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Become part of history

The mission of the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce) is to enrich society through ideas and action.

We believe that all human beings have creative capacities that, when understood and supported, can be mobilised to deliver a 21st century enlightenment.

We work to bring about the conditions for this change, not just amongst our diverse Fellowship, but also in institutions and communities. By sharing powerful ideas and carrying out cutting-edge research, we build networks and opportunities for people to collaborate - creating fulfilling lives and a flourishing society.



Our story so far

The RSA was founded in 1754 by William Shipley, an English drawing master, social reformer and inventor. He wanted to create a society which he hoped would make Great Britain the centre for intellectual advancements in the areas of arts and sciences.

Historical members include Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Gainsborough, Karl Marx and William Wilberforce, to name but a few. In 1877, RSA fellow Alexander Graham Bell gave the first practical demonstration of his new invention, the telephone, at the RSA.

The RSA has been at the forefront of social change for 260 years and the mission of the RSA today is the same as when founded – to enrich society through ideas and action. At the heart of the RSA is an international community of 27,000 likeminded people, a fellowship with the shared values of creativity, inclusivity and responsibility. The diverse list of fellows now includes such luminaries as Tim Berners-Lee, Stephen Hawking and Jocelyn Bell Burnell.





A starting point...

We understand that your planning process can be overwhelming, for this reason we have created a simple all-encompassing package which includes all the essentials. No hidden costs...Just don't forget the VAT! We believe every wedding should be bespoke and encourage every couple to stamp their personally on their big day, for this reason if you would like to discuss a bespoke proposal please feel free to give your friendly wedding planner a call.

Our package includes the following:

- For 50 to 80 guests we suggest the Vaults 1, 2, 3 & 4
- For 81 to 100 guests we suggest the Great Room, Benjamin Franklin and Tavern Room
- For 101 to 140 guests we will provide exclusive hire of the whole venue

(Numbers below 101? We offer exclusive hire upgrades from $\mathfrak{L}1,000 + VAT$ depending on your estimated numbers)

- Venue hire between
 12noon-midnight
- (we suggest your ceremony to commence at 3pm)
- 2.5 glasses of Prosecco plus unlimited soft drinks during your reception
- Olives, Parmesan Iollipops, Cheddar Straws, nuts & crisps during the reception
- Our Seasonal three course dinner with coffee & petit fours created and prepared by award winning caterers Harbour & Jones LTD with complimentary tasting of chosen menu for Bride & Groom
- 1 glass of Prosecco for your toasts
- Accompanying house wines & mineral water throughout your dinner (half bottle of wine & unlimited mineral water)
- *Ivory table linen & ivory napkins, standard chairs, house crockery & glassware. Bar set up with ivory linen

- * A Selection of upgrades are available
- RSA menus, Table numbers or letters & stands
- Interactive welcome screen, PA system, hand-held mics, TV, laptop, CD & IPod player
- Preferred rates at hotels such as The Corinthia, The Savoy & The Waldorf
- Occasional & poseur tables with ivory linen
- Private Bride & Groom rooms
- Storm lanterns on staircase, tea-lights for occasional tables and uplighting with choice of colours
- Reception & house team to assist your guests
- A dedicated & experienced events planner to take you through the planning & actual day
- Security & Cloakroom





Our genuine passion to provide exemplary service and mouth-watering food, when combined with the enviable facilities of The House, translates into a memorable event that is adaptable, well-orchestrated and of the highest standard.

Specialist caterer Harbour & Jones Events design, plan and cater for all our events with attention to detail, ingenuity and imagination. Harbour & Jones Events create seasonal menus using sustainably and ethically sourced ingredients and buys from small, local, independent suppliers where possible.

Following the Save the Orchards campaign held at RSA House, Harbour & Jones Events were awarded the highest accolade of Event Caterer of the Year in 2014 with Event Magazine. This shows that not only do we believe in Harbour & Jones Events, but so do our industry peers.







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