

### Chapter 1 : Wedding reception - Wikipedia

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Everyone makes fun of its status obsession. It has been mocked endlessly for its Ivy-infatuated elitism. David Brooks, in *Bobos in Paradise*, described the upper-crust values that saturate the Vows section: When you look at the Times weddings page, you can almost feel the force of the mingling SAT scores. In fact, this can even be proven mathematically. The intricate application procedure for the Weddings strongly implies what the Times is looking for. You can be in any field you like, so long as you have achievements. And indeed, as the Wedding Crunchers data confirms, this represents a shift from the old Times philosophy. These days, featured couples are more diverse, especially in race and sexual orientation. Rarely are couples without college degrees featured, and prestigious universities predominate. There are transgender Harvard grads, Hispanic Harvard grads. Everyone laughs about the Weddings section, even the Times itself. There are several replies the Vows editors might make. If you work at a Walgreens, you are unworthy of note. Again, everyone knows that the Times thinks this. But how is that acceptable? The Times weddings section might be a trivial piece of fluff, without any serious social consequence. But these are the exceptions that prove the rule. In , the Times featured the wedding announcement of two former drug addicts who had met at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting. The Times does insist that its announcements are more inclusive these days: As the announcements under Woletz have become more diverse, parents like a union electrician, a retired firefighter and even a courier have popped up beside orthopedic surgeons and authors. But the defense only confirms the objection. But these are such obvious contrasts to the rest of the page that they only confirm its general character. But this defense should never be taken seriously. The existence of a market for something cannot justify its existence. To test the absurd extreme of the principle: But my readers clearly have despicable values, so why would that exonerate me? The majority of New Yorkers like the majority of Americans generally do not have college degrees. Yet almost without exception, those featured in the New York Times weddings section have attended college, often a highly prestigious college. Now, perhaps this is not unexpected. Nobody, at this point, is surprised at the hypocrisy and elitism of The New York Times. But how do they defend it? How can they possibly believe themselves progressive while continuing to publish something that so openly views wealth and education as markers of virtue? My hunch is that the Times staff all implicitly do feel as if going to a prestigious university is more of an accomplishment than becoming a shift supervisor at a Costco. But my hunch is also that few of them would feel comfortable admitting that they feel this way. The ugly hypocrisy of the Times wedding page has been pointed out before. But for some reason, no amount of scorn seems to induce any amount of shame. Subscribe today to Current Affairs magazine.

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At the beginning of the 20th century, dance halls became common, and were rented by those planning a celebration beyond what their homes could hold. There are also many small businesses that specialize in providing places for wedding ceremonies and celebrations. Receiving line[ edit ] Technically, to be a reception, instead of some other form of entertainment, guests must be greeted with a receiving line. In a receiving line, newly wedded couple, the hosts, and often their parents and any honour attendants, stand in order of precedence and greet every guest in turn. The first person then introduces the guest to the next person in the line, and turns to the next guest. Western etiquette requires at least one of the hosts and the newly married couple, as the guests of honor, to welcome and greet the guests, but the other members of the wedding party, parents who are not hosting the party, siblings, etc. It is increasingly common to feature only the couple, since more modern couples host and pay for their own weddings rather than their parents. After formally receiving each guest in this fashion, the receiving line is finished and the people who had been duty-bound to stand in it can mingle with guests, eat, and enjoy more extended conversations. Grand entrance[ edit ] Another option, especially popular on the East and West Coast of the United States, is having a grand entrance instead of a receiving line. The wedding party is usually introduced by a master of ceremonies , disc jockey , or band leader. It may be done in the same manner as they walked down the aisle during the wedding ceremony. This is generally much faster than a receiving line and guests may be seated before the arrival of the wedding party. In addition, it can be an event in itself and be as entertaining as wished. Introductions may be accompanied by music and information about each person to introduce them to the guests. However, unlike a reception line, it does not give the guests an opportunity to speak to any of the people being presented. Wedding breakfast The wedding cake and other decorations at a wedding reception in Japan The food served at a wedding reception is determined by the time of the wedding and local customs. Food may range from a single non-alcoholic drink with wedding cake to elaborate, multi-course dinners. The type of food is chosen entirely at the discretion of the hosts. Hosts may also choose to honor regional or local customs, such as by serving a culturally important cake like croquembouche in France, or featuring thousands of homemade cookies in Pittsburgh. The wedding cake is often a multi-tiered layer cake that is elaborately decorated with white frosting. Some couples have a smaller display cake, which is supplemented by sheet cake. If a full meal is served, the wedding cake is usually served after the meal. Otherwise, the cake may be served as soon as the family has received all of the guests. Commonly, the couple ceremonially cut the first piece of the cake, and in a nod to an ancient Roman wedding rite , may feed a bite to one another and perhaps sip a glass of wine or other drink with linked arms. Then the cake is served to the guests. Like being asked to pour tea at a formal tea party , being asked to serve the cake is generally considered an honor. Toast honor In most Western countries, either before or after food is served, toasts are made by the wedding party, wishing the couple well. The style of dancing depends on the nature of the music chosen. Fox trot , two-step , or rumba match most four-count pop ballads. While most contemporary Western couples select a romantic song and a relatively formal dance style, some couples choose to perform humorous choreographed dances. Modern chart hits are becoming an increasingly popular option for the first dance “ the most popular first dance song at UK weddings in is Thinking Out Loud , a soft rock ballad co-written by Ed Sheeran and Amy Wadge. However, there is no requirement that any particular people dance at all, much less with any particular person, and no absolutely required order for the bridal couple, their families, or the bridal party to begin dancing in. In America and in other countries, including lavish entertainment at the wedding reception is a luxury. Rice or birdseed, signifying abundance, may be thrown at the departing couple, with birdseed preferred by facility managers, since it requires less clean up work than rice, and new, mess-free substitutes, such as blowing soap bubbles or ringing small bells being even more favored by the cleaning staff. This is primarily due to the cost of food and alcohol. Dancing guests at a wedding party in Mauritania Ethnic Hakka people in a wedding in East Timor , The money dance ,

