

Planning notes

Congratulations on booking your wedding at Owen House Wedding Barn. Now you can get busy with the planning!

Here are some things to think about.....

Please book your ceremony either at your chosen Church or with Cheshire East registration service. Contact number 0300 123 5019 or 01270 375140

Timings for the day

Below is an example of how your day will run if you have a 2pm ceremony here at the barn

1pm Barn and bar open for guests
2pm Ceremony
2.30pm Reception drinks
4.00pm Call guests to be seated
4.15pm Announce couple into wedding breakfast
4.30pm Speeches
5.00pm Wedding breakfast
6.30pm Wedding breakfast ends
6.30pm Coffee for guests either outside or in the ceremony room
6.30pm Room turnaround and band/DJ set up
7.30pm Arrival of evening guests
8.15pm Cake cutting and first dance
9.15/9.30pm Evening food
Midnight Bar closes
12.30am Carriages

If your ceremony is at 12 noon, the timings will look something like this..

11.45am Barn open for guests
12 noon Ceremony
12.30pm Reception drinks
2.30pm Call guests to be seated
2.45pm Announce couple into wedding breakfast
3.00pm Speeches
3.30pm Wedding breakfast
5.00pm Wedding breakfast ends
5.00pm Coffee for guests either outside or in the ceremony room
5.00pm Room turnaround and band/DJ set up

7.00pm Arrival of evening guests
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If you are marrying in a Church our timings will depend on location, time of service, photographs outside Church. We will discuss and finalise this with you.

It's up to you, but we suggest speeches before the food - it helps nerves!

Catering

We ask that you use Vanilla in Allseasons for all your catering requirements. This includes the evening food – sorry no outside caterers.

OHWB provide the tables, chairs and glassware. The caterers provide the food, crockery, cutlery and also the linen.

They offer a good variety for daytime and evening.

Decoration

There is a list of regular suppliers to the barn on our web site, on the 'Friends' page. You don't have to use them. We just know that they will do a good job and work well with us on the day!

The barn is a blank canvas for you to decorate the way you choose.

Flowers - can move from ceremony room to main barn if required.

Lighting – uplighters, trough above the top table for example.

Candles – flames should be covered and bring plenty of them so we can replenish on the day.

Churns, cake stands, easel and crates are available for you to use.

We have a list of measurements – churns, arch etc

Photography

Such a personal thing - have a look at our Instagram page for images that you like, then show these to your photographer. Most important thing is that you really like them as a person. They are with you all day and so you need to feel happy.

They are usually with you from the beginning of the day to first dance...

Hair and make-up time in beauty shed

Baa-ber shed

First look with parents

Ceremony
Reception drinks
Speeches
Turnaround – Group shot
First dance and cake cutting
Shooting gallery – strictly for the two of you and your photographer
Sorry, we don't allow confetti – bubbles/sparklers are a great alternative

Videographers are great to have if your budget will allow.

Music

Live music may be used for ceremony, reception drinks and during meal.
If not, our system is available. You may email your choices to us in advance or download on phone, iPad etc. Don't rely on wi-fi. Label clearly

Ceremony here requires walk-in music for bride, background for register signing and something as couple exit from the ceremony.

Background music for drinks reception and something for the time couple are announced into the wedding breakfast.

Also background music for the meal.

We have something suitable if it helps!

Table formations

There is a choice of either round or trestle tables.

Round tables are 6ft in diameter and seat between 8 and 12 (max) guests.

Trestle tables seat 3 guests on either side. Dimensions 6ft x 2.6ft.

Top table is made up of trestles.

Barn will allow for a max of 5 trestles in a line.

Drinks

All drinks supplied by us.

Tasting evenings are twice a year. May and December.

Reception drinks and table wine options, how much to supply to each guest.....

average of one and a half drinks per person for receptions drinks. Half a bottle of wine per person for the wedding breakfast.

Drinks should be ordered and paid for approximately one month before wedding day.

Beauty Shed and Baa-ber Shed

Also available for those marrying in Church.

Beauty shed available from 9am on the day.

Bring your own food and drink.

Please ensure all belongings are tidied and packed during reception drinks so we can clean during the wedding breakfast.

Baa-ber shed available from 11am.

Bring your own food and drink.

Please tidy and pack everything and leave in the foyer area prior to ceremony

The Baa-ber shed will then be locked.

We will clean during the wedding breakfast

Any items left will be loaded onto our trolley for collection.

Accommodation

All questions to stay@owenhousefarm.co.uk Caroline and Richard.

Exclusive use

Code emailed and then to be forwarded to guests. They book themselves via the Stay web site. www.owenhousefarm.co.uk.

If required, don't forget to book the 'Birds and Bees' room.

We advise that taxis are ordered in advance – we have contact list

Local accommodation – we have list of some close by

So, what happens next....

Enjoy all your planning and please do email with any questions.

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Call 07732 183030

You will be invited to a wedding meeting - this will be about eight weeks before your big day.

At this meeting we will run through all your plans and take the contact details of all your suppliers.

Look out for details of our open events which will be posted on social media

