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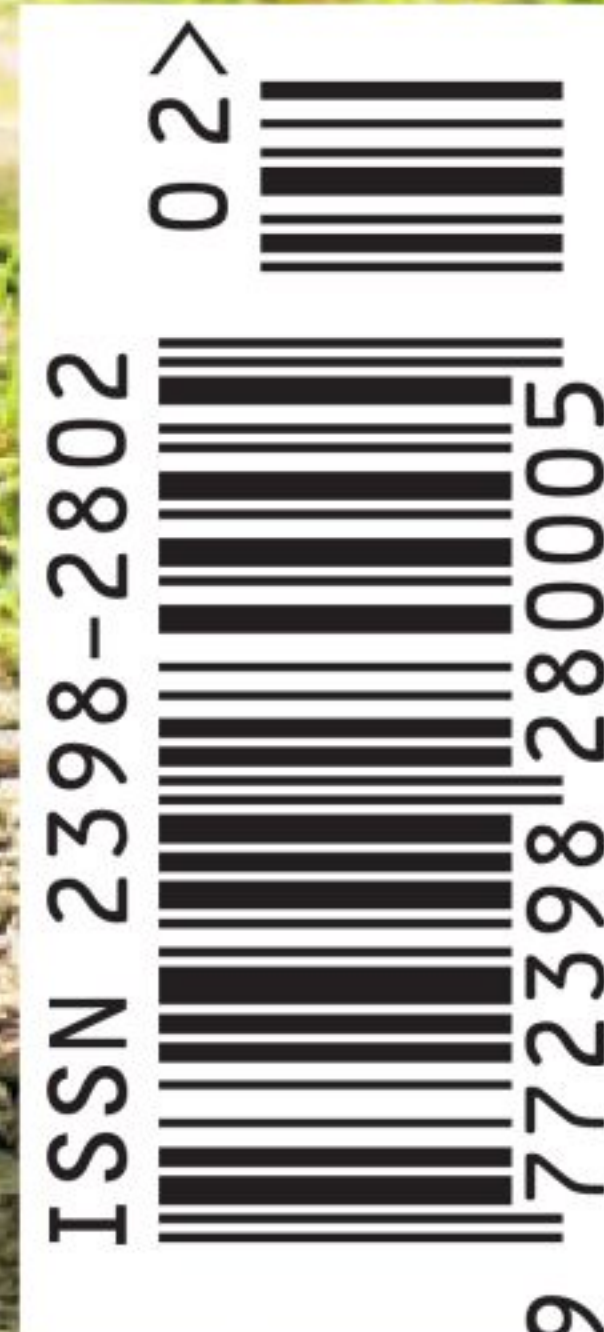
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Celebrate good times



I can't believe we're celebrating the 60th issue of *Your North West Wedding*. It seems like only yesterday I was beginning my first issue, but here we are! To mark this milestone, I've created an issue bursting with inspiration. We have five real weddings, starting on page 29, two regional shoots on pages 75 and 79 and a special anniversary feature on page 70.

I hope you had a wonderful festive season and if you received a ring – congratulations! Whether you're at the beginning or end of your planning journey, we understand how stressful it can be. To avoid getting overwhelmed by the to-do list, take some time out and declare it a wedding-free zone. Share the load and don't be afraid to ask loved ones for help.

I hope you enjoy the issue and don't forget you can submit your wedding at any time by visiting this link – yournorthwest.wedding/get-involved-real-wedding

Thank you for sticking with us through the years, and here's to another 60 issues!

Melissa x

Melissa Barker,
Editor

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PAGE 97.



If you've booked your venue, then the next thing you'll be thinking about is how to style it. With so many options available, this can seem like a daunting task, but the most important thing to remember is that any space can be transformed with even the most simple of details. To help give you some inspiration we've asked local suppliers for their top tips on page 65. ►



I adore this dress from our spring florals feature on page 85.



Diamonds are used to symbolise 60th wedding anniversaries. Find out more on page 70.



The Coppermines Lake Cottages has reinstated a Victorian wheel that was used to provide power to the sawmill in 1850. See page 9 for more details.



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Planning your big day can be stressful! Head over to page 59 to see local suppliers' top tips.



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This striking bouquet is from Lucy and Richard's nuptials, see more from their big day on page 35.



