



**This Page (top):** A view of Comlongon Castle across the garden.

**This Page (middle left):** Burning candles set the medieval mood in the Great Hall during a wedding ceremony.

**This Page (middle right):** Wedding day photographs from Comlongon Castle.

**This Page (bottom):** Newlyweds pose on the terrace balcony.

**Opposite Page (left):** The atmospheric Great Hall where ceremonies take place.

**Opposite Page (right):** Bride to be waits in the Royal Bridal Suite ahead of the ceremony.

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Our latest castle interview brings us to Comlongon Castle, where fairytale weddings take place...

**C**astle weddings are one of our key areas here at Celtic Castles; we always ensure that each and every couple's big day is a special and unique affair. As you can imagine, each wedding takes a lot of planning and organising by Celtic Castles and the castle staff.

So if you have ever wondered about the experiences that the castle staff themselves undertake, this is definitely the interview for you as we get the low-down at one of our most popular and picturesque castle wedding venues; Comlongon Castle, Scotland.

We speak with Lisa Nicoll who shares some of her own fascinating (and often humorous) stories with us...



(Q) Hi Lisa, it must be exciting to be involved with so many weddings at the castle; can you think of one wedding in particular which stands out from the rest?

(A) Well, love him or hate him, I have to admit that Darren Day's wedding was particularly memorable as it turned out to be a huge event. We had Hello! Magazine on the grounds all day doing a shoot and everything, so I found that one to be pretty exciting. The other one that springs to mind is a Beverly Lodges wedding we hosted. This was spectacular as it included a huge hot air balloon, a brass band on the lawn and a caricaturist, so you could call that one pretty special too!

(Q) Is there one particular room which you would recommend in the castle for that extra special break?

(A) Room 5 (the Royal Bridal Suite) without a doubt. The suite has such a wealth of history, and the bed used to belong to screen legends, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. It was then sold to Pinewood Studios and has even been featured in a Carry On film!

(Q) You must get wedding visitors travelling from far and wide; do you know the furthest location which a guest has travelled from?

(A) Well that's quite a tough one really, as we really do get visitors from all over the world who make sure that they are part of a relative or friend's

special day. In the past we have had guests from as far as Hong Kong, Brazil, Russia and even Australia.



(Q) Do you have any funny wedding-related stories to share with our readers?

(A) Yes, I do indeed. There is one story which immediately springs to mind... One occasion a bride asked us if we would mind if they featured a man cycling round the garden with an old fashioned ice cream trolley, handing out ice creams to the guests! We let them of course, I mean the customer is always right, but it certainly caused a few giggles that day!

To find out more about weddings and overnight stays at Comlongon Castle please take a look at the following website:

**[www.celticcastles.com/castles/comlongon/](http://www.celticcastles.com/castles/comlongon/)**