or "dollar dance". Guests pay a small amount of money to dance with the bride or groom. In some cultures, the money is pinned to a special apron worn by the bride or groom. In others, the money is collected by friends. This is prevalent among Polish and Italian couples, although many other brides and grooms often incorporate it. There is considerable debate about the propriety of a money dance in English-speaking countries, where the practice is frowned upon because making guests pay for dancing or socializing with the bridal couple seems inhospitable, greedy, or distasteful. Whoever catches it is supposed to be the next to get married. On occasion, the bride will "rig" the bouquet toss by tossing the bouquet to a woman who is engaged. Sometimes, the man who catches the garter is supposed to put it on the leg of the woman who catches the bouquet, or the garter is sold in a raffle instead of being tossed. Guests will often clink their glasses during dinner to ask the newlyweds to stand up and kiss. Some couples pass out wedding favor bells for guests to ring instead of clinking glasses. The hosts may provide a small gift for each guest. Favors may include chocolates, candles, picture frames, or other small gifts. Such favors are not required. For Chinese weddings, cash or a cheque is always the best gift. In addition to that, some elder relatives might also give gold jewelry. In choosing the amount of money to give, givers scrupulously avoid unlucky numbers, such as 4 and favor combinations of lucky numbers, such as 8 and 9. Also, white envelopes are never used to wrap gifts for a wedding or other joyful event, as the color white is associated with death. Timing[ edit ] There are two times listed on the invitation: Typically, they are at least two hours apart some may be four hours. The gap between those hours is referred to as entertainment time. Sign-in[ edit ] Gifts of money may be placed in a special box at the sign-in table. Then the best man and the maid of honor will direct ushers to escort guests to their seat. Banquet procedure[ edit ] Typically, the banquet will include a speech from the parents, the best man, the maid of honor, and the guest speaker. There will be cake cutting, toasts, a tea ceremony , [14] some games designed by the DJ, and dancing. Food[ edit ] A Chinese wedding reception typically has nine or ten courses. Expensive dishes such as shark fin , abalone, lobster, jumbo shrimp, squab, sea bass, or sea cucumber are common on a wedding banquet menu. A whole fish, chicken, or pig means luck and completeness in Chinese wedding culture. Traditionally, after the fifth dish of the dinner, the groom and bride and their families will approach each table to toast the guests. The decorations vary by culture and budget. Reception held at a village hall in United Kingdom Modern reception in Vietnam An elaborate wedding reception in in Australia This wedding reception was held outdoors. Wikimedia Commons has media related to Wedding Feast. New York University Press.

