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WELCOME TO BRIDAL

*Congratulations on your engagement
from all of us at Drakes.*

For 70 years we have had the absolute pleasure of helping couples find their engagement and wedding rings. Whatever the style, shape or budget, our passionate and knowledgeable team are on hand to make this special occasion one to remember.

We have compiled this BRIDAL book to help you with your wedding planning and offer some inspiration to you both. Filled with ideas from wedding checklists to tips for your honeymoon as well as jewellery, we hope you will find this a useful tool in planning your special day.

Your wedding jewellery plays a significant part in your special day and it is something you can enjoy and treasure for the rest of your life together. When the time is right, pop into store, take a seat, relax and let our team help you make the right choice. Plus you can even enjoy a refreshment or two.

We consider it a privilege to play a part in your wedding planning and love nothing more than to see the photos of your memorable day!

We look forward to welcoming you into store soon.



John, Jennifer, Monique & Andrew x

DRAKES DIRECTORS



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Desire



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Pearls and Diamonds



DIAMONDS

5C'S

When choosing your diamond, there are 5 things to consider...

COLOUR

This refers to the body colour of a diamond. Diamonds are colour graded from D (colourless) to Z (yellow).

CUT

When a diamond is cut, facets are created. Facets give the diamond its unique brilliance and sparkle. Round brilliant cut diamonds usually have 57 facets.

CARAT

The carat tells you the overall weight of the diamond. Generally speaking, the larger the diamond the higher the carat weight will be.

CLARITY

The majority of diamonds have internal characteristics which are known as inclusions. These are not faults, but are commonly known as 'nature's hallmark'.

CONFIDENCE IN YOUR JEWELLER

Choosing a diamond can be quite a daunting experience, rest assured our team will be there to help you every step of the way to ensure you make the perfect choice.

INTERESTING FACT

A carat diamond weighs 0.2g



ENGAGEMENT RINGS

The tradition of the engagement ring began in 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of love. There are now so many different varieties of metals and diamond cuts for engagement rings that finding the perfect ring for you can be tricky!

When choosing an engagement ring it is important to remember the 5C's; Cut, Colour, Clarity, Carat and Confidence. You'll discover more about these on pages 4 and 5.

The price of an engagement ring can vary depending on your preferences. In South-West England the average cost of an engagement ring is £1350.00. However, we recommend spending what you are most comfortable with.

Our team can help with engagement rings to suit all budgets and tastes. Discover some of our collections over the next few pages.

Contemporary couples often choose engagement rings together – up to 60% of brides are involved in the selection of the ring and 3% choose it themselves!

