

## Weddings & Hiring advice



Tony Rowley contacted us to tell us that he married Annie on 14 October in Media Pennsylvania.

“Our wedding party was small, my brother was my best man and the two of us were dressed appropriately.”

“Attached are two pictures; my wife and I are both in the fire service in two separate departments; the yellow Snorkel truck is from hers, the red ladder is from mine.”

Wedding cars it seems come in range of sizes and colour!



## Hiring advice



William Fludgate (Laird of Glencairn) posted some pictures of his wedding in full Irish National kilts and offered these tips if hiring a kilt for a wedding...These his suggestions:

1. Make sure you give yourself a waistcoat one size bigger than normal
2. Go one size bigger on shirt size
3. Don't take the shop owners word that it will fit on the day... put everything on and make sure you are comfortable.
4. If it is a new shirt, wash and press it before the day
5. Polish the shoes days before the event (or you will find polish on the nice clean shirt on the day
6. Check that the belt fittings on the Kilt can expand at least two holes on both sides..(sitting down and eating can take its toll)
7. Make sure that the "sporrren" is a dress type (Celtic symbols for Irish and thistle for Scottish)
8. The Belt for the sporran is plenty long enough (with the chain) that it sits on your lap



and does not dig you one in the tummy when sitting

9. The pin on the kilt is the sword type or Celtic brooch for Irish, (thistle or shield for Scottish)

10. If you feel smart, you are, if something feels wrong, it is !

11. I had to let my sons know how I go to the toilet... easy, sit down and be comfortable...no standing please, IT really is not the done thing

And finally

12. What should be worn under the Kilt...

I informed my sons that to go to war or out hunting, I would not wear pants. I was getting married that day and I would not even tell my bride what was under my Kilt as she would find out later. My sons rightly choose to wear pants the same colour as the kilts as it was a public function.



This was past on to me by my late father many years ago. He would wear a kilt when out hill walking in Ireland, if he got wet through he would shake out the wet and turn his kilt inside out to dry it off.

If the cloth gets a good soaking from the rain... you take it off, give it a good shaking and turn it inside out to dry it...body heat will dry it off, my Da told me so, and once out fishing the River Suck (Ballinasloe) many years later I got caught in an early morning storm and walking back to some shelter, I remembered what he'd told me... so I did it. The kilt dried out and the rest of the day was fine so it was back to fishing

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