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Winters Barns

LET'S CATCH UP!

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

We have had such a magical Winter season with so many stunning weddings that we can't wait to share with you! We're shining a light on some more of our fabulous recommended suppliers,

Our wonderful team share why they are longing for the Spring days ahead.

It is that confusing time of year where you are either on the last of your festive chocolate or the beginning of your easter! What ever it is, grab a treat and enjoy the Winter edition of the Winters Barns Newsletter!



Nettie and Andrew – Tommy Reynolds

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

December started with a snowy wedding which was beautiful! From here the weather was actually very mild. We had many fabulous festive weddings and a brilliant party for our New Years Eve couple!

The Winter cold swept in eventually with some very icy mornings mid January.

The year started with our three Viewing Weekends where we met lots of new couples.

We had the barns dressed by a few of our recommended suppliers to give the feel of a true Winters Barns Wedding.

We then had a team trip up to London for the National Wedding Awards which was a fantastic event!

As well as all the fun January has also been full of maintenance. From new carpets in the accommodation to tarmacking the drive we have been very busy!

NATIONAL WEDDING INDUSTRY AWARDS



THE 2024
WEDDING
INDUSTRY AWARDS

**NATIONAL
FINALIST**



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**REGIONAL
WINNER**

As we were TWIA South East Winners of Barn Wedding Venue and Event Team of the Year, back in November we were then invited up to the National final in London on 24th January at Shakespeares Underglobe.

Although we didn't come home with a National win we had a fabulous night. It was truly amazing to be in a room full of the very best suppliers in the wedding industry.

A big shoutout to our package DJ's The Wedding Chaps and one of our recommended photographers Olly Knight who both got Highly commended on the night.



VENUE UPDATES



At the start of the year we always focus on the larger scale venue improvements that we cannot do during busier months. One of the main improvements we have had done this year is the tarmacking of the driveway and resurfacing the carpark. This has really smartened our entrance.

It didn't end here! Jamie our groundsman has been very busy! The ceremony barn floor has been repolished, all walls a fresh lick of paint, new carpet in the accommodation, and even a refurb of our office. We are looking fresh and are ready for the busy year ahead!

OUTFIT INSPIRATION FOR YOUR BRIDEMAIDS



Bridesmaids dresses can be tricky. So many colours, materials and styles to choose from, and as we all know, we all come in different shapes and sizes!

We thought we would provide a little inspiration for those struggling where to start.

Listed below are a few websites used a lot by Winters Brides:

JJ's House, Asos, Lipsy London, Coast and House of Fraser



WEDDING SPOTLIGHT - Melissa & Jack 29/12/23

Photography by Kerry Ann Duffy

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

How did you become engaged?

We got engaged in October 2021 on a trip to Croatia. Jack had planned a hill-top picnic overlooking the city of Dubrovnik and got down on one knee as enjoyed the sights and a bottle of bubbles. It was a complete surprise, but of course not one we will ever forget!

Can you name one extra special moment that happened on your wedding day?

There were various moments throughout the day that were extra special. One of my favourite moments was right after the ceremony when we had walked back down the aisle and were greeted with a drink. We stood in the breakfast barn just the two of us as everyone else gathered for confetti outside. It was so lovely to be able to just be with each other after such a significant moment in our lives and take in everything around us.



Wedding Coordinator Comment – Sally

I love a winter wedding and Melissa & Jack's wedding was a special wedding as they had chosen to have an independent celebrant. They had designed their own ceremony which was just beautiful with a sand sharing ritual.

The cocktail Melissa had chosen was Black Forest which was very fitting for a winter wedding and delicious!!

What was your vision for your day?

As our wedding day was between Christmas and New Year we wanted the day to feel cosy but modern and classic. We had a theme of dark green and white which worked perfectly with the Christmas decorations at Winters Barns.

Did you have any wedding mishaps in the planning process?

3 days before the wedding I came across an older and completely different version of our wedding invitation which we printed as a tester. On the invitation the ceremony time was 1pm. We were actually getting married at 2pm so I had a huge panic thinking we had sent out the wrong invitations to 80 guests!

