

OUR WEDDING STORY

Melissa & Ian





This is our wedding story...

Myself and Ian have been an item for eight years and have two beautiful boys together. We tied the knot on the 21st of May 2015. It all started on a random night out in Tullamore and we've been inseparable ever since. We got engaged in September 2012 and it was one of the happiest days of my life.

In September 2014 we decided to book our wedding and get things rolling, so I rang the Bridge House Hotel in Tullamore and asked about available dates in May 2015. When we heard May 21st was available we decided to go for that date as it held a very special memory in our hearts.

We knew from day one that we would hold our Wedding Reception in the Bridge House Hotel as we felt it was the only place that you would be guaranteed a high standard and quality of service. I can honestly say we got exactly that from start to finish. I was expecting a very stressful time organising a wedding (especially with a new born baby and a busy five year old) so part of me was dreading the process...

However, from our first visit with the Wedding Co-Ordinator, Caitriona, all that dread was replaced by excitement! She made us feel very relaxed and she was so friendly - she could not have done more to help plan our special day. I did not have a clue where to start but Caitriona sent us in the right direction to get the ball rolling and was there for us afterward, every step of the way. If I had any questions, not only about the Wedding Reception, but to do with anything wedding-related, I knew I could contact her and she would help us out.



We attended a wedding fair in the Bridge House that December and we fell in love with the place even more. Seeing the Vintage Arrivals Reception and champagne set-up as a love heart fountain was amazing. By that point we could not wait for our day to come around! I could not believe all that was a part of the wedding package we had chosen: basically everything you could think of and more was covered, and happily there was nothing for us to do only sit back and wait for our day to come around. Before the big day, we were also treated to a wedding tasting of our chosen menu which was spectacular. We had such a great night; a beautiful meal and a brilliant night in the bar with a drink or ten..!

On the morning of our wedding, Noel McCann came to collect me in a beautiful white Rolls Royce. He is a true gentleman and such a character; he had the laughs flowing and really lightened the mood; leaving me forgetting all about the nerves and panic I was feeling all morning. After the ceremony we were chauffeured to Charleville Castle by Noel for photographs while our guests headed to the Bridge House for the Arrivals Reception. To be honest I was quite jealous!



All I kept thinking about was those delicious scones and desserts and how much I wanted one... Of course my lovely husband was thinking of the bar...!

We finally arrived at the hotel to a warm welcome from Stella the Banqueting Manager and all of our guests who were outside to welcome us too. We had a beautiful glass of champagne and mingled with our family and friends, all of whom were complimenting the Vintage Reception. When we arrived to the Ballroom for our dinner I was taken aback by how beautiful the room looked. The tables were laid out perfectly and the lighting was stunning; there was such a warm feeling about the room. The service from start to finish for our meal was superb, and as for the chef, well I would take my hat off to him catering for a large amount of people with not one complaint. From the starters to the dessert it was absolutely mouth-watering.







There was not one glitch on the day; even the baby felt so much at home he slept for most of the Reception! Oh and of course we carried on the party right through to the residents bar and partied till the early hours. We decided to have our after party the next day in the hotel as well and it was such a good idea as we could really relax. The hotel organised food for our family and friends that evening and continued the celebrations right through to the Front Bar where there was a lively band there to keep us dancing all night long.. Still to this day our family and friends are talking about the great day they all had and how nothing was left out. Of course we are taking all the credit but I must admit I owe most of it to the Bridge House and their staff. I will definitely cherish the memory of our wedding day for the rest of my life and sit it right up on top of the list as one of the best days ever.



events@bridgehouse.com • 057 9325600 • www.bridgehouse.com