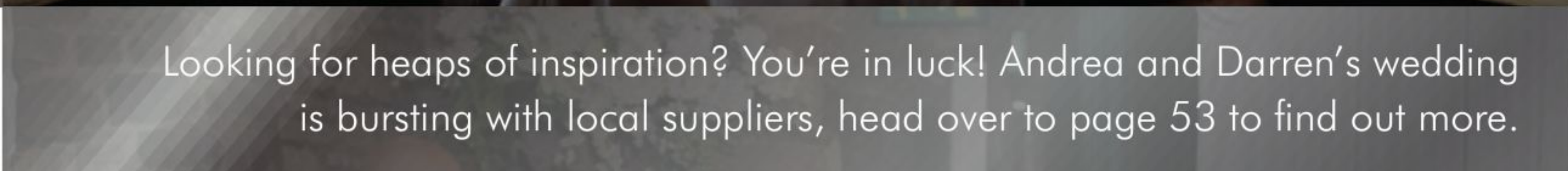
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I'm obsessed with bride Rebecca's dress. Flip to page 40 to see more from her wedding.



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How cute is this image from Abbie and Simone's wedding?! Turn to page 47 to find out more about their nuptials.



Looking for heaps of inspiration? You're in luck! Andrea and Darren's wedding is bursting with local suppliers, head over to page 53 to find out more.



