

real wedding

Hannah & Chris

The men wore brown, the bridesmaids wore mink and the bride wore oyster and tears of joy all day. Hannah tells us about her wedding to Chris Harman at Dairy Barns, Hickling.





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VENUE AND FLOWERS Dairy Barns
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www.camillabrides.co.uk

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www.superactionheroes.co.uk
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www.testostatones.co.uk
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www.melliemakescakes.co.uk

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www.campervanphotobooth.co.uk

BUNTING MATERIAL Wroxham Barns
www.wroxhambarns.co.uk

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www.thebabysittingcompany.co.uk

I met Chris through work, we both work for Norfolk Police. We had talked about getting married but it was a surprise proposal. We were in Cambridge, punting and he went down on one knee while holding the punt in one hand, trying not to drop the ring. There was a boat full of tourists coming towards us and people were looking. I said 'yes, and please can you get up'.

Chris is from Norwich and I moved to Norfolk from Northampton when I was eight and was brought up in West Runton, so we wanted all local suppliers and to have a handmade, vintage Norfolk wedding.

We looked at lots of venues and really loved Dairy Barns. I knew I wanted a reception in a barn, I love the English country theme, tea and

cakes and bunting and I wanted to do a lot of it myself.

They made everything so easy and it wasn't as expensive as we expected, plus there's accommodation for the family so we stayed over the Friday and Saturday night and they all helped to decorate it. We would have liked to have more

Bride's tip

Making things yourself and involving family and friends does make it really personal to you.

children at the venue but we had to keep the wedding number to 70 so unfortunately we couldn't.

Our family was brilliant. My mum learnt how to make bunting and we went to Wroxham Barns and bought

the material. It's now all up in our house, it's beautiful. We made our invitations, favours and table names and had a wishing tree instead of a guest book. Our card box was my great grandma's old leather suitcase.

I'm not a pinky purple kind of girl. I wanted softer hues so we had English country flowers, such as peonies, in cream jugs on the tables. Dairy Barns did them, the owner's mother once won at the Chelsea Flower Show so you can imagine how lovely they were.

We wanted everything traditional but personal to us and we did spend days looking for brown suits for the men.

My bridesmaids were Jessica Baldwin, Karen Palmer, Kirby-Lee Childerhouse and Caroline Quinn. We had such a brilliant day.