

A Bluebell Railway Wedding

*We propose
something a little
different*



*A special day
like no other*

*Congratulations on your engagement and
your
forthcoming marriage.*

*At The Bluebell Railway we propose something a
little different to give you a totally unique day,
full of special memories you will treasure
for a lifetime.*

*From your initial approach to us, you will have the
services of a dedicated Wedding Adviser who will
take care of all the details and arrangements to make
sure that everything runs smoothly for you to ensure
that your special day is extra special.*



A little History

The Bluebell Railway was one of the first preserved heritage lines in the country, commencing train services in August 1960. As a result, we have one of the finest collections of vintage steam locomotives and carriages, many of which were preserved straight out of service from British Railways.

Today we are able to recreate trains from the 1880s through to the 1960s.



Our wedding ceremonies and receptions can be held at either Sheffield Park or Horsted Keynes stations, both built in traditional "Queen Anne" style in 1882.

They have frequently been seen on television and in films, including Downton Abbey, The Muppet Movie and The Woman in Black.

Naturally, we would be delighted to show you around so that you will have a clearer idea of the facilities that we can offer.

If you wish to visit the Railway please contact us to arrange an appointment on 01825 720800.

The Ceremony

We have two very different rooms that are licenced for Civil Marriages and Partnerships.

For the smaller more intimate ceremony we suggest The Waiting Room on Platform 1 at Horsted Keynes, our restored Victorian station located amidst the winding lanes of West Sussex. The maximum number of people this room can hold is 40, including the Bride and Groom and two Registrars.



Should you need a larger room for your marriage ceremony, we can offer you The Birch Grove Suite, which is a private room situated above our restaurant on the platform at Sheffield Park,

This room is licenced for 60 people, again including the wedding couple and two Registrars.



Both rooms will be decorated with professional floral arrangements in the colours of your choice, and we can also order all your wedding bouquets and buttonholes for your guests to co-ordinate with your colour scheme. Additional wedding decorations for you to personalise the larger Birch Grove Suite can be easily arranged. Both venues offer a CD player for you to bring your own music, and live music is welcomed where space allows.

Civil Ceremonies at The Bluebell Railway

*Once you have chosen a date for your wedding, it is important that you contact the respective
Registration service to book the Registrars for your ceremony.*

*You will need to telephone the Superintendent Registrar, who will be happy to answer any questions
you may have regarding the procedures to be followed.*

You will then be able to confirm the date and time of your ceremony with us.

A ceremony at Sheffield Park is served by

Lewes Registration Office

Southover Grange

Southover Road

Lewes BN7 1TP

Tel: 01273 475589

E: lewes.registrar@eastsussex.gov.uk

A ceremony at Horsted Keynes is served by

Haywards Heath Registration Office

Oaklands Road

Haywards Heath

RH16 1SU

Tel: 01243 642122

E: registration.teonorth@westsussex.gov.uk

Fees for your Civil Ceremony are paid directly to the appropriate Registration Office.

Drinks Receptions

*After your ceremony
you and your guests can enjoy a traditional glass of
Champagne and Canapés
out on the platform under a decorated gazebo
before your chosen train pulls into the station for you
to board for your Wedding Breakfast.*



A Jazz Band makes a lively accompaniment.



All Aboard ... For Your Wedding Breakfast

Step aboard the fabulous Golden Arrow Pullman Dining Train for a truly memorable experience.

You and your guests will travel in 1920s' luxury whilst enjoying fine food and wines silver-served to you by experienced and attentive staff as you journey through the delightful Sussex countryside that surrounds our line.

The Golden Arrow can accommodate 64 guests in its two Pullman cars, and is steam-hauled by one of our historic locomotives.

An additional 1st Class coach can be added to increase the capacity to 106.

The train recreates the fabulous Golden Arrow service which once linked London and Paris with the style and panache which made it one of the most glamorous and famous trains in the world.

We are also able to offer The Wealden Rambler, a set of four 1950s Lounge Car carriages, with a maximum seating capacity of 125 guests, on which you can be served either a delicious Luncheon or an elegantly traditional Afternoon Tea.



The Golden Arrow Pullman Dining Train

Pullman Car Christine

42 seats

Built in 1928, Christine was originally built for use on the London-Harwich boat trains as a restaurant car. In the 1960s the carriage was refurbished, which included major structural repairs, and is now fully restored to as near as possible its 1920s' condition.



Pullman Car Fingall

22 seats

Fingall was built in 1924 for the White Pullman, and re-appeared in the Golden Arrow after its war-time suspension. The Bluebell Railway purchased the near-derelect car in 1979 and it was fully restored thanks to thousands of hours of hard work by Bluebell volunteers. Seating is mainly at tables for two, and therefore the ideal place for the smaller function.



Introducing The Great Northern Directors' Saloon

For the first time, this stunning coach can now be chartered for your Wedding Breakfast.