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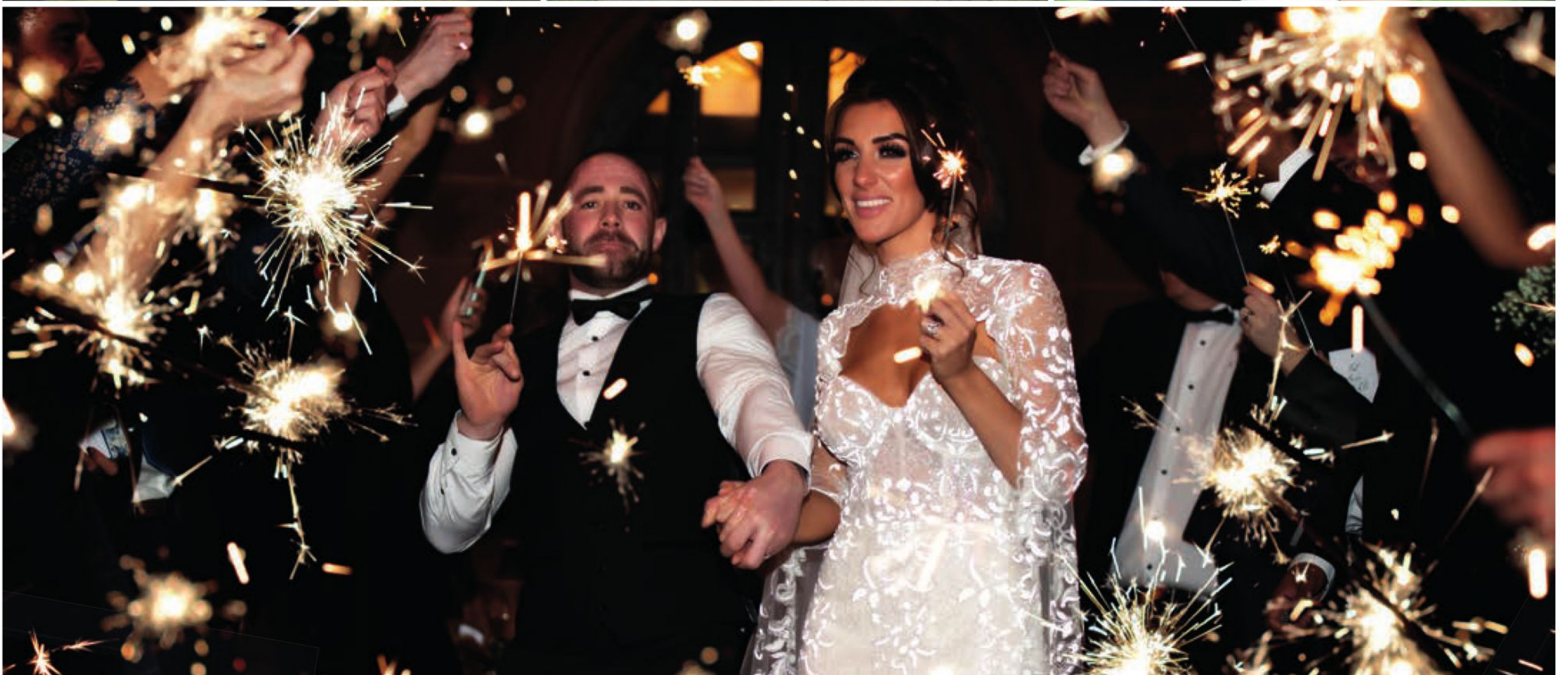
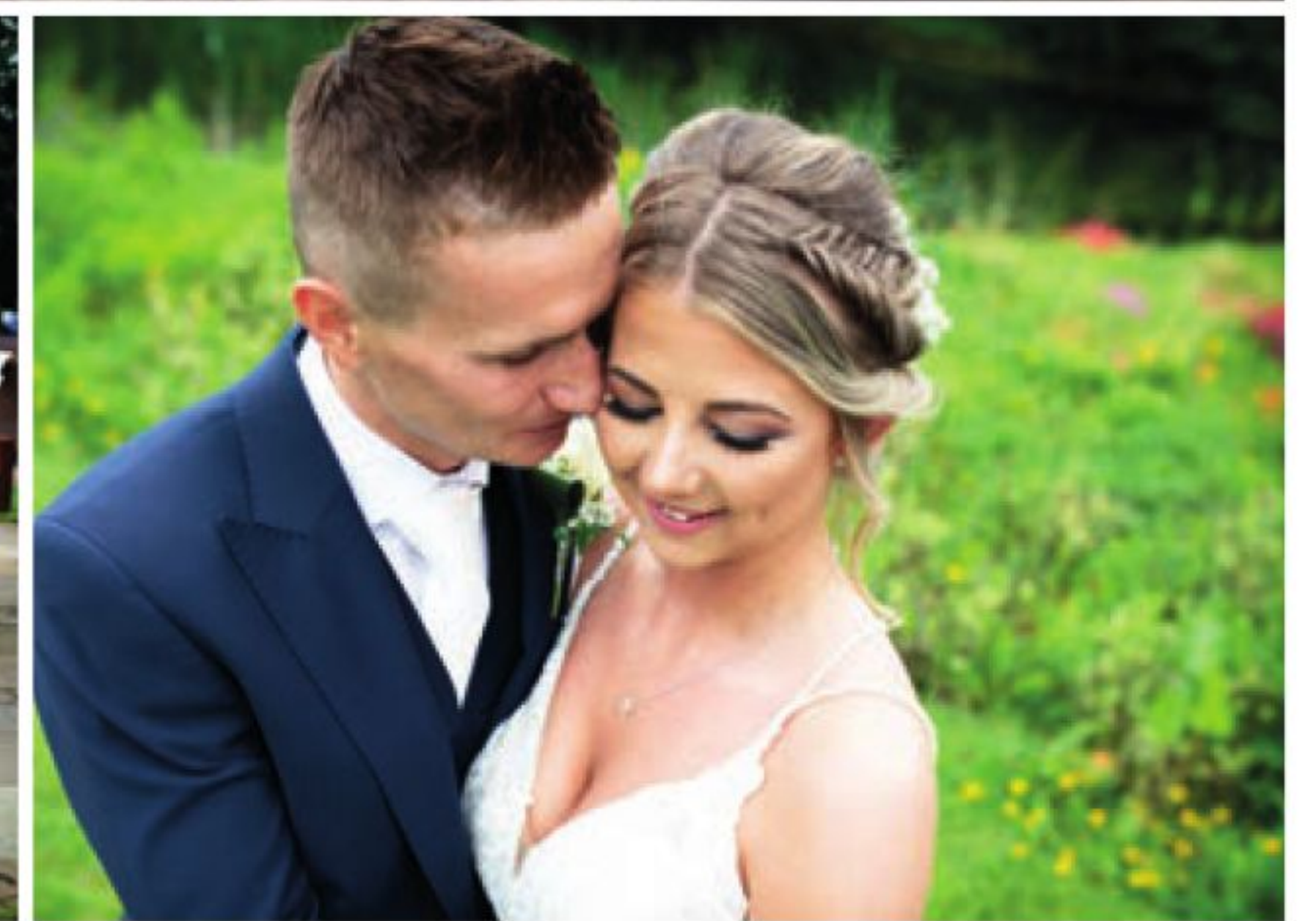
