

Speeches

This can be the most nerve wracking part of the day for those involved but don't let it ruin your fun!!!

Here are a few hints and tips to help you nail that speech ...

There are traditionally 3 speeches at a wedding and their main purpose is to wish the bride and groom well and congratulate them as well as thank various people for their contribution to the wedding.. they usually come before the cutting of the cake at the end of the meal when guests glasses have been charged ready for toasting...

Father of the bride (person giving bride away):

- Welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming.
- Formally congratulates the bride and groom on their marriage
- Tells a few anecdotes about his daughter - nothing too embarrassing.
- Welcomes the groom into the family and also welcomes his parents.
- Toasts the bride and groom

Groom:

- Thanks the father of the bride for his kind words and being welcomed into the family
- Thanks the brides parents for hosting the wedding (if appropriate)
- Thanks his own parents for their support
- Thanks everyone for coming
- Thanks any others who have given particular help
- Thanks the bridesmaids for their assistance before and during the day
- Thanks the best man for his help
- Thanks his wife for agreeing to marry him !!
- Toasts the bridesmaids

Best man:

- Replies to the toast on behalf of the bridesmaids
- Congratulates the happy couple
- Tells an anecdote or two about the groom - nothing too risky or offensive!!
- Toast the bride and groom and their future

The above are just points that should be covered and can be done so in any order.

Nowadays some brides like to say a few words which would then come before or after the grooms speech.

Speeches shouldn't be too long as guests want to get on and enjoy the party - don't try and be too funny it doesn't have to be stand up comedy just natural!!!

Remember that you are addressing friends and they will be on your side!!

Practice before hand to make sure you are speaking loud enough and not too fast.

Make notes on small cards or a piece of paper - even the most polished public speakers make notes you cant be expected to remember everything you are going to say.

Need more speech writing help? Get in touch Laura@weddinghireyorkshire.co.uk