



# ROYAL WEDDING FEVER

# It's 29 April for us, too!

We're all buzzing about Prince William and Kate Middleton setting a date. But it's already a special day for one couple...

**F**or almost two years Louise Peto and her fiancé Paul Boulden have spent all their spare time excitedly planning their wedding – from the venue to choosing the menu and the flowers. And when they discovered it was going to be on the same day as the wedding of the decade, they were delighted.

'I had a barrage of texts and Facebook messages when the news was announced,' says Louise, 27, from Godalming, Surrey. 'I thought it was fantastic.'

'I've always felt a connection with Prince William because we share a birthday – 21 June – although I am a year younger than he is.'

Some brides might have been disappointed at the thought of being overshadowed by another wedding, let alone a royal one – but not Louise. In fact, she and Paul, 32, are more than happy, especially as a public holiday has been declared to mark the day. 'We've got family travelling from all over the country, so the fact it's

The nation is getting a holiday for Kate and William's wedding

a holiday weekend makes it easier for everyone to get time away from work to join us,' says Louise.

She and Paul have been together for eight years after meeting through



Paul and Louise their date first

work. Louise has been in PR while Paul works in computer gaming. They were both based in London when they got engaged. They got engaged on a trip to New York in April. 'When Paul got down on his knee I was so shocked I barely see the ring through my tears!' remembers Louise. 'I had absolutely no idea that it was planning to propose.'

While the cost of William and Kate's Westminster wedding will run into millions and they'll entertain thousands of guests from across the world, Louise and Paul's Big Apple-themed day will be more intimate.

Their budget is £20,000. They've invited 120 guests to be married at the Great Hall at Godalming Park, Surrey. 'I'm not going to do anything away about it,' insists Louise. 'But I can't wait to see what Kate chooses.'

And they're not worried that guests might try to get away from the ceremony to watch the other wedding.

'It's not like it's the Victoria Cup!' laughs Louise. 'I've got a few friends who had to travel to London to be married on the royal day, but now saying ours is the real day of the year. We can't wait

## I look just like Kate!

Dancer Collette Mullarkey, 23, from London, is the best lookalike we've seen!

'You look so much like Prince William's girlfriend,' people told me when he started dating Kate Middleton. I didn't really believe it, although it was flattering.

But once when I was at a nightclub in London that Kate goes to, I could feel people staring at me. And then at Ascot last year, a man came up and asked if I was Kate.

My boyfriend Ben, 24, thinks it's great. He doesn't look like William, though! It was his mother who suggested I send in my photo to a doubles agency. Susan Scott Lookalikes got back to me immediately.



We swear it's Collette, not Kate!

Since the engagement, the job offers have been flooding in. They tend to be corporate parties, charity events and media opportunities where they couldn't expect to get the real Kate. I might go to some events with a William lookalike – but all the others I'll do on my own. The average job pays me £400 upwards.

Kate seems very grounded and down-to-earth. Of course people will criticise her along the way, but she probably expects it. I think William is lucky to have her – and I'm lucky to look like her!

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