

Love is not breathlessness, it is not excitement, it is not the promulgation
of promises of eternal passion.

That is just being in love, which any fool can do.

Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away, and
this is both an art and a fortunate accident.

Those that truly love have roots that grow towards each other
underground, and when all the pretty blossoms have fallen from their
branches, they find that they are one tree and not two.

Reading by Sarah Hamilton

Union — Robert Fulghum

You have known each other from the first glance of acquaintance to this
point of commitment. At some point, you decided to marry. From that
moment of yes, to this moment of yes, indeed, you have been making
commitments in an informal way.

All of those conversations that were held in a car, or over a meal, or
during long walks – all those conversations that began with, “When we’re
married”, and continued with
“I will” and “you will” and “we will” – all those late-night talks that included
“someday” and “somehow” and “maybe” – and all those promises that are
unspoken matters of the heart.

All these common things, and more, are the real process of a wedding.

The symbolic vows that you are about to make are a way of saying to one another, "You know all those things that we've promised, and hoped, and dreamed – well, I meant it all, every word."

Look at one another and remember this moment in time. Before this moment you have been many things to one another – acquaintance, friend, companion, lover, dancing partner, even teacher, for you have learned much from one another these past few years. Shortly you shall say a few words that will take you across a threshold of life, and things between you will never quite be the same.

For after today you shall say to the world –
This is my husband. This is my wife.

Quaich Ceremony

With Château de Bellet wine

Vows

Exchange of Rings

Handfasting

In Sutherland tartan colours

Blessing

Exit of the Couple

Patrice Rushen — Haven't you heard

Times of the Day

2:15pm

Drinks Reception

DJs – Al Cawthorn and Pete Barden
Tower Tours by the Mount Without

4:30pm

Speeches

Alex and Paul

4:45pm

Wedding Breakfast

6:45pm

Speeches

James and Lewis

7:00pm

Evening guests arrive

7:30pm

First Dance

DJ – Pete Barden

8:30pm

Evening food

11:45pm

Last orders

12:00am

Finish

Menu

Canapés

Chickpea, courgette, lemon fritti (ve)

Goat cheese & salsa rossa crostini (v)

Salt cod & parsley crostini

Nduja jam brioche

Prosciutto & fig

Sharing Antipasti

Sicilian aubergine caponata (v)

Mozzarella, basil & Calabrian chilli (v)

House cured charcuterie

Smoked Chalk Stream trout & crème fraiche

Sun blushed tomato & oregano arancini (v)

Bianchis focaccia (v)

Sharing Secondi

Truffle, mushroom, leek & mascarpone orzo (v)

Tuscan sausage rigatoni carbonara with 48hr cured egg yolk

Ox shin, Chianti & smoked mozzarella lasagne

Sharing Dolce

Classic tiramisu (v)

Amalfi lemon polenta cake with meringue (v)

Vegan options served separately

Please feel free to take table flowers and vases home with you