



Two of a Kind

Coralie and Julie — By Matthew Stubbs



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Nowhere are today's values of individualism and self expression more evident than in weddings. The average bride will do anything, rather than book the same venue or décor as her friend. This is why we believe that no two weddings at Oakfield Farm should ever be the same. Even when things are working best, our policy is one of "continuous change".



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Still, no matter how hard you try there are only so many great venue options, only seven colours in the rainbow, and only an A line or B line wedding dress from which to choose.

The big question is: "Does it all matter?"

I met Coralie and Julia de Gesigny at Coralie's and Vincent wedding on the 7th August 2005. Although not identical twins, they have since birth, been inseparable. Each copies the other as a role model, and it is difficult to tell them apart. As bride and matron of honour, this beautiful and gracious pair certainly made the wedding unique.

When the 3rd March 2007 was chosen for Julies and Nicholas's wedding day, we

were enormously honoured but also a little anxious. Would Julie's wedding have the same sparkle, or would it just be a slick repeat performance? To complicate matters, all but one of the recommended specialists for Coralie's wedding, were booked again.

So, we had the same venue, the same specialists, at least half guests and many of the same speakers. As for the bride and her matron of honour, they were simply swapped around. Like the sequel to a good movie, all we could do was give of our very best and hope that nobody would feel disappointed.

Fortunately, my fears had no foundation! Julie and Nicholas had a wonderful summer wedding. Guests who attended



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both weddings told me that the weddings simply could not be compared. Both were very special.

The simple fact is that no two weddings can ever be the same. What makes every wedding unique is the melting pot of the personalities, of the couple and their families and friends who come together to witness the magic of two lovers, joined together in marriage. Irrespective of what you do, or how you do it, remember this is a once-only occasion. Soak up in every moment, there will never again be another day like it.



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