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Did you know that there is an alternative, and more personal, wedding ceremony to one provided by a registrar?



Richard Spedding is an experienced accredited Humanist UK Wedding Celebrant operating all over the North West and beyond, who works with excited couples in crafting together their unique ceremony.

A humanist wedding ceremony embeds a couple within their family, their friends and their community.

Weddings can either be traditionally lavish or a quieter affair, there are not many scenarios 'out of bounds' in Richard's opinion.

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Many involve symbolic gestures such as hand fasting ('tying the knot') which can involve family members and friends. Even your vows can be unique and don't have to follow set wording!

You may also be looking to renew your wedding vows for a variety of different reasons. Richard is happy to talk through with you your options for such a ceremony.

If you decide that you would like a humanist wedding ceremony and afford Richard the absolute privilege to conduct it, then please contact him as soon as possible so that you can meet in person and commence the planning.



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From cheese *to weddings*



A farm site that was no longer viable for the new world of dairy farming and an old barn that had never had much love and attention shown to it...couple that with suddenly having to create a rural business from scratch and the two things came together at the same time.

This was the challenge and the opportunity I was faced with 20 years ago when I came back “home” with new wife and 2 little ones in tow, we made a home on the farm and then set to and converted the old farm buildings to Bashall Barn. The first thought was to convert the milk from the farm to cheese, I quickly realised that this wasn’t the cleverest idea and so a quick trip to Low Sizergh Barn at Kendal gave me a great insight into a plan...build a kitchen and café that could also make food for a farm shop to sell. Now it took a few years to develop this plan and no sooner had we done it then we found it didn’t work...and couldn’t pay the bills never mind support the family. So we expanded and expanded and expanded to eventually build 2 entirely new buildings and slowly realise that sadly there was no money in a small rural farm shop nor was there in selling cups of tea and scones so we had to find something that we could make money on if the business was to survive.

We had our first wedding 10 years ago and then another and soon the kernel of an idea came that we could take a struggling business and make a success in what is a challenging location to sell food but a stunning location to get married in. So around 5 years ago we started the alterations building a dedicated ceremony room and wedding suite area, then we started improving the internals altering it from the visitor centre that we envisioned and built into a wedding venue.



Covid has massively disrupted us along with the rest of the wedding industry but we have spent the time wisely improving all aspects of what we’ve got ready to hit the ground running when we reopen on 02JUN21.

Next step is bedrooms – sadly after 20 years of the farm shop (the starting point of all this) it finally closed in December. We need the space to bring guest accommodation on site, we have planning permission for 14 rooms and we will start the first 7 this year, with the rest to follow as demand dictates.

It’s been a long and at times very hard road from cheese to weddings but at last we’re on the right track and I see real potential in such a beautiful setting and that the business can continue to grow and expand in the years to come.

Simon

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Over the past few days we've received some wonderful messages from suppliers and customers whom we've had the pleasure of working with over the years.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been part of our 20 year journey, here's to many more!

Congratulations on your 20 years Simon and Team, here's to many many more, the best brews and keeping that blooming door shut !!

With love

SAM & EMILY

TEAM WILDFIRE FLORAL XX

Oh wow 20 years, congratulations guys! I always do a little dance when I book a wedding for your venue because I just know it's going to be a fabulous morning!

Bashall is absolutely beautiful and I can not wait to come and see all of the fabulous new changes!

You guys have worked so hard and definitely deserve a big anniversary bash! Have fun celebrating!

LOUMAC MAKEUP ARTIST

Happy 20th Anniversary. Well done Simon and the whole team for the unique beautiful venue you have created.

Here's to lots of new bookings, happy customers and couples and the next 20 years !! Love and Best Wishes

DEBORAH - RIBBLE VALLEY COUNTRY COTTAGES

Simon, Rebecca and team, congrats on your anniversary. Wishing you many more successful years at Bashall both working with you and celebrating Rosie's wedding in October!

