



**Stunning Wedding Magic**

# **The Wedding Entertainment Guide**

**You Want Your Special  
Day To Go Just The Way  
You Want It...**

**So Do We...**

Here Are The Important  
Areas You Need To  
Consider When Choosing  
Entertainment For Your  
Wedding Party...

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# Important Message From The Publisher

If you are not careful, your wedding could turn into 'just another wedding' for a large number of your guests. Of course it will be a very special day for you and yours and for your close family and friends, but for many it might be and probably will be just another wedding.

For sure they will be happy to be there, but unless you make it really special for them, it could easily become same old, same old, same old, same old.

Also, if there is nothing to make it special for them, for many it might quickly be forgotten.

In this guide we have given you 136 suggestions, ideas, hints and tips to help make sure your wedding is the **VERY SPECIAL** and highly memorable day you wish for, for you and *all* your guests.

Quite probably some of these ideas will not appeal to you, if so don't worry, it is your special day and nothing should be or will be forced upon you, simply choose what you would like.

Be firm with all the many people who will want to advise you and stick to two sources of advice.

1. What feels right for you.
2. The professionals that have been there many times before.

Others are well meaning, I am sure they have your best interests at heart and don't want anything to hurt you or spoil your day. However, what they lack is years of experience of many other weddings.

All the ideas in this guide are taken from years of having worked them for 1000's of other brides and grooms and every care is taken to make sure only the very best of the ideas are given to you.

I suggest you ask lots of questions of all the professionals around you and our help line is there for you as well. We are happy to answer your questions and be a friendly and independent ear to discuss your ideas with.

Simply call our office on freephone 0800-01 88 118, our wedding staff are waiting to help you. There is absolutely no obligation or commitment on your behalf and we are not going to try and sell you anything.

This guide is solely about entertainment, we know that when the Bride and Groom arrange the right entertainment for them, they always have a great and memorable party.

After your partner and the guests you invite, the entertainment is the most important part of the day. Get it right and your day will go down in history – but get it wrong and it could reduce your special day to a damp and embarrassing squib.

## Where Are You Now?

Have you planned the day, the itinerary, the Church (or Ceremony Venue) the Wedding Dress, the party Venue, Caterer, Flowers, Photographer, Cars, Suit Hire, Table Decorations, Drinks, Table Plan, Gifts for special people like Bridesmaids and Best Man and much more?

If the answer is 'no' to any of these simply give our freephone helpline a call on 0800-01 88 118 and we gladly give you names and phone numbers of recommended suppliers for you to choose from. This help is free of charge.

*That's the easy bit!*

All of the above are of course important, in fact very important you need to get them right, but they are not the things that will make your wedding day different and special for ALL your guests - not just your close family and friends.

### **The BIG SECRET is the ENTERTAINMENT...**

It is the entertainment that will make or break your wedding day. If you get the entertainment right, then everyone has great memories. If, however, you get it wrong the day becomes just another wedding and you are left with feelings of what might have been.

This guide is designed to help you get the most out of your entertainment choices, so that you have good memories about the day for the rest of your life.

The two most important things to consider are the following...

### **Speciality Acts and Music**

Let's consider each one in turn...

## **Speciality Acts**

There are of course many speciality acts and we will look at many of them for you in this guide, but the best of which without doubt in my opinion is MAGIC.

Magic has almost universal appeal, just about everyone enjoys watching a really good magician, and the added flexibility of the type of magic the best magicians can perform, for both adults and children is so useful in a wedding situation.

Imagine the situation, where something goes wrong in the kitchen and the wedding meal is delayed a bit, simply ask your magician to entertain and take the guests minds off the fact they are hungry, and that is precisely what happens.

A good magician will have everyone scratching their heads and you will hear gasps of amazement and lots of laughing. If you look round the room you will see lots of smiling faces, however, I suggest you don't take your eyes off the magician or you will miss something.