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**Bridal Portrait** Henna on the hands of a bride in Tunisia A wedding is typically a happy time for families to celebrate. In the Muslim world , there are colorful, cultural variations from place to place. All Muslim marriages have to be declared publicly and are never to be undertaken in secret. For many Muslims, it is the ceremony that counts as the actual wedding alongside a confirmation of that wedding in a registry office according to fiqh , in Islam a wedding is also viewed as a legal contract particularly in Islamic jurisprudences. However, most Muslim cultures separate both the institutions of the mosque and marriage, no religious official is necessary, but very often an Imam presides and performs the ceremony, he may deliver a short sermon. In Islam, polygyny is allowed with certain religious restrictions, despite that an overwhelming majority of Muslims traditionally practice monogamy. It is forbidden in Islam for parents or anyone else: It is also necessary for all marriages commence with the best of intentions. Chinese cultures[ edit ] In traditional Chinese wedding ceremonies, bride arrives in a jiao At traditional Chinese weddings , the tea ceremony is the equivalent of an exchange of vows at a Western wedding ceremony. This ritual is still practiced widely among rural Chinese; however, young people in larger cities, as well as in Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore, tend to practice a combination of Western style of marriage together with the tea ceremony. When the bride leaves her home with the groom to his house, a "Good Luck Woman" will hold a red umbrella over her head, meaning, "Raise the bark, spread the leaves. Other relatives will scatter rice, red beans and green beans in front of her. The red umbrella protects the bride from evil spirits, and the rice and beans are to attract the attention of the gold chicken. A Good Luck Woman making the tea says auspicious phrases to bless the newlyweds and their families. The newlyweds also present tea to each other, raising the tea cups high to show respect before presenting the tea to each other. The attendants receiving the tea usually give the bride gifts such as jewelry or a red envelope. The newlyweds kneel in front of their parents, serving tea to both sides of parents, as well as elder close relatives. Parents give their words of blessing and gifts to the newlyweds. Humanist weddings[ edit ] Many traditions and rituals have origins in religions and are still performed by religious leaders. Those having a secular wedding often want to maintain the symbolic meaning of some customs since they have become an essential part of the culture independent of religion. In order to satisfy these needs, secular ceremonies have started to be carried out by humanist officiants worldwide. The demand for humanist wedding has been growing since then and in HSS won a legal battle and their ceremonies are now authorized by the Registrar General of Scotland. Humanist celebrants are able to perform valid civil marriages and civil partnerships in the Republic of Ireland. Secular weddings are becoming more popular in Ireland due to a declining influence of the Catholic Church. A civil wedding is a ceremony presided over by a local civil authority , such as an elected or appointed judge, Justice of the peace or the mayor of a locality. Civil wedding ceremonies may use references to God or a deity except in UK law where readings and music are also restricted , but generally no references to a particular religion or denomination. They can be either elaborate or simple. For the film, see *Destination Wedding*. Not to be confused with an elopement, a destination wedding is one in which a wedding is hosted, often in a vacation-like setting, at a location to which most of the invited guests must travel and often stay for several days. This could be a beach ceremony in the tropics, a lavish event in a metropolitan resort, or a simple ceremony at the home of a geographically distant friend or relative. During the recession of , destination weddings continued to see growth compared to traditional weddings, as the typically smaller size results in lower costs. From onwards, there is an increase in destination weddings that are hosted in exotic places like Indonesia, Maldives, India, and Pakistan. Double wedding[ edit ] A double wedding is a double ceremony where two affianced couples rendezvous for two simultaneous or consecutive weddings. Elopement[ edit ] Elopement is the act of getting married, often unexpectedly, without inviting guests to the wedding. In some cases, a small group of family or friends may be present, while in others, the engaged couple may marry without the consent or knowledge of parents or

others. While the couple may or may not be widely known to be engaged prior to the elopement, the wedding itself is generally a surprise to those who are later informed of its occurrence. Handfasting[ edit ] A handfasting is an old Pagan custom, dating back to the time of the ancient Celts. A handfasting was originally more like an engagement period, where two people would declare a binding union between themselves for a year and a day. The original handfasting was a trial marriage. The bride may wear a sash or other tartan clothing. The Scottish basket sword is used for any Saber Arch.