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

Don't leave everything to the last minute -especially DIYs. Do them as early as you possibly can. I was still making our seating plan the week before the wedding and to say I was stressed was an understatement!

THE SUPPLIER STAGE

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Tommy will always greet you with a beaming smile. His photos truly do capture your wedding in the most beautiful way. He will put you at ease on the day and create a heartfelt authentic album full of timeless memories. Marrying here himself in 2021, he knows the venue very well!!!

Stepping in front of the camera can feel like a leap into the unknown, evoking those fluttery nerves we all share. Trust me, I've been there too. Your worries are heard, your feelings understood. I'm on this journey with you, dedicated to making the entire experience effortless.

I capture not only the details, but also the emotions you and your partner will undoubtedly feel on the day. Amidst the pursuit of that perfect frame, I never lose sight of the laughter, the shared glances and the warmth of your love you'll share... and I'll be there to capture it all.

Imagine sharing these treasures with your loved ones, watching smiles light up their faces, creating ripples of happiness for generations in your very own bespoke fine art album.

So, if you're considering me for this extraordinary chapter, reach out. Let's embark on this journey together, creating timeless authentic images and crafting memories that will last forever.



A comment from Tommy Reynolds

For me working at Winters Barns could not be more special as it was the place I choose to get married myself. The venue is unquestionably beautiful inside and out but more importantly the team are absolutely faultless. Its difficult to capture a bad photograph when the venue holds so much beauty and character. Not only that but it's a pleasure to work among the team.

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J's have created countless stunning setups at Winters Barns. Jo, Jade and Jody will go above and beyond to ensure your day is everything you have dreamed.

J's Perfections Weddings and Occasions has been running for around 9 years now. We are a family run business, mother and two daughters so we are really close, which allows us to be honest with each other to ensure your final look is perfect! We are so passionate about our work and we love everything weddings, so we ensure that on your wedding day we take that little bit of stress away and create the look you have always dreamt of.

A comment from J's Perfections

We love being a recommended supplier at Winters barn, with a venue that bursts with character and charm from every angle, an amazing vision from the beautiful couple, the best team of suppliers including the fabulous team at Winters then together this amounts to a dream wedding!



S H E S A I D Y E S
B R I D A L H A I R



I'm a local Maidstone based personal hairstylist. My signature looks are usually rustic and effortless glam styles but I also offer a wide range of different hair styling options to suit all brides-to-be. I have the latest training and product knowledge, to make sure I'm always offering the best for my clients and following the latest trends.

Kim brings best friend energy! If you are looking for a hairstylist with not only bundles of talent but the warmest personality, she is definitely your women! Kim's created so many beautiful styles on our fabulous brides throughout the years.

A comment from Kim

I absolutely love working at Winters Barns! It's such a fantastic place with a magical atmosphere. The team is incredible, and every wedding morning spent with them not only shows how versatile they are but how utterly friendly & special they make everyone feel, including myself as a supplier!

I couldn't ask for a better salon to work my wedding hair magic in. Having a venue with its own salon is such a game-changer! It's like having your own little oasis where you and your bridal party can relax, get pampered, and soak up the excitement!!



WINTERS BARNNS TEAM

I think collectively as a nation we are all counting down the days until Spring is upon us! The brighter evenings, colourful gardens and warmer air.

Sounds like bliss right?



Sally's favourite thing about Spring...

WARMER WEATHER

Bring on the Sun!

We cant wait until its time to get out the shades and feel the warmth of the sun on our skin.

Lizzie's favourite thing about Spring...

BLOSSOM

Always the first sign Spring is on its way!

Our first few trees are already in bloom. It is so lovely to see the grounds begin to come to life.

Blossom trees are gorgeous for a photo backdrop.



Sophie's favourite thing about Spring...

BRIGHTER EVENINGS

A garden cocktail hour after the meal is maybe my favourite time of day.

Having the lighter evening to enjoy the gardens at sunset is a dream.

Who doesn't love a golden hour photoshoot?

