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Meet our contributors



Lisa Sabin

- Is a wedding planner who loves winter themes
 - Thinks a great venue is key to a fantastic wedding
 - Would love to plan Simon Cowell's wedding
 - Loves romantic, candle-lit ceremonies for the romance!
- PG5** LISA DEBATES THIS MONTH'S HOT TOPIC - FREE WEDDING BARS



Stephanie Allin

- A highly-respected bridal designer
 - Sees her brides as confident, stylish and elegant
 - Her greatest inspiration is Vivienne Westwood
 - Would love to dress Kate Middleton for her wedding day
- PG6** TAKE A LOOK AT STEPHANIE'S GORGEOUS NEW BRIDAL COLLECTION



Jill Franks

- Fitness and nutrition expert, and QVC presenter
 - Loves Pilates for its whole body toning qualities
 - Passionate about getting a fab body for your big day
 - Used to be a dancer-and performed in West End musicals
- PG3** JILL TELLS US HOW TO GET TONED IN TIME FOR THE BIG DAY!



Kirsten Butler

- Venue stylist and wedding expert
 - Loves anything with a vintage vibe!
 - Thinks personal touches make a wedding
 - Is a big fan of the retro street party trend
- PG5** KIRSTEN SHOWS US HOW TO STYLE A VILLAGE HALL!



KIRSTEN SHOWS US HOW TO STYLE UP A VILLAGE HALL FOR A WEDDING RECEPTION ON PG5 - WE LOVE THESE LANTERNS!

We love...

THIS ROMANTIC DRESS FROM STEPHANIE ALLIN'S FABULOUS NEW COLLECTION
SEE MORE OF STEPHANIE'S GORGEOUS DESIGNS ON PG6



Our reader panel



Marcia McNeil, 28, and **Chris Gunson**, 26, are tying the knot on 28th August 2011 at the Chevin Country Park in Otley, Leeds.



Sarah Badman, 30, and **Paul Flook**, 28, will wed on 24th September 2011 in All Saints Church, Clifton, with a reception at Failand village hall.



Stephanie Gorton, 31, and **Keith France**, 38, are getting married on the beautiful Bentota Beach in Sri Lanka in December 2011.



Victoria Jayne Cooper, 31, marries **Americo Lenza**, 36, on 18th December 2010 at the Red Lion Hotel, Henley-on-Thames.

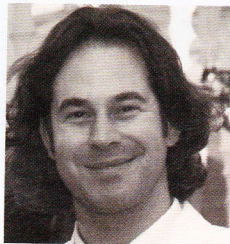
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HOT TOPIC

Do I need to provide guests with a free bar?



NOT AT ALL, SAYS RICHARD NORRIS

"We do hundreds of wedding bars every year, and a free bar is really not necessary - guests on your wedding day don't expect to be given free drinks all day long. In fact, I think most guests would

RICHARD NORRIS IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF BUBBLE EVENT BARS (BUBBLEEVENTBARS.COM), A LEADING MOBILE BAR FIRM

feel rather guilty knowing that they were drinking so much of their friends and family's money.

Providing your guests with a nice reception drink and some table wine is more than enough, and when it comes to the evening do guests will expect and be happy to pay.

Plus, from experience we know that when a free bar is put on, many guests get quite carried away - not only will this cost you a huge amount of money, but it also can lead to a lot of drunken misbehaviour, which isn't always what you want on your big day!

However, it's important when choosing a venue or a mobile bar provider that you check the prices of the drinks on offer - even guests who are happy to pay for their drinks will object to paying for a vastly over-priced bar, which could spoil the atmosphere of your night."

IF YOU CAN, SAYS LISA SABIN

"Open bars are great at weddings and if you do your research they don't have to be a big additional expense. You can often negotiate rates with the venue or an outside company to buy



LISA SABIN IS A WEDDING PLANNER AND DIRECTOR OF BOUTIQUE WEDDING CONSULTANCY JUST BESPOKE (JUST-BESPOKE.COM)

a certain amount of alcohol, or alternatively your venue might charge corkage and you can supply the drink yourselves, purchasing from the continent or a wholesaler, which is a great way of keeping costs down while still keeping your guests happy.

If your venue are happy to let you do so, you could even make a 'wedding cocktail' or 'signature punch' which guests can enjoy throughout the evening - a cost-effective alternative to a bar, and tasty too!

Generally, guests rarely expect a free bar but they always appreciate one and it's considered a nice gesture from the bride and groom. Weddings can be expensive for guests after buying gifts, accommodation and new outfits, so a free bar is a great way for couples to treat their guests and thank them for coming and celebrating their wedding day."

Over to you...



VICTORIA JAYNE COOPER
31, ST ALBANS
"WE'RE PROVIDING TWO DRINKS PER GUEST AND HALF A BOTTLE OF WINE"



SARAH RAHMAN
30, BRISTOL
"OUR GUESTS KNOW OUR BUDGET IS FAIRLY SMALL AND WON'T EXPECT A FREE BAR"



STEPHANN BOTTOM
31, WIGAN
"EVEN IF I HAD THOUSANDS I WOULDN'T PUT IT BEHIND A BAR!"