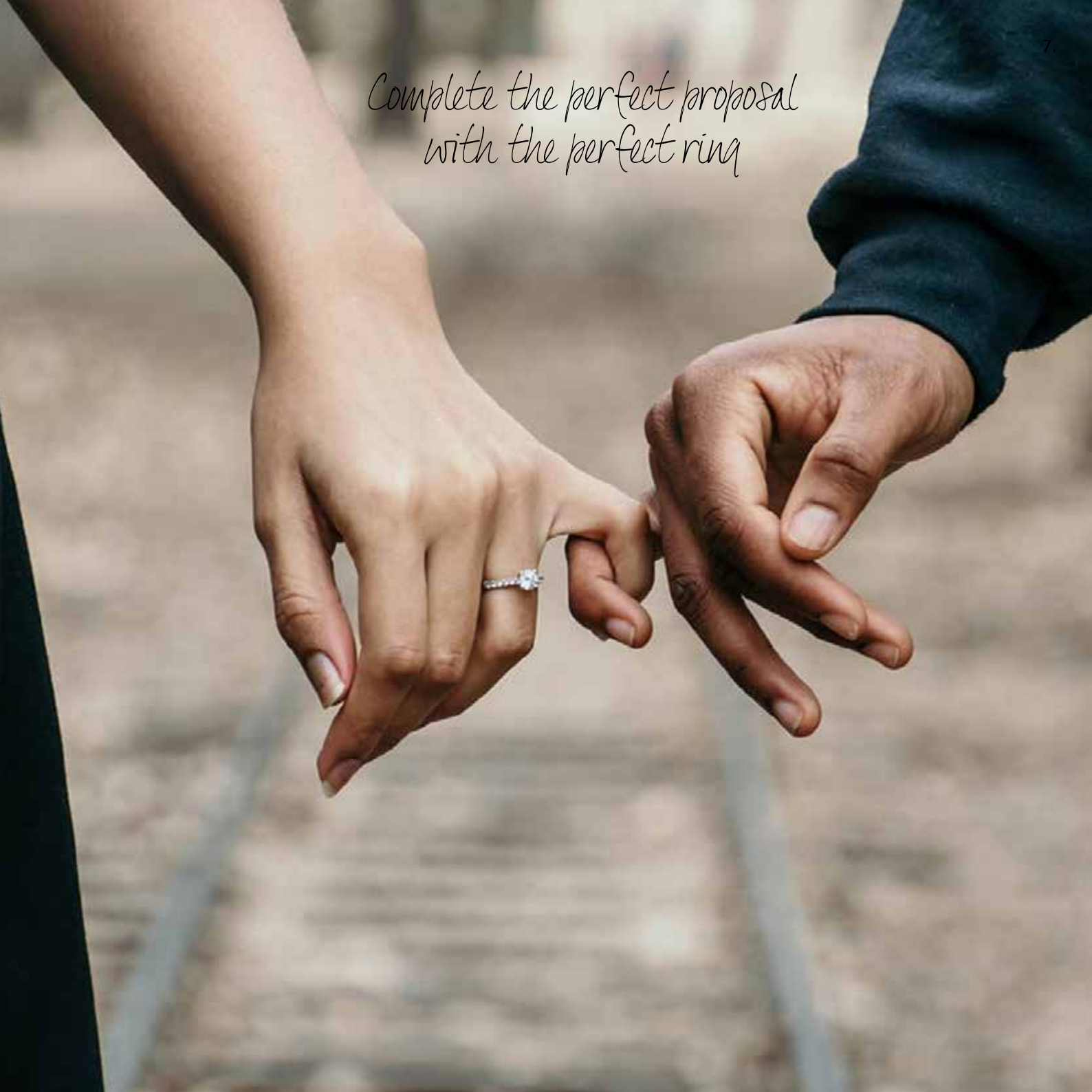


The most frequently selected style of engagement ring is a round brilliant cut diamond ring, closely followed by a princess cut. White gold and platinum are the most popular metals.



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*Complete the perfect proposal
with the perfect ring*





DESIRE

Our Desire collection is filled with gorgeous D colour diamonds, the highest colour grade possible. This exquisite diamond collection has everything from diamond rings (for the perfect proposal) to earrings and pendants (for that all important bridal jewellery).

Pop in and ask one of our team about our exclusive Desire collection and see how they sparkle!



DIAMOND WITH A PROMISE

Buying a diamond is often a very special and significant moment in your life and here at Drakes we understand how nerve-racking it can be trying to find the perfect diamond. There are lots of things to think about including the 5C's, the setting of your diamond and how much you'd like to spend, to name a few.

That's why we came up with the 'Diamond with a Promise' concept. A perfect idea if you are planning a proposal. Diamond with a Promise allows you to present a sparkling loose diamond and bring your loved one back into store to pick the setting they've always dreamed of. If your loved one has always dreamt of a gemstone engagement ring, we have a stunning collection including Topaz, Sapphire and Amethyst to name a few. Ask in store for more details.



BROWN & NEWIRTH[®]
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Our Brown and Newirth collection offers a sparkling array of unusual designed engagement rings. These British made rings have been designed 'for the most important moments in your life'. Oozing quality and elegant designs, these rings are not to be missed.

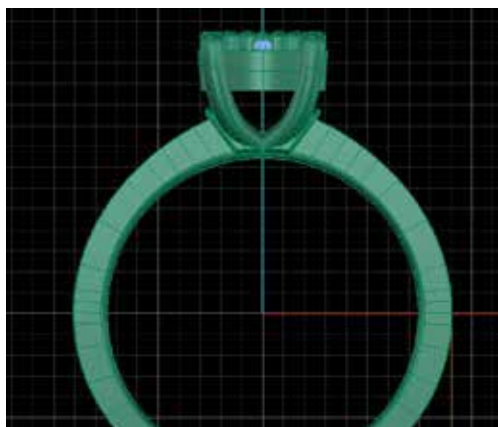
Brown and Newirth also offer an exclusive TLC pack which includes engraving, resizing and refinishing plus a lifetime guarantee. For more information on this please ask one of our team in store. T&C's Apply.

HOW ABOUT A BESPOKE ENGAGEMENT RING?

Imagine the romance of having a bespoke engagement ring made for the love of your life. At Drakes, you can.

Work with our Drakes team to make your dream ring a reality. From having the ring designed completely from scratch, basing your design on a combination of rings you like, to incorporating a diamond from a family heirloom, the options really are endless.

Pop in store and speak to a member of our team to discuss how we can make your dream a reality.



Enjoy planning your wedding x



Wedding Day

AVERAGE SOUTH WEST WEDDING BUDGET

To give you a guide on budget we've assembled some average costs for a South-West wedding.

Don't panic, this doesn't mean you have to spend this amount. It's your day so we'd recommend spending as much as you feel comfortable with.

