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in KENSINGTON and CHELSEA
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WELCOME TO THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Getting married or forming your civil partnership will be one of the most special and treasured occasions of your life, and as such choosing the right location for your ceremony is of paramount importance.

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has over 30 approved premises to choose from when it comes to finding that venue that’s just right for you on your big day. From grand and exquisite, to more intimate, relaxed or alternative, we have the perfect selection of venues for your ceremony.

And you don’t need to live in Kensington and Chelsea in order to hold your ceremony with us.

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 and can easily make your ceremony preferences a reality. We pride ourselves on providing the highest standards of customer care from start to finish, evidenced in hundreds of customer testimonials.

We also offer four other types of Civil Ceremony: Civil Partnership to Marriage conversion, Naming, Commitment and Renewal of Vows. These ceremonies can take place at any of our Approved Venues, including those located here in the Chelsea Old Town Hall.

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.

Should you have any questions at all or wish to make a booking, do call us on the number below and our experienced and dedicated staff will be able to assist you.

Wishing you all the very best for your special day.

Yours Sincerely

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CHOOSING THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Chelsea Old Town Hall is a beautiful and stylish building located on the King’s Road, Chelsea and houses six licensed rooms - including the Brydon Room, the Rossetti Room, and the Harrington Room.

We strongly encourage you to come to see the splendour of our rooms to see why more than 2500 couples every year choose to have their marriage or civil partnership ceremony with us.

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 getting married or forming 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 full 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 intention to marry or form a civil partnership at the Register Office for 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 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* after which the authorisation will be issued which allows your marriage or civil partnership to proceed.

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.

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.

* Either 29 or 71 days. However, it is not possible to include all of the relevant legislation in this brochure so please contact the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office and we will provide you with details of how the legislation applies to your personal circumstances.
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 your ceremony in advance. For information on how to make a provisional booking please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.

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 your booking 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, or on our website, www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.

You need to have decided on your venue prior to making a booking and/or giving notice of intention to marry or form a civil partnership.
GIVING NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MARRY OR FORM A CIVIL PARTNERSHIP

When you give your Notices of Intention 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.
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 over 30 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.

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 of Kensington and Chelsea are subject to our Lateness Policy – please see page fourteen.

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.

Register Office ceremonies are 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.
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 upper ground 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 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday only. We regret that for operational reasons it is not possible to have a ceremony in this room on any other day or time.
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 upper ground 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.
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 upper ground 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.
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 Kensington and Chelsea 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, or evening, however please be aware that there is an additional fee payable for 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

It is important that your ceremony commences at the agreed time so in order for this to happen we ask that you and your guests arrive in plenty of time for your ceremony. If a ceremony is being held at the Chelsea Old Town Hall you and your guests should arrive 15 minutes before the agreed start time, and for a ceremony in an Approved Venue you should arrive 30 minutes before.

This is important as the Registrar will need to interview both of you, in private, prior to the ceremony and will need to check that your witnesses fully understand what is required of them.

The Registration Officers will have other ceremonies to attend after yours, and these may be in different locations within the Royal Borough so if you are running late you should contact us (if your ceremony is being held at Chelsea Old Town Hall) or the staff at the venue (if elsewhere), as soon as possible to let us know where you are and how late you may be.

Please note that we will not delay the start of a ceremony following your own, so if you are late we may have to shorten your ceremony to ensure that the following ceremony starts in a timely fashion.

We cannot guarantee that your ceremony will go ahead if you and/or your guests are late. We will wait for fifteen minutes after the agreed start time and after this we reserve the right to move onto the next ceremony and/or leave the premises.
YOUR SPECIAL DAY

Whilst your guests are being seated, the Registration Officers 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 Registration Officers will arrange your entrance into the chosen 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 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 sent a confirmation e-mail which includes a link to our ceremony information 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.

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!

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 additional words, and we will endeavour to comply with your wishes subject to certain restrictions.

For example, any music or readings must not have any religious connotations and your choices need to be approved by this Register Office at least one week prior to the day of your ceremony.

And if you and your partner are exchanging rings, you may wish to incorporate some additional words. Our recommendations are shown on pages sixteen and seventeen but if you wish to include your own words whilst exchanging rings you may do this, however these additional words will need to be approved in advance by this Register Office.
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.