### Chapter 4 : Can The New York Times Weddings Section Be Justified? | Current Affairs

*LONDON* — Karen Gibson wanted some silence. She was standing before the Kingdom Choir, the gospel ensemble she founded and has led for more than 20 years, during a recent rehearsal at a church in.

Contact Author Let me guess, you are probably scrambling the internet to find some pretty awesome tunes to play at your wedding. The songs in this list have been compiled have proven themselves as either the most popular, most classic, or just the most well known wedding songs for every aspect of a wedding ceremony. For When the Bride Walks down the Aisle Probably the most important song in any wedding is the song that plays when the bride first makes her entrance and is unveiled to all attendees at the wedding for the first time. You may choose to go with a classic song, a breathtaking song, or even a new age song. Take your time with picking this song as it is arguably the most important music of a wedding. This can often be tricky as most wedding parties have a variety of tastes. When you pick the right song for this part of the wedding, your wedding party will give off a positive, exciting energy that all the people in attendance will be able to feel! Choosing the right song here can absolutely make a reception as it sets the tone for the rest of the night. The best way to approach this decision is for the bride to spend some time reflecting on her relationship with her father. Select a song that reflects that relationship. Traditionally, people gather at a wedding to celebrate love which is why the father daughter dance can be one of the most emotional and memorable aspect of the wedding. Many couples will have "their song" that has always reminded them of their relationship together. If you have a song like this with your partner, it is usually a safe choice to pick that song for your first dance together as husband and wife. If that is you, then we still have you covered. Here are some great suggestions for your reception to help get your attendees in the mood to dance. Speak to your DJ about how many songs you should have prepared based on the length of time you expect the reception to last. Focus on making the two of you happy first and the rest will fall into place. Check YouTube for samples of any songs that you are considering, listen to the radio and make notes of any songs you hear that sound about right. Even paying attention to the soundtracks in movies you watch can be a great way to get ideas. Many brides have used soundtracks to famous movies as the song they choose for walking down the isle to, for example. Get creative and have fun with it! Getting married is supposed to be one of the most memorable days of our lives. Why not have a great soundtrack to go along with it? Which song is the most difficult to choose? The entrance of the wedding party to the reception. The father daughter dance.

**Chapter 5 : History Undressed: History of Weddings: From the Middle Ages to the Present**

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Harry will have ushers but their names have not been announced. Read More Will Prince William be best man? His best man duties mean there is absolutely no chance William will be going to the FA Cup final. The week of the wedding was supposed to be the first time Mr Markle meets his son-in-law, Harry. Last weekend it was reported he had helped a paparazzi photographer stage photos. Who will walk Meghan Markle down the aisle? Getty We now know Prince Charles will walk Meghan down the aisle. PA The invitations for the big day were made by London-based Barnard and Westwood - who have had the prestigious job for royal weddings since Kensington Palace have revealed that Lottie Small, who recently completed her apprenticeship, printed all of the invitations in a process known as die stamping, on a machine from the s. The invites have been made using American ink on English card, printed in gold and black. Read More Will Meghan wear a tiara? Getty What tiara will Meghan Markle wear for the royal wedding ? The Queen loaned Kate the Cartier halo tiara for her wedding day in , and experts though Meghan could also be loaned jewellery from the royal collection. It was the latter that she wore on the day. She will certainly leave with a ring on her finger, as will Harry. They have both chosen Cleave and Company to make the rings , with Harry breaking from royal tradition to wear a wedding band himself. Make-up and beauty secrets Image: Instead, she is said to have asked a couple of her close friends to help out with her make up. The highlight and the contour and just knowing your angles. And of course hydrating is the biggest secret. Guests - who attended Harry and Meghan are doing things their way and will be surrounded by family, friends and representatives of issues they care about on their big day - with no politicians to get in the way. PA Harry and Meghan have announced that thousands of members of the public will be invited to Windsor Castle on their big day. The 2, invitees are set to include: The couple asked that the people chosen are from a broad range of backgrounds and ages, including young people who have shown strong leadership, and those who have served their communities. Markle have a close association with, including those which Prince Harry serves as Patron. Philip, 96, is still recovering from a hip replacement operation, which took place at King Edward VII hospital on April 4. It has not yet been confirmed whether he will be coming. Harry is also keen to involve the family of his late mother, Diana. Harry is close friends with their daughters Beatrice and Eugenie, who will also be there. It has also been reported Harry is inviting two of his ex girlfriends - Chelsy Davy and Cressida Bonas. Sir Elton John has cancelled two concerts on the weekend of the royal wedding and appears set to attend. Harry is under no obligation to invite heads of state apart from his gran - and chose not to. That means no Donald Trump and no Barack Obama - a more surprising omission as he and wife Michelle are genuine friends of Harry and the Cambridges. It had been reported they may miss out as Harry "would not wish to cause a diplomatic row". There is also no Theresa May for the big day. The first to be named officially included a year-old caught up in the Manchester Arena bombing, an Invictus Games hopeful and a deaf teenager who is teaching his school sign language at lunchtime. There will be guests from two local schools, while around people will be from charities and organisations the couple have a close connection with. A traditional ceremony - who conducted it? The procession - and how to watch it Image: AFP After the vows, a carriage procession will begin at 1pm, but it will just be the newly-weds. The carriage will be pulled by father and son Windsor Greys Storm and Tyrone.