VENUE **£6,362**

CATERERS **£5,154**

PHOTOGRAPHER **£1,174**

FLOWERS **£500**

CAKE **£300**

DJ/BAND (ENTERTAINMENT) **£1,025**

STATIONERY **£250**

WEDDING DRESS **£1,385**

SHOES **£90**

GROOM'S OUTFIT **£250**

BEAUTY TREATMENTS **£250**

WEDDING RINGS **£900**

ACCESSORIES **£200**

TRANSPORT **£400**

FAVOURS/GIFTS **£500**

BRIDESMAIDS **£270**

(BASED ON 3 BRIDESMAIDS)

HONEYMOON **£3,630**



WEDDING CHECKLIST

There is so much to think about when it comes to planning your wedding.
We have created a 12 month checklist to be used as a guide.

12 Months

- ☐ Decide on budget
- ☐ Choose venues for ceremony and reception
- ☐ Decide on number of guests
- ☐ Pick a date
- ☐ Book officials

11 Months

- ☐ Pick bridesmaids, best man and ushers
- ☐ Go dress shopping
- ☐ Send 'Save the Dates'

10 Months

- ☐ Stag/hen party arrangements

9 Months

- ☐ Order wedding dress
- ☐ Book photographer
- ☐ Book evening entertainment

8 Months

- ☐ Try on and order bridesmaids dresses
- ☐ Book honeymoon
- ☐ Menu and cake tasting

7 Months

- ☐ Order wedding cake
- ☐ Book transport
- ☐ Look at florists

6 Months

- ☐ Order wedding rings
- ☐ Order or make stationery (invites, place cards)
- ☐ Order wedding favours

5 Months

- ☐ Create a wedding gift list
- ☐ Go on stag/hen do
- ☐ Look into make-up artists and hairdressers, book trials and appointments

4 Months

- ☐ Order flowers
- ☐ Confirm order of service
- ☐ Music and readings for ceremony
- ☐ Confirm menu

3 Months

- ☐ Buy accessories, shoes, underwear and other jewellery
- ☐ Purchase gifts for each other and bridesmaids/ushers and best man
- ☐ Hair and make-up trials
- ☐ Send out invites and keep a spreadsheet of responses

2 Months

- ☐ Final dress amendments
- ☐ Book beauty treatments nails, facial etc.
- ☐ Make a seating plan
- ☐ Confirm numbers with caterers

1 Month

- ☐ Call all vendors and check everything is okay
- ☐ Have final haircuts and colour a couple of weeks before the wedding
- ☐ Pick up rings and dress in the final few weeks
- ☐ Chase non-response invites
- ☐ Pick up cake

Notes

OUR TOP WEDDING TIPS

Planning your wedding can be quite a daunting experience. Here are some top tips for planning a wedding:

It's never too early to start planning...

So you've set your date but you still have at least 2 or 3 years to wait...this doesn't mean you have to wait to start planning. The earlier you start, the less stressful it will become closer to the date. Make sure your plan includes everything so you don't forget something important. If you're looking for a place to start we'd recommend; rough guest list numbers, budget and venue ideas.

Confirm your budget...

Before you get carried away booking your dream venue and planning everything, we recommend sitting down and deciding on a realistic budget for you both. Don't forget to factor in all the extras too like dress alterations for the bride and bridesmaids, gifts, favours and even stamps for your invites.

Ask for help...

If you are planning the DIY route with favours, centre pieces and invites, why not enlist the help of your close friends and family... after all, what are friends for!

Don't forget why you're doing this...

Planning your wedding can be stressful, especially trying to keep everyone happy. Take a step back and remember what your wedding is really about... marrying your soul mate! It's YOUR day so make sure each decision is your's as a couple, don't be swayed by what your guests may prefer.

Take time to find the perfect photographer...

Your wedding album will be something you treasure forever, each of the pages filled with cherished memories of your big day. Find the right photographer for you, who will capture your wedding just as you would like, so you can enjoy your wedding photos for the rest of your lives.



KEEPING THE COSTS DOWN



Weddings create a lot of outgoings, but there are plenty of ways to keep these costs to a minimum. We have put together a list of tips to help keep your costs down.

Make your own favours - involve your bridesmaids and make an evening of it. It'll help add a personal touch to your day. You could even go as far as making table decorations, chair covers, menus and place cards to keep costs down even more. Instead of buying everything, ask if someone has things you could borrow, for example hair pieces, although they are small they can be costly. See if a friend or a relative has anything you can make use of; the perfect something borrowed.

Pick an unconventional day - Saturdays are the most popular day of the week to get married so try opting for a different day. Often tying the knot during the week can mean that vendors such as photographers and DJ's throw in discounts too.

Use who you know - rather than paying for your cake to be made, why not ask a friend who you know is a fantastic baker? To sweeten the deal you could ask for them to make you a wedding cake instead of giving you a gift.

