

JDW WEDDINGS

— PLANNING YOUR PERFECT WEDDING —

“A wedding planner is a luxury that doesn’t need to cost anymore than planning the wedding yourself”.

Wedding planners are not just for the rich and famous.
Julia Wilson is a professional planner with a passion for weddings.

Planning for your special day can be extremely stressful and time consuming,
so why not leave it to the professionals?

JDW Weddings offers a fully personalised tailored service to help you create and enjoy
the most important and amazing day of your life.

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“ON THE DAY” PACKAGE

You’ve done the bulk of the work. You have everything arranged but now you just want to sit back relax and do what everyone tells you to do “enjoy it!!!!!”

For this package JDW Weddings will arrange the following with the bridal party:

- Free initial consultation
- Meet 4 weeks before the wedding
- Available a minimum of 3hrs before the wedding
- Take away all the stresses on the day so everything runs smoothly, exactly how it should.
- Be where you want, when you want on the day.
- Cost £250.

It is very difficult to outline all of the services we offer but here are some examples:

- Working with the suppliers and bridal party to ensure that everything runs on time, to time.
- Do all final checks, e.g. Flowers delivered on time to the correct location, photographer at right place, right time, all the men have button holes etc.
- Ensure the bride has everything she requires when she is getting ready.
- Ensure venue decorated to exceed expectations, e.g. napkins folded correctly, people sat in correct places, menu cards on tables, candles ready to be lit, number of vegetarian meals correct, high chairs etc.
- To be master of ceremonies and co-ordinate the receiving line.
- To ensure any guests with special requirements are dealt with e.g. wheelchair access.
- To carry an umbrella, make-up, safety pins etc.
- Check nothing is left behind at church, registry office, home etc.
- Carry out treasure hunts for children or balloon races for any age!
- Before we leave ensure that every last detail/instruction has been planned e.g. The first dance, time of evening buffet, time bride and groom departing etc.

It is the little things that sometimes make the differences but these can also cause the stresses!

So at JDW Weddings we will ensure the little things are just important as the big things.

Here are some examples:

- If bride is late ask the ushers to talk to the congregation so that time passes quickly without concern.
- Inform guests where they can hang coats and where the toilets are located.
- Inform serving staff when ok to start serving the food and tell them where any special requirements are.
- Rescue the bride and groom from guests who try to monopolise them so they can circulate and mingle with all their guests.
- Ensure the brides' bouquet is stored in a cool place.

Our service normally comes to an end after the speeches and when everything else is in place.

However we can stay later if the couple wishes us to do so.

This is being charged at £20 per hour.

We can then assist with the following:

- Greet guests on arrival for evening reception.
- Make any necessary announcements.
- Ensure buffet/food is served on time.
- Arrange taxi's etc.
- Ensure all gifts are kept safe and cards given to the couple.

FULL WEDDING PACKAGE

Every wedding is different, whether it is wild and wacky or classically traditional. Every couple has different ideas and styles on how they want their big day to be and how much involvement/work load they actually want to take on themselves. This is the reason why JDW Weddings totally tailor our services around the couple's individual requirements

You may wish to prepare everything yourself, you may simply need some ideas to help you along the way or you may require our professional services from the moment you are sipping the champagne at you engagement party! What ever you need from us we can promise to totally dedicate ourselves to you and deliver your amazing day!

Pricing our services will therefore depend on how much involvement JDW Weddings have in planning your wedding, but as a guide to plan a complete wedding it would cost between 10-15% of the budget.

The Full Wedding Package will include everything in the "on the day" package and in addition all or some of the following:

- Free initial consultation
- Venue Search
- Help with wedding budgets and take control if the couple wishes
- Check all legal and practical details of wedding
- Assistance with ceremony e.g. wedding music, vows, publication of banns, timings etc
- Creating order of service and wedding stationary
- Advising and negotiating with suppliers, such as florist, photographer, caterer, hair and beauty, venue decoration, bridal outfits, transport, entertainment, table planning, accommodation for guest's etc
- Help with speeches
- Stag/hen parties
- Honeymoon
- Attend rehearsal
- Presence on the day
- Thank you notes
- Send out cake to guests who cannot attend
- Available 24hours a day, 7 days a week

WHY JDW WEDDINGS?