Smaller parties can enjoy the more intimate surroundings of The Great Northern Directors Saloon. Built in 1897 and now owned by the Howlden Trust, this stunning saloon is best known for its starring role as the Old Gentleman's Coach in the 2000 film of The Railway Children.



It has only recently been offered for wedding receptions and can entertain up to 18 guests with a stylish buffet or an Afternoon Tea.

Introducing The Wealden Rambler

Restaurant Car

Ashdown Carriage

42 seats

The Ashdown carriage, built in 1955 for the Southern Region of British Railways, was reserved for boat train duties, principally on the Ocean Liner Express to convey 1st Class passengers from Waterloo to Southampton Docks to catch the trans-Atlantic liners.

19 seats

Restaurant Car 1674 was built in 1961 in Glasgow as a Buffet restaurant car for the Eastern Region of British Railways. It has now been refitted copying the layout of the famous Bulleid Tavern cars with a pub-style bar 'At the Sign of the White Horse'.

Chelwood Carriage

48 seats

The Chelwood Carriage was built in 1959 for the London Midland Region of British Railways, and used mainly on the Anglo-Scottish Services, where it provided a much improved quality of unclassified restaurant-car accommodation when coupled to a catering vehicle.



Balcombe

16 seats

Balcombe carriage was built in 1955 at Wolverton works to celebrate the Festival of Britain for the Southern Region of British Railways.

It has now been carefully restored to provide four individual compartments, each seating four people in comfort.

An ideal hideaway for some private moments for the Bride and Groom.



Not everyone wants a traditional Wedding Breakfast.

The Wealden Rambler is famous for its scrumptious Afternoon Tea served as it should be on attractive cake-stands.

Dainty sandwiches and a selection of cakes and pastries followed of course by warm scones with jam and clotted cream make a mouth-watering alternative for your guests to enjoy.



And of course there is always room for another

glass of Champagne!



Food & Drink

Sample Menu

Salmon & Scallop Brochette
Herb-oil marinated pieces on
flash-fried Vegetables

Slow-braised Leg of Lamb Tranche with
Maple Syrup glazed Root Vegetables
& a Rosemary Jus

Pear & Blackberry Crumble served with
a Vanilla Custard

Trio of Lemon Desserts

Freshly-brewed Bluebell Blend Coffee
with a Golden Arrow Chocolate



Sample Menu

Chef's Medley of Canapés

Grilled Goats Cheese Croutiere with
an Apricot & Ginger Chutney

Demi-Tasse of Gazpacho

Medallions of Beef Fillet with
Thyme-roasted Chateau Potatoes
and a Mushroom & Madeira Sauce

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All our food is specially prepared in our own kitchens by
our experienced team of resident Chefs.

All dietary requirements can be catered for, and we are
delighted to discuss all menu suggestions with you.



A selection of Fine Wines is available from our comprehensive Wine List to complement your food and your Reception.



Why not stop the train during your journey and disembark onto the platform again so the Bride and Groom can make the first cut of the Wedding Cake followed by speeches and a Toast to the happy couple?



Cheese . . .



Fruit . . .



or

Sponge?

The Birch Grove Suite

In addition to a reception held on board a train, we also offer the facilities of our function room which is situated above the Bessemer Arms Restaurant on Platform 1 at Sheffield Park Station.

You do not need to have held your Marriage Ceremony with us at the Railway in order to enjoy a Wedding Reception here.



You and your guests can enjoy a traditional banquet in the comfort of our fully air-conditioned room, which contains its own private bar and service facilities. The maximum number of guests is 64 to be seated for a Wedding Breakfast and 90 for a Buffet Reception.



Alternatively you can choose a sumptuous buffet especially prepared for you on the premises by our own Chef.

This room also makes an ideal place for an Evening Reception, with space for a disco or a live band.



Marquee Receptions

What could be nicer than a Reception in a marquee on a warm Summer evening? Three of our stations have grass areas which can accommodate marquees of various sizes



Catch a steam train to Kingscote Station for an old-fashioned country picnic beside the railway line.

At Sheffield Park there is a picnic area by the banks of the River Ouse which is ideal for BBQs.

We can also arrange for evening celebrations in marquees situated at either Sheffield Park or Horsted Keynes

Bells and Whistles

No wedding day is complete without those little finishing touches that will make your day extra special.

We are very happy for you to arrange all your own accessories, but if you prefer, we can remove all the stress by handling everything for you.

Stunning bouquets and buttonholes, seat covers and sashes, a photographer highly experienced in Railway weddings, vintage cars and coaches, bands and discos, spectacular wedding cakes, wedding gifts and favours, not to mention baskets of petal confetti can all be provided.

How about a personal headboard for the front of your train?

Traditional train tickets printed with all your own details?

Personally designed wedding invitations?



And Finally . . .

All our weddings are completely bespoke.

Tell us what you would like for your once in a lifetime day and we will do our best to fulfil all your dreams and expectations. Almost anything is possible. We can offer you a totally unique experience that you and your guests will remember for years to come.

For details of menus and current prices please contact us and perhaps arrange an appointment to look around.



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