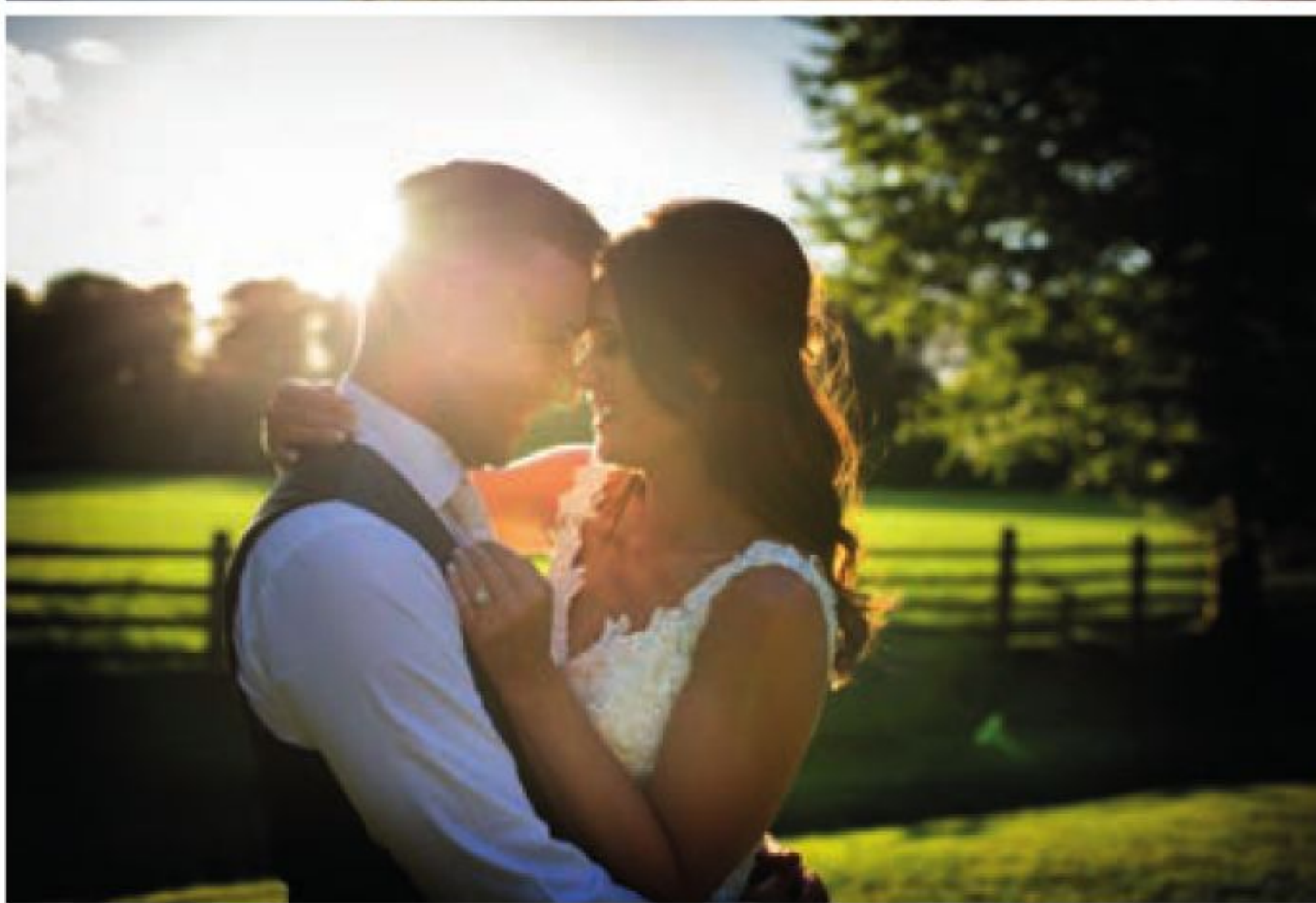
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Find out how real bride Rebecca chose her bridesmaids' dresses on page 29.



