

Registration Service Update

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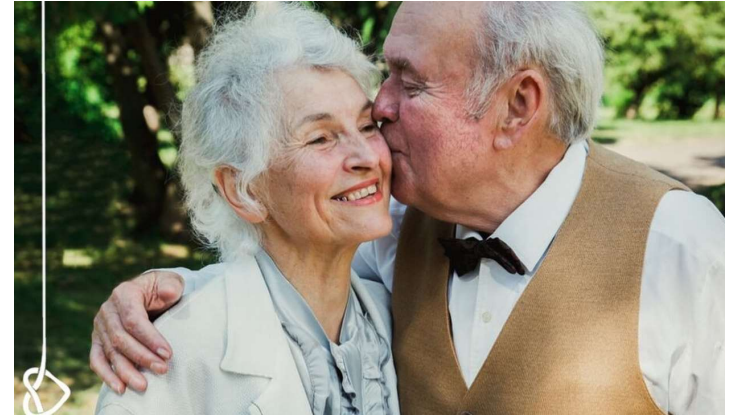
"Goldings", Basingstoke Register Office

Countywide coverage





The Basing Room, Winchester Register Office



A potted history...



HM Passport
Office

1538 -
Henry VIII &
Reformation

1640 - 1662
Execution of
Charles I, Civil
War, Oliver
Cromwell

Restoration
of Charles II

1665 -
The London
Gazette first
published

1690 - 1750
Religious
tolerance leads to
Non-conformist
registers

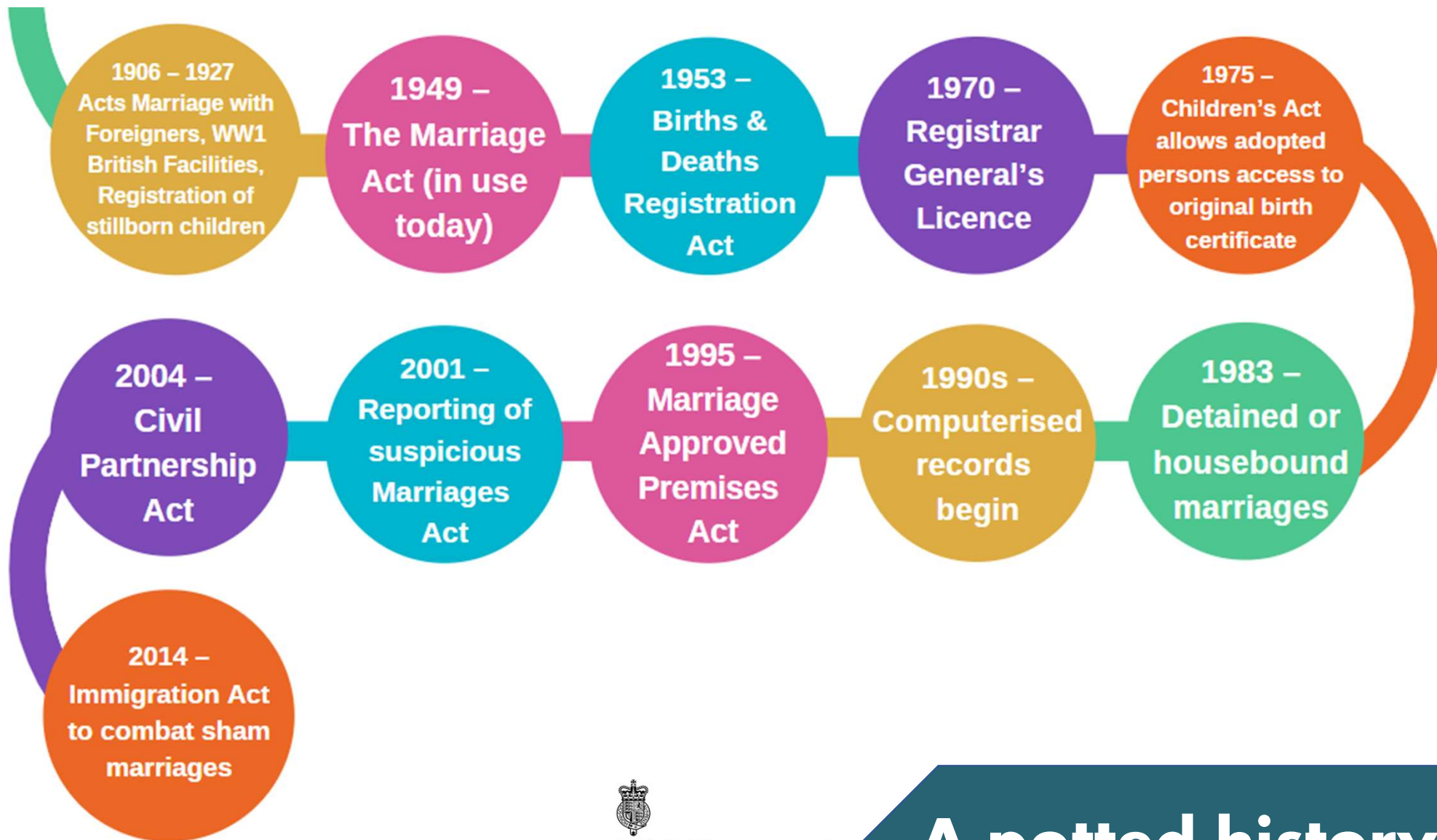
1875 -
Penalties
enforced for
failing to register
births, deaths &
marriages

