

WEDDING GUIDE
24/25



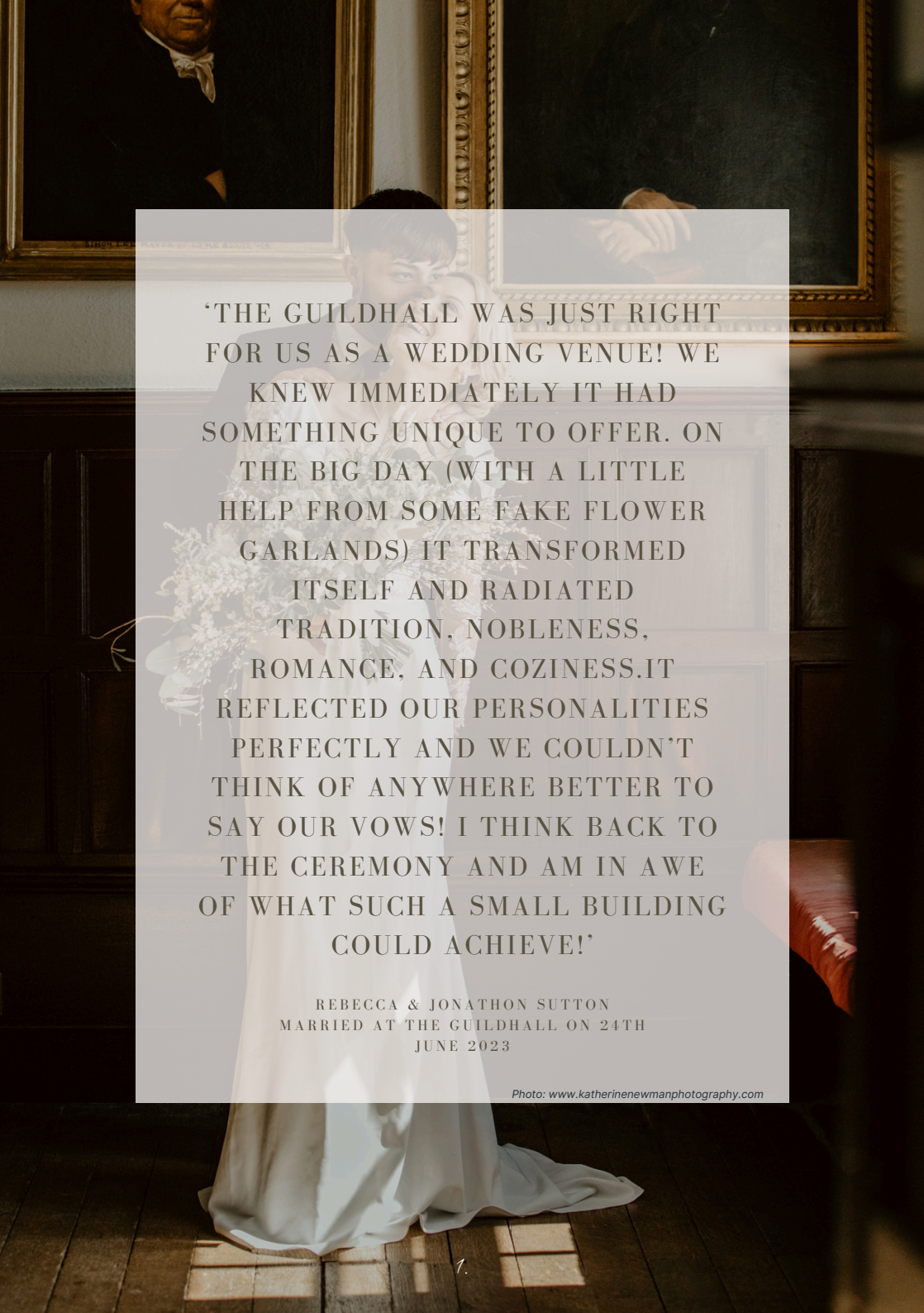
civil marriages &

partnerships at

The Guildhall,

Lyme Regis

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A bride and groom are the central focus, standing in a grand, dimly lit hall. The bride is wearing a white gown and holding a bouquet of flowers, while the groom is in a dark suit. They are both smiling and looking at each other. The background features large, ornate framed portraits on the wall and dark wood paneling. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing text.

‘THE GUILDHALL WAS JUST RIGHT FOR US AS A WEDDING VENUE! WE KNEW IMMEDIATELY IT HAD SOMETHING UNIQUE TO OFFER. ON THE BIG DAY (WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM SOME FAKE FLOWER GARLANDS) IT TRANSFORMED ITSELF AND RADIATED TRADITION, NOBLENES, ROMANCE, AND COZINESS.IT REFLECTED OUR PERSONALITIES PERFECTLY AND WE COULDN’T THINK OF ANYWHERE BETTER TO SAY OUR VOWS! I THINK BACK TO THE CEREMONY AND AM IN AWE OF WHAT SUCH A SMALL BUILDING COULD ACHIEVE!’

