

Hello and welcome to the third edition of our Winters Barns seasonal newsletter!

We have had such a busy summer season with so many beautiful weddings that we can't wait to share with you! We're shining a light on some more of our fabulous recommended suppliers and our wonderful team share some of their favourite summer trends to give you inspiration for your big day!

So grab a nice cold drink and enjoy our Summer 23 edition of the Winters Barns Newsletter!



### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

We don't know where the year has disappeared to, but another summer season has been and gone!

It definitely was not the warmest start to summer but that hasn't stopped our couples and their guests from enjoying outside ceremonies with beautiful bright florals adding a pop of colour to the barns. Scorching sunshine in September was not what we were expecting -We've never appreciated the air conditioned barns more!

We have updates on some new features in our courtyard, which has been a huge hit this summer with our guests!

We have also received some VERY exciting news on a new arrival that we are thrilled to be sharing with you.

Read on within to find out more!

## SUMMER ADDITIONS



## **A NEW ARRIVAL!**

We are so excited to welcome a new mini member to the Winters Barns team! Our lovely Lizzie gave birth to her baby girl at the end of August. I am sure you will all join us in congratulating her on her beautiful new arrival!

**GETTING READY FUN!** 

We've had lots of fun and laughter in our salons this summer and couldn't resist sharing some of our favourite "getting ready" moments



### NEW DECKING

Our new decking in the courtyard has certainly been a hit this summer! It's been lovely to see so many of our guests sat enjoying their drinks and canapés outside. And with our speakers outside, the music can still be enjoyed no matter where you are!



Steve B











# WEDDING SPOTLIGHT - CLAIRE AND NICO 29/06/2023

#### Photography by Matt Trott

# We asked them a few questions about them and their big day...

#### How did you meet?

We met at work, we were and are very different characters and therefore, didn't really like each other much in the beginning. Nico made the first move through a few flirty emails and eventually visited me at my place of work and things moved on from there!

#### Tell us about the engagement

Nico wanted us to go to Venice, after much discussions, I ended up booking it (not knowing it was the proposal destination). He had commissioned a bespoke engagement ring to be made. He proposed by saying - 'I have something to discuss with you - are you going to marry me?' - this was over a 2 pint stein in a Venetian square.

### What would be your top tip to other couples planning a wedding?

Get organised early - book all the main suppliers in and the rest will fall into place. Communication is key, ask the questions and you will get the answers.



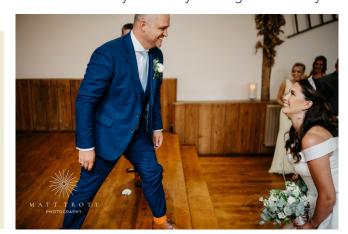
### Wedding Coordinator Comment - Sophie

Even with the weather pushing the ceremony inside, Nico and Claire's day was still perfection. The ceremony was so touching, Claire was so courageous walking herself down the aisle towards Nico's beaming smile waiting for her the other end. Their children also played a big part during the day, with their daughter being the perfect flower girl and son being the cutest little page boy! The sun broke through and allowed some beautiful garden shots. Claire and Nico's friend sung during the Wedding Breakfast which was a brilliant touch warming guests up for the evening disco. Congratulations Claire and Nico!



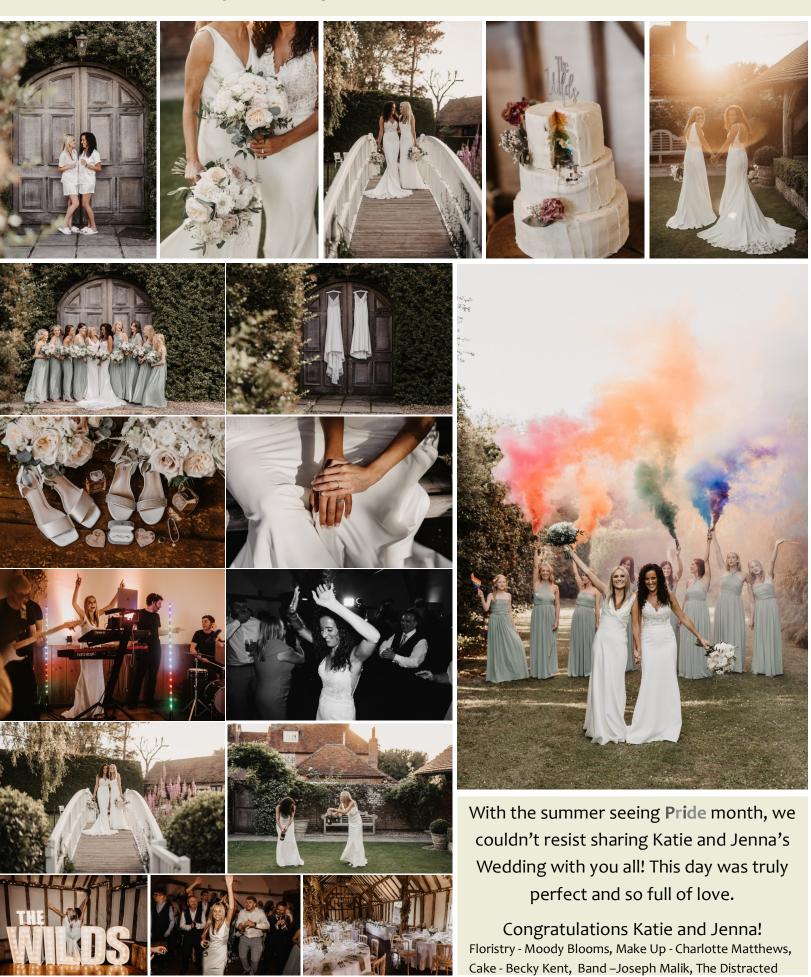
# Was there an extra special moment that happened on your day?

