.

**Ceremony C**

Declaratory Words:  
The officiating registrar will ask “Are you ................. free lawfully to form a civil partnership with .................?” to which you must reply, “I am”.

Contracting Words:  
I ................. take you ................. to be my civil partner under law.

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**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.

“Thank you for your kindness and patience with me whilst I attempted to say my vows through floods of tears.”

“I give you this ring as a token of my love and a sign of the promises I make to you today.”
Points To Remember

• Book up to a year in advance in order to secure the date and time you would like.

• 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 8 full days of residency at an address within England or Wales before you will be able to give Notice of your Intention to marry or form a civil partnership.

• You both have to attend to give Notice of your Intention to marry or form a civil partnership even if you live in the same registration district and this must be done in accordance with the required statutory period* 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 early as possible.

• If you will be giving Notice at the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office then you will need to make an appointment. You can do this by telephone or in person (or on-line from mid 2016). We regret that it is not possible to book 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. Please note that only original documents will be acceptable.

• 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 or forming a civil partnership.

* It is not possible to include all of the relevant legislation and procedures in this brochure however if you contact the Chelsea Register Office we will provide you with details of how the legislation applies to your personal circumstances and desired timings.
Civil Partnership to Marriage Conversion Ceremonies

A Civil Partnership conversion ceremony is an optional celebration which the Royal Borough offers to those couples who have chosen to convert their civil partnership into a marriage and who wish to have an occasion in which they may celebrate their new status.

Any couple wishing to convert their civil partnership to a marriage will be able to do so at the Chelsea Old Town Hall, or at any of the Approved Venues within the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, regardless of where in the UK it was originally contracted.

If you wish to hold your civil partnership conversion and celebratory ceremony here in the Royal Borough you should contact this Register Office on 020 7361 4100 for further information.

Please note that it is not a requirement to hold a ceremony to convert a civil partnership to a marriage as this can also be done at an appointment. Please contact us on 020 7361 4100 to arrange this.

Other Civil Ceremonies

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.

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.

Commitment Ceremonies
This is an opportunity for couples wishing to have a ceremony where they may declare their love and commitment for each other in front of family and friends.

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.
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 contact this office by telephone on 020 7745 6370 from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday or by email at registrars@rbkc.gov.uk.

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

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.

If you wish to book a place at one of our citizenship ceremonies you should contact this office by telephone on 020 7361 4100 from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, Monday to Friday or by email at registrars@rbkc.gov.uk.

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

“The Citizenship Ceremony was wonderfully run and enhanced the special day for all who attended.”
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! For those seeking something truly exceptional, The Roof Gardens is one of London’s most unique locations for wedding ceremonies and receptions. The stunning Clubhouse space, nestled amidst 1.5 acres of gardens and wildlife 100ft above High Street Kensington, provides the perfect setting for couples to tie the knot. Catering for weddings of 50 guests to more elaborate celebrations up to 500, couples can enjoy exclusive use of The Roof Gardens including the three themed Gardens (complete with four resident flamingos who are very happy to pose for pictures)! The clubhouse on the 6th floor is licensed for civil ceremonies and partnerships for up to 150 people. Although the Gardens themselves are not licensed for civil ceremonies, couples can have blessings in the Gardens, and of course those all-important wedding photographs. The beautiful setting truly provides the most unique backdrop for such a special day.

For those looking for an intimate wedding reception the private dining room in Babylon is the perfect choice seating only 10 guests and offering amazing views over London’s skyline with mouth-watering cuisine.

The venue’s dedicated in-house events team, and personal wedding planner, will take care of every aspect of the happy couple’s special day. From organising the ceremony itself to the flower arrangements, exquisite catering and entertainment; no detail is overlooked.

Events Team
The Roof Gardens, 99 Kensington High Street, London W8 5SA.
Tel: 020 7368 3971
Email: Events@roofgardens.virgin.com
Web: www.roofgardens.virgin.com
Daphne’s
(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Fully-licensed for weddings and civil partnerships, Daphne’s is an intimate venue, perfect for both ceremonies and celebrations. The elegant conservatory can seat up to 60 guests theatre-style for a ceremony or can host up to 40 people for wedding breakfasts. For larger events, the restaurant can be hired exclusively and can seat up to 60 guests or up to 80 guests for a standing canapé reception.

Whatever your plans, Daphne’s offers a bespoke service to fulfill and surpass expectations. The team will take pressure off couples by organising every last detail in a creative, calm and professional manner.

Daphne’s, 112 Draycott Avenue, London SW3 3AE
Tel: 020 7307 5786
Email: events@daphnes-restaurant.co.uk
Web: www.daphnes-restaurant.co.uk

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 team who 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 team on 020 7559 1162 or email bbevents@danddlondon.com to find out more information and begin planning your dream day.

Bluebird Chelsea, 350 Kings Road, London SW3 5UU
Web: www.bluebird-restaurant.co.uk
Beaufort House Chelsea
(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

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 and civil partnerships. 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.