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 this Register Office.

“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 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 not possible for you to say these vows if you are having a marriage rather than a civil partnership.

CEREMONY A
Declaratory Words: I do solemnly declare that I know of no lawful impediment why I ................ may not form a civil partnership with .................

Contracting Words: I call upon these persons here present to witness that I ................ do take thee ................ 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 .................

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.

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 this Register Office.

“I give you this ring as a token of my love and a sign of the promises I make to you today.”
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 (or even if formed in a British embassy abroad).

If you wish to hold your civil partnership conversion ceremony here in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea you should see our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrar.

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.
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 must both attend to give notice of your intention to marry or form a civil partnership even if you live in the same registration district. This must be done in accordance with the required statutory period*. You may 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 on-line at www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars. 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 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 Register Office. Please note that only original documents will be acceptable, and must be accompanied by a third party translation into English where appropriate.

• Remember that your readings and music must have no religious connotations.

• 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.

* Either 29 or 71 days. However, it is not possible to include all of the relevant legislation in this brochure so please contact the Kensington and Chelsea Register Office and we will provide you with details of how the legislation applies to your personal circumstances.
EUROPEAN PASSPORT RETURN SERVICE

If you are an EEA / Swiss national, or a family member of an EEA / Swiss national, you may be considering applying for a Home Office registration certificate or document certifying permanent residence in the UK. Since November 2015, all EEA / Swiss nationals who wish to naturalise as British Citizens have been required to hold a document certifying permanent residence before being eligible to apply for citizenship.

Rather than send your passport to the Home Office when you apply for such a document, we can offer you the European Passport Return Service (EPRS), which allows you to keep your passport while your application is being considered. For a fee, we will take and forward a certified copy of your EEA / Swiss passport to the Home Office along with other supporting documents you may like to submit.

For information on how to book an appointment please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.
NATIONALITY CHECKING SERVICE AND JOINT CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT APPLICATION 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.

We also offer a Joint Citizenship and Passport Application where you may submit your passport application together with your citizenship application. This means that your passport application will be processed alongside your citizenship submission and your new British Passport will automatically be sent out to you after you have attended your citizenship ceremony.

To use these services you will need to book an appointment in advance. For information on how to book an appointment please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.

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

SETTLEMENT CHECKING SERVICE

Before applying for British Citizenship you will usually need to become legally “settled” in the UK. If you are a non-EEA national applying for settlement on application form SET(M), as the spouse or partner of either a British Citizen or a person already settled in the UK, we are able to check your application form and documents for you before they are sent to the Home Office.

An Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner (OISC) registered adviser will check your application for validity and accuracy before it is submitted. We can then either send your application and certified copies of your supporting documents to the Home Office for you, allowing you to keep the originals, or return them all to you if you are planning to submit your application in person at a Home Office Premium Service Centre.

This service is offered on an appointment-only basis. For information on how to book an appointment please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.
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. For those who used the Joint Citizenship and Passport Application Service, their passport will be dispatched directly by the Home Office the day after the citizenship ceremony.

There are two types of ceremony that you may choose from. A group ceremony which is held fortnightly at the Kensington Town Hall and for which there is no charge; or a private ceremony which is held at the Chelsea Old Town Hall upon special request. Private Citizenship ceremonies can usually be arranged at very short notice, often within a couple of days, for an additional fee.

For information on how to book a citizenship ceremony please visit our website www.rbkc.gov.uk/registrars.
OTHER CIVIL CEREMONIES

RENEWAL OF VOWS CEREMONIES
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 which their family and friends can share in.

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 non-legal ceremony where they may declare their love and commitment for each other in front of family and friends.

FURTHER INFORMATION
It is important to note that Renewal of Vows Ceremonies, Naming Ceremonies and Commitment Ceremonies have no legal status and Registration Officers 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.
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: 020 7361 2220
Email: venues@rbkc.gov.uk
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 12 guests and offering amazing views over London’s skyline with mouth-watering cuisine. Larger parties of 30 to 100 can also hire the entire restaurant.

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 220 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 weddings and civil ceremonies.

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 event. 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 celebrations, the venue is available to accommodate groups of up to 250 guests.

