

Wedding Planning Tips 2009

There are many articles in magazines and the web offering all kinds of advice and tips. Although much of this is helpful it can be overwhelming. Drawing from our own experience we have outlined some practical tips running up to and during the wedding day. Not all of these tips will apply to everyone and they do focus more on the imagery aspects of your wedding. If you have any questions about these tips, please call or email us and we will be happy to help further.

Double check the details

Once you have booked a photographer, ensure that you send him or her your requirements in writing and get a confirmation slip from them. Make sure the details are right. Remember: never make assumptions about the service provided, always ask.

Confetti

Ensure that the church, register office or hotels don't mind handfuls of confetti being thrown around their entrances. Some might prefer you to use rice or sugar paper. A simple check will avoid any bad feeling.

Realistic schedule

Getting the timings right for your day is the key to a relaxed wedding. Everything takes longer in a wedding dress. We are very happy to review your schedule to ensure your timings are suitable. Remember the best part of the day is often after the ceremony and before dinner so don't set your ceremony too late.

Group photo list

Write down the group pictures you would like at different stages of the day, most group pictures are taken after the ceremony. Where possible the group photo lists should work from largest group to smallest, so the guests are not kept waiting around. We normally suggest the Bride & Groom photos are taken after the group photos so that everybody has had a chance to congratulate you by then.

Smile

Some people naturally smile more than others. When walking down the aisle, during the ceremony remember to smile as these moments can't be repeated.

Suggest photos on the day

As the day unfolds, there are always photo opportunities arising that we might not see, so don't hold back on asking for any photo to be recorded. When your evening guests arrive, ask us to take a picture of them and you, otherwise they may feel like they are intruding if we or they ask.

Entertain your guests

Depending on the ages of your guests, the venue, the weather you might want to think of some entertainment for your guests. Popular options are a magician after dinner before the first dance, bird of prey display between ceremony and dinner, pipe band in the evening, fireworks in the evening. Think of something to make your day special

Receiving line

Unless you're sure you want a receiving line, drop it from the schedule. It takes a long time, guests have to queue and most people are not sure what to say. We suggest you make more time to mingle with your guests throughout the day, as they will appreciate you taking the time then.