

# Tipis & Tractors - A Country Wedding

## The Brief

Sam and Luke asked CDC to cater for 120 guests at their two day wedding. True to the country, they were keen to create an atmosphere of rural charm and simplicity.

## The Venue

The couple chose Chittering Farm in Stretham, Ely, as their venue for the wedding celebration whilst the ceremony itself took place in their own home nearby. CDC are able to cater at private venues and have years of expertise catering at outdoor events. Instead of marquees, they chose tipis decorated with bunting that would blend into the landscape and create an intimate, atmospheric space. CDC liaised with the tipi company to ensure the perfect layout for the wedding breakfast and to make sure logistics ran smoothly on the day.

## The Food & Drink

After canapés and fizz at the house, the couple and their guests sat down for a three-course meal. Starters included a caramelised red onion & feta tartlet or duck liver parfait with fig compote & thyme brioche. For the main course the couple opted for sharing boards as a social way to get guests interacting with each other. One of the guests at each table was given a carving set, chef's hat and apron and got stuck in carving and sharing out the striploin of beef and roast pork shoulder. All the accompaniments were on hand for a traditional family roast lunch including horseradish, apple sauce, crackling, Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes as well as a selection of salads. For dessert there was eton mess or vanilla crème brûlée with homemade shortbread. The evening buffet included hog roast rolls, cheese wheels with bread, figs, grapes, celery and chutneys. Meanwhile drinks were kept traditional - wine, summer Pimms and firkins of real Pegasus ale. The wedding celebrations continued onto the Sunday where CDC put on a buffet lunch with lemon & thyme roast chicken, cured meat and fish platters and a selection of salads.

## The Details

The epitome of the country, every last detail at Sam and Luke's wedding had rustic charm. Bales of hay were used as seats during the ceremony and the bar was made out of wooden logs. The tipis featured an impressive fire pit as a centre piece and to top it all off there were tractors at the ready to transport guests around the farm!

