

Boston celebrates nups across Pond

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It was a day of royal revelry.

Bostonians started celebrating the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in the early morning hours yesterday. Scones and tea gave way to Pimm's cocktails as festivities continued into the afternoon and evening.

Tasha Bracken opened her SD Events showroom at 5 a.m. for her staff and vendors to watch the ceremony live. One staffer, Diana Elizabeth Hoffman, who was named after Princess Diana, said she had to watch.

"We've always followed the royals," she said.

At British consul general Phil Budden's Beacon Hill home, guests watched the service and several sang along with the Westminster Abbey choir. Among the well-heeled guests were Museum of Fine Arts executive director Malcolm Rogers, former Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and former President George Bush's sister, Nancy Walker Bush Ellis.



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IN STYLE: Debba Andree of Brookline sips a cup of tea with a friend during a special Royal Wedding Tea at Upstairs on the Square yesterday.

"We knew this would be a great event," said Budden, who waited until the church service was over before popping the bubbly.

"What struck me was how many (more than 80) Bostonians turned out."

Royal watchers were still basking in the glow at afternoon tea at Upstairs on the Square in Cambridge.

Twin sisters Devon and Elise Sherman, 23, of Duxbury gushed about the new

duchess of Cambridge.

"She's sophisticated in an effortless way," said Devon.

"They are elegant, but understated," Elise said of the couple.

The 50 guests at the colorful Harvard Square haunt enjoyed champagne and sparkling cider as they noshed scones with clotted cream and smoked salmon and cucumber tea sandwiches.