

## Wedding Etiquette

Nothing is set in stone and more commonly now, the costs are met either by the Bride and Groom or generally split between families. The following information is meant as a guide but traditionally, this is what etiquette dictates.

### **The Bride**

- ◆ Selects the type of service and decides on her dress and the Bridesmaids dresses.

### **The Groom**

- ◆ Chooses the Best man and Ushers.
- ◆ Buys the rings and pays for the service.
- ◆ Buys presents for the Best man, Bridesmaids and Ushers to thank them for their help.
- ◆ Buys flowers for his Bride, the Bride's Mother, his own mother, the Bridesmaids and also the button holes for himself and the Best man.
- ◆ Arranges and pays for transport for the Best Man and himself to the wedding and for the Bride and himself after the wedding.

### **The Best Man**

- ◆ Takes care of the rings and ensures the Groom gets to the church on time.
- ◆ Pays the church fees on behalf of the Groom.
- ◆ Checks the transportation for all the guests to the Reception and the travel arrangements for the honeymoon.
- ◆ Reads any cards and telegrams out at the reception.
- ◆ Makes speech.

### **The Chief Bridesmaid**

- ◆ Helps the Bride to dress, organises the other Bridesmaids and holds the bouquet during the ceremony.
- ◆ Assists the Bride to change into her going away outfit.

### **The Brides Father**

- ◆ Gives the Bride away and greets guests at the reception.
- ◆ Pays for the invitations, the dresses of the Bride and Bridesmaids, the cars, photographs and the flowers for the church and reception.

### **The Brides Mother**

- ◆ Together with the Grooms Mother, she decides on the guest list and the venue for the reception.
- ◆ Handles catering arrangements.
- ◆ Organises the wedding cake.