Cutting your guest list will really help you to save on costs. Perhaps think about not having everyone to the wedding breakfast, resulting in being able to have a smaller venue at a lower cost. Only invite the people you as a couple really want there. Think carefully about who you invite, remember it's your day!



CHOOSING YOUR WEDDING RINGS

Choosing your wedding rings is always a special event at Drakes. Your wedding rings will always be there to symbolise the love and commitment you made to each other when you whispered 'I do.' We thought we would share some of our tips with you for when you choose that all important ring.



Both your engagement and wedding ring signify a special moment in your life. Be mindful to pick a wedding ring that complements your engagement ring.

Choose a ring that reflects your personality. There are no rules when choosing your wedding rings.

Everyone has their own preference to metal and colour, read our handy guide on the opposite page.

Thinking of choosing a wedding ring with diamonds? Don't forget to consider the 5C's.



Think about how it feels to wear. Choose a ring that complements your lifestyle and you'll enjoy wearing day after day.



Relax and enjoy the experience of choosing your wedding rings. Our knowledgeable and passionate team are always on hand to help.



CHOOSING YOUR METAL



Platinum

Due to its aesthetically pleasing colour and practical properties, platinum is a very popular metal for wedding rings. It is hard-wearing, resistant to tarnishing as well as being hypoallergenic and non-reactive. Platinum develops its own sheen (patina) meaning it stays bright.

Rose Gold

Alloyed with copper, rose gold is available in 9ct and 18ct. The copper means that it is tougher than yellow and white gold. It is considered the most romantic metal due to its rose colour.



Yellow Gold

One of the most popular metals. It is combined with other metals and alloys to make it stronger and more hardwearing. Yellow gold is available in 9ct, 18ct and 22ct.

White Gold

Like yellow gold, white gold is combined with other metals such as silver and palladium which make it stronger and more hardwearing. It is available in 9ct and 18ct. White gold is often coated in rhodium which makes the metal look whiter and brighter whilst also adding hardness and durability.

Titanium

One of the hardest metals you can buy, titanium is grey in colour and is more scratch resistant than most other metals. It is 100% hypoallergenic.

Palladium

With a similar appearance to platinum, palladium is the tougher metal. Palladium is available in palladium 500 (50% palladium, 50% other alloys) or palladium 950 (95% palladium, 5% other alloys). Palladium does not tarnish and is lightweight and hard wearing. Palladium 950 is 12% stronger and 40% lighter than platinum.



Zirconium

An extremely strong metal, zirconium comes in a wide selection of designs and can also be oxidized in order to make the metal black, an increasingly popular trend.





BESPOKE

Have a particular idea in mind, but struggling to find it? Our Drakes team can work with you to bring your idea to life. We can also utilise your own gold to create a wedding ring you'll love to wear, celebrating your heritage.

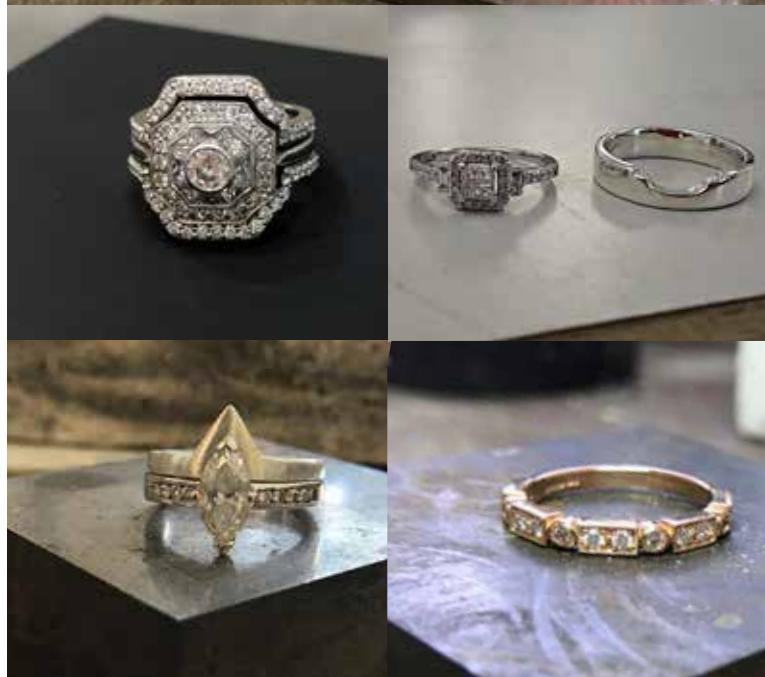
After all, your wedding ring is a lasting symbol of the commitment you made that you can enjoy wearing everyday, so it is important that it is just right.

Pop in store and speak to a member of our team to find out more about our bespoke service.

SHAPE TO FIT

Do you have an unusual shaped engagement ring? Not a problem, we can help you find the perfect fit.

