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Getting married without a hitch

Events manager plans own wedding



Gemma Robinson gets ready for her wedding

GETTING married is one of the most important moments in any woman's life – so it's vital the day goes without a hitch.

And while you can forgive the bride a few butterflies before the impending nuptials, caterers at Gemma Robinson's upcoming wedding might reasonably feel a bit nervy too.

That's because Gemma has decided to hold her reception at her own place of work – the four-star Beales Hotel in Comet Way, Hatfield.

The hotel's own events manager will put her colleagues to the test on Saturday, July 9, when she weds fiancé Steve Holden and celebrates with a reception that she promises will have "a lot of surprises".

Having spent 10 years in the hospitality business, Gemma has organised her fair share of weddings, and so when the time came for her to say "I do" she knew exactly how she wanted to do it.

"Having been involved in the planning of so many weddings I have been able to pick from the best ideas and avoid the pitfalls," she said.

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"I had a week off work and literally sat at my laptop for seven days until I had booked, planned and arranged every detail.

"It was exhausting but now I can pretty much sit back and relax."

Which is surely more than can be said for her work colleagues – who as well as providing food, drinks and impeccable service, will also be putting up most of the guests, who have booked nearly all of the hotel's 53 rooms.

Beales Hotel general manager Chris Hall said: "We always pride ourselves on giving the very best service and support to our brides, but the pressure is really on when your own events manager is the client!

"All the team here wish Gemma and Steve the very best and hope we can make their day even more perfect."

Gemma added: "I know the day will be great, I have a lot of surprises lined up for my guests and I have every confidence in my colleagues that it will all go to plan."