

Preamble This month we are looking at weddings, so here are some little snippets to help and inspire those of you who intend to tie the knot this year.

With this ring.....

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1. Summer is the most popular time for weddings with one in five being held in August. As it is generally advised that you should be choosing your rings around six months in advance, if you haven't already done so now is the time to make a decision.



White metal ladies wedding rings



18ct Rose gold channel set diamond full eternity ring

2. A wedding ring is now traditionally worn on the 3rd finger on the left hand and one explanation for this is that it was believed that this finger had a vein leading directly to the heart.



Bright cut finish and satin wedding ring

4. Even with the wide range of choices available, plain wedding rings still remain the most popular.



Mixed ladies shaped wedding rings

5. The current trend is most definitely for white metal, generally platinum for the girls and palladium for the boys.

It always gives me a great feeling of pride and joy when customers pop into the shop to show us their rings which were purchased from my grandfather in the original shop in Market Street. Like my grandfather I am pleased to say we continue to use British manufacturers who provide high quality rings.



Bright cut finished ladies wedding rings



Celtic bi colour gents wedding ring

6. It is possible to shape a wedding ring to fit around the engagement ring. You can have a ring fitted and made to your own specification, but do be aware that this can take a little longer.



Personalised engraving inside wedding ring

7. I personally quite like the idea of engraving a name or message inside the rings or for that extra personal touch you can submit your own handwriting or even your own fingerprint!

8. Pearls are a classic bridal gem adding a touch of style and elegance. Pearl necklaces, pendants, earrings or bracelets with or without a hint of colour can be worn not only by the bride, but are also perfect for the guests as long as they don't steal the show.

Shaped channel set diamond wedding ring



9. Wedding rings are a lasting statement of commitment and the celebration that brings two people together. When the dress has gone and the photographs have faded, the rings remain as bright as ever.



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