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Tell me a bit about yourself

My name is Nicola Postlethwaite and I am the Weddings & Events Co-ordinator at the Castle Green Hotel in Kendal, Cumbria

How long have you worked at your hotel for?

I have worked at the Hotel for almost 18 years, starting off in Housekeeping and working my way through Banqueting, Reception and then into the Sales Office in 2006.

How did you get into planning weddings?

I was ready for a new challenge in the Hotel and was offered a position covering maternity leave for up to 12 months. During this

time, I organised my own Wedding at Castle Green and on return from honeymoon was offered the position on a permanent basis. That was almost 12 years ago and I have never looked back!

How many weddings have you coordinated at your hotel?

I'd say somewhere in the region of 700+ weddings.

What is your favourite part of planning a wedding?

I just love the excitement of it all! There is something very special about meeting a couple for the first time and setting the scene for their dream day and how your venue can make it perfect



What is the strangest request you have received?

I once got asked to organise a medieval banquet, which was definitely a new one on me! We had jesters outside on the lawns, a banquet of suckling pig served to

the long tables for guests to share family style and the Bride wore a beautiful velvet gown with ornamental crown.

What is the shortest time you have been given with which to plan a wedding?

3 weeks from enquiry to the Wedding Day. Thankfully, they knew exactly what they wanted and this made things so much easier to plan.

Are there any trends that you love or any that you want to leave behind?

I love the sequin glamour and rose gold that's set to come this year and into 2020. I also think lots of twinkly lights and candlelight add a romantic atmosphere



What's your favourite colour combo for a wedding?

I do like the pastel combinations, I think they look so pretty and delicate...perfect for a springtime Wedding!

What traditions have you seen disappear whilst

being a wedding planner?

So many couples put their own spin on things nowadays and some of the traditional elements of a wedding such as bridal line, formal seating plan and cutting of the cake are sometimes removed from the details.

What would be your top tips for an engaged couple?

Be as organised as possible in the initial planning stages, so that you can make the most of enjoying the final build-up to the day.

Wedding magazines are great for getting ideas but it's also important to do the research and set a realistic budget around what your perfect day would look like.



Which celebrity wedding would you like to co-ordinate?

Ooooh, I'd love to plan Spencer Matthews and Vogue Williams' wedding. I think it would be very tasteful and no expense spared.

What quirky things have you seen some of your bride and grooms have at their weddings?

We have lots of couples that focus on the local aspect, incorporating Cumbrian elements into their day such as local meats

and cheeses on their menu, local spirits in their welcome drinks such as Lakes Gin and guest favours of Grasmere Gingerbread or Kendal Mint Cake.



Some quick-fire tips for brides and grooms planning their wedding.

Plan, plan, plan!

Take advice from your co-ordinator – they know what works and what doesn't in the venue

Give yourself time to make decisions, don't leave everything until the last minute and get yourself stressed unnecessarily