

PICTURE PERFECT

With the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton this month we turn our attention to things matrimonial and take

a special look at wedding photography. In days gone by I think we can all remember attending weddings where the pictures after the ceremony were an interminable ordeal that seemed to go on for hours.

Thankfully those days are a thing of the past largely due to the invention of digital cameras coupled with the skills of snappers like our talented local resident Paul Barker. Paul has worked as a professional photographer for the UK newspapers and international news agencies for over 20 years, covering events as diverse as the funeral of the Princess of Wales, and the Champions League Finals, to the Live 8 concert in Hyde Park. He now applies his experience and time-honed techniques to produce the highest quality

reportage style wedding photography.

"I am usually asked to take some formal shots, especially



of the happy couple,

immediate family, bridesmaids etc, but now most couples want a far more relaxed style of wedding photography and that is what I do best. Sometimes great shots just present themselves, other times they need



a gentle nudge; having the ability to capture those moments in a creative way is where 20 years experience comes into play".

Paul offers a variety of levels of service starting with coverage just at the church up to capturing the full day, from the bride getting ready to the first dance. Prices include all the images from the day copyright free on disc so couples are free to order their own prints, books, dvd's etc.

"A wedding is a once in a lifetime event so getting the pictures right is a one shot deal. Some couples feel they can make their own albums or DVDs which can save quite a lot compared to the all in package fees that I have seen some photographers charge. I do provide a full range of 'post production' services, the costs for which are just a reflection of the time involved. but getting a great set of images from the day is the most important thing." For more information take a look at www.weddingreportagephotography.co.uk or call Paul Barker on **01535 643686** or 07830 207123, though if you are looking to book for the 29th of April 2011 then I'm afraid you are out of luck because Paul will be in London covering the royal wedding for one of the UK's national newspapers!









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