



Herts members of the Hitchin-based Mr and Mrs Unique wedding directory pooled their creativity for this vintage and funky 'yellow garden party' photo-shoot in King's Walden



Clockwise from left Sunflowers, daisies and buttercups are combined with dark-green foliage for a rustic and striking bouquet; the fun cake that inspired the yellow and white theme; deckchairs and hampers complete the garden-party look







Clockwise from left Lemons played a key part in the shoot – in homemade lemonade and as table-card holders alongside antique glass bottles used as wildflower vases; a white pony is garlanded with green and yellow variegated leaves; rainbow, cloud, sun and heart biscuits match the fresh design of the wedding cake



Director of Mr and Mrs Unique Erica Willoughby-Smith, explains the ethos behind the shoot: ‘Lodge Farm has just started to take on more weddings and its location is stunning, set in the idyllic Hertfordshire countryside of Lilley Bottom, King’s Walden. The BnB sleeps up to 12 and the garden that would be used for the wedding party has endless views of fields with a gorgeous side garden which can also be used for blessings.

‘I wanted to create a shoot that embraced the grounds and how pretty they are, so we aimed to create a summer garden-party feel. I was also inspired by a cake I spotted at Tie The Knot – a wedding carnival I co-organise twice a year alongside Binky Nixon, our photographer for the shoot. The cake was designed by Natasha from Nevie-Pie Cakes and was based on the song lyric ‘Shower the people you love with love’.

‘The cake also gave us the yellow theme running throughout the styling. Natasha popped along on the day and added some decorative cookies to match the cake, including yellow rainbows, suns and grey clouds. They honestly looked too good to eat (obviously we did when the shoot finished!).’

‘I was thrilled to have Binky on board for the shoot as she is so good at what she does. She is really passionate about her job and captures special moments with a natural artistic style.

‘I really didn’t want to use a bog-standard white marquee, so I contacted one of our suppliers, Funky Monkey Tents, which has a wide range of beautiful handmade structures, tables and benches. The company brought along its new stretch marquee (a favourite of mine), which can be manipulated into different shapes.

‘Chloe from White Button Weddings was behind the table styling, the lemonade stand, photo booth and kids’ corner. The table setting included lots of vintage glass bottles, lemons, checked linen and hessian. The stationery was provided by Style and Joy. I love its modern, fresh invitations and menus. The beautiful yellow bouquet, vase display and buttonhole, which featured large poppy heads, daisies and sunflowers were all created by the Basement Florist.

‘The models for the shoot were recently-married couple Becky (a burlesque dancer called Aurora Blu) and her husband Edd. I was really keen to use a real couple in the shoot, as I wanted the photos to look believable.’



Art direction and styling Erica Willoughby-Smith, Mr and Mrs Unique
Photography Binky Nixon Photography
Venue Lodge Farm BnB
Models Becky and Edd
Table and marquee styling White Button Weddings
Flowers Basement Florist
Cake and biscuits Nevie-Pie Cakes
Tents Funky Monkey Tents
Dresses The White Wardrobe
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