Magic by a truly expert magician who performs for both adults and children can help in so many ways to make your party the success you wish it to be.

# Wedding Magic Of Clive Hyams...

I love watching the magic of Clive Hyams. Clive has reached the highest level within The Magic Circle and he has recently put the finishing touches to a very attractive six part Mix 'n Match package for weddings that I think is sublime.

Clive is a talented magician for both adults and children (As Mr Mysto he is one of the busiest, most experienced and loved children's entertainers) and as a multi award winning Close Up magician he will have your adult guests amazed and amused within minutes (often seconds) of them seeing him.

In addition his stand up show is very funny; I have seen audiences in uncontrollable hysterical laughter at his stand up show.

The great thing about Clive's six part package is that you only take the bits that you feel will best suit your party. Before deciding let me explain all the elements and then you will be able to choose which of the six parts will suit you best.

## Here Is The Six Part Plan For You...

1. Reception
2. Tables
3. Children and Speeches
4. Stand Up Show
5. Sick, Lame and Lazy
6. Wedding Game

## How To Make It A Fun Reception To Start Things Off...

Reception is a time when three to five groups of people (Brides family, Grooms family, the couples friends and work colleagues) who by and large don't know each other, are asked to mix.

Clive will entertain your guests with his reception magic including Cards, Coins and other fun things. Magic will happen right in the *hands of your guests*.

Clive demonstrates how card cheats work, how money can be made to do some impossible things and the whole of his performance is punctuated with gags, one liners, puns and bits of fun that make guests want him to stay for longer or return quickly.

Clive will introduce other groups into the party he is working for and leave them wanting more and talking about what they just seen. How did he do the one with the.....? This is a great compliment to any other activities that may be going on.

## Want To Make Your Wedding Breakfast Magical? Here's How...

During your meal whether it is a buffet or silver service sit down, Clive covers all the tables with his very special brand of humour and magic.

Again the emphasis is on entertainment, but the magic is of course very strong.

He has eight magical routines that he calls "Master Routines", each lasting from 2 to 10 minutes. You will see money change in value, holes in money and cards disappear before your very eyes and coins penetrate solid matter and much, much more. All this happens right under the noses of you and your guests.

Clive will ensure that adjoining tables don't see the same routine. So if any of your guests are particularly interested in the magic, they will of course get prime vision of the magic

that happens at their table, but also a secondary view of the magic happening at adjoining tables.

Clive is a Member of the exclusive Inner Magic Circle with Gold Star and is six times Surrey Close Up magic champion. His most recent win was on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013

With his years of experience, he knows just where and when to be working for you and when not. He is also able to make suggestions both before the day and on the day itself that will make your life easier, the party more fun, memorable and even save you money as well.

The younger guests are not left out or forgotten as Clive is an accomplished children's entertainer and balloon modeller and if you have a small number of children, Clive is able and happy to make a special model for each of the children.

### **Are Children Important At Weddings? Of Course They Are, Very Important...**

Children are an important part of most weddings and yet are seldom properly looked after.

If you have a larger number of youngsters, it is unrealistic to expect them to sit for two hours during a meal and then for a further 20 to 30 minutes during speeches.

Clive is able to take them to another room usually after dinner and entertain them royally.

A special wedding day party for the children includes a warm up to let everyone know he is great fun to be with, but also gets any slightly boisterous guests back on the straight and narrow.

A magic show which can be aimed at a particular age group or can be made suitable for a big span of age groups, including lots of funny bits, audience participation, a live bunny rabbit, and a wealth of magic that will draw gasps of amazement from the children.

His very funny balloon modelling routine is featured, which will have the children howling with laughter to the point that their tummies hurt.

Finally, if required, party games including prizes and balloon models for all. The children will be occupied for as long as you wish, but normally until the end of the speeches.

If required he can arrange for a fully qualified Nursery Nanny to help look after the tiny tots.

