

## **Speeches**

### **WHO SAYS WHAT . . .**

#### ***The groom***

Traditionally, the groom's speech includes:

- Thanking the bride's father and mother for their support and for giving him permission/approval to marry their daughter.
- Giving out flowers or gifts to the mothers on both sides, thanking them for their love and support.
- Toasting and thanking the attendants for their help and support on behalf of the bride.
- More recently, thanks have also been included for the best man's support during the build-up to the day and for organising the stag night.
- The content of this speech therefore is mainly thanks - and is a perfect opportunity for the groom to say a few words to his new wife.

#### ***The bride***

- It is a regular 21st-century occurrence for the bride to say a few words at her wedding, usually to reinforce what her new husband has said.
- There is no real format to follow or outline of what should be included; as long as the words are from the heart, anything goes!