

Bride & Groom

Fun photos for your special day

As 'up cycling' is taking the country by storm one Mid Wales woman has taken it to the next level by transforming an old caravan into a vintage style photo booth and launching it as a business.

Vicki Owen bought the neglected caravan for just £250 and has spent the last 12 months lovingly ripping out old dated seats and decor to make way for the polka dot covered seats and shabby chic style painted wood.

Vicki, from Newtown, has even transformed the exterior of the caravan, affectionately named Martha, with trendy pastel coloured paints. Martha has now been launched as a photo booth hire business - 'Love Your Photos' - as a second arm of Vicki's existing business 'Love Your Home' - a gift and accessories website and home party business.

Vicki is now preparing to take Martha to wedding fairs to give bride and grooms the chance to book Martha for their big day. She will be offering Martha and various accessories, along with a photographer, for hire at weddings and special events for people to have fun photos taken in the caravan. Customers can book just the caravan if they want their photographer to take photos.

"Brides and grooms want a surprise element of their big day for their guests these days and Martha adds both a surprise and fun element to any venue.

"Guests can entertain themselves having photos taken posing with the vintage props in Martha whilst the bride and groom meet and greet and go through the formalities on arrival at the venue. Martha can also be the perfect place for dry photos if the weather isn't so good on the day.

Anybody who would like to find out more about Love Your Photos should contact Vicki on 01686 651012 or 07742 784590 or email vlobubbles@yahoo.co.uk



Waving a magic wand over your special day

There are many couples who have a particular passion - a book they love, a special place or even a time of year that reminds them of their first kiss or even the moment that sparked the romance.

And from these passions can come themes that make for a wedding day that is truly perfect for the couple saying I do.

Whether it is a winter wedding, a vintage wedding or even a Harry Potter wedding venues across the Midlands have seen some wonderful and creative themes in 2014.

The wedding team at The Wroxeter Hotel, based between Shrewsbury and Telford, have been overwhelmed by many of the special touches that brides and grooms have worked into their themes - and overwhelmed couples with ideas of their own! People from all over the world comment on photographs of Zoe and Alex Pitas after their Harry Potter wedding, which saw wedding favour wands, candles suspended from the ceiling and a guest battle on The Wroxeter lawn.

But a themed wedding is nothing new for The Wroxeter and their special guests have

also included Storm Troopers this year! Hannah Hall, of The Wroxeter, said: "Themes are fantastic because the bride and groom are always so at home because the day is matched exactly to them."

"We offer themed packages and this year are launching three more because we know how important they can be to a couple - and we have seen ourselves how amazing the special touches can make to a day.

"Obviously some are wilder than others but as soon as you meet the couple getting married you just know it will be perfect."

Themes can be costly and time consuming - Zoe and Alex had the favour wands individually made and sourced the table centre potion bottles from antique stores and car boot sales for months beforehand - but they are not out of reach if couples go for a themed package.

"We have already invested in the decorations and details needed for the themes so the couples preparing for the big day do not have to cover the cost to source them," added Mrs Hall.

"Those couples that want a small and intimate wedding without breaking the bank should be able to have it, and those that want a winter wedding with mulled wine, twinkle backdrops, and winter themed tables should be able to have that too!

"We are never surprised by the requests made in preparation for a wedding day, and one of the best things about themes is leaving the photographer open-mouthed by the look and feel of the room once the finishing touches are in place.

"As the autumn and winter wedding seasons approach we are extremely excited - colourful leaves and winter and snow always makes for some lovely scenes."

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