### **More Fun After Dinner**

After dinner, offers an opportunity to use Clive to further enhance your party. He can perform his Cabaret show for any length from 10 to 50 minutes.

His show includes up to seven routines that are packed with fun, laughter audience participation and of course some very strong magic.

Shall we pass some liquid right through the middle of the bride's Mum, or tear up the Best Mans jacket (and then restore it again of course) or saw a special auntie, bridesmaid or friend in half, all are possible and much more besides. Perhaps Clive will predict the winning lottery ticket numbers and really make somebody's day!

### **Nobody Should Be Left Out On Your Special Day...**

Clive can entertain people who choose not to dance, (he calls them the Sick, Lame and Lazy – you see, those

are the reasons they don't dance) with his Close Up table magic.

Usually a large majority of guests choose not to dance at some point during the evening, some don't dance at all; At the last count, Clive had 489 Close Up magical effects in his repertoire and with more being added regularly, you know that your Sick, Lamé and Lazy will be made to feel very special as well.

Clive will choose the magic most suitable for your non-dancing guests. This is another chance for you and them to watch some mind boggling magic.

Clive considers the most important thing going on at this stage of the evening is the dancing and he will not allow his work to interfere with the ball.

It will, however, make the Sick, Lamé and Lazy guests feel as if something has been laid on for them as well and will make them feel special too.

### **A Very Special, Truly Astonishing Piece Of Magic For The Happy Couple**

Clive also has a very special magical effect designed especially for the happy couple, it takes only 2 to 3 minutes but always makes the audience say AHHHH.

A truly remarkable effect with cards, that will imprint itself on the minds of all that see it, an effect that must not be missed, but of course I am not going to spoil the surprise by telling you too about it here.

Clive is happy to perform this for you and he asks that you accept it as a gift from him. It's a stunning piece of magic that must be seen by everyone at

your party. I promise it will leave a lasting impression on all who witness it.

### **The Wedding Game Is 'Pure Entertainment' Itself...**

I've saved the best for last... The wedding game is packed with loads of fun.

The bride and groom are invited into the middle of a circle formed by their guests. You both sit on a chair back to back, take off your shoes and exchange your right shoes. Each partner is now holding one of their own shoes and one of their partners.

Clive will ask some questions, for example. Who spends most time on the telephone? Or, who is first to make up after a row? And many other such questions.

After each question each of the happy couple holds up a shoe, either their own or their partners to indicate their answer to each question.

When you agree you receive a big cheer and a loud round of applause from the guests, however, if you ever disagree the panel of three mutual friends will make up their minds as to which of you is more likely to be right and the losing star (either the Bride or the Groom) will have to do a small forfeit.

This game builds and builds and so does the fun, so don't dismiss it too quickly; it's one of those things that helps make your wedding memorable in your guests minds.

Of course Clive knows a number of other highly talented wedding magicians so if you need more than one or if Clive is unable to attend your wedding personally (often happens

when couples book too late) he is able to arrange a great alternative act.

After many years in the wedding business he has found a few highly talented magicians that he is happy to recommend.

So if for any reason you were not able to secure the services of Clive himself, then we have a number of other magicians to choose from for your special day.

That is just a small taster about the six elements in Clive's Mix 'N Match package he is making available to you. I guess now you may have some questions (most couples do) so simply pick up the phone and call on freephone 0800-0188118 we are here to help you.

Clive considers your wedding to be so important that if it can be arranged he would love to meet you before your big day to discuss the event and see how he can best adapt to suit your party.

He is just a fountain of ideas and his only motivation is to make sure your special day goes just as you want it to.

He can often spot places where things may not run smoothly and he will advise you.

He will also make suggestions of other places you may be able to use him, to further increase the result you receive from having him around. Usually he does this free of charge.

As an example, a recent client was so pleased that Clive was able to take a small group of children, who were a bit excited, to one side during the speeches and settle them down and make some balloon models for them.

It worked well for everyone, not least the children.

