Jak Radice and Carol Bibby

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY

11 October 2008

**Entrance of the happy couple**

The registrar will announce Carol and Jak into the ceremony room

(*with suitable musical accompaniment!*)

George Frideric Handel The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

**Welcome and introductions**

Welcome to guests and Jak and Carol by the registrar Georgina Holt who will

* introduce herself and the colleague who will be responsible for making the official record of the ceremony
* explain that the venue has been approved for civil partnership ceremonies
* ask if anyone present has a legal objection to a civil partnership being created between Carol and Jak

*(best not to speak at this point…!)*

**Readings**

Carol Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice

Mr Bennet relates to Elizabeth Bennet the content of Mr Colllins’ letter.

Jak W.H. Auden As I Walked Out One Evening

**Declaration of freedom to form a civil partnership**

The registrar will ask Jak and Carol to declare that they are free to form a civil partnership with each other.

Each will say :

I do solemnly declare that I know not of any lawful reason why I, Carol Bibby/Jak Radice may not form a civil partnership with Jak/Carol.

**Vows**

Carol

I promise to love, honour and cherish you, in prosperity and in adversity, in sickness and in health all the days of my life.

Jak

I promise to love, honour and cherish you, in prosperity and in adversity, in sickness and in health all the days of my life.

**Exchange of rings**

Liz Willows is ring bearer.

I give you this ring as a symbol of the vow I have made here today.

**Announcement of civil partnership**

The registrar will announce that Carol and Jak are now civil partners and the following piece from Orfeo ed Euridice ends the ceremony.

**Music**

Christoph Gluck Orfeo ed Euridice Recitativo: Anime avventurose

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| ORFEOAnime avventuroseAh tollerate in pace le impazienze mieSe foste amanti,Conoscereste a prova,Quel focoso desio,Che mi tormenta,Che per tutto è con me.Nemmeno in questoPlacido albergoEsser poss’io felice Se non trovo il mio ben. | ORPHEUSKind spirits,suffer my impatience in peace.If you were loversyou would know yourselvesthe burning desirewhich torments mewhich is always with me.Not even in this peaceful havencan I be happy if I do not find my love. |
| COROViene Euridice! | CHORUSHere is Euridice! |
| Torna, o bella , al tuo consorte, Che non vuol che più divisoSia da te, pietoso il ciel.Non lagnarti di tua sorte,Che può dirsi un altro Eliso Uno sposo si fedel.  | Return, fair one, to your husband,from whom merciful heavenwishes you never more to be parted.Do not lament your lot, for a husband so truecan be called another Elysium. |

**Signing the civil partnership schedule**

Jak and Carol and two witnesses - Christina Howarth and David Blyth - sign the civil partnership schedule.

**Recording the partnership in the register and presentation of civil partnership certificate**

Bruce Springsteen My Love Will Not Let You Down

**Leaving the ceremony room**

The registrar will announce that the ceremony has ended and invite Carol and Jak to lead the way out of the ceremony room.

Eric Coates The Dam Busters March