Please quote WED01 when enquiring for your bespoke event.

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Scarsdale Place, Kensington, London W8 5SR (For GPS W8 5SY)
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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 service 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 both The Sloane Club and 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  
(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

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
Email: chelsea@tomskitchen.co.uk
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The Hurlingham Club

A hidden gem of London...an exquisite wedding venue

Located on the border of the River Thames in Fulham and set within 42 acres of magnificent grounds, the venue is a green oasis of tradition and international renown. The striking Georgian Clubhouse effortlessly combines timeless elegance with contemporary event facilities, and makes a magnificent backdrop for your wedding celebration.

With years of acquired wedding experience, the striking venue provides exceptional food with its five star catering team and excellent service to exceed all expectations.

The Hurlingham Club,
Ranelagh Gardens, London SW6 3PR
Tel: 020 7610 7526
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Web: www.hurlinghamclub.org.uk/venue
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Royal Court Theatre

(Licensed for Civil Ceremonies)

Located in Sloane Square, the Royal Court is one of the world’s most iconic theatres and a unique venue for both ceremonies and celebrations. The Jerwood Theatre Downstairs can seat up to 362 guests for those wanting to say their vows on stage, whilst the more intimate Jerwood Theatre Upstairs is a flexible space for 87 guests. There is also the Bar & Kitchen which can cater for up to 230 guests for wedding breakfasts and parties.

‘The most stylish, welcoming and imaginatively designed theatre in town’ – Daily Telegraph.

Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1W 8AS
Tel: 020 7565 5057
Email: weddings@royalcourttheatre.com
Web: www.royalcourttheatre.com
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 dinner 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 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

Nestled in the heart of Chelsea, The Pig’s Ear is the ideal location for any occasion. One of the original Gastropubs, offering stunning food in traditional London pub surroundings. The bar, dining room and upstairs private room make them ideal for wedding breakfasts, usher lunches, engagement parties or just a good old-fashioned get-together.

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.

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.

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The Oakley Room: 44 seated
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The Garden: 60 standing

Enjoy a Champagne reception and canapés in The Phene’s sunbathed garden, a local landmark, before sitting down to dine in one of the elegant private spaces.

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

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

Medlar

Medlar is an independently owned restaurant located on Kings Road and has a private room available for hire for twelve to twenty-eight guests. The room features its own bar area and two large windows overlooking the Kings Road. The restaurant has gained many exemplary reviews over the years and has built a fine reputation for food and service.

The space can be tailored for your occasion, for more information please contact the reception team who would be happy to answer any questions.

Medlar
438 Kings Road, Chelsea SW10 OLJ
Tel: 020 7349 1900
Email: info@medlarrestaurant.co.uk
Web: www.medlarrestaurant.co.uk
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 Lukasz Szala on 020 7647 6693 or email events@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 it’s Pleasure Gardens. The house is now home to the LASSCO architectural emporium and the Brunswick House restaurant.

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LASSCO Brunswick House,
30 Wandsworth Road, Vauxhall, London SW8 2LG.
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The Ivy Chelsea Garden

Located two-minutes’ walk from the Chelsea Register Office, The Ivy Chelsea Garden brings a relaxed yet sophisticated all-day dining restaurant to the heart of Chelsea.

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To discuss your event in more detail, please contact their dedicated events team on privatedining@theivychelseagarden.com or 020 3727 6540.

The Ivy Chelsea Garden,
195 -197 King’s Road, London SW3 5EQ
Web: www.theivychelseagarden.com
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 70 seated guests or 120 reception guests. The salon offers a stunning river view and can cater for an intimate sit down meal for 30 people or a lavish reception for up to 60 guests.

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Cheyne Walk Brasserie, 50 Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5LR.
Tel: 020 7376 8787
Email: events@cheynewalkbrasserie.com
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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.
Hotel Tel: 020 7823 3000 Events Team: 020 7300 8477
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Web: www.thechelseaharbourhotel.co.uk

Baden-Powell House

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Baden-Powell House Conference Centre
65-67 Queen’s Gate, South Kensington, London SW7 5JS.
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Email: bph.conferences@scouts.org.uk
Web: www.towntocountry/bphouse
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