Weekday Weddings

at

The Bluebell Railway

We propose something a little different



A special day like no other



Congratulations on your engagement and your forthcoming marriage.

We are delighted to be able to offer you all the delights of our spectacular weddings, tied up with ribbon in one neat parcel!

Weddings on a weekday have the advantage of more availability, less crowds and a more beneficial cost whilst still enjoying 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.

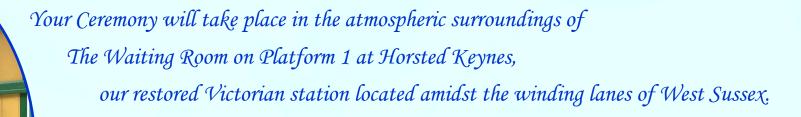
Our wedding ceremonies are held at
Horsted Keynes Station, which was built in
traditional "Queen Anne" style in 1882.
It has been seen frequently on television and in
films, including Downton Abbey,
The Muppet Movie and The Woman in Black.



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.

Your Ceremony



The maximum number of people this room can hold is 40, including the bridal couple and two Registrars.

Larger numbers can be accommodated outside on the platform if necessary.

The station porch will have been decorated for your arrival with a traditional bridal arch, and your own personalised Welcome board will be standing outside to greet you and your guests.

The Waiting Room will be decorated with professional floral arrangements in the colours of your choice and the venue also offers the use of a CD player for you to bring your own music.



Civil Ceremonies

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

E: www.westsussex.gov.uk or Tel: 01243 642122

They will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding all the procedures to be followed.

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

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



Your Drinks Reception



After your ceremony
you and your guests can enjoy a traditional glass
of Bucks Fizz out on the platform
before your train pulls into the station
for you to board for your
Wedding Breakfast.

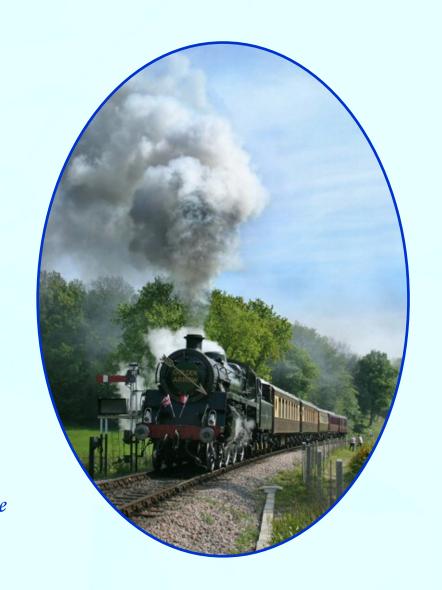
All Aboard ... For Your Wedding Breakfast

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 will be
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.



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-derelict 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.

Your Food & Drink

Menu One

Prawn Cocktail

Roast Loin of Pork

Three Cheese Selection

Menu Two

Cream of Tomato & Basil Soup

Roasted Chicken Supreme

Apple & Pear Crumble

Menu Three

Potage Cressonnière

Slow-braised Pork Belly Roule

Eton Mess



Menu Four

Tomato & Mozzarella Salad

Pan-fried Cajun Chicken Breast

Raspberry Crème Brulée

All main courses are served with a
Selection of seasonal vegetables.
Two glasses of our House Wine will be
offered with your meal,
together with freshly-brewed Coffee
to follow.

All our food is specially prepared in our own kitchens by our experienced team of resident Chefs. All dietary requirements can be catered for, but must be discussed in advance.



Your Toast

After you have wined and dined, your train will return you to Horsted Keynes Station where you will be able to alight onto the platform once more to enjoy a glass of 'bubbles' as the Toast is raised to the Bride and Groom.

If you wish, it will be possible for you to have your wedding cake at the same time.

The Weekday Wedding Parcel

Decorations at the station entrance
The Waiting Room for the Marriage Ceremony with floral arrangements
Use of the CD player

A glass of Bucks Fizz on the platform

Personally designed Welcome Board & Seating Plan

Individual place-cards and personalised Menu Cards on the train

A 3-course silver-service meal on board The Golden Arrow Dining Train

2 glasses of House wine and a glass of Sparkling wine for your Toast

Services of an experienced Wedding Planner who will liaise personally with you from the outset

<u>2022</u> <u>2023</u>

| Up to 30 Guests | £7350.00 + VAT | Up to 30 Gu |
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| Up to 42 Guests | £8042.00 + VAT | Up to 42 Gi |
| Up to 64 Guest | £9230.00 + VAT | Up to 64 Gi |
| Up to 106 Guests | £11,160.00 + VAT | <i>Up to 106 G</i> |

| Up to 30 Guests | £8085.00 + VAT |
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| Up to 42 Guests | £8846.00 + VAT |
| Up to 64 Guests | £10,153.00 + VAT |
| Up to 106 Guests | £12,276.00 + VAT |

Bells & Whistles

In addition to your Wedding Parcel, we are more than happy to arrange those little extras that will go to make your day even more special.

Stunning bouquets and buttonholes, seat covers and sashes, a photographer highly experienced in Railway weddings, vintage cars, spectacular wedding cakes, wedding gifts and favours,

not to mention baskets of petal confetti can all be arranged for you.

How about a personal headboard for the front of your train? Traditional train tickets printed with all your own details?

Personally designed wedding invitations?







We would like to fulfil all your dreams and expectations for your once in a lifetime day we can offer you a totally unique experience that you and your guests will remember for years to come.

For further details please contact us and perhaps arrange an appointment to look around.

Evening Receptions

For your evening celebrations, the Birch Grove Suite at Sheffield Park is also available for hire.

With space for bands, DJs and a Buffet, this modern function room is situated

above the Bessemer Arms Restaurant on Platform 1.

It has been tastefully decorated with railway-themed murals, and is fully air-conditioned.

The Suite is accessed by stairs from the platform and a stair-lift is available.

Your buffet will have been especially prepared for you on the premises by our own Chef,

and full Bar facilities are to hand.

2022

Up to 42 Guests £865.00 + *VAT*

Up to 64 Guests £1040.00 + VAT

Up to 106 Guests £1376.00 + *VAT* 2023

Up to 42 Guests £950.00 + *VAT*

Prices include room hire & buffet Up to 64 Guests £1144.00 + VAT

Up to 106 Guests £1513.00 + *VAT*

A Bluebell Railway Wedding

Let us arrange your wedding for a truly nostalgic and memorable day



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