1837 -
Civil
registration
starts 1 July
1837

1834 -
Poor Law
Act

1813 -
Printed registers
were produced for
use in recording
baptisms and
burials

1753 -
The Marriage
Act



HM Passport Office

A potted history...

MARRIAGE TIMELINE

#equalmarriage

1753

CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE ACT
First time the state regulated marriage.

1836

MARRIAGE ACT INTRODUCES CIVIL MARRIAGES
Marriage becomes a civil institution as well as a religious one.

1949

MARRIAGE ACT
The main piece of legislation regarding marriage.

2004

CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT
The first legally recognised relationship for same sex couples.

2011
DECEMBER

Law changed to allow same sex couples to register their civil partnership on religious premises on a permissive basis.

2012
15 MARCH
– 14 JUNE

Public consultation on proposals to enable same sex couples to marry.

2012
DECEMBER

Government's response to consultation published announcing commitment to legislate to enable same sex couples to marry in civil ceremonies and to enable those religious organisations that wish to conduct same sex marriage ceremonies to do so on a voluntary basis.

2013
JANUARY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill introduced into Parliament.

2013
JULY

Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act becomes law making equal marriage legal.

2014
by SUMMER

First same sex weddings to take place.



2020 - 2021
acceleration...

2020

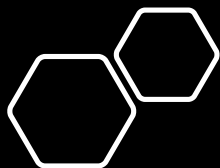
- Births and marriages postponed
- Covid easements introduced

2021

- January - Medical Examiner to validate medical causes of death
- May – Marriage Schedule System
- July – Brexit changes to immigration rules
- July – Government Covid restrictions lifted, time to catch up!



The Castle Room, Winchester Register Office



What the numbers say...

