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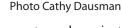
Celebrating Royally in Lafayette

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By Cathy Dausman



Wedding guests wait for their princes in the carriage





Royal Cupcakes (citrus cakes with fondant topping) are sweets fit for a princess! Photo Caroline Somary

were in place, and Union Jacks fluttered in the breeze. Honored guests were dressed to the nines. It was time to celebrate the April 29th marriage of Will and Kate. But this was not London—this was Lafayette. This was a Royal Wedding Tea Party hosted for twenty five elementary school children and their parents, all friends of Caroline Somary. On sun-drenched backyard tables piled high with craft supplies, guests drew London doubledecker busses, assembled floral beautiful little town," Somary bouquets, corsages and made said of his generous gesture. royal figures and miniature cas-

he carriage and red carpet and black currant punch, apricot and strawberry jam tarts, egg salad and cucumber tea sandwiches, and royal cupcakes.

Somary said one young guest loved the jam tarts so much he returned two days later for a second helping.

A rack of princess dresses stood ready for young guests to use. Somary set the party tone herself in a tea length, white polka dot dress and matching hat, a loan from the owner of Sandy's Unique Boutique. "This is such a

For Somary the event was tles. The menu featured apple less about "princess glitter" and



Hats, dresses, flowers and a flag for the occasion Photo Caroline Somary

more about a chance for her know," was her short reply when history" of her native England. The guests came with their own tion to the craft table. Royal Questions, such as where William and Kate will live, and Cheshire County, England, near was it actually a holiday in Eng- the town of Manchester. She land on their wedding day.

sion, however, escaped at least She and her husband own one young attendee. "I don't SpringLoaf Catering.

guests to learn the "heritage and questioned about the bride and groom. She returned her atten-

Somary was born in moved to the U.S. 10 years ago The importance of the occa- and to Lafayette three years later.

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