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The Lake District Wedding Fair is returning this February. Following on from last year's success, the 2020 event will have more than 80 local suppliers and a new eco zone where visitors can discover more about going green on their big day.

Street food vendors and live entertainment will also be available as well as catwalk shows, and special seminars with wedding planner Annabel Candler.

Annabel says: "This event isn't just about the ceremony and the reception. We want to showcase the full Lakeland wedding experience, including what to do the day before or after the main event. With its awe-inspiring landscape, many couples travel from across the country to tie the knot in the Lake District, and we hope this event will help inspire many more to consider the wide range of options on offer here."

The event is taking place on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd February, 2020 at The Exhibition Hall in Cumbria.

Check out lakedistrictweddingfair.co.uk to see more.

Nearlywed NEWS

All the latest from around the North West



REST AND RELAXATION

Tweedies Bar & Lodge has unveiled a new retreat for March 2020 to celebrate 250 years since the birth of renowned poet William Wordsworth. The three-night break will enable participants to open themselves up to the power of poetry, as well as the positive impact yoga can have on the body. A vegan menu will be on offer throughout the weekend, specially prepared by head chef, James Goodall, who trained under the renowned Raymond Blanc. All bookings include three-nights accommodation, breakfast, brunch, afternoon snacks and activities.

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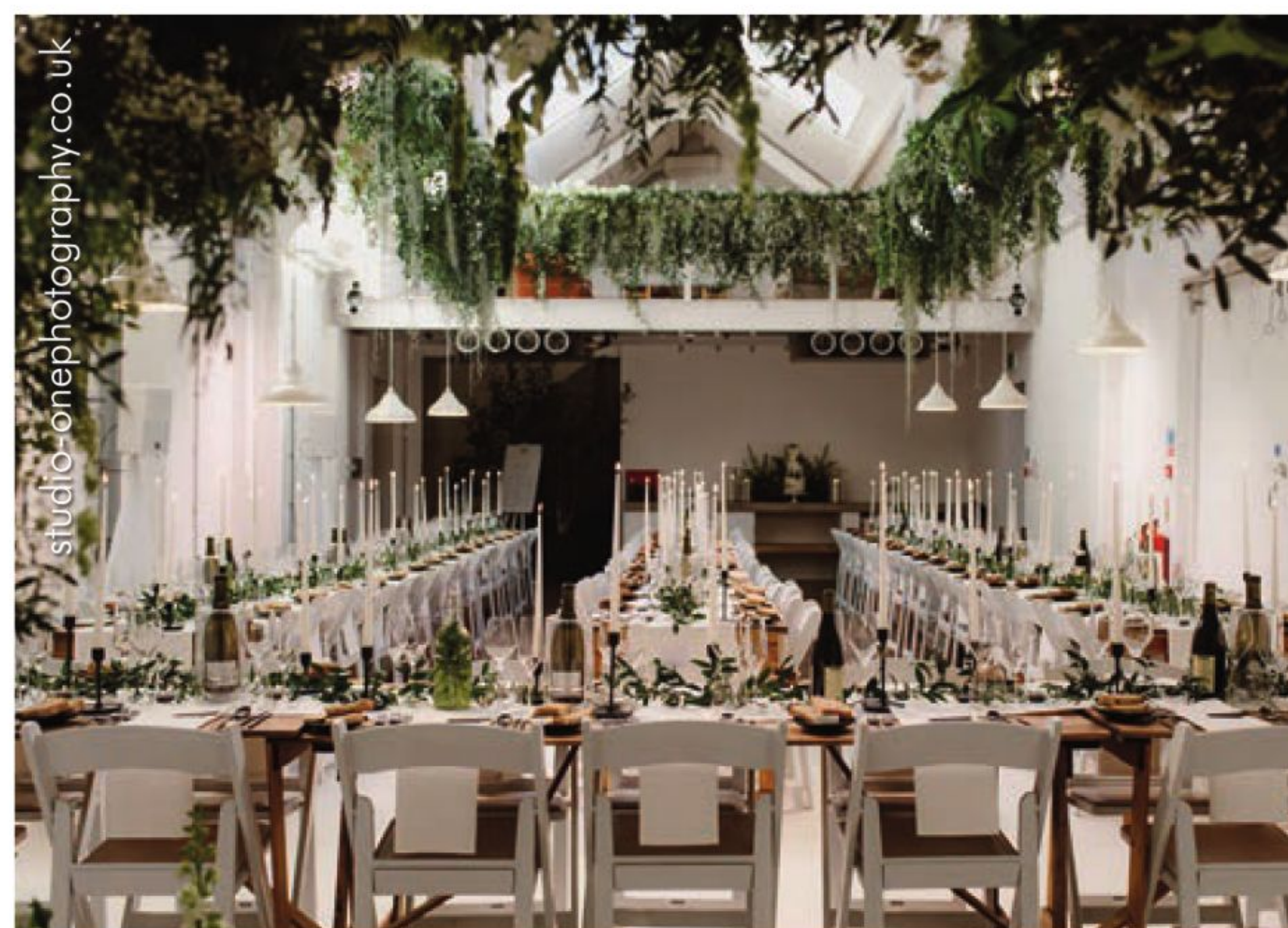
The Coppermines Lake Cottages has reinstalled a wheel that was used to provide power to the Victorian sawmill from 1850.

