## BRIDE-TO-BE INSIGHTS

Abride

WITH A

PLAN!

Tasting cakes, all in the name of research!

Our real bride, Clemmie, finds fun in the wedmin (yes, really) (yes, really)



hat is the best thing about wedding planning? Eating cake samples? Maybe. Wedding DIY? Fun for five minutes. Trying on lots of beautiful white dresses? Not quite. Nope, the best thing about wedding planning for me is our so-called wedding meetings! As bizarre as it sounds, sharing an event as important as a wedding with someone you love creates a very special club.

So far we've had two official wedding meetings where we make some time to sit together and discuss what we want for the day and generally get a little bit too creative. The first meeting started with red wine (always good) and involved plotting out the day. There were diagrams and infographics (okay maybe we had a bit too much vino) and before we knew it, our whole day was mapped out ahead of us. After trying to read our incomprehensible handwriting with slightly fuzzy heads the next day we agreed that our next wedding planning sesh would be a bit more sedate.

Along with a couple of laptops, a big plate of pastries and a serious pot of tea we began the slightly more tedious stage of putting our plans into action. We Googled away and blasted out what felt like a hundred emails to a variety of different suppliers.

A surprising amount of things have been ticked off the list, but there are still a few things straggling – catering and music are both proving pretty tricky. Good band recommendations are surprisingly hard to come by ("My friend had a really good band at their wedding – I can't remember what they were called though" – not helpful).

Luckily though there will be many more planning meetings to come – I'm thinking a pub lunch and real ales for the next one or maybe some signature cocktail invention!