Pop in and speak to a member of our team about a shape to fit wedding ring. The options really are endless.



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BRIDAL ACCESSORIES

Finding the right accessories to complement your dress is so important. Don't wear accessories because you think you 'should', wear them because it's right for you. Different styles of dress will complement different types of accessories and the same applies to hairstyles. We'd recommend the following;



Sweetheart, Straight Across & Off the Shoulder;

Most styles of jewellery go with a dress in this style, just don't go too overboard



One-shoulder;

Long earrings, wrist accessories, no necklace



High Neck;

Stud earrings, bracelet, no necklace



Queen Anne;

Dainty earrings and simple bracelet



Halter;

Mid-length necklace, simple earrings, bracelet



Square;

Choker style necklace, stud earrings, bracelet or long earrings and no necklace



Bateau;

Choker style necklace, stud earrings, bracelet



Illusion;

No necklace, stud earrings, bracelet



Scoop;

Long pendant necklace, simple earrings, bracelet



V-neck;

Long pendant going into the 'V', simple earrings, bracelet

If you are planning on wearing a headpiece, it doesn't need to be paired with a sparkling necklace and earrings. They often work better on their own with simple, plain stud earrings and a dainty bracelet. For more advice, speak to one of our team in store.

SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING BORROWED, SOMETHING BLUE

The something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue rhyme is an old English saying that details what a bride should wear on her wedding day to bring her good luck. There are many different spins on this tradition now, so we have put together some ideas on how to keep your something old, new, borrowed and blue a bit more modern.

Some brides find it easier to combine aspects of this good luck charm. For example; something old could also be something borrowed. This could be something from the mother of the bride or another family member like a piece of jewellery for you to wear on your special day. This could also tie in with the something blue aspect.

Many brides see their something new as their wedding dress. But really anything you are wearing on your big day that you have bought especially, could count as your something new.

Something blue is seen as a symbol of purity, fidelity and love. As mentioned above it could be an item of jewellery. There is a stunning collection of blue gemstones available, from sapphire to tanzanite.



PEARLS AND DIAMONDS

Pearls are a classic bridal gem. They are associated with love, wealth, wisdom and luck. The Greeks thought that pearls brought marital bliss. As tradition goes, the bride was presented with some pearls by her father on her wedding day to symbolise love, virtue and prosperity.

While pearls are still a very popular gem to wear, diamonds are also a wedding classic and are thought of as a glamorous alternative. There are so many different ways that diamonds can be worn and they are so easy to style. Whether you'd like something classic such as a simple pair of stud earrings, or you'd prefer something a little more extravagant like a diamond choker, diamonds will always complement every bridal look.



WEDDING GIFTS TO EACH OTHER

Here at Drakes we have some stunning gifts for you to give to your bride or groom. Whether it's something they can wear on the day, or something they can keep and treasure for years to come, we have shared some of our favourites below.



For her...

Swarovski - Sparkling Dance
Bangle, White, Rhodium Plated

Swarovski - Attract Silver Pendant



9ct White Gold 0.16ct Diamond
Solitaire Earrings



Swarovski - Emily Bracelet

Swarovski - Crystalline Glam
Watch, Metal Bracelet, White,
Rose Gold Tone



For him...

Hugo Boss - Watch
and Cufflink Set

Thomas Sabo -
Unity Twisted Bracelet



Duncan Walton -
Radan Rose Gold Cufflinks



Duncan Walton -
Glen Rhodium Cufflinks



Bering - Solar Collection Watch



BRIDESMAIDS

Giving jewellery as a gift to your bridesmaids is a lovely idea, especially as they can wear it with their dresses on your wedding day.

Your bridesmaids may all be different ages, shapes and sizes meaning that they may not all wear the same dress type. One way to pull the look together is to buy them all matching jewellery, whether it be a necklace, a bracelet or a pair of earrings. Giving them something that they can keep and cherish to remember your special day, as well as treasure the friendship between you is why jewellery makes the perfect bridesmaid gift.

For something with more of a personal touch, have you thought about bespoke gifts for each of your bridesmaids? The talented Drakes Jewellery Hospital team will be able to assist you with any bespoke gift ideas you may have.





GROOMSMEN

Buying your groomsmen a gift to remember your special day by is a great way to make them feel part of your team. Cufflinks and tie slides make a lovely gift. They can wear them for your big day but also rewear them on other occasions and be reminded of your special friendship.

There is also the option to have something bespoke made for your groomsmen. The Drakes Jewellery Hospital can create some stunning personalised cufflinks or tie slides that your groomsmen will be able to cherish forever.





YOUR WEDDINGS

Mr & Mrs Watson, married on 25th October 2018

How many guests did you invite (day and evening)? 135.

What one tip would you pass on to someone planning their wedding?