31,850 life events

Deaths registered **10,000**

Births registered **8,000**

Notices of Marriage/Civil
Partnership **9,700**

Ceremonies **3,350**

New British Citizenships **800**

Approx. for 01.01.2021 – 01.12.2021

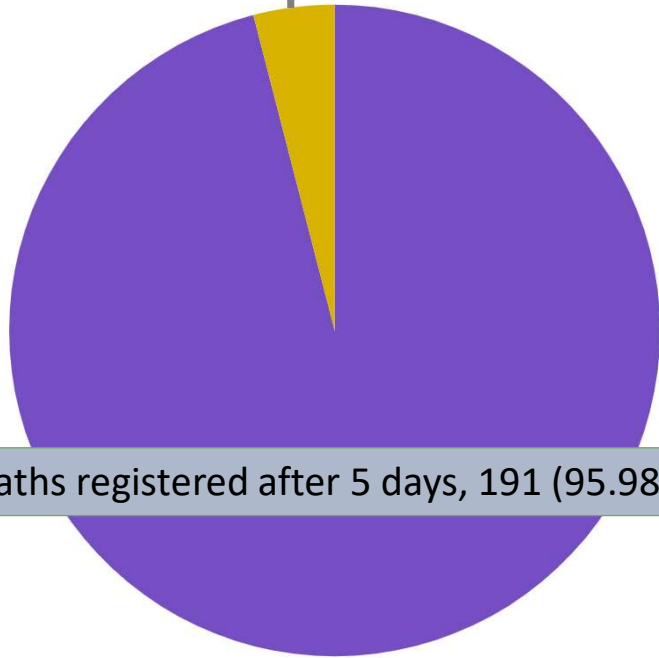
*Births inclusive of c.3,000 for partnership
districts*



Data snapshot – deaths registered within 5 days

Week beg: 04/10/21

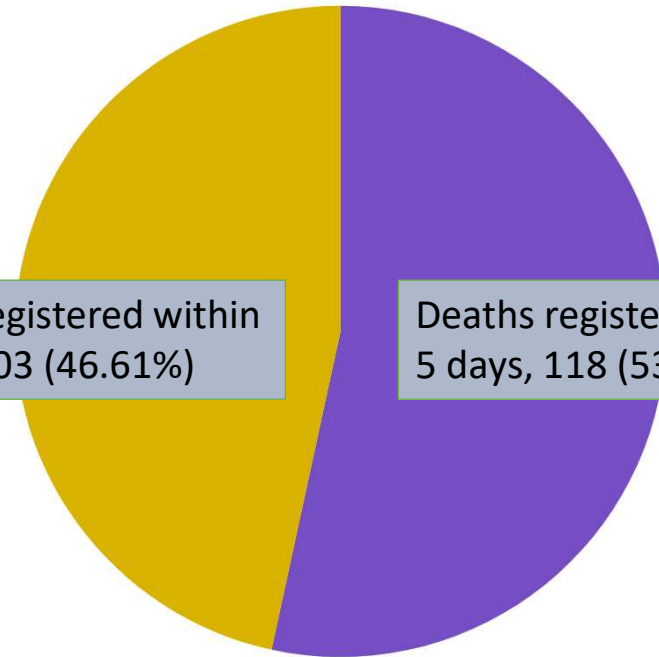
Deaths registered within 5 days, 8 (4.02%)



Deaths registered after 5 days, 191 (95.98%)

Week beg: 29/11/21

Deaths registered within 5 days, 103 (46.61%)



Deaths registered after 5 days, 118 (53.39%)

With all the changes COVID had brought with it I was most nervous about the ceremony not feeling 'normal' but our registrars made us feel so comfortable