### Chapter 6 : What time of day is best for a wedding?

*An afternoon wedding can open up your venue choices, too - you can hold an elegant affair in the conservatory of a stately home or country house hotel and maybe have a string quartet playing as people arrive in the mellow afternoon light.*

I plan intimate weddings of 30 people or less, usually under 50. I plan every detail and also write the ceremony from scratch. I ask the couples about 12 questions each; ask them to answer separately, and to answer as if they are journaling – and to not compare notes. Then I weave it all together into a beautiful ceremony that is actually their love story. I also plan vow renewals. I ask just a few questions that are practical. The journaling that I suggest they do gets them to dig deeper – questions that dig to the heart of the matter. People have written such intimate details of their feelings – I do feel like it's a bonding experience for them. I was a festival and concert promoter for a long time on the West Coast, but also here on the Vineyard, and eventually left the Island for my career. When I came back in , I started a concierge business, and wanted to incorporate all the things I had done in my life. I became ordained in California when I was studying healing arts, and I had listed that I could marry people. One couple took me up on it, and before I knew it, I was organizing the whole elopement. She is now like a partner, and photographs 99 percent of my elopements. Who are your clients, and where do they come from? My clients are all ages. Or it may be a second or third marriage. I have the whole spectrum. Most come from off-Island, and from all over the country. I have couples from England, but mostly the East Coast. A lot from Georgia, Texas, the Carolinas, D. When do you start planning? The quickest has been the day of! Last year I got a call in the morning: Could I possibly do a ceremony later that day? Because I write from scratch, it takes me hours to write a ceremony. I suggested that we use the interview instead of the journal format. Speaking to the couple, I took notes and wrote their unique story as quickly as I could, and also wrote their vows. So we did it – we met by the Harbor View Hotel in Edgartown, and had their ceremony right there at the top of the path by the pond. Any disasters or near-misses? This was a disaster – It was my first year doing elopements. I was marrying a very young couple from Phoenix. They had saved all their money to come to the Vineyard to get married. I asked Huey Taylor if we could use the front lawn of the Outermost Inn; it was just me officiating and them. I did not have a photographer at that point, so I used my iPhone for photos. The couple was FaceTiming with their families in other places – the groom had his phone on FaceTime. I just wanted to die and crawl into the ground. The groom and I started crawling around, determined to find the ring. Meanwhile, everyone was watching on FaceTime. Later, Huey and Jeannie helped me search the grounds. Stop at the Police Department and let them know we are putting the word out: We need to find a metal detector. The motto I came up with after that: When you are tying the knot, tie it tight! How does being on an Island make it harder or sweeter? So we make it easier. For them, getting here can be the difficulty. We have so many beautiful locations: Couples can choose from a portfolio we have, showing all different locations – There is so much to offer locally – the musicians, the flowers, the salon – so much talent here on the Island. Do you have bands, florists, bakers and caterers on speed dial? I have private chefs I call. I have my favorite cake baker, florist, musicians, and salons. It feels like a team. Do you find that elopement is a trend? I hope to keep it unique. I am finding that the elopement trend is definitely on the rise. We are an event-planning company, offering planning services for the perfect wedding day on the Vineyard and Nantucket. Most of our couples are planning a destination wedding – they are from all over the country. Our wedding services include day-of coordination, partial planning, and full-service packages. It simply depends on how much each client is willing, or able, to take on themselves. Regardless of the package, we are able to execute their perfect wedding day for them. We also assist couples rounding out their wedding weekend with a welcome party, rehearsal dinner, and day-after brunch. A destination wedding day often becomes a wedding weekend full of awesome Island events. What got you started? I was at the Beach Plum Inn as their events manager for years, planning and executing beautiful weddings at that gem of a venue. A few clients requested welcome bags and additional planning for other weekend events. The next step was to start our own event-planning company, so we did! We began in

