

Statement of Truth

I am Nick SUMMERFIELD bn 010874 and I am a wedding & events manager working for Prestige Bars & Event Management Ltd. This company has been operating for over a decade and we have won several awards for our services.

Prestige Bars & Event Management Ltd were engaged to provide our services at a wedding which took place on 27th July 2019 at Redbank Barn, Hampton Bishop, HEREFORD. I was the supervisor of this event and was present onsite throughout the event.

There was live music played at the reception by a band formed from the friends of the bride and groom. This 'pop-up' band played a set of songs suitable for a wedding reception. I would point out that a wedding reception caters for all ages and musical tastes. Such gigs are not an opportunity to provide a rock concert at high volume, as the audience did not travel to see and hear the band per se, so they provided a more convivial collection of songs appropriate for the celebration of the wedding of a young couple in the company of their extended families and friendship group of mixed ages and musical tastes. Indeed, the band used a modest PA system, as anything larger would have been inappropriate. I would describe the volume of our event as 'moderate'.

That night the band finished playing at 22:30hrs. Then the music continued with songs of emotional significance to the married couple being played from a playlist on an iPod/phone, wired up to the same system used by the band, upon which they had assembled a collection of songs for them to slow dance to.

The event concluded at 00:00hrs and we packed up and went home.

I have been made aware that a noise complaint was received in the area that evening – sometime after 23:00hrs. I can tell you categorically that the event that I supervised did not create excessive noise. I have supervised numerous events and this event was by far from being the noisiest. I do not believe that the noise complaint emanated from the band or playing of favourite tunes from the happy couple's iPod/phone either.

At no stage, either at the time or thereafter, have we been informed of any noise complaint attributed to our event at Redbank that evening. Had we been made aware that there was an issue, then we would have investigated it and had it been caused by us, we would clearly have dialled it down. Had we been informed afterwards, we would have reviewed our arrangements and given an explanation as to what entertainment we did provide on that occasion.

I would like to state that the evening of 27th July 2019 was a popular date for parties and events and I am aware that there were other parties held that evening besides Redbank. No information has been provided to us that any noise complaint has been investigated, neither has it been proven whether the noise was excessive, and crucially, whether it actually came from Redbank. I believe the music complained of may have come from another event or venue.

This is a statement of truth dated 16/08/20.

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