

THE WILD WESTIVAL



A SCOUT CAMP THE PERFECT PLACE TO "TIE THE KNOT"

Wedding plans and the search for a venue!

After over 10 years together Carl and Ruth finally decided that it was eventually time to take their relationship to the next step and get married. Following an unusual engagement in April 2009, they both agreed to get married in 2010 and started a search for a suitable venue. They both decided that they did not want a traditional "conveyer belt" wedding at an over priced hotel but they wanted something a little bit different. The search for a suitable

venue commenced with numerous options being considered during the remainder of 2009. The resultant search for suitable venues lasted for 10 months and included a range of potential venue alternatives including abandoned warehouses in Manchester, a campsite in Morecambe, a venue abroad, factories in Clitheroe an under water wedding and numerous other ideas which I do not care to remember. By the start of 2010, the pair were on the verge of giving up and abandoning

their plans to get hitched during the year. Ironically it was on Valentines day (a day the romantic couple never celebrate) that they eventually set off in search of Little Dale scout camp near Caton, Lancaster to see if this site would provide a suitable venue. On arrival an after an initial look around, the venue was perfect - camping field, outdoor barn and it even had a wooded chapel. On reflection, could there really be a more appropriate place than a scout camp as a venue to "tie the knot"



WEDDING MASCOT



HEART IN WOODS



WOODED CHAPEL

The Approach

Nervously, the pair approached Kevin (Scout Leader) and Tracye who were busy digging a drainage ditch. When they asked if it would be possible to potential hire the venue for a wedding party he was really enthusiastic about the idea and said he would do anything that he could to help! (he probably came to regret these words over the coming months). A week later the venue was sorted and the wedding was on and was aptly named the "Wild Westival"

WEDDING PREPARATION

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Venue sorted... commence the Westival preparations and the job of explaining and convincing people that it was a great idea to get married in a field!

The preparations for the event included the following:

- (i) Source a mobile bar (beer important)
- (ii) Tipi Tents for guests
- (iii) Humanist minster for blessing
- (iv) Sort all the tables, chairs, plates and cutlery
- (v) Hog Roast and dessert
- (vi) 1000's of wild flowers (weeds) for table, 180 pebbles acquired from Grange over sands beach, 100 recycled glass jars
- (vii) James Brown Tribute band & speakers
- (viii) 180 crisp creme donoughts for the wedding cake
- (ix) Chip butties for midnight snack... thanks to Sue at the local chinese
- (x) Materials, fairy lights, slate signs for decorations, garden centre flowers
- (xi) Tart about with Pouncy pom poms
- (xii) Marquee to keep guests dry
- (xiii) Day 2 - BBQ and organise range of competitive activities.

Throughout the entire process, we can not thank Kevin, his family and all the other people at Little Dale enough who went out of their way to ensure the everything was going to be a success!



NOTHING WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR THIS AMAZING TEAM IN TRUE SCOUT MOTTO THEY WERE ALWAYS PREPARED

KEVIN, TRACYE & FAMILY

CHIEF SCOUT AT LITTLEDALE
NOTHING TOO MUCH TROUBLE

AWESOME CAR PARK ATTENDANT

MANAGED TO SORT OUT 2 MARQUEES WITHIN 1 WEEK

BOOTCAMP LEADER FOR ASSAULT COURSE

ALL ROUND TOP GUY!

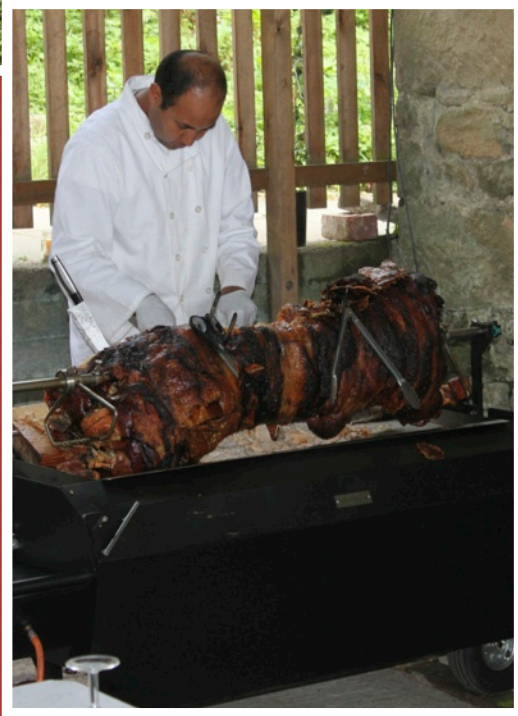


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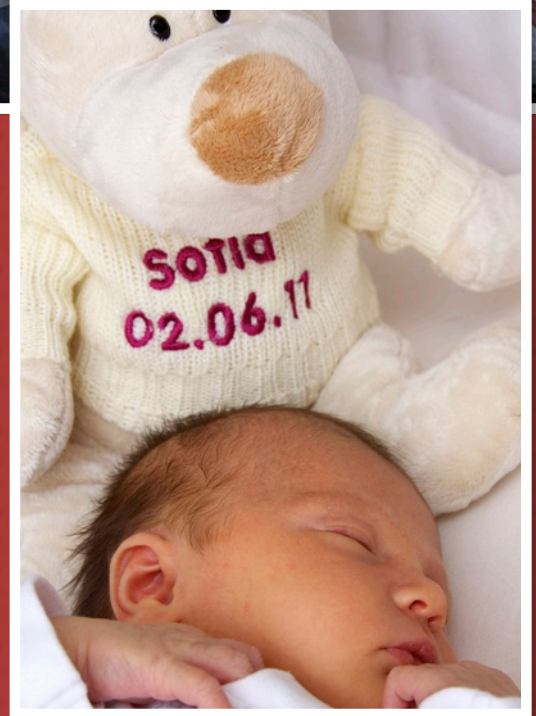


THE WILD WESTIVAL TOOK PLACE ON THE 21ST AUGUST 2010.

FOLLOWING A WHOLE MONTH OF RAIN, THE SUN WAS ALSO INVITED AND MANAGED TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND..... IT WAS NEVER IN DOUBT!

THE WEDDING DAY WAS TRULY THE BEST DAY OF OUR LIVES AND ALL OF THE GUESTS HAD A FANTASTIC TIME..... NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HELP AND SUPPORT OF ALL THE PEOPLE AT LITLEDALE SCOUT CAMP..... THANK YOU!

WILD WESTIVAL PHOTOS



I KNOW THAT WE SAID THAT WE WOULD COME BACK AND ARRANGE A FUND RAISING CAMPING TRIP FOR OUR ANNIVERSARY..... HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN REALLY BUSY AND NEARLY 9 MONTHS LATER THE NEW RECRUIT ARRIVED INTO TEAM WILD.... SOFIA ALECIA WILD! (MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING IN THE WATER AT LITLEDALE)

WE WILL HAVE TO SORT OUT THE CAMPING TRIP NEXT YEAR AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE SCOUTS (OR GUIDES) MAY HAVE A NEW MEMBER IN THE FUTURE.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE AT LITTLE DALE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT..... WE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH SOON!