REBECCA & JONATHON SUTTON
MARRIED AT THE GUILDHALL ON 24TH
JUNE 2023

Photo: www.katherinewmanphotography.com

WEDDING VENUE *History*



Image: www.hollyhockphotography.co.uk

The history of The Guildhall can be traced back as far as the Stuart period. The main chamber with its curved ceiling and coat of arms was once the local court and the main body of the building, including the Mayor's Parlour, was built on the site of the town's lock-up. The original door of the lockup is still visible along the side of the building with a sign over the door which reads: 'The door of the old lock-up which stood here'.

The Guildhall was reopened after an almost complete rebuild to mark the Jubilee of Queen Victoria two years earlier. It brought together in one place, some of the leading and wealthiest citizens in this small Dorset town. The architect behind this historic building is George Vials.

Lyme Regis is located at the heart of Dorset's Jurassic coastline. With stunning views across the sea towards Charmouth and West Bay, The Guildhall provides the perfect backdrop for any wedding photography.

If you are considering holding your ceremony in The Guildhall, you are welcome to view the venue first. Please contact us to make arrangements.



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HIRE CHARGES

24/25

MON - FRI

£400

SAT - SUN

£500

9AM-12PM

12PM - 3PM

3PM - 6PM

25/26

MON - FRI

£450

SAT - SUN

£550

9AM-12PM

12PM - 3PM

3PM - 6PM

A deposit of £100 is required upon booking with the balance due one month prior to the ceremony date.

Payments can be made by BACS to:

‘Lyme Regis Town Council’

SORT CODE: 30.90.37

A/c No. 18761468

Reference your name and ‘Wedding booking’ or by credit/debit card by contacting the town council.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOOK YOUR
CEREMONY A MINIMUM OF 60 MINUTES
AFTER THE START OF YOUR BOOKING TO
ENSURE THERE IS ENOUGH TIME TO SET
UP AND STILL HAVE YOUR INTERVIEW
WITH THE REGISTRAR/S.

WHY NOT BOOK A BEACH HUT
AS PART OF YOUR WEDDING
PACKAGE? CELEBRATE WITH
POST CEREMONY DRINKS IN A
PASTEL COLOURED BEACH HUT!
*PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY
AT TIME OF BOOKING.*

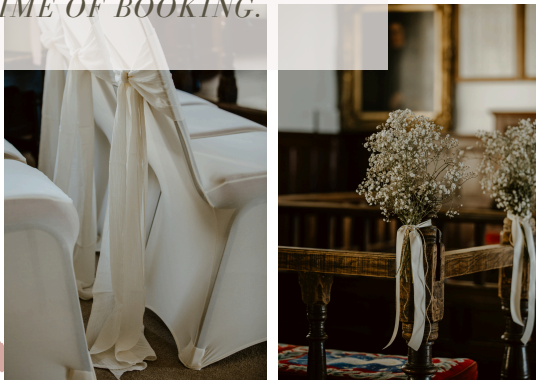


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BEAUTIFUL VIEWS OVER
LYME BAY AS THE
BACKDROP FOR YOUR
SPECIAL DAY!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PLEASE NOTE THAT HIRE OF THE GUILDHALL IS SEPARATE FROM ANY LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS OR CHARGES MADE BY THE REGISTRARS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BOOK THE REGISTRARS AND COMPLY WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

THE GUILDHALL

- We can accommodate 75 guests (plus the couple, registrars and wedding stewards) in the ceremony room if you do not require use of the lift.
- There are 30 chairs available for seating. The additional seating will be made up with benches already inside The Guildhall.
- If you do require use of the lift, we can accommodate 65 guests only (*due to fire regulations*).
- A lift to the main chamber from the car park is available, as well as a disabled toilet.
- Parking spaces adjacent to The Guildhall are available for at least two cars.
- Flash photography is allowed inside the building.
- Bio-degradable confetti is allowed outside of the building.
- Access to The Guildhall is limited to 30 minutes prior to the ceremony but please speak to us if you need to access The Guildhall any earlier.
- It is possible for you to decorate the chamber with your own decorations prior to the ceremony if arrangements are made with us in advance, or take advantage of one of our décor packages (*please see page 8*).
- Please note a £50 refundable security deposit applies to all rental packages and will be refunded within 2 weeks of your ceremony.
- No food or drink may be consumed or sold on the premises in accordance with the civil marriage and partnership licence.
- Dogs are permitted inside The Guildhall. Please let us know at the time of booking that you intend to have dog/s at your ceremony and we will send you a waiver form to complete.
- If you require witnesses for your ceremony, we can provide them depending on the day. Please let us know in advance.

MUSIC

You are welcome to play music of a non-religious nature during your ceremony. We encourage playlists to be saved to your mobile phone but we can also accommodate CDs and USB drives. We are happy for you to play music from a device. Please inform us three weeks prior to the ceremony which of the above methods you intend to use for your music selection. Our stewards are more than happy to manage the music for you on the day! Live music and instruments are also welcome.

CANCELLATION

The balance payment must be paid in full at least one month before the ceremony date. In the event of cancellation, the full hire fee will be payable unless the council is notified at least 48 hours prior to the date of the ceremony. The booking deposit is non-refundable.

