

Welcome from Johnny C and the Southern Playboys and hope the following page is of benefit to you in your quest for musical entertainment.

To future wedding couples.

The corporate / hospitality sector know exactly what they require and book the Southern Playboys regularly, we understand however things are different for you. You may be getting married for the first time and all this is new, hopefully this will give you a brief outline as to what to look for and also avoid when choosing a band.

Type and size of Band; Write out a list of all your guests along with the type of music they may like. This should give you an idea as to the size and style of band required.

Finding The Right Band; Get recommendations from family and friends, especially check with *married couples* as they have dealt with their band from start to finish.

Checking out the Band; Go and see the band perform at a wedding. Stay around 30 minutes and look if guests are dancing / enjoying themselves. Good bands have the ability to read a crowd, change styles, and ensure all guests are catered for. They should not be too loud as guests like to talk and intermingle with each other.

Avoid going to see a band in a Bar or Nightclub. Any band can get a well-oiled crowd in a bar excited, however getting them off their seats to go dancing when sober is totally different. Also avoid anyone using backing tracks as you are paying karaoke singers with pretend keyboards and guitars **not real live musicians.**

Dealing with the band; You and the band should use a *proper legally binding contract* with each other. Do not pay any deposit until you fully understand all its terms and conditions. Avoid bands contactable by mobile phone only as they may be impossible to trace if their mobile is disconnected, make sure the band have on a land telephone line and a postal address.

Needless to say the band consider it an honour when a couple choose them to play for such an important occasion and are absolutely thrilled when, following the big day couples thank them and send cards and letters expressing their satisfaction.

As stated already, this may be all be new to you therefore please don't hesitate in contacting me by phone or e-mail me at playboys@eircom.net. I have dealt with at least a thousand wedding couples and hopefully should be able to answer most queries at this stage.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message and hope it was of some benefit. I wish you the very best on your big day regardless of whatever band you choose.

Yours,

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On Behalf of The Southern Playboys.

P.S. Our Frequently Asked Questions section is also worth reading.