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United Kingdom 519 Posts

Posted - 07/04/2007 : 10:40:34

They're not overly flattering but... whilst looking for something on the net earlier I came across these two piccies by chance with an accompanying newspaper article (also not overly flattering and at times inaccurate!) dated 4th August 2006 :



Kathy

Wasn't born to follow



Australia 6508 Posts

MattMidd1

I've got a good thing



United Kingdom 4270 Posts

Posted - 07/04/2007 : 13:16:05

Yes, I have seen them before. I have always wondered who the people are on the right of the second picture. Would I be right in guessing that one is Helene Sellery?

XX Kathy



Posted - 07/04/2007 : 13:22:18

Yes, that they are from 1984 and they are from Dusty and Teda's wedding. I think maybe we should leave Teda to tell you more about this.

Matt.

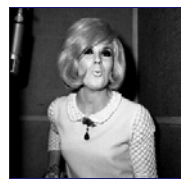
16 weeks; then a different country, here I come!!

**DivineDusty**

I'll try anything



Posted - 07/04/2007 : 13:33:49



I hadn't seen this before. First time I've seen the both photos

.Divine.Dusty.

\*\*\* I just decided I wanted to become someone else... So I became someone else. \*\*\*

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Posted - 07/04/2007 : 20:25:58



**Admin/Mods - Please delete this thread if it causes offence to any members of the forum as that was not my intention when posting. Thanks B x**

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This is the newspaper article that accompanied the above photos :

### **The day Dusty vowed: I only want to be with you**

4th August 2006

Wearing a meringue dress, with her trademark panda eyes gleaming, this is Dusty Springfield on her 'wedding' day. The soul singer 'married' her lesbian lover in a secret ceremony 23 years ago.

In these never-before-seen photographs, Miss Springfield, who came out as bisexual in 1972, exchanged vows with a little-known American actress, Teda Bracci, in front of a select gathering of friends.

While the rest of the party - all former inhabitants of the notorious Los Angeles rehab centre Friendly House - were robustly attired in an assortment of trouser suits and padded jackets, Miss Springfield opted for a more feminine outfit.

As well as a full-length white gown bought from a local charity shop, she wore long lace gloves and a 3ft veil, and clutched a delicate posy of flowers.

A satin Stetson hat covered her famous peroxide blonde beehive locks, but a heavy lashing of mascara ensured that her dark-rimmed eyes looked as striking as ever. By contrast, her brunette 'bridegroom' sported a black velvet suit teamed with a dashing bright red necktie. When guests were asked whether there were any objections to the 'marriage', each member of the party raised their hands in jest. Even Miss Springfield, then aged 44, jokingly put up her arm.

The wedding was held in the garden of the San Fernando Valley ranch owned by Miss Springfield's close friend Helene Sellery, a fellow veteran of Alcoholics Anonymous.

While Miss Springfield, a recovering-alcoholic, remained sober, her partner had sneaked in a single bottle of champagne - much to the star's disappointment.

After the event, the couple were driven back to their nearby home in a Volkswagen Beetle, rowing furiously throughout the journey.

Despite going to extraordinary lengths for the 'wedding', they split less than two years later. Their tempestuous relationship began in 1982 when they met at an Alcoholics-Anonymous meeting, held at the Friendly House.

In April 1983, they moved in together and seven months later announced they were getting 'married' - although the union would not be legally recognised under Californian laws.

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He said the marriage was mainly the singer's idea. 'Dusty was drying out at the time and so she specifically requested that there be no alcohol at the wedding.

'When she was told that Teda had snuck in a bottle of champagne, Dusty went mad, and when it came to the exchange of vows, she snarled, "You've been drinking haven't you?". It was a very awkward moment and afterwards Dusty initially refused to smile for the photos.

'Aside from this glitch, it was an incredibly beautiful, happy occasion and the wedding was one of Dusty's most treasured memories.'

When their relationship came to an end, Miss Springfield - born Mary O'Brien, in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in 1939 - found love with a string of different women.

The star, who performed with Jimi Hendrix, was known as the 'white queen of soul'. After leaving The Springfields, the band she had set up with her brother, Tom, in 1963, she enjoyed phenomenal success as a solo artist.

Some of her best-known hits include I Only Want To Be With You, You Don't Have To Say You Love Me, Son Of A Preacher Man, and I Just Don't Know What To Do With Myself.

She died in 1999, just before her 60th birthday. On her sexuality, she once said: 'I couldn't stand to be thought of as a big butch lady. But I know that I'm as perfectly capable of being swayed by a girl as by a boy.'

Edited by - goin back on 07/04/2007 20:49:36



**allherfaces**  
Administrator  
★★★★★

Posted - 07/04/2007 : 21:06:52

Thanks, Bev, I took out a few of the cheesiest paragraphs. If anyone has any problems with what's left, let me know.



xo Bosseh/allherfaces/Nadja

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