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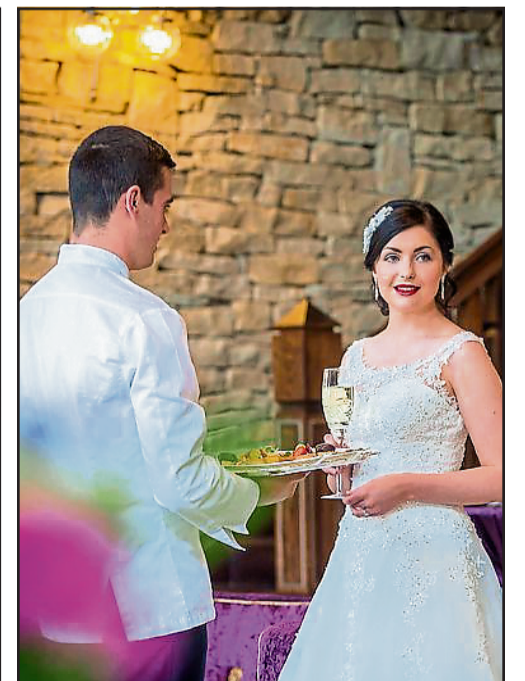
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A smiling James and Caoimhe McIlvenna are pictured following their marriage in St Mary's Church, Aughnacloy, on 12th April, 2019. Caoimhe is the youngest daughter of Eamonn and Claire Boyle, Aughnacloy and James is the younger son of Jimmy and Mary McIlvenna, Coalisland. Following a reception in the Mill Park Hotel, Donegal, they honeymooned in Antigua. James and Caoimhe will make their home in Belfast. SC193702



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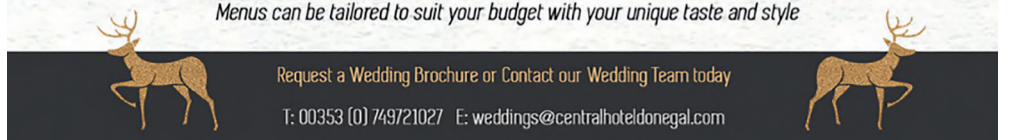
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Don't miss our Autumn Wedding Showcase, 'Your Local Love Story,' taking place at The Mellon Country Inn Hotel, Omagh this 5th and 6th October from 2-5pm (Saturday) and 2-7pm (Sunday). View our venue, be inspired by what Omagh's local wedding suppliers can offer; meet with our wedding team and discuss our wedding packages and bespoke package options!

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Set on the lawns of Farnham Estate Spa & Golf Resort, with the gorgeous outdoor civil ceremony space amongst the majestic trees, the hotel is hosting a uniquely stylish wedding afternoon on Sunday the 29th of September, with TV personality and expert on all things style and weddings, Lisa Canon and a carefully selected range of specialist wedding suppliers.

A superb setting for elegant and romantic weddings and an exquisite venue for celebrations of all sizes, this impressive 1300-acre country estate is just outside Cavan town and only 90 minutes from Dublin and Belfast.

Begin your happily ever after at Farnham Estate on Sunday the 29th of September with a welcome drinks reception at 2 p.m., including the opportunity to see the magnificent Redwood Suite ballroom decorated for a

wedding and to meet with the professional wedding team to discuss the various exceptionally good value wedding packages available, as well as viewing all aspects of this elegant country lady looking her very best.

Virgin Media One star Lisa Canon loves all things beauty, fashion and weddings, and will guide brides and grooms-to-be through the afternoon.

With a fashion show of exquisite bridal style, beautifully showcased by models walking down the aisle of the magical outdoor ceremony space, guests will enjoy and appreciate a curated selection of magnificent dresses and designs available from Amsha Bridal. These will include the Mon Cheri Collection from Martin Thornburg with their elegant silhouettes and detailed beadwork including a range of plus size options for the more curvaceous bride and the fabulously feminine designs of Australian-based Sophia Toli, with oodles of soft romanticism and traditional bridal drama.

With a carefully chosen selection of niche suppliers exhibiting on the day including Wow Weddings, Bouquets 2 Banquets, Instaglam, Cedar Flowers, O'Donoghue Photography and Farnham Estate Health Spa, this is a unique opportunity to experience the polished, luxurious and so stylish Farnham Estate, ready in all its splendour to host an elegant wedding.

Few settings are as romantic and beautiful as this magnificent 400-year old country house with its dramatic and lush woods and lakes, and the timeless contemporary elements of Farnham Estate. Experience it for yourself at Tie the Knot on Sunday September 9th and see why a wedding at Farnham Estate is a marriage of style, luxury and flawless service.

