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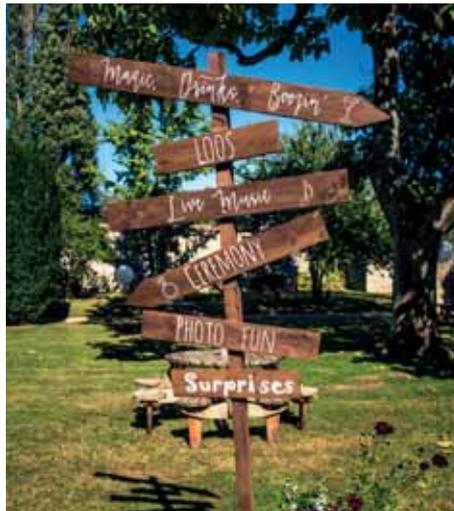
Jessica and Sam

Jessica and Sam were crowned winners of the third round of our Wedding of the Year competition. Here, Jessica tells us more about their big day...

Prior to our outdoor ceremony, we played really slow, boring instrumental music (on purpose) so that our upbeat, fun entrance song stood out even more – we practically danced down the aisle!

The moment I saw the reception room for the first time (before all the guests were sat down) was so lovely and it made me cry. Seeing all of our plans come together was just wonderful.

We're a fun-loving, outgoing couple and wanted our wedding to reflect our personalities, so we opted for a fiesta red colour palette, which included beautiful, wild flowers, handmade wooden signage, festival tassel garlands, giant pom-pom balloons and lots more.



Other surprises included the fantastic singing waiters, who posed as Russian waiters throughout the entire drinks reception and meal, then surprised all of our guests by breaking into Sexy Back by Justin Timberlake to both of our mums! They were just hilarious and really brought the wow factor to our wedding.

We had lots of personalised signage, from the minute guests arrived, directing them to different parts of our wedding day and giving them clues into what's coming next.

We fell in love with Notley Abbey the minute we turned into the long, tree-lined driveway. It was such a beautiful entrance and the abbey itself is just stunning. We wanted to put our own unconventional stamp on this quintessentially English venue, combining everything we love – class and elegance with colour and fun!

Jessica and Sam's contact book

Venue and catering bijouweddingvenues.co.uk/notley-abbey-wedding-venue-buckinghamshire | **Wedding planner and stylist** bo-chic.com | **Photographer** jeaphotography.co.uk | **Videographer** relliniartstudio.it | **Bride's dress** carolinecastigliano.com | **Hair** facebook.com/groups/lavitahairdesign | **Make-up** lmakeupartistry.com | **Bridesmaids' dresses** twobirdsbridesmaid.co.uk | **Florist** willowandthyme.co.uk | **Balloons** pompomstudio.co.uk | **Lighting** partylights.co.uk | **Photo booth** boxlessbooths.com | **Circus Act Trees Alive** via warble-entertainment.com | **Magician** paulmegram.com | **Band Pop London** via warble-entertainment.com | **Acoustic band** jamesmanders.co.uk and singerspro.com/uk/singer/profile/maya-dodd-1 | **Singing waiters** singing-waiters.co.uk



National winners

The winners of our Wedding of the Year competition will also get the chance to win our National Wedding of the Year title and a fabulous two-night break in a deluxe room at the prestigious Mandarin Oriental Hotel Paris, with breakfast included. Check it out at mandarinoriental.com/paris

