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I'm going to take a wild guess and say that you, or someone close to you, is getting married. Am I right...?

Phew, that could have been awkward! First thing's first, congratulations! What an exciting journey lies ahead of you!

Hopefully, this magazine will help you on that journey. It's full of ideas and advice, much of which is from brides and grooms who have walked the same paths that you are on now – choosing venues, finding “the one” dress, sampling delicious food, searching for those finishing touches.

All of their experiences can be a massive help. But one thing that the couples featured in this issue prove is this: the perfect day is such a personal thing, with countless decisions that – when combined – make every wedding unique.

Yes, there are trends – so many of our couples had their

dog as a special guest on their big day, and check out all the grooms in their stylish tuxedos – but there's always something that sets each wedding apart.

It's that special touch that reflects two people, standing in front of their friends and family and saying: “This is us.”

In the words of The Beatles, all you need is love – and that's true of every element of a wedding, starting with the person you've chosen to marry, of course. But it can resonate through everything: the music, the food, the colour scheme, the flowers, the entertainment.

Surround yourself with the people and things you love, and you'll have the best day ever!



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“ Walking back down the aisle, the quartet played us out as we perfected our dip kiss. Alan then stood on my veil for the third time and used it as a cape as we ran out! ”

– Sophia Fahri

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Entertainment ideas to create moments that mesmerise

Ruby Flames Entertainment brings a blaze of theatrical brilliance.

Let the SHOW BEGIN

Prepare to be amazed – this year's wedding entertainment embraces fire breathers, glitter artists and gaming trucks to create moments that mesmerise. Here's how to make your party playful, poetic and truly unforgettable.

Entertainment can be the difference between a wedding that guests remember and one they rave about forever. Today's newlyweds are reshaping how we celebrate, turning parties into full-scale immersive experiences. This guide rounds up some of the most inventive ways to keep guests talking long after the last dance.

Mind-blowing performance art

If you want to take a walk on the wild side, Ruby Flames Entertainment in Norfolk offers fire breathers, stilt walkers, walkabout acts and much more. It specialises in unique and alternative wedding entertainment to make guests' jaws drop.

"Whether it's a festival-inspired celebration, an Ibiza-themed rave, a forest gathering, or a tipi wedding, we thrive on creating bespoke entertainment for every couple," says

owner and performer Rebecca Griffiths.

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From dazzling showgirls, mirror unicorns, discohead dancers and live saxophonists to LED lightshows, aerial acrobats and interactive circus acts, Ruby Flames brings the wow factor to every celebration. It won a national award for the Most Unique Entertainment at the Quirky Wedding Awards 2024.

"All our costuming is created to match the couple's theme," Rebecca says. "From

Viking themes and dark gothic vibes to woodland fairies, flowers and butterflies, we love to reflect the couple's personalities within the entertainment they book."

For younger guests, bespoke children's entertainment includes circus workshops, fairies, sensory activities, story time and giant bubbles. "Our team seamlessly blends our backgrounds in performance and education to ensure every age is catered for throughout the celebration," Rebecca says. "We are totally flexible and will go with the flow of the event, and the needs of the guests."

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Divine your future together with a tarot reading from the Enchanted Wagon.

Mystical matrimony

Based in Great Yarmouth, The Enchanted Wagon is a fairytale space where guests can experience something out of the ordinary.

The beautifully styled vintage wagon offers the perfect photo backdrop, chill-out zone and entertainment area with intuitive tarot card readings that can be combined with a whimsical afternoon tea.

Each reading takes place in the wagon's cosy, candlelit interior, surrounded by rich textures, rustic details, fairy lights and bohemian styling that perfectly

complements outdoor, festival-style or woodland weddings.

“My tarot readings are gentle, uplifting and always positive,” says owner Donna Cuppleditch. “Couples love how The Enchanted Wagon adds something truly memorable and meaningful to their wedding day. It creates a sense of calm and magic amidst the excitement, and guests are always fascinated by the experience.

“Many say it becomes one of the most talked-about parts of the celebration. There really isn't anything else like The Enchanted Wagon.”

Touching typewriter poetry

Every romance deserves its own love language – and there's no better way to capture this than with poetry. Nathan Rodney-Jones from Norwich rattles off live, custom poems on a vintage Olivetti Lettera typewriter, bringing a touch of literary charm to your celebration.

“Just like no two weddings are the same, no two couples have the same story,” Nathan says. “I want to be a small part of yours by writing

poems that are unique to you and your guests.”

The process is simple: guests share a few words, a theme or a memory, and Nathan turns it into spontaneous, heartfelt verse crafted in the moment. “As a pop-up poet, I can transform the information you give me into custom poetry for your special day,” he says. “The distinctive sound of a typewriter can bring a certain vintage charm, and I would be available to your guests to write whatever they want – be that the perfect wedding gift for you or a reflection of their own story or just a silly idea they want a poem about.

“I believe that poetry can make people laugh and cry, can take us to other places or discuss what is deeply important to us.” >



Nathan Rodney-Jones captures your wedding in ink.

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