with just a couple of events; now we have dozens of clients, a dynamic team, and have even expanded to Nantucket. We used to work together on all of our events. Now, we have so many projects we divide and conquer. We have several smart men and women joining our team each year, so we are able to manage our growing business. After the first of the year, we have a big team meeting where we take a broad look at the year ahead. Our team works one-on-one with the client to facilitate their wishes. We may have as many as 12 events on the same weekend, especially in June and September. How do you divide responsibilities? As a designer by trade, Doriana gets creative with our web design, and even offers this service to our clients. She also manages our highly visible Instagram account. I oversee all of the accounting, payroll, and budgeting, as well as managing our Nantucket-based Instagram account. Instagram has been a great success for us â€” a new way of advertising and reaching out to thousands of potential clients. Our Instagram page drives everyone back to our website, where couples can see our work and read reviews shared by past clients. How many wedding clients per year? We have anywhere between 20 and 30 clients for weddings each year. But there is no ceiling on events here on the Vineyard. While we primarily do weddings, we also plan anniversary and birthday celebrations, cocktail parties, reunions, and fundraisers. We work in conjunction with the Vineyard Trust for several of their annual events. Why do people want to get married on the Vineyard? We always ask that â€” Why do you want to get married on the Vineyard? To us, the Vineyard is a very special place, so we always like to know what their connection may be. There is always a connection, and we help them celebrate it. How does being on a Island make it harder or sweeter? We love working with our Island vendors; we promote them percent. Working with Island vendors every weekend, we know we can count on them. It can be just a phone call, and they will come through to rectify problems for you. Weather and ferry delays can make us a little nervous â€” when people and products get stuck off-Island. Last September we had four events on the same weekend as a hurricane! All our events that used Island vendors went without a hitch, while others had photographers or band members stuck off-Island. But nothing that has impacted the wedding day. Some events have more issues and we can be constantly running. Clients who choose the Agricultural Hall in West Tisbury like its open-air feel with barn appeal. There is more signage at the wedding:

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*Cons: Because it is so popular, this time of day may be more expensive. Some guests may wish to go home before the reception is over. Some guests may wish to go home before the reception is over. And last but not least, a late reception means you might be too tired for wedding night intimacy.*