RICHARD SPEDDING

HUMANISTS WEDDING CELEBRANT

To Simon & the team at Bashall. Happy 20th Anniversary!! Keep do what you're doing! We absolutely love your beautiful venue and we adore being part of your lovely brides wedding morning. Look forward to working with you more and more.

Sending lots of love to you all!

NATALIE, LAURA & ALL OF THE NALA & KNOT TEAM XX

I've really enjoyed working with you and allowing me to share in every emotion along the way.

TEDD

Happy 20th Anniversary Bashall! Such a beautiful venue and an incredible team.

Here's to another 20 years!

IN BLOOM EVENTS BAND X

Hi Simon & Rebecca,

WOW, 20 years in business, that is some accomplishment, we have only managed 13!!! It has been a pleasure and we look forward to working with you for many more years in the future. We can't thank you enough for all the support you have given us.

All the best

ROBIN, ADAM, BETH & TEAM DFC

Congratulations on your anniversary! What a fabulous family business and a beautiful venue. Here's to so many more fabulous memories being made there.

CARRIE-ANN TILLEY BESPOKE EVENTS

We moved into Bashall Barn in 2017 after buying The Wedding Cake Co.

Simon and all his team made us feel very welcome from our very first day.

We have seen many changes over the time we were there, the store room which was behind our area changing into amazing bedrooms.

We wish Simon & the Bashall team every success in the future and look forward to delivering Wedding Cakes to this beautiful venue.

LINDSEY & EMILY

E BELLA AND THE WEDDING CAKE

Dear Simon and the team, here's to at least another twenty years! Wishing you all the best with all the upcoming exciting wedding ventures. I'll always have so many happy memories from my time working on site. Huge congratulations and best wishes for the future

CASSIE XXXX

Where to even start? Simon and the team have been fantastic to work with. Always supportive and full of creativity. Such a genuine down to earth person with a heart of gold. It's been a great pleasure working at the venue and I can't wait for what's to come! Happy 20th Anniversary

JEN

FLEUR DESIGNS



Serene in green

We are now in the process of putting all the finishing touches to the barn ready for the return of weddings. There have been so many changes over the past 14 months and lockdown gave us the time and opportunity to work with some amazing suppliers to create our very own styled shoot and really capture the essence of Bashall.

Back in February we featured a setup from Amoré Event Stylists. Rosie and team dressed the barn so beautifully with foliage and pampas grass hanging centre pieces, festoon lights, stunning sage chair sashes and a macramé backdrop which framed the topiary wall. The ceremony room featured an elegant foliage arch and an array of floating candles which really pulled the whole design together.

We worked with Matt @Worthington Films and Christopher Lewis to really capture the end result and it was stunning. With barn having stood still for so long it felt so good to see it wedding ready. You can view the setup on both our Facebook and Instagram.



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Moments to Treasure

Planning your own wedding is one of the biggest things you will ever do in your life. It's probably the first time you have ever done this and so it may feel a little daunting as there are so many different aspects and choices which will eventually shape your BIG DAY.

First thing, venue and date. Once you have these you can start building from there. Like most couples, you will have a budget in your mind which you will want to keep to but it is so easy to lose track. Our advice after taking part in hundreds of weddings, think about what is most important to you. Are you wanting you and your guests to be entertained all day? Are you wanting to decorate Bashall with a sea of beautiful flowers? Are you wanting amazing food and drink served all day? Whatever comes into your head first for your wedding, prioritize these and you should be able to get a clear plan.

As wedding filmmakers, our job is to document your day from morning preparations right through to the evening party. We try to keep a low profile within your wedding party so we can capture natural reactions from you, your family and friends. We capture many things you do not see on the day as you may be off with your photographer or chatting with many of your guests throughout the day. A wedding is a busy day and you would not believe how many times we hear back from our couples saying how they could not remember half of the scenes they have just watched, even though they are actually in many of them. One of the reasons

we feel it is important to have your wedding filmed, the sound. The most important parts of the wedding are the ceremony and speeches, just having these photographed means you are missing out on 50% of your wedding. It's the vows, the laughter, the beautifully spoken words which all play a part in the day and that is before you get to any music.