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Top tips for the perfect gift list

ANYONE who's ever been invited to a wedding will know the dreaded feeling of apprehension which comes when you start to think about the gift you're going to buy for the happy couple.

Likewise, many married couples will tell you there's nothing worse than receiving the same gift five times from guests with the best of intentions.

Traditionally wedding gifts are given as a way of helping young couples on their way to starting up home together, but it can be frustrating trying to think of an original gift idea for the home.

The result? A whole family of dinner sets and enough toasters to set up an electrical goods store!

Which is where the idea of wedding gift lists come in.

And it can be a tricky one, as some couples feel they're

perhaps coming across as too assuming if they ask guests to choose an item from the list.

However many guests (particularly those who are prone to leaving their shopping to the last minute) see the gift list as a useful way of ensuring the couple receive something they actually want or need.

And nowadays, a multitude of stores offer wedding gift lists to couples.

If you are thinking of putting together a gift list for your wedding, most stores will tell you that the best way to go about it is to have a walk around the store and make a list of items you want.

Guests will then be able to telephone, visit the store themselves or go online and see which gifts have been listed, and those which have already been bought by

someone.

Once again, some couples may encounter the problem of worrying about the price of gifts on the list.

Yet wedding experts advise that this shouldn't prove a major setback, as some guests may actually prefer to purchase one of the more expensive gifts, particularly if they're a close family member or friend.

Think of items which take in all budgets - these can include everything from wine glasses, steak knives and candles, to fridges, washing machines and televisions.

The best advice if you are thinking of compiling a gift list is ultimately to visit one of the stores which do offer the service.

They will provide you with all the information and guidance you need and will be only too glad to help.

Bridal beauty secrets!

MOST prospective brides will tell you that, ever since they were a little girl, they've dreamed of the moment they take those all

important steps down the aisle to marry their Prince Charming.

And every bride deserves to look her best on this once in a lifetime

occasion, to have the perfect skin, make-up and hairstyle to make for the perfect day.

Hair

The best advice will ultimately have to come from the person who will be doing your hair for you.

Whether this person is a close friend or a professional hairdresser, you'll need to give them some idea of what style you want - and definitely don't want.

For instance, you may want to go for an 'up do', which can be great to show off the facial features and the neckline of the dress.

On the other hand, you may choose to wear your hair down, and there are endless ways in which you can add a little 'va-va-voom' to your locks!

Your hairdresser will also be able to provide you with examples of what kind of styles are

give him/her some idea (without revealing too much of course!) about the wedding gown.

The face

It's hard to imagine any other occasion in your life when you will be expected to smile for the camera as much as on your wedding day!

So you'll want to look radiant throughout the day, with as little 'touching up' required as possible.

There are a few tried and tested guidelines to consider when applying your make-up.

For instance, it's good advice to test foundation on your face in natural daylight. According to the experts, this is because the skin on your hand won't match that on your face.

They also advise staying away from a darker shade if you want to look tanned.

Allow your moisturiser five minutes to sink in before you apply the foundation.

This will give you the best possible base and ensure your make-up lasts longer. Then seal the look with pressed powder.

Contrary to what many women believe, less is definitely more when it comes to foundation.

It's best to apply small amounts with a damp sponge and blend it in well, taking particular care with the jawline.

An age-old tip for luscious lips is to remove dead skin gently with an old toothbrush and a little cream.



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Mother of the bride role explained

THE mother of the bride role is a proud and happy one - watching your daughter get married will be a wonderful experience and is going to leave you with so many happy memories.

As mother of the bride it is likely that you will be very involved in the wedding planning and on the big day. If you are feeling unsure about what is expected of you or how you can help then have a chat with your daughter and let her know you are happy to help and between you both, you can decide what to do and what makes you both happy.

Typical mother of the bride duties

If you're not sure where to start with helping your daughter in the run up to her big day then take a look at some of the typical mother of the bride duties that she may want you to be involved in.

Offer some wedding planning advice

If you have planned a wedding before then you will be in the perfect position to give advice on where to get started. The first thing you will probably do is to give your daughter calm advice on where to start and let her know that you are there to help when she needs.

Talk about financial support

Traditionally it used to be expected that the bride's parents paid for the wedding in full but - thankfully for your bank balance - times have moved on and the majority of couples are footing the bill for their big day. However if you do want to contribute financially to the wedding then let your daughter know early on in her wedding planning so she can factor this money into her budget.

If you are offering financial support then you will also want to discuss what this means - are you giving the money as a gift and transferring the full amount to them? Do you want the couple to send you the invoices to pay? Do you expect to have a say in the



wedding or the guest list in return for footing part of the bill? These are all things that would be helpful to discuss early on to avoid any confusion or miscommunication and to manage expectations.