Book as early as you can to make sure you get somewhere you both like.

Tell us about the style of your engagement ring and wedding rings and why you chose them?

Mark has a titanium hammered effect wedding band. He chose this style as he does a lot of DIY and it doesn't show scratches. Mine was from your eternity range in white gold with diamonds inset, I chose this as I wanted it to accentuate my engagement ring which is a solitaire.

How did you accessorise your dress on your wedding day?

Simple drop earrings and a crystal hair vine.

What was the highlight of your day?

Becoming Mr and Mrs in front of our family and friends.

Our Wedding Suppliers

Venue: Paradisos Hills Hotel, Lysos Cyprus

Cake: Marks & Spencer

Dress: The Bridal Corner Plymouth

Suits: Marks & Spencer (Trousers & Waistcoats)

Bridesmaid Dresses: Monsoon & John Lewis

Wedding Rings: Drakes

Photographer: Marios Michaelides, Paphos

Videographer: As Above

Flowers: Sweet Paradise Vaillet Paphos

Hair and Makeup: Erin & Shirley @ Jonney Boo

Entertainment: Melissa

Any others you'd like to mention: Amazon is excellent for table decorations

*Mr & Mrs Shipley,
married on 5th April 2019*

How many guests did you invite (day and evening)?

53 to the day, plus 25 in the evening.

What one tip would you pass on to someone planning their wedding?

Enjoy it!

Tell us about the style of your engagement ring and wedding rings and why you chose them?

The Groom's was bought as an engagement ring originally as a surprise for his 50th. It is made of Palladium. The Bride's engagement ring is a single diamond with a platinum band. The wedding band is a patterned platinum band. All our rings were engraved by Drakes with the wedding date and an infinity symbol.

How did you accessorise your dress on your wedding day?

High ivory wedding shoes, earrings given to me by my daughter on her wedding day and my mother's ring and a silver bracelet.

What did you choose as bridesmaid gifts?

They each had a silver initial necklace, handmade at the Drakes Jewellery Hospital.

What was the highlight of your day?

After 11 years together finally having all the people I love most in the world with me to celebrate our marriage. It was a wonderful day.



Our Wedding Suppliers

Venue: St Elizabeth's House

Cake: Cut me off a Slice

Dress: Amica Bridal Boutique

Suits: Debenhams

Bridesmaid Dresses: Monsoon

Wedding Rings: Drakes

Photographer: Sharon Hawkins

Flowers: Hannah Burnett Florist

Hair and Makeup: Hair Cox & Co, Plymstock. Make-up Anja Worley

Entertainment: DJ Northey and Lewis Belcher Magician



Mr & Mrs Stidwell, married on 24th June 2014

How many guests did you invite (day and evening)? Day 83 Evening 130.

What one tip would you pass on to someone planning their wedding?

It's all about you! As long as you both get married and you are both happy nothing else matters!

Tell us about the style of your engagement ring and wedding rings and why you chose them?

My engagement ring is white gold with 3 diamonds set in a trilogy style. The diamonds are set quite high so I wanted a plain wedding ring to sit next to it as I didn't want too much to clash with the stones. Stephen's wedding band is zirconium with a brushed effect in the centre and a black detailing on the edges.

How did you accessorise your dress on your wedding day?

I wore a pearl head piece in my hair on the day that had a drop at the back with pearls and stones that sat either side of my head and I also wore a Tiffany necklace that I also bought my mum to match on the day.

What was the highlight of your day?

To see everyone so happy for us, the ceremony was so beautiful and it was so lovely to have everyone together.

Our Wedding Suppliers

Venue: St Elizabeth's House

Cake: Country Cheeses Tavistock

Dress: Rosetti Brides Torquay

Suits: Prudence Gowns

Bridesmaid Dresses: David's Bridal and Monsoon

Wedding Rings: Drakes

Photographer: Lee Brewer Photography and Film

Videographer: 'Kirstyn and Lewis' by Kirtyn Bowe and Lewis Bennett

Flowers: Amy Bennett

Hair and Makeup: Hair – Covered in Style, Makeup - Benefit

Entertainment: Warren Jones – 'The Event Man'

Chair Covers: My Special Day

Find your dream ring at Drakes



OUR RECOMMENDED WEDDING VENUES

St Elizabeth's House

Located in Plympton, on the edge of Plymouth, this unique wedding venue offers an elegant boutique style hotel with idyllic landscaped gardens. They are available for beautiful civil services and for joyous wedding receptions. As an approved venue for civil wedding ceremonies, St Elizabeth's allows you the option of conducting your wedding service right there at the hotel. With its elegant décor and period charm, their Beatrice Room serves beautifully as a setting for saying your vows. Or when the weather permits, you have the option to say your vows outdoors on their veranda. In addition to St Elizabeth's House's stunning interior spaces, they also present the option of a stylish marquee wedding. This brings ample space for a big guest list, extending your capacity to 140. With delicious dining options and gorgeous luxury accommodation too, St Elizabeth's House has the whole package for a perfect wedding celebration.