Music and dancing are done by all. The bride has her ladies in waiting, the groom has his attendants. The bride sometimes still wears crinoline and hoops. Most people still get married in churches. In 1548, The Council of Westminster made it a law that marriage must be blessed by a priest, and in the 16th century it was said that the marriage must be performed by a priest with witnesses present. Dowry, property, rights, etc. would be contained in these documents. She might sun-bleach her hair. Some women plucked their hairline. In the middle ages, it was considered fashionable to have a high forehead. Hair would be worn loose or with a garland of flowers. This might be the only flowers adorning a bride. Some carried a sachet of herbs and potpourri, but not the traditional bouquet that contemporary brides carry. If a woman came from a wealthy or noble family, she would have a nice hot bath, followed with some flower and herb scented oils. The finest silks with gold or silver embroidery would be worn. Brightly colored fabrics were popular. Men would wear their finest court attire, or even a newly made set of clothes. Jewelry, furs and elaborate belts adorned every noble body. Today white is the symbol of purity, and most wedding dresses made in this hue. If her gown was not blue, she would wear something blue, like a ribbon on her person. Peasants usually could only afford to wear their everyday clothes, perhaps the one good outfit they saved for church. For a person of noble birth, their wedding may take place in the castle or manor. Great feasts would follow, with fools, minstrels, musicians, and other entertainers. Guests would bring little cakes and stack them on top of one another. The bride and groom would then try to kiss over top of the cakes without knocking them to the ground. Guests included inhabitants of the residence, other nobles and distant relatives. Invitations were not sent out. The noble wedding was rarely one filled with love. It was an arranged marriage. Now peasants were a little different. They would often marry for love or perhaps a quick love-fest that resulted in pregnancy would push them down the aisle. Despite differences, peasants still considered marriage to be a legal contract, and there were some who also suffered through an arranged marriage. Betrothal ceremonies would be held in the home, attended by some of the villagers. A village tradition was to shower the bride and groom with seeds of grain to wish them a fertile marriage—not so unlike throwing rice, which is going out of style. Rings were exchanged amongst the wealthy, however among peasants, often the groom would break a coin in half keeping one side for himself and giving the other to his bride. Elizabethan Weddings A lot of the customs from the middle ages were still upheld during Elizabethan times. Religion still played a major roll in weddings, and ceremonies would be conducted by a priest, most likely in a church. A procession would take the bride from her home to the church. Prior to marrying, a Crying the Banns would be done. Should anything bar that from happening, it would be brought up during the banns. This custom still occurs in British churches today. The announcement would be made in church, three Sundays in a row. Anyone who married without conducting the Crying the Banns, their marriage would be considered illegal. If they lived in different parishes, the banns would need to be cried in both. If someone needed to get married right away however, they could be issued a Marriage Bond, by the bishop. The marriage bond contract required only one week of Crying the Banns. William Shakespeare and his wife elicited a Marriage Bond from the bishop for their own wedding. Weddings were held in the mornings, before noon, and the feasts took place afterward. Flowers played a bigger part. The bridesmaids would be in charge of making bouquets for guests, and to make the wedding garland, which was rosemary and roses. The bride would carry her garland until after the ceremony, where she would then place it on her head. Another tradition stumbled into Elizabethan times as well, the bride ale. A bride would gather in a courtyard and sell ale to as many people would buy it, for as much as they would pay to finance her wedding. Invitations were still not sent out. People knew of the wedding and they would attend. If it was to be held at court, courtiers knew to go. Sometimes little notes might be sent out, but nothing formal. Strict social order is observed in the church, nobles up front, peasants in the back. The marriage contract was still very

important, with details of the dowry and jointure what the grooms family would provide to the bride should she become a widow. Engagement rings were not yet popular; however diamond wedding rings could be seen. Regency Weddings During the Regency, weddings became mostly private affairs, and even if held at church was not attended by that many. A very popular place to have a wedding was at St. In fact, in there were weddings held that year in the church. According to the Hibiscus Sinesis website, with that many weddings in the year, it was a rival with a Las Vegas wedding chapel. It was during the Regency-era that white wedding gowns began to stick. Reading of the banns was still done in the Regency-era but there were also a couple of other ways you could go about it. There was the common license, which was obtained by a bishop or archbishop. The couple had to be married in a church or chapel where either the bride or groom had lived for four weeks. The third way was a special license, which was issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Doctors Commons in London. The special license allowed the couple to marry anytime, anyplace. Weddings were still done in the mornings and could be followed by a breakfast feast. Victorian Weddings Queen Victoria is often given credit for making the white wedding gown popular since she herself wore white to her wedding; however there have been many royal and non-royal brides before her that did not wear white. Flowers began to play a bigger part in the wedding. The church or chapel would be decorated with them. Men would wear a flower in the lapel of their frock coat or morning coat. In the country, a bride would walk to the chapel on a carpet of flower blossoms. Church bells rang to alert the people that the wedding was taking place, and to ward off evil. Scottish Marriages In Scotland marriages were a lot different. There were not all the rules that applied to England. In Scotland a couple was considered married if they announced it to witnesses, and then consummated the marriage. In England, people would elope to Gretna Green in Scotland to avoid the laws and restrictions. These marriages were considered legal in England, although they were discouraged. Sounds vaguely like a Vegas weddingâ€¦ So you tell me, have weddings changed all that much?

### Chapter 8 : Wedding Receptions: A Traditional Wedding Reception Timeline

*THE Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is one of the most anticipated events of But what time will the royal wedding be? What time is the Windsor procession?*

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*The royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is finally upon us. It will take place Saturday, May 19 in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle. The royal wedding service will begin at 12 p.*