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

The team’s dedicated wedding planner will make your big day by providing a personalised and innovative planning 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 upon 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 or civil ceremony.

To discuss your special day in more detail please contact a member of the Events team.

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

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Located in the exclusive district of Kensington, this hotel makes the perfect setting for a wedding, with the event space having completed its refurbishments in October 2015.

Give your special day the perfect backdrop it deserves and invite your guests to share your experience in one of the hotel's spacious suites.

At the Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington they understand that planning ahead is key to a successful wedding. Therefore, you will be provided with your own dedicated wedding planner who will work with you throughout the planning process.

Perfect for all year round wedding receptions, the venue is available to accommodate groups of up to 250 guests.

Please quote WED01 when enquiring for your wedding.

Copthorne Tara Hotel London Kensington, Scarsdale Place, Kensington, London W8 5SR (For GPS W8 5SY)
Telephone: 020 7872 2912
Email: events.tara@millenniumhotels.co.uk
Web: www.millenniumhotels.co.uk

The Sloane Club

The Sloane Club, an exclusive Private Members’ Club in the heart of Chelsea, offers an elegant location to celebrate your special day. With the intimacy of a club and the services of a five star restaurant, The Sloane Club’s selection of flexible event spaces can accommodate between 12 and 60 guests seated and standing receptions for up to 100. Renowned Executive Chef Bernhard Mayer can create bespoke menus to make your celebration truly unforgettable. Accommodation for bridal party and wedding guests is available at The Apartments by The Sloane Club.

The Sloane Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street, Chelsea SW1W 8BS
Tel: 020 7730 9131
Email: events@sloaneclub.co.uk
Web: www.sloaneclub.co.uk
The Royal Hospital Chelsea

Home to the Chelsea Pensioners for over 300 years, the Royal Hospital on the banks of the River Thames offers a number of historic and beautiful spaces for both intimate and larger wedding parties.

The Sir Christopher Wren designed buildings, set within 66 acres of grounds, provide a truly unique and striking backdrop for your special day. Their elegant central courtyard Figure Court impressively welcomes you and your guests for a drinks reception. You can then lead your guests into the State Apartments, originally built to host members of the Royal Family, which offers a historic setting adorned with fine oil paintings. Alternatively, the majestic oak panelled Great Hall is perfect for larger receptions. If an outdoor venue is your ideal, then the beautiful and secluded Ranelagh Gardens can be used for marquees.

In addition to their stunning spaces, the Royal Hospital Chelsea also provides a variety of handpicked caterers and suppliers plus a host of practical arrangements such as private parking and security. A dedicated member of the Events Team will also work with you to ensure your day is spectacular.

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

Contact the Royal Hospital Chelsea’s Events Team today to arrange a visit:

Royal Hospital Chelsea,
Royal Hospital Road SW3 4SR
Tel: 020 7881 5250
Email: RHCEvents@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk
Web: www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk
Tom’s Kitchen

Located in an old townhouse in the heart of Chelsea, Tom’s Kitchen offers a range of options for seated dinners or standing receptions for up to 60 guests; perfect for intimate wedding celebrations.

Tom’s Kitchen,
27 Cale Street,
London SW3 3QP
Tel: 020 7349 0202
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Web: www.tomskitchen.co.uk

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Web: www.hurlinghamclub.org.uk/venue
Jumeirah Carlton Tower
(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Jumeirah Carlton Tower is an elegant, beautifully furnished, luxurious hotel located in the heart of Knightsbridge. With a menu of wedding services that ensures every detail is carefully considered and a team of dedicated professionals to execute your event to perfection, the hotel is the ideal choice for your special day.

The hotel’s recently refurbished Art Deco inspired Ballroom is the height of elegance, featuring its own private entrance, Viennese crystal chandeliers and offering space for up to 360 guests for a seated reception or 700 guests for a drinks reception. Alternatively, the Garden Rooms – overlooking the private Cadogan Gardens and bathed in natural daylight – make a perfect romantic setting to exchange vows and can hold up to 150 guests for dinner. Couples who wed at Jumeirah Carlton Tower can also have photography of their special day taken in the private gardens to capture their wonderful memories forever.

To start arranging your special day, contact your dedicated wedding planner Husna Mirza on 020 7858 7171 or email JCTevents@jumeirah.com.

Jumeirah Carlton Tower,
On Cadogan Place, London SW1X 9PY
Web: www.jumeirah.com/jct

The Pig’s Ear Pub / Restaurant

The Pig’s Ear is a brisk 5 minute walk from the Register Office, perfectly located for an ushers lunch, drinks, or a full scale reception.

Parties can be held in the upstairs dining room (40 seated or about 60-70 for canapés), the Blue Room (20 seated or about 35 for drinks and canapés), or the bar area for spontaneous eats and drinks.

A versatile and highly recommended restaurant and pub with outstanding food and service.