T: 01752 344840

E: weddingsandevents@stelizabeths.co.uk

Plymouth Venue

Plymouth's most unforgettable wedding venue offering a truly unique experience! From simple venue hire to the full package, Plymouth Venue is on hand to make your day just as unique as you. Choose a full day celebration or just evening, with the option of adding a fully licensed bar, amazing decoration, lighting, chair covers, balloon arch, photobooth, DJ etc. A beautiful venue to suit any budget.

T: 07810435895

E: kevan@lemonfrog.org

www.plymouthvenue.co.uk



St Elizabeth's House



Plymouth Venue



Duke of Cornwall Hotel

Mount Edgcumbe House

One of the most beautiful exclusive venues in the South West, the perfect setting for your dream wedding day. Over 500 years of history, set in stunning grounds overlooking Plymouth Sound. Three licensed rooms, or elegant outdoor Summer House for civil ceremonies plus two stunning reception venues to choose from.

T: 01752 822 236

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www.mountedgcumbe.gov.uk

The Orangery

The historic Orangery has become one of Cornwall's most exclusive wedding venues, nestled in 865 acres of land, steeped in heritage and surrounded by pebbled beaches and coastline. This breathtaking setting and enchanting venue will provide the perfect canvas for your dream wedding reception.

T: 07415 377349

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www.theorangerymountedgcumbe.co.uk

Duke of Cornwall Hotel

Wedding venues don't come much grander than The Duke of Cornwall Hotel, with flexible packages including fine dining, a red carpet entrance and beautiful bridal suites. For a truly magical day, the Duke of Cornwall is the perfect venue.

T: 01752 275850

E: weddings@thedukeofcornwall.co.uk

www.thedukeofcornwall.co.uk

Bovey Castle

From the moment you arrive at Bovey Castle, you will instantly know that this is the venue for your wedding. Bovey Castle is the unrivalled location for a Devon wedding within a moorland setting. Bovey Castle welcomes weddings between 2 - 130 guests.

T: 01647 445098

www.boveycastle.com/weddings

Langdon Court

If you are looking for an elegant setting to celebrate your wedding, look no further than Langdon Court. Located on the South Devon Coast, this English manor boasts resplendent gardens with exceptional views, we guarantee you an unforgettable day.

T: 01752 862358

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St Mellion

Make your special day a truly unforgettable occasion by choosing to host your wedding at the four-star St Mellion Resort in Cornwall. At St Mellion they have perfected the art of managing and creating events by ensuring that they listen attentively to their guests. Their dedicated team of wedding coordinators will do their utmost to tailor your wedding day to accommodate your every wish, down to the very last detail.

T: 01579 352 062

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Bovey Castle



The Orangery



Mount Edgcumbe



Langdon Court (photo by First Light Photography)



St Mellion

OUR RECOMMENDED WEDDING SUPPLIERS

The Bridal Corner

At The Bridal Corner they pride themselves on exceptional customer service, by making everyone feel comfortable, and welcome, regardless of budget. Their dresses are of exceptional quality, great value, and award winning designers.

E: info@thebridalcorner.co.uk

T: 01752 787878

F3 Design

WOW your guests with their stunning suspended cake stand. Add a touch of elegance with their chandelier base or keep things rustic with their beautiful natural sycamore wooden slab. They can provide a beautiful artificial garland to accompany this or a fresh garland in your chosen flower and colour.

Prices start from just £100

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WEDDING SPEECHES

Wedding speeches can be the most daunting part of the big day. We have put together some useful hints and tips to help you through the preparation, the practicing and the delivery of the speech.

Make sure there is a good balance of jokes, stories and the serious stuff like “thank you’s.” While you don’t want your speech to be too boring and serious, you also don’t want to forget the important things.

Structure your speech. Stories have a beginning, a middle and an end. Your speech should too.

Practice your speech, over and over again. Whether this is in front of a mirror, or more ideally, in front of someone who will give you constructive feedback and ways to improve, practicing it will help you to deliver it smoothly on the big day. Practicing your speech also means that you can check timings. You don’t want to make your speech too long so that people get bored, but you also don’t want it to be so short that people are wondering why you bothered! We would recommend that your speech lasts between 8 and 15 minutes.

Don’t try and memorise your speech, use cue cards to prompt you, so that you are not burying your head in a large piece of paper. You aren’t expected to memorise it so cue cards are a great way of making sure you don’t miss anything out.

Try to manage your nerves. Don’t drink too much before the speech, but one or two are okay to help give you a bit of confidence. Speak slowly and clearly and even if you don’t feel it, pretend to be confident!