### **One More Thing It Is Very Important...**

Clive wants to make your wedding day a very special day indeed and so he insists of giving you this 100% guarantee...

**If for any reason whatsoever, you don't agree that what you experience is truly magical, entertaining and makes your party very special indeed. That the magic is the best and most fun you have ever seen, that your guests are engaged, having fun and smiling throughout. That Clive's professional advice and suggestions are helpful and well thought out and that you are ecstatically pleased that you booked him, then simply says so at the end of the evening and he will cancel your bill and you will owe nothing.**

**This is your 100% guarantee of quality and satisfaction or you don't pay a penny.**

I am betting though, that you will be more than happy with all that he does for you and will pass on Clive's name to friends and colleagues planning their own parties, but I want you to be the sole judge.

*Now turn to the next page  
to read all about how to book  
a great music act for your  
special day...*

# Music Was My First Love

## The Simple Way To Book The Right Music Act For You...

Do you want a Disco and DJ, or a Band or something else perhaps, or even a combination of the above? Here are some ideas and suggestions that 100's of couples have found helpful...

First some general information that applies to all music acts...

Do you know of an act? If so how many times have you seen them?

You should have seen an act at least twice before booking them for your event. Just because they were good once doesn't mean they will be good on your special day.

They may have just got lucky on the day you saw them. Imagine a band (applies to all music acts) that is only good at one event in 10. They always play the same music because that is the music *they* like.

Once in 10 events they get it right and everyone at that event goes home thinking the music act was great. They don't realise that at 9 out of 10 other parties they go down less well.

Now if you see them two or more times and they play different music and they have lots of people up dancing and you have positive feelings about them, then the chances are they will be good at your wedding party also.

**BIG TIP:** Make sure you have seen a music act at least twice, if they were good both times they are much less of a risk.

Always remember, music is a very personal thing, don't take anyone's

word on it. Even if a close friend recommends an act, check them out yourself, your friend may have only seen them once !!!!!

Make sure you understand also how the music is chosen. Can you give them a play list (if you want to)?

Will the act take a break? If so how long and when?

Are you happy they understand the timings you want including the set up time, background music and the timings of the main event including finishing times?

Do they have a latest finishing time? If so are you happy with that time?

Is the cost reasonable? You may be disappointed with the cheapest act, but don't break the bank either. Make sure their price is inclusive of VAT so you don't get a 20% surprise on the day.

Will they loan you a microphone for your speeches?

Is it a Radio Mic? If so are the speakers going to be in the right place?

If it's a cable Mic will it be long enough to get to where your speech makers will be speaking from?

If the dancing is in the same room as the banquet, make sure the band is set ready to go BEFORE the reception starts. By reception I mean the time the guests start arriving.

Are you happy with their dress sense is it right for your party. Can you imagine how bad it looks if your party is a black tie event and the band are in jeans and dirty jeans at that. I've seen it

more than once and worse still the acts don't realise how bad it looks.

With any act you book make sure you get a written confirmation of the booking. The confirmation should include the date, the fee and all the timings. If you don't receive a proper and comprehensive confirmation go back to the act and insist upon it.

Do they know your venue, if they do it is an advantage (but not critical). They know where it is, they know the parking rules, they know where to set up and may well know the venue staff.

### **Bands:**

Ask the band how many pieces they suggest you need for the number of guests you planning to entertain. Does this feel right to you?

Have they got the right mix of instruments for you?

Do they include vocals? How many and which gender? Are you happy with their suggestions?

Can they offer you the following...

- Independent references?
- Demo disc?
- Full insurance?
- Lots of dates that you can pop along and see them live?
- Confirmation all their electrical equipment is PAT tested. Your venue will insist upon it.

Remember references are only a guide, but I would advise you take them up at least two recent ones. Pick one date yourself; say to the act on the phone "Can I have the client you did last Saturday night, please?" By doing this you get a random reference and not the one that went well.

