

Meet the finalists



Melissa Wagstaff married Dominic Pepper on Saturday 7th March at Gaynes Park Barns

Melissa and Dominic Pepper, winners of the May/June heat of our Wedding of the Year competition, share their story



charity pins as favours, which were mounted on blue and lemon-coloured card, with a message on each one from me and Dominic.

Were any of your suppliers particularly helpful?

They were all fantastic, but Jane Wood, our wedding coordinator at Gaynes Park, Tara Lee, our photographer, and Paul Claydon who was our DJ and toastmaster were particularly great. They made us feel totally at ease and delivered a faultless service on the day, giving us the wedding we dreamed of.

Melissa and Dominic will go through to the final of Wedding of the Year 2009, which will be held in spring next year.

Images courtesy of Tara Lee Photography
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How did you feel when you found out you'd won this round of Wedding of the Year?

We were thrilled. It had only been about 10 weeks since our wedding, and the sparkle and excitement from the day was just starting to fade. Winning the heat brought it all back and gave us a great excuse to talk to everyone about our wedding again!

What did Dominic say when you told him you'd won?

He didn't believe me to start off with, but when he realised it was true he announced it to all our friends on Facebook. There were so many other lovely couples in our round, all with wonderful stories. We feel honoured to win among such a brilliant bunch.

How did you incorporate your colour scheme into your wedding?

Our colours were baby blue and lemon. I had a pale blue dress, and we had blue and lemon stationery, centrepieces and a wonderful blue and lemon polka dot cake. We also had

What did you enjoy most about organising the big day?

Spending time with my mum and dad going shopping, and making the napkin rings, favours and stationery. I found out so much about mum's wedding planning, and the things she had done with my nan in the lead up to her day.

I also enjoyed writing a speech for the reception, and writing letters to my bridesmaids, parents and sister. Doing these things made me realise how lucky I was to be surrounded by such wonderful people – and of course to be marrying such a wonderful man.

What was the best bit of advice you received when planning your wedding day?

My mum said that if anything goes wrong, we'll be the only ones that will know about it. Only we knew how the cake, stationery and centrepieces should look. If they didn't turn out as we'd imagined, everyone else would still think they looked perfect.



MELISSA AND DOMINIC'S SUPPLIERS

Photographer

Tara Lee Photography
Tel: 07990 517 494
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Venue

Gaynes Park
Tel: 01992 660 329
www.gaynespark.co.uk

Bride's dress

Candy Anthony, London
Tel: 020 7803 0898
www.candyanthony.com

Transport

Eleanor Hire
Tel: 07867 555 954
www.eleanorhire.co.uk

Disco/toastmaster

DJ Clay's Mobile Disco
Tel: 01992 573 834
www.djclay.co.uk

Centrepieces

Balloonarama
Tel: 01279 639 564