End your speech with a toast, don’t forget to check that everyone’s glasses are full before you make the toast.

And finally ENJOY IT!!!



START YOUR MARRIED LIFE WITH A HOLIDAY OF A LIFETIME

Your honeymoon should be one of the most memorable and magical holidays you've ever taken and your first as a married couple. We have assembled a list of trends that may help to inspire you to find your perfect honeymoon destination.

Trends

Minimoons are becoming increasingly popular with newly weds, with one of the most popular destinations being New York. Honeymooning in the UK is also an increasingly popular trend, places like Edinburgh, Cornwall, Bath and London are some of the top destinations; all have beautiful scenery and offer so much.

Safari's and beach resorts are still huge when it comes to honeymoon destinations with popular places including the Maldives and Africa.

Multi stop honeymoons are also a popular choice, it means that newly weds get to explore more than one place whilst fulfilling a sense of adventure.

Our Tips

Plan it so that you have both a range of activities and also time to relax on your honeymoon. You don't want to come home from your honeymoon feeling like you need another holiday! Leaving straight from the wedding means more organising for you both, in terms of; who is going to take your gifts back home for you, and where are you going to safely store your luggage and passport during the wedding. Winding down after your big day is important, so that you are refreshed and ready to enjoy your honeymoon to its full potential. We'd recommend giving yourself a few days before you start your honeymoon.

Plan it together, this will ensure that you are both on the same page, regarding destination and activities. Don't forget honeymoon insurance, your honeymoon is not included if you purchase wedding insurance. And don't forget any injections and tablets that may be needed if you are heading somewhere more tropical. Make sure you ask for honeymoon specials, companies will often throw in freebies or upgrade you at a lesser charge if they know you will be honeymooning with them.





and so the adventure begins...



THINGS THAT ARE SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN

It's so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of planning your big day that something is bound to be forgotten. We have compiled a list of a few things that are easily forgotten when it comes to planning your wedding.

Insurance; although this doesn't cover you if you change your mind, it does cover you for things such as a vital member of the wedding party falling ill or a problem with a vendor. Many packages also cover loss or damage to a certain extent. Before paying out for wedding insurance make sure it is right for you and that you understand everything it covers.

Make sure you ask questions. Sometimes, for example, VAT isn't necessarily included in the price. If you don't ask the vendor, you may be in for a nasty surprise when they send you the bill. Other potential extra charges include cloakroom fees, corkage, cake knives and lighting costs.

Do not forget to provide directions to your venue when sending guest invitations. It is easy to assume that they know where your venue is, but often people travelling a distance won't know. Other signs that may be needed for the day could include signs around your venue and where the evening entertainment and toilets are. Ensure that you are aware of any allergies/ food intolerances that your guests may have when it comes to planning the meal. Often caterers need advance notice so they can ensure that everything is taken care of.

We hope these tips will help you not to forget anything important when it comes to your special day.

THINGS I WISH I'D KNOWN

Ensure you do your research about costings for things like flowers, cake and the registrar so that you can budget correctly.

Lauren Griffiths



There are lots of ways to have a beautiful wedding without spending lots of money. Use the money on things like a honeymoon to get your marriage off to a lovely start or wedding rings that will remind you everyday of your love and marriage.

Lauren Collins



I wish I'd known just how quickly the day would go! Make sure you and your new partner set some time aside to sit together and watch everyone around you having fun. Make sure you spend time together, as well as mingling with all of your guests!

Faye Rashleigh

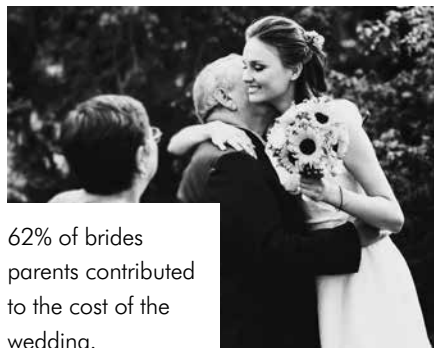


Make sure you do what's important to you as a couple and not try and please everyone else, it's your special day. Capture the time you have together as a newlywed couple, whether that's sneaking off for photos with the photographer or having a quiet 5 minutes together. You'll be surprised how little time you spend together on the day!

Helen Whitford



WEDDING STATISTICS



62% of brides parents contributed to the cost of the wedding.

54% of couples get married on a Saturday.



The most popular month to get married is August (18%), followed by July (16%) and September (14%).



The average bride has 3 bridesmaids and the average groom has 3 groomsmen.



The average age of brides is 31 and the average age of grooms is 33.

The average bride visits 3 boutiques before finding her perfect dress.



Couples are engaged for an average of 20 months.

Asia is the most popular honeymoon destination.



The average amount of wedding guests at the ceremony is 79 and the evening 104.

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