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MEMBER INFO

Who
Debbie Gillespie
Costco member since 1999

Hometown
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire

Family
Husband Chris, 10-year-old daughter, Cate and 11-year-old son, Sam

Occupation
Award-winning wedding cake designer

Business
Debbie Gillespie Cake Design (debbiegillespiecakedesign.co.uk)



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She takes the cake

Debbie Gillespie is a fully qualified physiotherapist, and she's also worked in the Philippines for the UK Diplomatic Service. But nowadays, for the 2016 winner of the North of England Wedding Awards, it's all about cakes.

"I absolutely love to make creative wedding cakes, producing something that's a big part of a couple's special day and makes

them feel really happy," Gillespie says. "I encourage couples to be bold in their design choice, and anything goes. Last year, I did a *Doctor Who* themed cake, and Doctor Who herself, Jodie Whittaker, complimented it on Instagram! I'll only make two cakes a week, as I refuse to compromise on quality—most wedding cakes take about 20 hours."

Gillespie says lemon cake is the current trend, although her courgette and lime cakes are very popular. "My ambition," she says, "is to continue to create edible works of art."

— Gordon Craigie

Debbie Gillespie and some of her creative cake concoctions. Yes, they're edible!