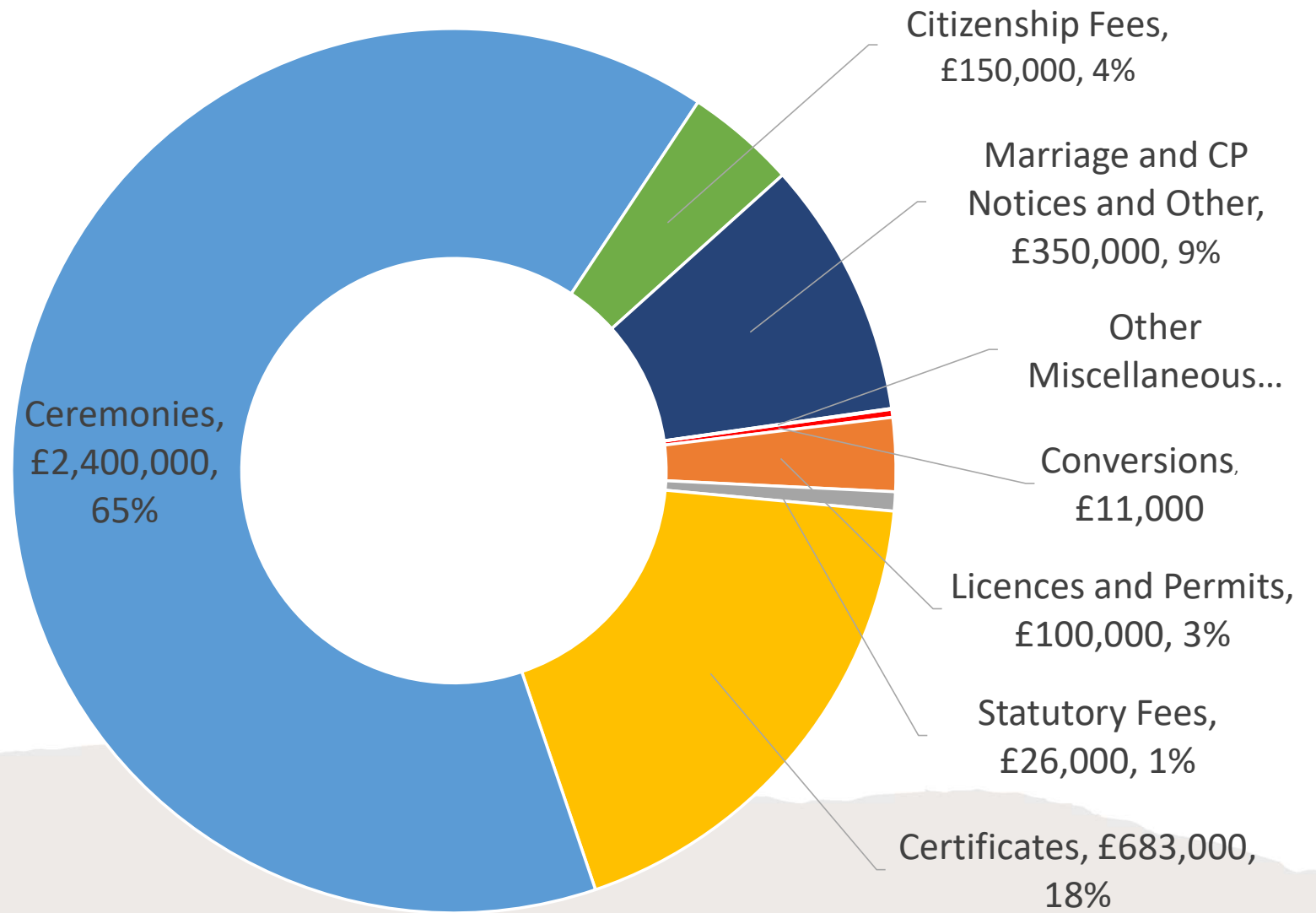
Our lovely registrars changed as much of the ceremony wording as they legally could in order to make it personal for us



