



Martin & Bruce
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We booked Fredrick's as an exclusive use taking all hotel rooms from Friday through to Sunday morning. We wanted a homely, private wedding where guests could feel comfortable knowing that everyone in attendance was there for our wedding celebrations only. We had arranged entertainment on the Friday evening, Wedding on Saturday and a leaving breakfast on the Sunday morning. Most our guests arrived and checked in on Friday. The hotel had a wonderful vibe due to this and it gave everyone time and a chance to catch up and relax more on the Saturday for the wedding. This was a bonus for guests that were attending alone and family members who hadn't seen one another for a long time.

Fredrick's were first class at making this idea work from rejigging menu's, restaurant times and general change of normal hotel business. We worked with management on a special room rate, menus, drinks, corkage and special needs for our guests due to this.

The service on Saturday was at 4pm giving everyone the chance to relax & enjoy the hotel & Spa, which they did immensely. The plan was to have outside seating and a BBQ straight after the service. Even though we had little rain early morning the staff were ready to move tables, organise everything if and when the sun shone. Luckily it did and Alix and staff were on the case. Cooking on gas...literally!

I think the layout of the hotel is a huge bonus for weddings. Because this is a small hotel all areas are interlinked. We had all doors open so whether you were dancing in the function room, drinking in the bar, sitting outside in the garden/patio or in the restaurant, everyone was together unlike large commercial hotels with endless corridors and staircases. Again, hugely important for a wedding. All rooms are also in short distance of the main area which is superb for nipping off and freshening up during the day.

The food was perfect (breakfast a highlight) in fact we have had many many guests telling us they plan on visiting the hotel again (especially for the breakfast!)

We spent a year planning our Wedding with Alix Matania (wedding events manager at Fredrick's) she was extremely helpful, efficient and replied to our emails and inquires instantly during that time with a personal touch. As always with a wedding and this kind of time scale things changed on a weekly basis and Alix was more than accommodating with regard to this.

The reception staff were very friendly, the cleaners discreet and nothing was too much trouble.

Most of our planning came with recommendations from Alix (DJ, Hog roast, chair overs) and we were happy with everything. We had our own bookings such as a harpist, piper, musicians and singers during the day and Alix dealt with all the arrival times and organising. We didn't panic or stress for one-second. They were looked after throughout.

I can not recommend this hotel enough as an 'exclusive use' venue. I'm even considering it for my fortieth Birthday. I guess that says a lot!

A truly wonderful weekend made perfect by Alix, the management and staff of Fredrick's :-)