Best man's job: what does a best man actually do?

The best man's job in one sentence: look after the groom, and keep the day running so he does not have to. In practice that is support through the planning, the stag do or bachelor party, the rings if you are asked, a speech and a toast, and the small problems. Everything else comes from one conversation with the couple. This page explains the job. The tick-boxes live on the checklist.

Checklist

- [ ] The short answer: what the best man's job really is
- [ ] Best man jobs list
- [ ] The job in three parts: before, on the day, after
- [ ] What is always your job (and what is not)
- [ ] Best man's job in the UK vs the US
- [ ] How the job changes with two best men, a best woman, or no ushers
- [ ] The conversation that defines your job
- [ ] Where this job overlaps the speech, the toast and the money
- [ ] Related guides
- [ ] Be his steady friend. Check in. Do not add drama of your own.
- [ ] Lead the stag do or bachelor party, unless he wants to run it, or you are sharing it.
- [ ] Coordinate his side of the wedding party so outfits, timings and lifts are somebody's job.
- [ ] Look after the rings if the couple ask you to. If they do not, do not take them anyway.
- [ ] Give the speech and the toast. That is a writing job, done before the day.

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