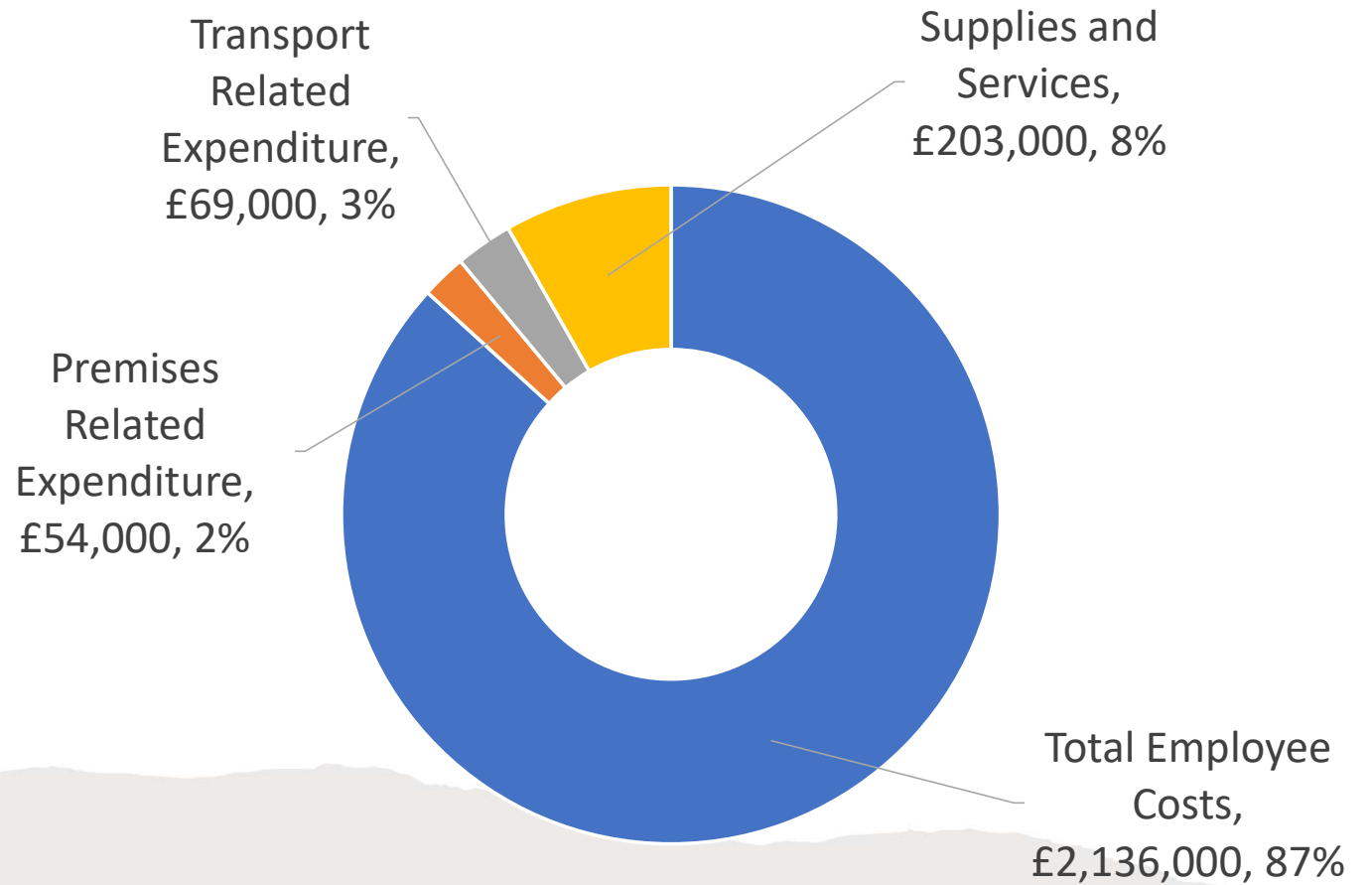
Thank you Yasmin & David for sharing your special day with us



Total Income Budget
Period 8 Forecast
Nov 2021
£3,721,000



Total Expenditure Budget
Period 8 Forecast
Nov 2021
£2,462,000



Total Net Income/Net Expenditure (P8)

	Annual Budget
	£
Net Current Expenditure	(1,259,000)
Expenditure	2,462,000
Income	(3,721,000)



Protecting our income



Alton Register Office

Risks

- Law commission review of marriage reforms
- Independent celebrants

Opportunities

- Marketing our profile
- Approved celebrants
- Online ceremony management system
- Develop approved venues portfolio
- #notjustawhitewedding
- Hampshire as a training provider
- Review fee setting processes

Back to business



Winchester Register Office

Returning to face-to-face appointments

General Register Office transformation programme

Civil Partnerships for heterosexual couples

Relationships with Funeral Directors and Medical Examiner

May 2022 annual performance and compliance review

In summary



We have a long and rich history of registering life events in Hampshire



We have supported communities throughout the pandemic



We are still in recovery but making good progress



We understand our opportunities for change and growth



We are ready for legislative change

Questions?