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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| ORFEO  Anime avventurose  Ah tollerate in pace le impazienze mie  Se foste amanti,  Conoscereste a prova,  Quel focoso desio,  Che mi tormenta,  Che per tutto è con me.  Nemmeno in questo  Placido albergo  Esser poss’io felice  Se non trovo il mio ben. | ORPHEUS  Kind spirits,  suffer my impatience in peace.  If you were lovers  you would know yourselves  the burning desire  which torments me  which is always with me.  Not even in this  peaceful haven  can I be happy  if I do not find my love. |
| CORO  Viene Euridice! | CHORUS  Here is Euridice! |
| Torna, o bella , al tuo consorte,  Che non vuol che più diviso  Sia 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 heaven  wishes you never more to be parted.  Do not lament your lot,  for a husband so true  can 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