



## *Weddings at the Ancient High House*

If you desire historic and exclusive surroundings in which to take your wedding vows look no further than the Ancient High House. Built in around 1595, the ornate timber framed building is reputed to be the largest surviving Elizabethan timber framed town house in England. Couples may choose to take their vows in the Tudor Gallery or the Civil war Room where King Charles 1<sup>st</sup> stayed during his brief visit in 1642.

### *Drinks*

Drinks can be served in the High House immediately after the ceremony. However because the High House does not have a license for alcohol, you must provide your own alcoholic beverages. Glasses can be provided.

### *Catering*

While we are unable to host Wedding receptions at the Ancient High House our staff will be pleased to advise of local venues. You may wish to consider the Stafford Gatehouse Theatre 01785 253595 or the Swan Hotel 01785 258142.

### *Availability*

The Ancient High House is available for weddings all year round, with the exception of Bank Holidays.

### *Cost*

The cost of hiring the High House for a wedding is £350.00 (Excluding Registrar's fees). This ensures sole use of the rooms for 2 hours.

### *Numbers*

The maximum number of guests is 20 excluding the Wedding Couple, Registrar and Assistant.

## *Flowers*

Floral arrangements are permitted. We can liaise with your florist to take delivery in advance of the service.

## *Music*

If music is required you may supply it on tape or CD to be played according to your instructions, before, after or during the ceremony. Alternatively we can put you in touch with live musicians to provide music.

## *How to Book*

Before booking, a preliminary visit is advised to ensure that the High House is suitable for your requirements. Check the availability of your chosen date with the Registrar. (Contact Linda Elwood, Registry of Births, Marriages & Deaths at Staffordshire County Council on 01785 277880 )

Telephone the Heritage Department of Stafford Borough Council on 01785 619131 to make an appointment to discuss your requirements. A deposit of £50 is required to secure your date. The balance is due one month before the wedding date. All cheques should be made payable to 'Stafford Borough Council'.

## *Cancellation*

In the event of a cancellation the deposit will only be refunded if the cancellation is made more than 2 months in advance of the ceremony.

## *Terms and Conditions*

The Ancient High House is a registered museum whose primary purpose is to preserve the building and its contents for future generations. Furniture and other contents cannot therefore be moved without the advance agreement of the manager.

The throwing of confetti is not permitted within the house.

A booking form is enclosed.

The enclosed information was correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change. Please telephone to confirm details.

Should you require further information please telephone (01785) 619131.

