



zoolyweds news update – 3 July 2005

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Time flies

It's been a month since the last newsletter, meaning that there are now just two months to go until the wedding! So without further ado, onto the latest news.

Final list

First, the news that we know many of you have been waiting for: the wedding list is actually finished at last! It now contains around 40 present ideas, as well as suggestions of a couple of types of gift vouchers we could happily make use of.

Paul and Edith

Many of the recent additions to the list are 'retrospective gifts', meaning that we needed to buy them already (for the summer months, or when we first moved in to our house), but you can become the proud retrospective donors of the items by giving us a gift of the money we paid.

The full wedding list, and further information, can be seen at the web address below:
www.zoolyweds.co.uk/weddinglist.php

Pushing the envelope

We've now made retrospective gifts a bit less of a faceless money-gathering exercise, too, with the addition of special printable envelopes which you can download, cut out and stick together. Each envelope has a picture of the appropriate gift on the front and a space for a message on the back.

You can download these from any retrospective gift's details page on the web site, via the address above.

Eat, drink and be prescient

The newest page on the web site gives information about the food and drink that will be available on the big day.

From light refreshments upon arrival, through a sizzling barbecue, via our delicious

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chocolate wedding cake to our evening drinks, it's all on here to whet your appetites thoroughly. The page can be seen at:
www.zoolyweds.co.uk/foodanddrink.php

Composite video

Do you have a video camera that you're thinking of bringing to the wedding? Or, do you wish you did because you'd love to do a bit of filming? Either way, please read on...

We're hiring a professional photographer, because we've found one who fits our style nicely — he's not overly formal, he captures natural memories of the day in style, and of course he takes excellent pictures! He also provides all the digital photo files to us to do with as we wish. (Look out for your chance to buy high quality prints online later this year!)

Unfortunately, we weren't so lucky in finding a videographer who didn't want to edit everything together with awful cheesy music and tacky special effects and graphics, which would have been a waste even if we had liked them, since Paul's quite capable of editing together a video himself. Which brings us to the two key questions we need to ask you all.

First, if you're bringing your own camcorder to the wedding, would you be prepared to give us access to your footage, for it to be included in our video of the day? Please get in touch if so and we can discuss practicalities like how to get the footage to us in the best possible recording quality for editing.

Second, if you're not bringing your own video camera, would you be interested in using ours to film some of the day for us? Please don't be put off by thinking your results wouldn't be

professional enough — we'd rather have a less-than-perfect but well-intentioned video than none at all! We would **not** expect any single person to dedicate themselves to this during the day — ideally, several kindly guests would take turns on the camcorder to capture different bits of the day without taking up too much of their enjoyment time. Even Paul's hoping to do a bit of filming, although he probably won't actually get a chance — he just can't bear the thought of neglecting the camcorder for a whole day!

If you think you'd be interested in helping out in this way, we'd be very grateful, so please get in touch! We'll provide a short, easy-to-follow set of tips for good filming technique in advance, and put together a rough schedule for who can film which parts of the day. (If there's any particular part of the day you'd particularly like to film, do let us know.)

Aside from the warm glow of knowing you helped make our day extra memorable, this is also a way to guarantee yourself a good viewpoint for whatever it is you're filming!

After the wedding, Paul will get to work on editing together all the video footage we can lay our hands on, and we should eventually have a zoolyweds DVD!

Seats by the dozen

At the time of writing, 12 spaces remain on our 53-seater wedding coach (see previous newsletter). If you want to ensure you're among the lucky dozen in those last seats, please sign up for the coach now!

See you all soon,
Paul and Edith