The Pig’s Ear,
35 Old Church Street,
Chelsea SW3 5BS.
Tel: 020 7352 2908
Email: pigsear@theunionbar.co.uk
Web: www.thepigsear.info
The Phene

This iconic and much loved Chelsea venue boasts an array of options to suit beautiful boutique weddings in a secluded spot within five minutes’ walk of the Old Town Hall.

Enjoy a Champagne reception and canapés in the Phene’s sunbathed Garden, a local landmark in its own right, before sitting down to dine in either of the glamorous private spaces.

Choose between:
The Oakley Room: 44 seated / 80 standing
The Club Room: 18 seated / 30 standing
The Garden: 50 seated* / 60 standing.
* Mon – Fri lunchtimes only

The dedicated events team will ensure your big day goes smoothly, leaving you and your guests to enjoy the delicious food, drink and relaxed Phene atmosphere.

The Phene, 9 Phene Street, Chelsea SW3 5NY
Tel: 020 7352 9898 Email: events@thephene.com
Web: www.thephene.com

The Churchill War Rooms

Located in London’s historic Underground bunker, Churchill War Rooms provides a unique location for your wedding reception.

These famous rooms have been preserved and restored to look just as they did when Churchill last held court there. Whether you choose the intimate Harmsworth Room (up to 100 guests) or the modern and spacious HCA Auditorium (up to 200 guests), this once secret underground wartime headquarters is the ideal venue for a unique celebration that will have your guests talking long after the day is over.

Reception packages start at just £76.20 per person. Please contact a member of the experienced sales team to discuss your requirements in more detail.

Churchill War Rooms,
Clive Steps, King Charles Street, London SW1A 2AQ
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Email: churchillwarrooms@iwm events.co.uk
Web: www.iwm.org.uk/visits/churchill-war-rooms
University Women’s Club

The University Women’s Club, a Grade II listed building, is a licensed venue for beautiful weddings based in the heart of Mayfair. The menus are tailor-made for your taste and budget, working with the chef to cater for your special day. The club can offer two elegant rooms for weddings: The Library and The Drawing Room, both of which can cater from 10 to 80 guests. You can enjoy champagne and canapés in their patio garden.

For more information and viewings please contact Lorraine Carroll on 020 7647 6693 or email lorraine@uwc-london.com.

University Women’s Club, 2 Audley Square, London W1K 1DB.
Web: www.universitywomensclub.com

LASSCO Brunswick House

Across the Thames from Belgravia and Tate Britain stands a mansion, a magnificent reminder of eighteenth century Vauxhall and its Pleasure Gardens. The house is now home to the LASSCO architectural emporium and the Brunswick House restaurant.

Guests enter through the grand stone portico leaving the roar of London’s traffic behind. Inside its lofty Georgian interior the panelled rooms are packed with salvaged curiosities, magnificent chimneypieces, brilliant cut glazed entranceways, sparkling chandeliers and noble colonnades. Reclaimed furniture and vintage paraphernalia jostle with an eclectic display of beautiful antiques in each room.

Brunswick House can be hired exclusively for a truly memorable and unique wedding reception, hosting 100 diners with catering provided by the acclaimed chefs of The Brunswick House restaurant. Followed by dancing in atmospheric 17th Century Cellars.

LASSCO Brunswick House, 30 Wandsworth Road, Vauxhall, London SW8 2LG.
Tel: 020 7501 7775 Email: events@lassco.co.uk Web: www.lassco.co.uk
Cheyne Walk Brasserie

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

My Chelsea

Enjoy your special day in an oasis of tranquillity in central London.

Spend your special night in one of My Chelsea’s beautiful rooms, or bring your entire wedding party to stay, to extend your memorable day into the night. The hotel has 5 unique suites, which can perfectly adapt to all your needs to make your dream wedding become a reality.

Since this charming boutique hotel is located in the heart of the Royal Borough, you can spend your precious time celebrating instead of travelling.

For more information about rooms and bookings please call 0333 240 9094 or email res@myhotels.com.

My Chelsea, 35 Ixworth Place, London, SW3 3QX.
Web: www.myhotels.com

The Chelsea Harbour Hotel

Revel in style and sophistication.

The Chelsea Harbour Hotel is perfectly placed to host your special day.

The majestic Grand Room seats up to 500 guests with an adjacent Grand Foyer, for a perfect setting to welcome your guests in style with a glass of bubbles. For more intimate occasions choose from the Bridges or Drakes suite, overlooking the marina and the River Thames with panoramic views over London.

Your dedicated wedding planner can advise and assist with all your requests and little touches that make every part of your day memorable – let Chelsea Harbour Hotel make your dream wedding come true!

The Chelsea Harbour Hotel
Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 0XG.
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Raved about in Perfect Wedding Magazine, Brides Magazine and Wedding Daily and counting several celebrities and well known figures amongst its client base, Etoile Bakery’s designs have graced some of the most elegant tables in the Capital.

Etoile Bakery
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Richard Ogden

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