The managing director, Phil Johnston, said: "When the opportunity came knocking for us to restore this beautiful feature, we couldn't say no. There's no doubt that the decision will be welcomed by everybody, from local historians to guests. My team is already getting on with the work, and I expect it to be fully completed in early 2020."

Set in the heart of the majestic Coppermines Valley, The Coppermines Lake Cottages is a popular wedding venue with a range of accommodation available.

Rebecca Forsman, from The Coppermines Lake Cottages, said: "We can guarantee that no two weddings held here are ever the same. The addition of the waterwheel is one which we're very excited about, and we know our guests will be too!"

For more information, visit coppermines.co.uk



EXCITING NEWS

Fivefourstudios is a new wedding space in Manchester. This impressive venue is spread over three floors and can accommodate 120 ceremony guests and 240 for the reception. This versatile property is ideal for bespoke weddings, where couples are encouraged to think outside the box and do their day, their way.

The ground floor can host the ceremony and/or wedding breakfast, with the adjoining studio and courtyard serving as additional spaces for a drinks reception, games room, photo booth area or a late-night food court. The first floor has a low-lit bar creating an ideal space for welcoming drinks, and the top floor can be used intimate services.

To find out more, visit fivefourstudios.com



Much needed R&R

The Good Spa Guide, the UK's leading authority in the spa industry, has revealed the results of its 10th annual award ceremony. Winners were announced during a gala dinner at the Spa Life conference in Coventry.

The Spa Hotel at Ribby Hall Village (ribbyhall.co.uk) took home the prize for Best Day Spa, Stanley House Hotel & Spa (stanleyhouse.co.uk) was awarded Best Boutique Spa, and The Midland Hotel (themidlandhotel.co.uk) won Best Urban Spa.

The editor of The Good Spa Guide, Caitlin Dalton, said: "We're delighted to highlight and reward UK spa industry excellence through our awards. This year there's been some incredible new and refurbished spas and facilities, showcasing the finest technology, design, materials and planning. The results are the latest word in luxury for an audience that is increasingly seeking relaxation and an escape from everyday life."

Check out goodspaguide.co.uk for more.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The winners of the HJ's British Hairdressing Awards have been announced. The ceremony celebrates the best in the industry, recognising and rewarding the creative talents of individuals and teams who make it so vibrant.

HJ's executive director, Jayne Lewis Orr said: "Each year, British hairdressing goes from strength to strength. These awards serve to celebrate not just the sheer technical skill involved in hairdressing, but also the creativity and vision behind the extremely accomplished execution. Each winner has demonstrated an ability to dream big, and then bring that concept to life in imagery that's beautiful, inspiring and directional. We're very proud of all the winners."

Jon Wilsdon from Toni & Guy Deansgate was awarded North Western Hairdresser of the Year – congratulations!

Visit hji.co.uk for more information



New venue alert!

Hotel Brooklyn on Portland Street, Manchester is set to open in February 2020. Designed by the Squid Inc team who worked on the renowned Hotel Gotham, the hotel is set to have 189 modern bedrooms.

The lead interior designer of Squid Inc, Olly Redfern, said: "It was an honour to work with Bespoke Hotels again to create another iconic Manchester hotel with a strong identity and character. Weaving the lines between Manchester and Brooklyn is a bold and inspiring project that draws many parallels, and it was incredibly fun to do, partnering with some of the best local suppliers to create the finished look."

Find out more at hotelbrooklyn.co.uk

THE LAST HURRAH

Gung Ho, a giant inflatable obstacle course, is returning to Manchester this April. Perfect for a hen or stag do, this event will see participants running, jumping and climbing their way to victory over a 5km distance.

Alan Brown, the event director, said: "We're working extremely hard to make each event fresh and exciting so that even if you have taken part before this will be even more exciting than the first time."

Gung Ho is also a great way to raise funds for charity with more than £1 million raised for good causes to date. The event is taking place on Saturday 4th April, 2020.

