

## **A day in the life of...**

### **Nicola Nestor – Wedding Coordinator, Athlone Springs Hotel**

Ever wondered what makes a wedding coordinator tick? Nicola Nestor, Wedding Coordinator in the Athlone Springs Hotel gives us more insight into this extremely important role.

“To see the relief on the brides’ faces when they see me standing with a glass of champagne and to welcome them at the door of the hotel on their wedding day is possibly the most important element for me as a Wedding Coordinator. It is important for the bridal couple to feel secure and safe that there is someone there they can rely on to ensure their needs are catered for.

I love building a relationship with the bride and groom, from meeting them for the first time going through their requirements and tailoring the offer to suit them, to know how their plans are going throughout the various stages, to meeting them on the night and ensuring their day is setup exactly the way they want it.

When we get wedding enquiries from potential wedding couples the whole hotel knows about it because I get so excited! It’s important for everyone in the hotel to understand the importance of a wedding. It is potentially the most important day for any couple and when they sign a contract with a hotel it means they are putting their trust into us or more accurately into me to make their dream come true.

I love my job in the Athlone Springs Hotel. The hotel is gorgeously decorated with the main Clonellan Suite furnished in a rich gold, bronze and black. It leads out onto a fabulous garden ideal for photography or a pre dinner cocktail.

If it wasn’t for our resident head chef, Michael Talty, I would never guarantee our food but with Michael in the kitchen you will be guaranteed to get an excellent meal with freshly sourced ingredients. Michael also specialises in special dietary needs such as coeliacs and diabetics.

Bedrooms in the hotel are luxurious but the best of all is the honeymoon suite called the Manhattan Suite. It has a large king size bed with huge bathroom including walk in shower and Jacuzzi bath.

When it all gets too much or when it’s time for the bride-to-be to relax and enjoy the lead up to the big day with her friends and family, my colleagues in Zen Spa take over. Offering fabulous treatments for brides to be, the girls in Zen Spa will ensure that brides are relaxed, pampered and looking a million dollars!

The hotel offers excellent value and I’m proud to be selling it to potential couples as I know what we can offer in terms of service and quality. We have just launched our new wedding brochure and it gives a sneak preview of what we are about and what we can offer.

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