



## *Weddings at Izaak Walton's Cottage*

If you desire an intimate and cosy environment at which to take your wedding vows look no further than Izaak Walton's Cottage. Once the retreat of the world famous 17<sup>th</sup> century author and angler the cottage's idyllic rural location makes a perfect setting at which to relax and enjoy the occasion. The picturesque backdrop also provides the perfect opportunity to capture memorable photographs that you will cherish forever.

### *Drinks*

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

### *Catering*

It is not possible to hold a reception within the cottage itself because of its size. However receptions for up to fifty people may be held in a marquee in the grounds. Please note that this option is suitable only for cold buffets and barbeques. For cooked meals, the Gatehouse Theatre in Stafford town centre is able to host receptions. For further information on any of these options, please contact the Catering Manager on (01785) 253595.

### *Availability*

The cottage is available for weddings all year. On Monday to Friday, between 10.30am and 4pm, (with the exception of Bank Holidays). On Saturday and Sunday mornings to finish before 12.30pm.

### *Cost*

The cost of hiring the cottage for a wedding is £350.00 (Excluding Registrar's fees). This ensures sole use of the building for 2 hours. Please note that wedding ceremonies should be completed before 12.30pm on days when the cottage is open to the public.

## *Numbers*

The maximum number of guests is twelve excluding the Bride, Groom, Registrar and Assistant.

## *Flowers*

Flowers and floral displays can be arranged to suit your requirements, at cost. Alternatively you may prefer to supply your own previously prepared arrangements to place in the wedding room. All such arrangements must be placed in waterproof containers to ensure that they will not cause any damage to furniture.

## *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 including harp, lute and guitar.

## *How to Book*

Before booking, a preliminary visit is advised to ensure that the cottage 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*

Izaak Walton's Cottage 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 grounds of the cottage. If confetti is thrown an additional charge will be made to cover the cost of its removal.

The consumption of food is not permitted in the cottage.

Please note that a railway line runs past the garden of the cottage. Although trains are relatively infrequent, hirers should be aware that this is an element of the cottage environment beyond the control of Stafford Borough Council.

Parking at the cottage is limited – however additional parking can be made available on request at extra cost.

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**