To register, visit begung-ho.co.uk





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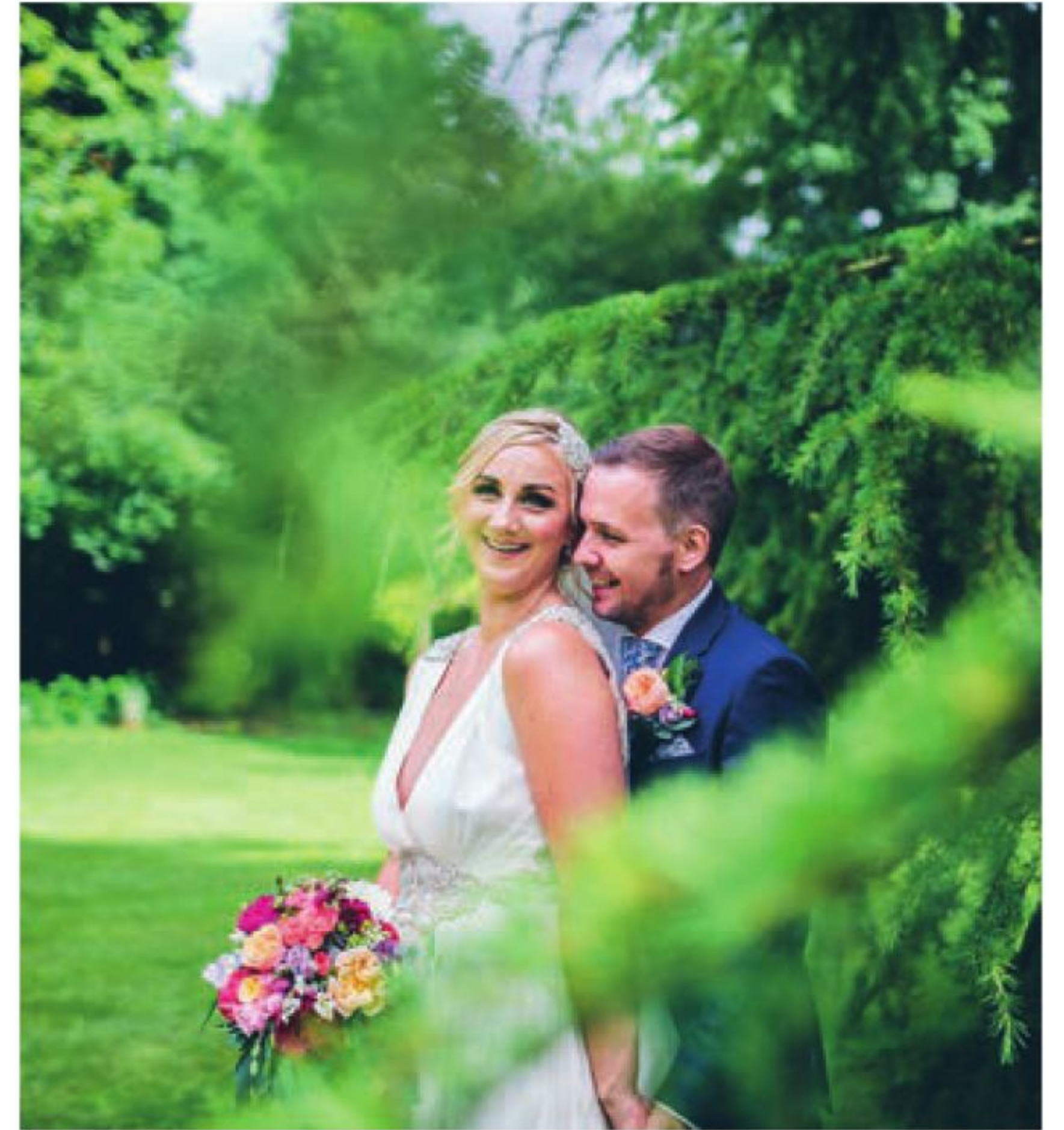


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Kerri's Bespoke Cakes is based in Sale, South Manchester and specialises in creating bespoke wedding bakes that look and taste amazing. The company uses the finest ingredients and offers a wide range of flavours, including vanilla sponge, chocolate and caramel. Owner Kerri will help you create the design of your dreams, and as part of your booking, you'll receive a sample box where you'll be able to try the different flavours on offer.

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Based in Blackburn, Lancashire, Flower Crown Magic specialises in creating bespoke flower crowns and hair accessories. The team offers a wide range of faux and silk flowers to choose from and all items are handmade with incredible attention to detail. Brides-to-be can purchase flower crowns, corsages, combs, headbands and DIY hen party kits from her Etsy store, Something Blue Bridal Boutique, Serendipity Bridal and Boda Boutique. What's more, couples can book their very own flower crown making workshop to add a personalised touch to the big day.

