

# Happy Couple win a £21k Wedding for Charity

Local wedding planner Kerry Heathcote of Snapdragon Weddings sold raffle tickets to hundreds of couples last year, with a chance to win a wedding and honeymoon worth over £21k. Through raffle ticket sales and a fundraising ball Snapdragon Weddings raised a fantastic £3,928, all of which was donated to The Forever Friends Appeal's NICU 'Space to Grow Campaign'. This Campaign funded 50% of The Dyson Centre for Neonatal Care at the Royal United Hospital (RUH).

Local companies donated every part of the wedding and together they created a dream wedding for the lucky couple. The winners were announced at a Charity Ball held last October. Katie Mclean and Andrew Hurrell of Bradley Stoke, Bristol celebrated their wedding day on Sunday 17th June 2012 at Bailbrook House in Bath.

The Bride, Katie Mclean comments: *"Andrew and I were absolutely over the moon to win such an amazing prize which has completely changed our lives. The icing on the cake was that the money raised is going to such a wonderful and special cause to help the smallest babies at the RUH."*

Beautiful invitations designed by Meticulous Ink set the scene for guests before the big day, when the couple exchanged rings by Nicholas Wylde during a civil ceremony and celebrated with family and friends on the lawn, indulging in bucks fizz and canapés. The reception room looked stunning, draped with a marquee effect lining and fairy light ceiling by Oasis Events. Essential Events Hire provided beautiful décor including birdcage centrepieces set on mirror plates and teal chair sashes to tie in with Katie and Andrew's colour scheme. Guests enjoyed a three-course wedding breakfast before being entertained by Tom Carpenter, who performed a selection of swing and jazz songs whilst they enjoyed coffee and tasted the wonderful three-tier cake baked by Lemon Sky Cakes. The bride looked stunning in a strapless Maggie Sottero gown provided by The Clothes Horse Bath and with her hair make-up done by Beau Papillon. She carried a beautiful bouquet of purple astrantia, roses, thistles and garden herbs among others, provided by Flowers by Passion. Her bridesmaids looked lovely in teal coloured tea-length dresses provided by Sposa Elegante and the men looked handsome in suits by Austin Reed. The lucky couple ended the celebrations in style by jetting off for a week's honeymoon at Tregenna Castle Hotel in St. Ives. Katie and Andrew's day was beautifully captured by Kevin Mitchell Photography and White Villa Films, leaving them with memories to treasure forever.

Kerry Heathcote of Snapdragon Weddings comments: *"I chose to raise some money for new equipment for the NICU as my own little girl was premature and needed NICU care, so it's something that is close to my heart. I would like to thank all the suppliers who so kindly donated their time and services. I would also like to offer my congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Hurrell. After working closely with Katie to plan their wedding day, it was fantastic to see them both looking so happy!"*

Zoe Tainton of The Forever Friends Appeal says: *"We are utterly grateful for all the efforts made by Kerry and everyone involved in creating the wedding. They all helped to achieve such a fantastic project. The Dyson Centre for Neonatal Care has exceeded our expectations and is a wonderful model for future healthcare buildings."*