When choosing a videographer, check out their work first before contacting them and then, by all means, set up a call or meeting. With any supplier, you really get on with them as they are also sharing your day, this is very important. Don't worry too much if they have never worked at your venue before, from a personal point of view we do our best work at new venues. The first time we filmed at Bashall we created an amazing film which the couple absolutely loved.

Our wedding was definitely one we wanted to remember and the wedding film makes its way onto our T.V at least every anniversary and possibly after a few Rioja's.

Roland & Lisa x



Dreaming of the *Perfect setup*

Bashall Barn is not only in the perfect location but it is also the perfect venue for you to express your creativity and personalities upon. Whether you are looking for a simple stripped back feel or beautiful blooms around every corner, Bashall really is a venue that can pull-off any style.

Back in April we enlisted the help of Carrie-Ann Tilley Bespoke Events and Wildfire Floral to create a stunning setup. They came up with a concept that gave a real WOW but something that was realistic to suit budgets. The barn was dressed with hanging foliage vines from the beams above, elegant table runners and natural blooms which sat in concrete pots with candle holders to match.

The ceremony room featured a focal geometric wooden backdrop which framed the amazing views and the aisle way was dressed with wild florals, sat upon raised podiums and floating candles lined the aisle.

Sam Sparks was the photographer on the day, capturing these amazing images and really showcasing how beautiful not just the venue is but the amazing setup.





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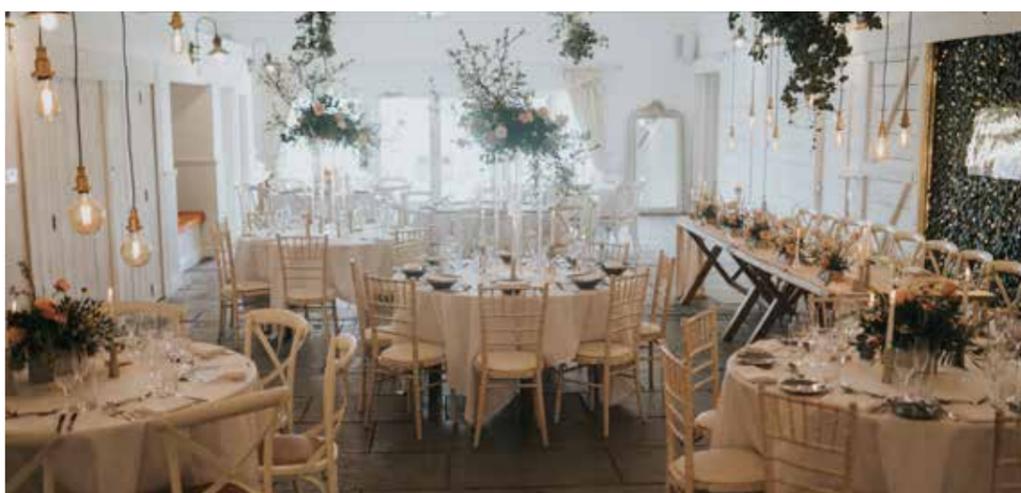


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Each issue we will introduce you to members of our Bashall team through a series of random questions

MEET...



Floriann

WEDDING MANAGER

What are you most looking forward to within your new role?

Helping couples create their dream wedding! After all it is one of the biggest days of their lives!

Do you have any hobbies?

I have been around horses all my life, I couldn't imagine not having a horse! When not organising weddings, you'll find me around the county competing in showing classes!

Favourite/dream destination?

Dubai

Fun fact about yourself?

I love chocolate, I can't remember when I last didn't have something chocolate related! I hope my dentist doesn't read this!

What motivates you?

Making people proud! Whether that's family, friends or myself!

What song would sing at karaoke night?

Anything by George Michael! I know every song!

What is your favourite meal?

Roast beef, I love a traditional roast dinner!