

# GEORGINA & ALEX AYERS

Alex and Georgina held a family-friendly wedding weekend with warm and rustic undertones during the Easter Bank Holiday

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Alex and Georgina Ayers have known each other for more than 15 years. Beginning as friends, the pair coupled up and had a son, Archie, before getting engaged in December 2021.

“A few weeks before the proposal, we had been to Luminate at Sandringham and they had a beautiful wishing tree,” remembers Georgina. “My wish, of course, was to be Mrs Ayers.”

Then, after their anniversary dinner, they were admiring the Christmas trees in the centre of Southwold when Alex pointed to a tag hanging on one of them.

“Alex had remade my tag from the wishing tree at Luminate and had written on the back ‘Will you marry me?’. It was perfect and so thoughtful.”

The couple, who live in Lowestoft, chose Hautbois Hall near Norwich as their venue, along with its in-house wedding planner Cheryl Beeney.

“From the moment we met Cheryl, she was brilliant,” says Georgina. “She helped us work to our budget, had regular check-ins, spent time with us deliberating on vendors and décor, and coordinated the day perfectly.”

Cheryl also encouraged the couple to book an extra night away after the wedding weekend – and they were really glad they did!

“It allowed us to decompress, take in the weekend and have time just us before we went back to being mum and dad.”

Alex and Georgina enjoyed the planning process so much that they decided to start

their own business – Ayers Event Hire.

“I knew I wanted to create the same moments and feelings for other families,” says Georgina.

A rustic and romantic theme encapsulated the wedding day on March 30, 2024 – the Easter weekend. Complementing their barn venue were natural elements including wood slices from Alex’s brother’s garden, floral hedgerow arrangements, candles and warm, beige tones.

Other unique touches included framing one of their tea towel invitations for the welcome sign and giving gold-wrapped Easter egg favours.

Archie, who was almost four at the time, was a key part of the day. Alex recalls his reaction to Georgina walking down the aisle to an acoustic version of Maisie Peters’ ‘Feels Like This’ by Hendrik Gardener.

“Archie shouted out ‘Daddy, look at mummy’ with the biggest smile on his face, which put a lump in the back of my throat!”

A feast of slow-cooked brisket, pulled pork and tonnes of extras was served during the day, with cheesecakes as dessert, plus a four-tier floral cake.

The first dance, ‘My Home’ by Myles Smith, was performed by Hyde Family Jam, who Alex and Georgina had discovered on a weekend away in York.

The celebrations were extended into the weekend, with the wedding party staying in Hautbois Hall’s on-site accommodation.

“It was lovely, and made the wedding feel so much longer than just the one day,” says Georgina.



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**Catering:** Smokin’ Grill Guy,  
smokinggrillguy.co.uk  
Chip Bucket, chipbuckets.com  
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**Wedding rings:** Goldsmiths,  
goldsmiths.co.uk

**Bridesmaids’ dresses:**  
JJ’s House, jjshouse.com

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Slaters, slaters.co.uk

**Stationery:** Wedding Tea Towels,  
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**Flowers:** East Creations,  
eastcreations.com

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