Would you like someone else to take away the stress and hard work of planning your wedding so you can relax and enjoy the run-up to your special day even more?

- JDW Weddings are professional planners who will organise your wedding for possibly no extra costs to you.
- A friendly, genuine, honest, calm and organised, person who will be at your beck n call 24/7.
- It is your wedding, so it will be your choices (you will be in control) but it is also our passion.
- Guaranteed client confidentiality.
- We negotiate discounts with suppliers making your budget go further.
- All suppliers are recommended on professionalism, quality of service, being cost effective and being able to meet our expectations, not purely on discounts available.
- Our priority is you and not the suppliers.
- We only plan one wedding per month. This allows us to give you our full attention and absolute priority to make your wedding as perfect as it should be.
- Somerset has many beautiful settings for weddings. Many people (even the rich and famous) get married in this area.
- Adding that wow factor to your big day. Allowing you to enjoy the weeks and months running up to it and not constantly chasing people up etc. This is a once in a lifetime occasion and a time you must cherish.
- We are a small company but very individual. We see your big day just as important to us as it is our own wedding.
- We are very professional, in that we respect your privacy and your opinions. We will be your best friend and your confidant.
- We also believe in being totally truthful as well as having fun on the way!!
- Many venues have wedding co-ordinators, which are very helpful, however many of them only work part-time, speak to you only when there is a problem or the week before and many don't work weekends and therefore are not available on your wedding day. So they hand over a piece of paper to someone you don't know to run the biggest and let's face it the most expensive day of your life!!!!

A basic guide to planning your wedding.

At least a year to go:

- Draw up budget and decide who will pay for what.
- Book church, registrar, or civil ceremony.
- Draw up guest list
- Book venue and photographer
- Enquire about transport, florists, caterers, video etc
- Start thinking about colours and themes
- Think about who will be best man, bridesmaids, ushers etc
- Investigate honeymoon options

At least six months to go:

- Wedding outfits including brides dress and formal wear for men
- Decide on style of wedding invitations and place an order.
(If worried some people may have other plans on your day it may be wise to send them out at this stage also).
- Make arrangements for the cake
- Book entertainment/organist
- Choose rings
- Book honeymoon
- Book your hotel for the wedding night
- Reserve accomodation for guests
- Decide on gift lists

Three months to go:

- Send out invitations if haven't already done so
- Agree menu with hotel/caterers
- Choose hymns, readings and order of service
- Book wedding rehearsal
- Arrange hen/stag nights/weekends
- Make hair/beauty appointments
- Arrange meeting with priest/registrar to go through the ceremony

One month to go:

- Contact guests who haven't replied
- Finalise reception and give venue final numbers
- Try outfits for any alterations including final dress fitting
- Write a draft table plan
- Meet with photographer/videographer to go through details
- Go on stag/hen night/weekend
- Purchase gifts for parents/attendants and for each other!
- Purchase guest book, table cameras, table confetti etc
- Call suppliers to confirm all arrangements
- Write any speeches

One week to go:

- Hold rehearsal
- Collect outfits and dress
- Pack for honeymoon
- Arrange currency for honeymoon
- Be prepared to pay suppliers on the day if required
- Check someone can return all hired outfits
- Have any hair/beauty treatments for the bride and groom!
- Enjoy the week (as much as you can!)

The big day:

- Enjoy yourself, its all organised
- Try and see all your guests together and also spend quality time with your partner!

After the wedding:

- Write thankyou cards
- Send out wedding cake to anyone who couldn't attend
- Have gown cleaned
- Return hired outfits
- Inform everyone that you are now married and your new name. This is a very long list including employers, doctors, banks, passport, mobile phone etc
- Have a wonderful honeymoon

To register for a free consultation please visit our website www.jdweddings.co.uk, email Julia on jdw.weddings@btinternet.com or telephone Julia on 07791 842873.

