

KATY GREENYER ADAM JOYCE

Katy and Adam's Alice in Wonderland wedding at Bessingham Manor was magical, despite a few glitches

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WE CHOSE an Alice in Wonderland theme for the reception because we thought it would be colourful and fun. My parents, Phillip and Janice, helped a lot, buying so much crockery it took over their house. My dad built the garden games, the keyhole and the clock and my mum made the talking flowers.

I was surprisingly calm on the morning. We awoke to a beautiful summer's day – the sun shining and the trees swaying – oh no, that meant it was windy. The men were outside trying to prevent everything from blowing over; the movement of the tablecloths were knocking over the crockery and glasses. I was surprisingly calm throughout; it was our 15th anniversary and my big day was here despite a few glitches.

As I walked down the aisle, I saw Adam and knew I was the happiest girl alive. I was marrying the man of my dreams.

After the ceremony, Jim Barrett-Smith of Just Big Smiles, led us round the front of the house for pictures. Little did we know that we were missing the greatest picture of the day – one of my friends tripped and dropped a tray of whipped cream another friend had spent all morning whipping. My mum is always prepared though and whipped up another batch so no-one missed out.

We had tea and scones with jam (no whipped cream) and sandwiches. The tables were dressed with candelabras, teacups and teapots, Britto figurines and Disney-inspired decor. The rain started, so Jim asked if he could quickly take the group pictures. He positioned us under some trees so we could keep dry, although *he* didn't keep so dry. For the next two hours it rained but by 5pm the weather recovered, the pizza bus arrived and we had pizza in the sun.♥





HOW THEY DID IT

♥ My oldest friend Stephanie Elliott stepped in as wedding planner and my bridesmaid Kat Peacock and friends Ben Smith, Maria Barter, Simona Prazakova, Joshuaky Moldoveanu and Olga Cebotkova worked hard during the few days prior and on the morning of the wedding.

♥ My bouquet was a beautiful, natural, teardrop design of two-toned purple and white calla lilies, galaxy blue orchids, purple and lilac veronica, red roses, green hypericum, alchemilla, thlaspi bell and blending, natural foliage.

♥ I went to Brides4Less in Southend and tried on my first dress but it was so hot, so not the dress for me. My second dress was too large and I did not like the lace or floppy flowers but it was £99, and had the foundations to be made wonderful. My mum spent hours carefully removing the lace and flowers and then the lovely Ellie Cornford performed her magic, reducing the size and adding sleeves, making it perfect.



MAKING IT POSSIBLE

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CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE: Bessingham Manor, bessinghammanor.uk

DRESS: Brides4Less, brides4less.co.uk

ALTERATIONS: Ellie Cornford, elliesalterations.co.uk

BRIDESMAID'S DRESS: Amazon, amazon.co.uk

MAKE-UP: Kirstie Barton-Grimley, kirstiemakeup.com

GROOM'S OUTFIT: Moss Bros, moss.co.uk

FLOWERS: Elizabeth's The Florists, elizabeths.co.uk

CAKE: M&S, marksandspencer.com

CATERING: Vine's Pizza Bus, vinescatering.co.uk/news/pizzashack

VENUE DRESSERS: Family and friends

ENTERTAINMENT: The Mesh Band, themeshband.co.uk

TIPI & FIREPI: Events Under Canvas, eventsundercanvas.co.uk

