



Amy & James, Dockray - April 2015

This lovely couple hired us to look after them during planning, a few consultations, then be there on the day to coordinate their beautiful marquee wedding in a field in the Lakes. There were some great new suppliers to meet and some difficult morning weather to handle! We even took to gardening in the morning, turning over turf to cover up a lot of mud! The Groom and Ushers were in their wellies laying matting too. All hands on deck but it turned sunny and dried up. The day was glorious and such fun!

Why did you contact Weddings by Annabel?

A friend of ours had recently married in York, with a marquee style wedding, and had herself hired a wedding planner. Both the bride and the bridesmaids had told us how invaluable the planner was - dealing with suppliers, but also all the little things that crop up or need dealing with on the day itself. The concept, therefore, of having a wedding planner came highly recommended to us. We found Annabel on the internet and got in touch straight away.

Was it helpful having Annabel involved while planning?

Very much so. Annabel offered a very flexible set of services - from full involvement from an early stage, to consultations as and when required. Whatever it was we needed, she was able to provide. What was particularly invaluable was having another person (other than the bride and groom) who knew all the plans (and all our particular wishes). This meant that suppliers did not keep disturbing us during the day, and Annabel was also able to 'police' the bridal party (by which I mean groomsmen) to make sure they were doing their jobs. Annabel had been in touch with all the suppliers in the weeks prior to the wedding, so was also able to iron out any last minute queries. Again, all of this made us both feel very reassured - and allowed us to get on with just enjoying the day!

What were you most worried about while planning?

Missing or forgetting something. Until you start to organise a wedding, you don't realise how many different little things all need doing. We had 18 months to organise the wedding, so were able to deal with different suppliers; marquee decorations; invites etc all in little pockets. However, the closer you get to the wedding, the more you realise all these things need to happen all at once. We were very worried about forgetting something (where are the rings...!?).

Did you find anything very difficult?

Not really. The weather caused a bit of a headache in the week running up to the wedding , as the field the marquee was on all but turned into a mud bath. But the weather shone for us on the day - and it all dried up.

On the day, did you trust Annabel with your plans?

Totally.

Did anything happen that you could rely on Annabel for?

No major incidents I don't think - but we relied totally on Annabel throughout the day.

Would you change anything about your special day?

No.

Would you recommend Annabel?

Definitely.

On a separate note, would you recommend any of your other suppliers again?

We were really happy with all our suppliers. Particular mention would be to: MKC Catering (everyone said the food was some of the best they have ever had at a wedding) (recommendation from a friend); Your Marquee (the chaps braved wind, sleet, snow and sideways rain to get the marquee up - but did so with little fuss. They also saved the day somewhat in making two, unscheduled trips to York and back to source and supply some rubber matting to go on the field!) (an old school friend of Amy's sister); and Vine and Roses florist in Penrith - who were simply fab!

Wonderful photography by [DJB Photography](#)