Take references up, ask whatever you like, make a list of question before you call. Add this question.... If you could go back and do it all again would you still book the same act? Listen to *how* the answer is given not just what they say.

Don't feel bad about taking up references. Remember the person you are speaking to is likely to empathize with you, as they were in the same position as you before they booked.

It is worth the time and effort in doing a bit of research, you are only having this party once and nothing should be left to chance.

If you can get a demo disc do so. Play it, do you like what you hear?

Remember, this is likely to be the very best they band is going to be. They are not going to make a demo of the bad stuff are they? So if on the demo they are only just okay they are unlikely to be quite that good on your big day. I suggest if that is the case you carry on shopping.

Any professional act should have Public Liability insurance, if they don't volunteer the information, ask the question and make sure it is confirmed on their confirmation letter. It is a small thing but, if things do go wrong it will quickly become a big thing. In principle the insurance should cover at least £2 million, but £5 to £10 million is more realistic and common.

Professional acts will understand your dilemma of what act to book and should try and help you choose the right one for you.

They will of course all think it should be themselves. The ones that invite you to see them working at a future date(s) are the ones most confident in their own ability.

Take up the offer and pop along to the party. They should check with their client to make sure you are welcome.

At this stage simply watch, don't try and talk to the act, they should be concentrating 100% on what they are doing. Stay for 15 minutes and remember to turn up looking smart, it is after all someone else's special day.

### **DISCO/DJ**

- How many are in the team?
- Will they guarantee the act you book will be the one that turns up on the day?
- Do they chat between records, have friendly banter going on with the guests or are they just a record player?
- Do they have full insurance?
- Can they provide Independent references?
- Do they have anything else going on during the act? We know one that has a whole puppet routine going on during the evening. It is very different and truly great fun, but they do need a bit of a budget.
- Confirmation all their electrical equipment is PAT tested. Your venue will insist upon it.
- Do they work through an agent?

If they book through lots of agents it sometimes means they are not very busy, desperate for work and therefore make themselves available through lots of agents.

Ideally you want an act that only works for one agent, but is happy to book your party direct. You don't want to pay an agency fee but likewise don't want an act that is not very busy. It often means they are not that popular!

### **OTHER MUSIC:**

Other music acts work well in many situations at weddings. You might consider a Harp player during your drinks reception, or a fiddle player or two to perform around the tables during your wedding breakfast.

Perhaps a Jazz Guitar or keyboard player does it for you.

How about a take-off of the Three Tenors, we know a great act called "Thirty Quid" They look and sound just like the real thing.

All these (Bands, Disco's and a range of other music acts) are available through our office simply call **Freephone Number 0800 - 01 88 118** (best from a land line) or **01737-350586** (best from a mobile) or if you prefer you can E.Mail: [kevin@stunningweddingmagic.co.uk](mailto:kevin@stunningweddingmagic.co.uk) we are happy to discuss your needs.

# Speciality Acts

## More Ideas To Help You...

Earlier I did promise to give you a list of other speciality acts that we have booked for weddings for previous clients. All the acts are experienced and proven and all have been used before to much acclaim by the clients who booked them.

To help you I have broken them into section as to where they are best used.

## After Dinner

### **Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Stand**

The famous ice cream in a variety of flavours served direct to your guests at a very reasonable fixed cost.

### **Casino Nights**

Our partners supply a full size Roulette and Black Jack tables complete with croupiers. Your funny money is personalised with your picture, name and date. They even supply a bottle of Champaign for the winner.

### **Scerlectrix Car Racing**

Not the kids version you played with as a child, no this is winner. This is a high class six track highway that comes complete with running commentary. This is sure to bring out the competitive side of all your guests as well as being great fun for all. A great way to keep the guests occupied after the wedding breakfast or for non dancers. After the magician this is a most highly recommended act to make your event different and memorable.