Go wedding dress shopping

One of the most exciting things about being the mother of the bride is that you get to go wedding dress shopping with your daughter. This will be a fun and emotional experience that you are always going to remember so be on hand to offer advice, support and to keep your daughter calm throughout the process.

Helping the bride get ready in the morning will be

a special time - your daughter will be feeling exciting and nervous and the number one thing she probably wants that morning is her mum. So whether you are there to help her get into her dress, wipe her tears away or pour the champagne, just make sure you are present on the morning of the wedding. Aim to get ready early so that in the hour or two before the ceremony you are there to help in any way that you can.

Play host on the big day

The happy couple will be the main focus of the day but they might struggle to mingle and chat with absolutely everyone and this is where their parents can really help. Take the time to chat to guests, thank them for coming, ensure everything is

running smoothly and just generally make sure the day is running smoothly.

What should the mother of the bride wear?

The wedding day will be a long day so the most important thing is that you wear something you feel comfortable and happy in. There are no rules to say you have to wear a dress or that you have to match the colour scheme. If you are feeling unsure then speak to your daughter, she may want you to wear something in a similar shade to the wedding colours so you look part of the bridal party or she may want you to choose whatever you want! Why not go shopping with your daughter so you have someone to offer their opinion and help you feel you're most fabulous for the wedding day.



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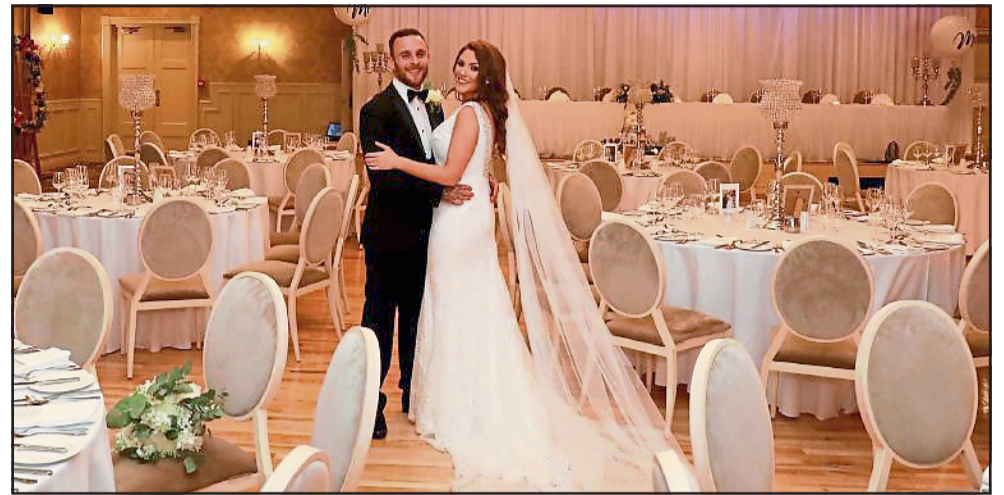
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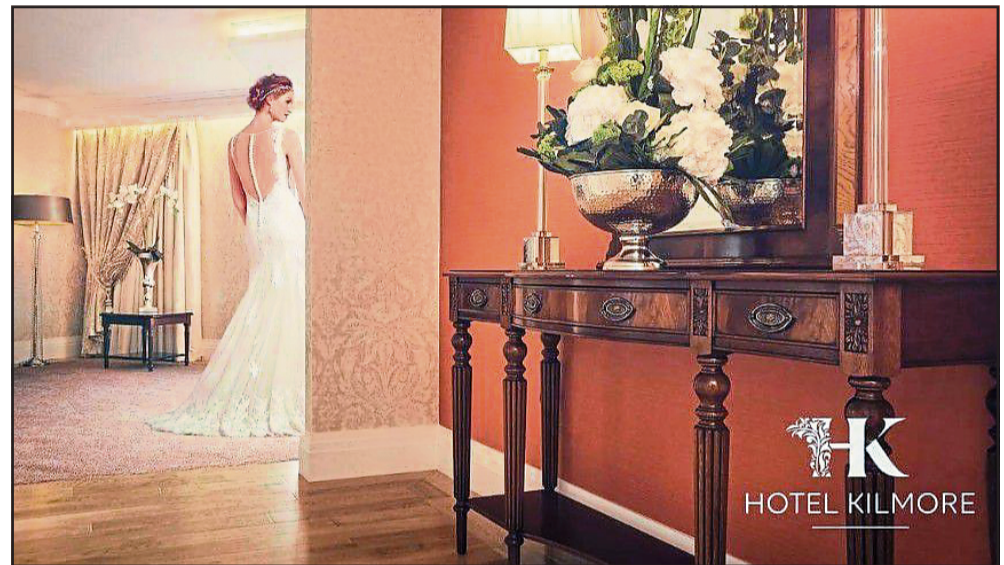
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Keeping kids entertained at a wedding

THE reality of a wedding is that they can be long and boring for kids. It's a common dilemma for couples who'd love to invite family and friends' little ones but fear screaming, tantrums and kids running riot.