The emotion at the wedding really shocked me. From half an hour before the wedding ceremony I was an emotional wreck. I chose to walk down the aisle by myself (as my dad is no longer with us), that was a lot harder than I thought. I had tears streaming before entering and it didn't get any better when walking. Nico then showed me his orange socks (he's Dutch) and that made me laugh. We then shook hands with each other when the official marriage had taken place which made people laugh. The highs and lows were amazing tears and laughter throughout the ceremony will always be a great memory!



# WEDDING SPOTLIGHT - KATIE AND JENNA 29/07/2023

Photography by Olegs and Rita <u>Home - Olegs Samsonovs Photography</u>



# THE SUPPLIER STAGE

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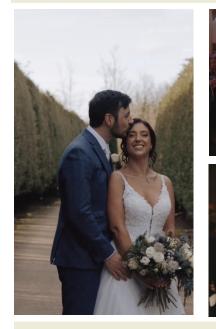
We are Abigail & Luke, a husband and wife filmmaking team.

Together since 2013, Mr & Mrs since 2018 and Mum & Dad since 2022.

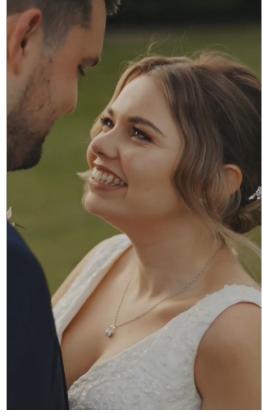
Can we tell you a secret? We LOVE weddings. Okay maybe that's not really a secret but it is true! We have such a passion for capturing authentic romance in a way which is as natural as being in love feels. We feel so lucky that we get to meet such wonderful couples (just like you) and share in the best day of your lives – you can be sure we will laugh with you, cry with you and generally just be around to

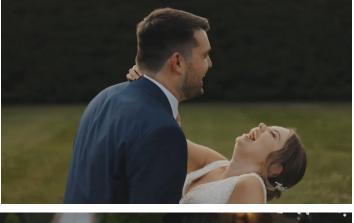
Abigail and Luke are a brilliant team and between them capture both the fun and laughter of your big day as well as the intimate and special moments. We could watch their final edited films all day

- they really are something special. The perfect way to capture the love on your special day and relive over and over again!











### A comment from Abigail and Luke

It's always such a joy to come and work at Winters Barns! They immediately make us feel like part of a wider supplier team, which enables your day to run so much smoother, with everyone working to give you the best! Always a lush well managed day!

# THE SUPPLIER STAGE



Floral Explosion is a one stop shop for all your floristry and venue styling needs – we're delighted to be one of Winters Barns recommended suppliers and can't wait to hep you style your wedding!.

From beautiful bridal bouquets, buttonholes and table centres, through to backdrops, fairy lights, charger plates, luxury table linen and chair décor, we have everything covered.

Our floristry style is very full of flowers, larger scale and always very beautiful using the finest blooms available, sustainably grown in the UK when possible.

### A Comment from the Floral Explosion Team

"2023 has been a busy year, and we have been part of some beautiful weddings at Winters Barns. Our very full and showstopping style looks stunning in the barns, and we've been lucky enough to create a few different looks– from Katie & Michaels gorgeous boho wedding using our Pampas & Rose collection, right through to Fiona & Joe's elegant neutral theme using our wisteria trees and Enchanted Garden collection."



I'm Lauren, an award winning Make-Up Artist trained at the prestigious London College of Fashion, and based just 5 minutes from Winters Barns. My passion for make-up and my love of all things wedding related, is the reason I've specialised in bridal make-up for the past 10 years. I pride myself in creating modern, stylish and timeless make-up that photographs beautifully and looks flawless up close. I believe the secret to bridal make-up is looking and feeling like the most beautiful version of yourself!

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A Comment from Lauren

The salon at Winters Barns is the perfect place to spend your wedding morning and I absolutely love helping brides get 'wedding ready' in there. When it comes to creating beautiful bridal makeup natural light is essential and the salon has more than enough no matter what time of year you're getting married. It's spacious but cosy, making it the ideal space for every bridal party size and they have thought of everything you need to enjoy your wedding morning with your favourite people.



If only Lauren could do our make-up every day! Lauren makes our beautiful brides look even more stunning and gives them confidence before they walk down the aisle!

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Floral Explosion always go above and beyond for our couples and make the barns look even more beautiful with their stunning florals and styling. The most creative and lovely team!



# WINTERS BARNS TEAM

With so many wedding trends seen on social media, we thought we'd share some of our coordinators favourites that they've seen this summer!



## Lizzie's Summer Trend Favourite...

# SAX PLAYERS!

What better way to get everyone up on the dance floor than a Saxophone player! We've loved having Sax players at the barns this summer, whether that be to entertain your guests during the canapés or to get the party started for your evening reception. You can't resist a dance when they start playing!

### Sally's Summer Trend Favourite...

# MATCHING MORNING CROCS!

What screams Bride Squad more than having matching Crocs to wear the morning of your wedding! Such a fun way of matching with your bridesmaids and having cute and comfy shoes to wear whilst getting ready!





Sophie's Summer Trend Favourite...

# SUNGLASSES!

A quintessential summer accessory but also a fun photo moment! They look great when having couples photos or even getting the whole bridal party involved! Perfect when it gets to golden hour!

We've loved seeing our couples make videos of their guests wearing personalised sunglasses too!