HAVE A LOOK AT OUR
ADDITIONAL DECOR
OPTIONS ON PAGE 8!

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‘TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE
DATING ALL THE WAY BACK
TO THE STUART PERIOD.’



DORSET REGISTRARS

☎ 01305 225 153

✉ registrars@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

📍 County Hall
Colliton Park
Dorchester
Dorset
DT1 1XJ

LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

☎ 01297 445 175

✉ enquiries@lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

📍 Guildhall Cottage
Church Street
Lyme Regis
Dorset
DT7 3BS



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please ensure the registrars from Dorset Registration Service are available for your chosen date. Please be sure to book the registrars before booking with us!
- Once you have booked the registrars, you should then complete The Guildhall booking form via our website with a deposit of £100. Once we have received your booking we will confirm it in writing.
- Your civil marriage is a very important day and we would like to help in any way we can to make the day as special as possible. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you.

Married at The Guildhall?

We would love the opportunity to share some of your wedding photographs! If you would like to share 1 or 2 with us please send them to us at enquiries@lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

We are currently taking bookings up to 31st March 2026



@lymeregisguildhall
#igotmarriedattheguildhall

RENTAL DÉCOR

We've put together a menu of additional items available for hire individually or as a package, to save you the hassle of sourcing décor yourself.

Pick and choose from the menu below or select our all inclusive option which gives you everything at a heavily discounted rate!

ALL INCLUSIVE

£99

seating
lighting
flowers
beach hut

SEATING

chair covers
sashes

£2ea
£1ea

LIGHTING

LED candles
fairy lights

£5
£5

FLOWERS

table centrepiece (silk dried)
table runner

£10
£2

BEACH HUT

depending on availability

POA

Please note a £50 refundable security deposit applies to all rental packages

WEDDING

checklist

12 MONTHS BEFORE

- make a guest list
- decide on style and theme
- choose a bridal party
- book a venue
- hire photographer
- hire band and DJ
- wedding dress shopping

9 MONTHS BEFORE

- select caterer
- select invitations
- bridesmaid dresses
- book flowers
- wedding website
- order invitations

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- choose wedding rings
- book honeymoon
- schedule wedding shower
- send invitations
- order wedding cake

3 MONTHS BEFORE

- create seating chart
- choose guest favours
- meet with the registrars
- hair and makeup trial
- book transport
- choose ceremony songs

1 MONTH BEFORE

- dress fitting
- write wedding vows
- finalise the guest count

1 WEEK BEFORE

- practise wedding vows
- mani & pedi
- facial treatment
- hair appointment

AFTER THE WEDDING

- send thank you cards
- share photos

LOCAL *Suppliers*

TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

Causley Cabs
01297 642 011
www.causleycabs.co.uk

Jurassic Properties
www.jurassicproperties.com

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Max Trafford Photographer
maxtraffordphotography@gmail.com

Katherine Newman Photography
info@katherinewmanphotography.com
10% off all packages

Suzie McFadzean Photography
mrsmacspics@gmail.com
10% off Silver Package

VIDEOGRAPHER

Lara Elliott
laraelizabeth.elliott@gmail.com
10% off packages

STATIONERY

Scribe Stationery
kiasahsanusi@gmail.com

CAKES & CATERING

Beautifully Baked by Charlene
0775 974 6066
10% off for 'Guildhall' clients

The Rolling Barrel
www.therollingbarrelbar.co.uk
20% off prices on website

Beach & Badger
www.beachandbadger.co.uk

ACCESSORIES

Jewellery by Lucy Campbell
www.lucycampbell.net
10% off for 'Guildhall' clients

Seraga Jewellery
0776 397 4569
www.seragaengland.com

Brilliant Bows by Hilary
hilaryfaith10@gmail.com

LOCAL *Suppliers*

CELEBRANT

Juliette by the Sea Celebrant
www.juliettebytheseacelebrant.co.uk
0773 606 2976

FLOWERS

House of Flowers
www.houseofflowerslymeregis.co.uk

Flower Coast
www.flowercoast.co.uk

HAIR & MAKEUP

Beth DeSanges MUA
0794 416 8981
bdesangesmua@hotmail.com

The Salon Charmouth
01297 560 221
saloncharmouth@gmail.com

Hairdressing by Jane
0795 859 0410

Hair by Jarvia
0787 234 1689
www.hairbyjarvia.co.uk

RECEPTION VENUES

The Lyme Bay Cafe & Bar
hello@thelymebay.co.uk
01297 444 700

Marine Theatre
director@marinetheatre.com
01297 442 394

FANCY HAVING YOUR
PHOTOS INSIDE THE LYME
REGIS MUSEUM?

EXCLUSIVE TO
GUILDHALL
couples only



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A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO
HAVE ONE OF A KIND COUPLE
PORTRAITS TAKEN INSIDE A
HUNDRED YEAR OLD HISTORIC
BUILDING.*

*SPECIFIC TIMES & DATES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR ONLY. PLEASE CONTACT ELEANOR WENTZELL
FOR MORE INFORMATION EWENTZELL@LYMEREKISMUSEUM.CO.UK



Lyme Regis

Town Council