If you're inviting young guests, it's best to have some games and activities on hand to keep them entertained.

Whether it's keeping kids quiet during the ceremony or giving their parents a chance to let their hair down at the reception, happy, well-behaved child guests are totally possible. And if the kids are happy, so are the parents!

Kids wedding activities don't need to cost a huge amount either. We've got some great ideas like princess parties and gaming stations if you want to go all out. But if you're doing kids wedding entertainment on a budget, there's plenty for you too.

1. Outdoor games

Giant Jenga or Connect 4, Twister, a piñata or a ring toss will keep everyone entertained and are a great bit of nostalgia for older guests. If your budget won't stretch to buying new, ask around your guests what they've got hiding in their shed.

2. Kids tea

Wedding food is rarely kid-friendly. Throw them their own tea party on a separate table with food they'll love like sausage rolls and pizza slices. It'll keep them full and in a good mood, plus it's cheaper for you! A sweet station is a great addition here too. Set up a pick 'n' mix stand with lots of their favourite sweets (although you might need to limit them to only one bag!)

3. Video game station

Either pull out your old Nintendo 64 and set it up

in a side room, or you can hire amazing retro arcade games and consoles from companies. Young guests will be enthralled (and occupied kids means no running around!) and we bet a few adults will be desperate to beat their old PB on Pac-Man.

4. Goody bags

A colouring book can keep little ones quiet during

the ceremony. Ushers can hand them all an activity goody bag when they sit down with some cheap pound shop purchases, like crayons, an activity book, bubbles, Play-Doh or a couple of fancy dress items. You can also buy convenient ready-made wedding activity packs if you've already got a lot on your plate.

5. A photo treasure hunt

Buy disposable cameras and give kids a list of photos they need to 'collect', like a picture of the cake being cut or the bride and groom kissing. You can print out their pictures for them as a nice reminder of the day. Hey, you might even find a photo you want framed among them!

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Have you dreamt about your wedding day since you were a child? Let us make that dream a reality at the Errigal Country House Hotel. Our family owned and operated hotel specializes in beautiful bespoke weddings and we will work with you to make your wedding unique and special.

All you need is love, each other and your guests, and we will make sure that your day sparkles like the fairytale you always imagined. On the day you say "I do", we promise that you and your guests will enjoy:

- A personal, friendly and professional service
- A very warm welcome
- A beautifully dressed banqueting room with twinkling fairy lights and glowing candles.
- A delicious meal, thoughtfully prepared and served with care.

From the moment you say 'yes!' we will work with you to make sure your wedding is a dream come true. We offer a full wedding planning service to all our couples and it is our personal touch that has helped us to build our reputation as one of the leading wedding venues in Cavan. The Errigal Country House Hotel is family owned and operated, let our family look after yours on the day you say "I do".



At the Errigal Country House Hotel, we make sure that the planning of your special day is given the full attention and focus of our wedding team, leaving you feeling assured and excited for the event. We have hosted hundreds of weddings across all seasons and our wedding team is experienced and dedicated to meeting your every need. We know what styles, themes, colours, flowers, bands and menus work!. Your dedicated wedding co-ordinator will help you navigate the myriad of choices, giving you a clear vision of the day and making sure all you have to worry about on your wedding day is looking and feeling your best and enjoying yourself!

We will guide you with wedding table plans, liaise with reliable local wedding suppliers, advise on menu selection and entertainment options for all aspects of your wedding reception.

For couples that are planning a wedding from abroad, we offer a Skype consultation service and can provide you with almost unlimited images and videos of Errigal Country House Hotel weddings on social media to help you visualise your wedding day.

Planning your wedding at the Errigal Country House Hotel is never a hassle!. Our experienced wedding co-ordinators are available to help you with any aspect of your big day so sit back, relax and let our personal attention and extra touches make your wedding unique and unforgettable.

The Errigal Country House Hotel is located in Cootehill, Co. Cavan, Ireland. It is just 90 minutes drive from Dublin city centre and under 2 hours drive from Belfast.

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Wedding Showcase

Friday - September 13th 6 - 9 pm
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