

GEORGIA BURKE & MATT JONES

Georgia and Matt's twilight wedding made the most of a long summer's day, with a jam-packed schedule of celebrations in the heart of the Norfolk Broads at Hautbois Hall

PHOTOGRAPHY: Thyme Lane Photography



Following a romantic proposal at the Taj Mahal three years earlier, we finally decided to start wedding planning. We decided on a summer wedding in Norfolk.

We wanted a wedding that broke tradition and most importantly, involved a big party. Hautbois Hall offered everything we were looking for: a blank canvas, an outdoorsy feel and plenty of character. It was even next to a river, which pleased Matt, who is a keen fisherman. Hautbois Hall also included the support of the venue's wedding planner, Cheryl Beeney, who was on hand throughout to ensure all ran smoothly. We decided on a twilight wedding, which allowed us to swap a traditional wedding breakfast for street food and save some money.

Next, we thought about capturing the day on camera. We searched for photographers on Instagram, looking for authentic photographs in addition to something quirky and fun. Noemi Banhidi and Pal Vincze from Thyme Lane Photography came out on top.

We had some other amazing wedding suppliers who made our vision come to life. We chose gorgeous, British flowers from the Norfolk Flower Farm in warm summer tones, Matt's suave olive-green suit from Studio Suits and the similarly coloured bridesmaids' dresses from Azazie.

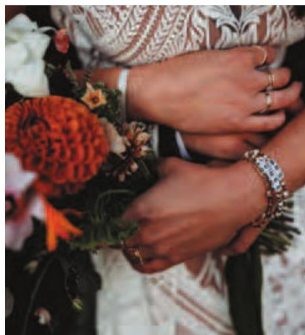
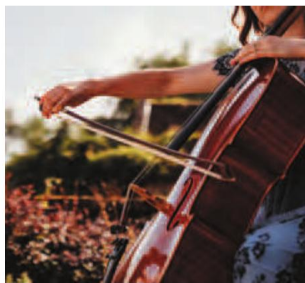
I always knew I didn't want a white dress, which led me to White Reflections Bridal in Norwich. I quickly fell in love with the designer Rue de Seine, with each dress I tried on fitting so beautifully and making a statement. I chose 'Rafia Sienna', with its gorgeous tan lining, cap sleeves, open back and detailed train.

The rest of the wedding planning and preparation involved a lot of mood boards, social media searches and plenty of DIY.

On the day itself, along with the help of our favourite people, we styled the barn using a collection of cane furniture bought on Facebook Marketplace, props hired from some fantastic suppliers and draping installed by Quirk Events.

With initial concerns about the weather, by midday the rain had cleared and our plan for an outdoor ceremony got the green light. It started at 5pm on the front lawn, with the sun emerging just as I walked down the aisle with my dad, Andy. Our very talented friend, Connie Smith, played the cello during our ceremony, which made it extra special.

After a speedy ceremony, the party started. There was plenty of rosé prosecco, tasty street food by The Cabin and a courtyard DJ set from Laurie Roe, before we headed inside. Our first dance was You To Me Are Everything by The Real Thing, which had everyone on the dance floor right up until midnight.





MAKING IT POSSIBLE

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Photography: Thyme Lane Photography, thymelanephoto.com

Venue: Hautbois Hall, hautboishall.com

Wedding planner: Cheryl Beeney Events, [instagram.com/cherylbeeneyevents](https://www.instagram.com/cherylbeeneyevents)

Accommodation: Norfolk Bells, norfolkbells.co.uk

Dress: ‘Rafia Sienna’ by Rue de Seine from White Reflections Bridal, whitereflections.co.uk

Wedding rings: Clarkes Jewellers Ltd, clarkesjewellers.co.uk

Bridesmaids’ dresses: Azazie, azazie.com

Hair: Styled by Sophie, [instagram.com/styledby.sophie](https://www.instagram.com/styledby.sophie)

Make-up: Amy Elshenawy

Groom’s outfit: Studio Suits, studiosuits.com

Flowers: Norfolk Flower Farm, [instagram.com/norfolkflowerfarm](https://www.instagram.com/norfolkflowerfarm)

Cake: House of Brownies, houseofbrownies.co.uk; Eat With Ella (vegan brownies), eatwithella.co.uk

Catering: The Cabin, thecabinnorfolk.com

Venue dressing: By the couple

Props: Proposal Wedding Hire, [instagram.com/proposalweddinghire](https://www.instagram.com/proposalweddinghire)

Garden games: Belles and Beaus Wedding Styling, bellesandbeausweddingstyling.co.uk

Drape hire and installation: Quirk Events, quirkevents.co.uk

Entertainment: Laurie Roe (DJ), [laurieroweddings.mailchimpsites.com](https://www.laurieroweddings.mailchimpsites.com); Connie Smith (cello), [instagram.com/conniemaysmith](https://www.instagram.com/conniemaysmith)