





Congratulations on your forthcoming marriage!

Exchanging vows with the person you love and publicly declaring your commitment to each other is the most special part of your big day, so it's important to choose the perfect surroundings for such an occasion.

Situated in the heart of Bedford town centre, the magnificent Grand Hall, Bromham Road is steeped in history. Dating back to 1882, this stunning ground floor room is now fully licensed for weddings and civil partnership ceremonies for up to 150 guests.





Benefitting from distinctive Victorian décor, The Grand Hall has lofty, ornate ceilings that provide a lavish backdrop for the perfect celebration. You can make your glamorous entrance through the impressive, ornate doors whilst your guests wait in the atmospheric hall.

The Grand Hall is truly unique and will ensure a ceremony that is unforgettable. It was built for the Harpur Trust as a school hall in 'Free Tudor' style and from the beginning has been considered to be a notable landmark in the town, featuring in guidebooks and on postcards.





The Hall boasts an exquisite original John Broadwood and Sons piano dating back to the 19th century. The piano is ideal for playing classical music during your ceremony and for maximising the `wow' factor as you walk down the aisle. The stunning showpiece organ located on the overhead balcony is another notable feature in The Grand Hall.





Your Wedding Your Way

The Grand Hall is also an ideal venue for wedding receptions and special functions and is able to hire at weekends and during the holidays.

A unique and flexible venue, we work closely with recommended caterers who are tried and tested and who can provide the perfect food to suit your day. Alternatively, you are welcome to bring in your own caterers if you prefer.

If you are planning a small, intimate celebration for less than 20 people, our beautiful Boardroom is also licensed for weddings and civil partnership ceremonies.



Planning your wedding or civil partnership ceremony - a step by step guide

- 1. Check your preferred wedding date and time with the local Registry Office to see when the Superintendent Registrar (to conduct the service) and the Registrar of Marriages (to record the details in the marriage register and issue your certificate) are available. The local Registry Office for Bedford Borough can be contacted by email on civil.registration@bedford.gov.uk or by phone on 01234 267422.
- 2. Book your perfect wedding ceremony venue.
- 3. Give notice of your intention to marry at your local Registry Office at least 28 days before the wedding. Your Notice of Marriage will then be displayed on the notice board at the Registry Office for 28 days, in case anyone knows of any legal objection why you shouldn't be married.
 - Following this period, you will be legally able to hold your ceremony within 12 months.
- 4. Pay a fee to the Superintendent Registrar and show the relevant personal documentation.
- 5. Bring at least two other people to the ceremony who are prepared to witness the marriage and sign the marriage register.
- 6. Have a wonderful day!







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