### **Chocolate Fountain**

A fountain of chocolate and a abundance of fruit and other items to dip in and savour. If you are a chocoholic this is a must, but watch the

calories (no don't watch the calories this is YOUR wedding day).

### **Pop Corn/ Candy Floss maker**

It does what it says on the tin, great if you have a sweet tooth, got lots of children or you like all the fun of the fair. Again we can arrange a fixed price that won't break the bank.

### **Hypnotist**

A high class comedy stage act, that will have your guests in fits of laughter at the antics the subjects get up to.

### **Race Night**

Comes complete with jumps, giant dice and all the kit you need to keep your guests fascinated and intrigued for a hour or two. Great fun if you are into racing.

## Reception Only

### **Clairvoyant**

Have a booth in the corner and let the Clairvoyant look into her Crystal Ball and tell you what your future holds. I wonder what your future holds?

### **Slushy Drinks Maker**

What can I say!

## Reception and Dinner

### **Comedy Juggling**

Our top juggler will have you in stitches with a stream of gags, one liners and quips and at the same time performing some truly wondrous juggling. If you are looking for more laughs to the minute, this is the act for you.

### **Look A likes**

You pick the celebrity that you would like to appear at your function

and we can arrange it. Amongst the best we have Prince Charles, Inspector Clouseau, Dell Boy and Joanna Lumley and many, many others are available.

### **Memory Man**

Two great acts to choose from...

Act one, will remember all your guests names and faces along with all their personal details, how old they are, what they do for a living, their hobbies, kids names etc etc etc and when they meet them will talk to them like an old friend would, except your guests will have no idea who this guy is.... The comedy that follows has to be seen to be believed.

Act two is a stage act that will remember packs of cards, people's names, sequences and stacks more and then recite them to the fascination of your guests and a massive round of applause afterwards. Not as much fun as act one but nonetheless very entertaining and very clever.

### **Pick Pocket**

He will tell you first what he is going to do, he'll tell you when he is going to do it and tell you how he's going to do it and you still won't have any idea how he does it. Be prepared to lose the contents of your pockets, your glasses your tie and your braces and lots more, but I promise you will get them all back, but perhaps not as you would have expected. This is a highly entertaining act.

### **Silhouette Cutting**

Very artistic, our act will cut your profile from a black piece of art paper and present it in a keep sake card for your guests to take home with them. When you see the fine detail that is included you will instantly recognise the model. Everyone wants to be done so make sure you book enough time. This is a wonderful memento of your

special day for your guests to take home and keep.

### **Sound A likes**

A whole variety of acts that look and sound like the real thing, ask us for a list of celebrities who are available for your day as they are in high demand and often harder to get than real thing, but not nearly as expensive.

### **Clown**

A clown is great for the children but also good fun for the grown-ups in age but the young at heart.

## Whole Evening

### **Toastmaster**

If you wish your event to be a little more formal, but not a stuffy affair, then we have some great characters who add that sparkle and keep the party moving without being overpowering.

### **Magician**

We have a whole stack of versatile magicians that can work for adults, children or both. See the summary of Clive Hyams earlier in this guide.

## During The Meal Only

### **Mime Artiste**

These acts are so clever that they will make you believe they are pushing a piano across your dance floor and then sit down and play it for you. The only difference is there is no piano – it's just an act, but very clever and great fun. Of course not a word is ever spoken.

In addition we have many great photographers and video contacts who record the whole day for all time.

Nursery Nannies are also available, to look after the little ones.

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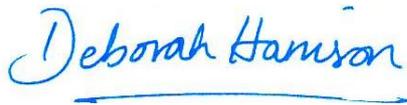
**The Only Thing That Is Right For Us Is What Is Right For You.**

I urge you to call today as these are popular entertainers in high demand and their diaries fill a little more every day.

Thank you for reading this guide I hope you found it helpful and thought provoking.

On a personal note I hope your wedding day is EVERYTHING you wish it to be.

Warmly



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