

# zoolyweds

Paul and Edith's wedding

## zoolyweds news update – 3 August 2005

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### Time is tight

Only one month to go now, and preparations are hotting up. Quite what the difference between hotting up and heating up is, we're not sure, although we think you can only do the latter with your dinner. Or is that **eating** up?

### Decision deadline

Organising a wedding is proving to be more challenging than, for instance, organising an

alcohol-heavy celebration in a brewery, and as the big date nears we're afraid we're going to have to ask for final answers from those of you still unsure whether you can make it.

In order to finalise table plans, catering numbers and a few other bits and pieces, we would ask that you let us know for definite, one way or the other, by Saturday 20 August. This is two weeks before the ceremony and we really can't leave any 'maybes' in our plans after this point as there are too many things that rely on final numbers (and indeed names).

And of course, if you can let us know before 20 August, so much the better! ☺

### Confetto/spaghetti/graffito/cornetto...

Here is the fascinating story of confetti: the word is the Italian plural of 'confetto', which means 'sweetmeat'. Apparently, at Italian festivals a century or more ago, they liked to throw sweets at each other in celebration. Sadly, by the time the tradition reached the UK, we had decided that small pieces of paper were far more appropriate missiles than delicious sugary treats. More fool us.

Anyway, unfortunately you won't be able to throw anything – be it sweets, paper, or

indeed the paper in which sweets were wrapped – at our wedding, because there is too much risk of the confetti blowing into the animal enclosures and upsetting them.

So in case you were thinking of bringing small boxes of paper (e.g. the receptacle from the bottom of your shredder) with you next month, please think again and save your confetti for a wedding in a more traditional setting.

However, don't worry, your chance to deluge us with a stream of celebratory emissions is not lost: we'll be providing each and every guest with a little pot of zoolyweds **bubbles** to blow our way instead!

### **Don't make a List-ake!**

If you're considering getting us a gift from the wedding list, here's a quick reminder of the steps involved. All the 'actions' mentioned (reserve etc.) will appear as options on the gift's web page, which you get to by clicking its name on the list.

As soon as you think you'd like to get us something, 'Reserve' it. This reservation lasts for ten days, to give you time to go and buy it, or order it online. If you don't reserve an item but go out to buy it, someone else could be buying it at the same time as you!

You can renew a reservation at any point, to start the ten-day expiration period again. If your reservation expires, you'll get an e-mail telling you, and you can come back to the site and reserve it again if you still want to get it.

Once you've actually bought the item, you **must** return to the web site and click 'I have

bought this gift'. If you don't confirm your purchase in this way, your reservation will expire and someone else could then buy the gift as well!

Some of the gifts are 'retrospective'. This means we already own them, but they can retrospectively be gifts from you if you give us the money we paid for them! To get us one of these, just click the 'buy' button.

You'll have the option to print out a gift envelope with a photo of the gift on it, to put the money in!

### **Coach poached**

All but six seats have been grabbed on our wedding coach now, so you've just got time to claim a seat if you'd like one.

### **We've not been framed**

So far only one very kind person has offered to do some filming for us. If you'd like to help out too, we'll be most grateful – please let us know as soon as possible!

### **Still to come...**

Coming up in this last month, we'll be posting some new pieces of information to the zoolyweds web site, including details of exact coach pick-up points and times in London, so you'll know where to wait. If we think of any information you could possibly need to know before the day, we'll make sure we post it!

And, of course, we'll be in touch again before the day too.

Goodbye for now,

**Paul and Edith**