Exclusively for *Your North West Wedding*, Flower Crown Magic is offering all couples 20% off any order made before 3rd April, 2020. To claim this fab offer, email her at julesp@flowercrownmagic.com and quote 'YNWW'.

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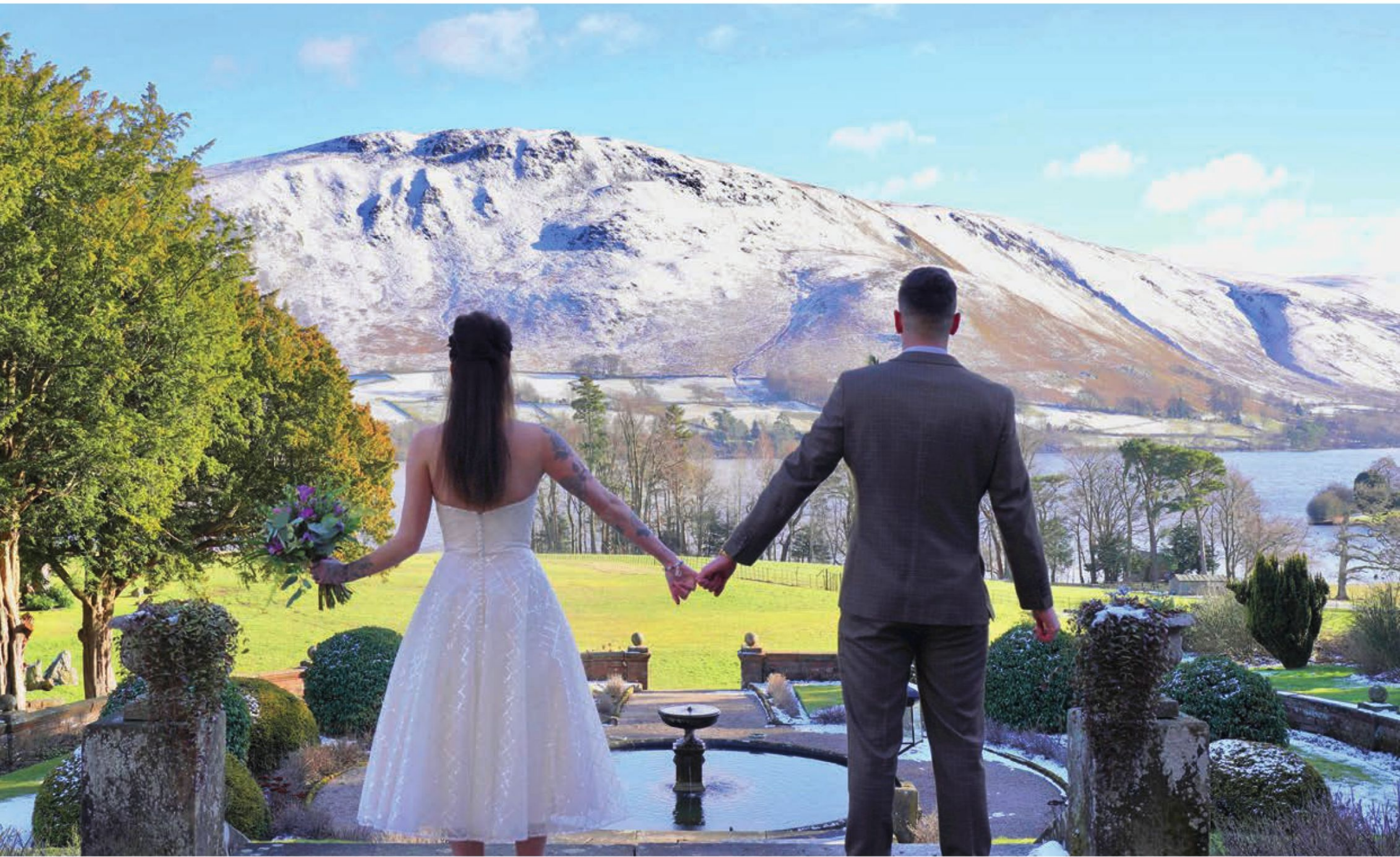
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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Couples can tie the knot in the Victorian Ballroom. Boasting period décor, wooden floors, impressive views, an adjoining bar and a staging area, this room can accommodate up to 120 loved ones for the ceremony and wedding breakfast and 180 for the evening reception.

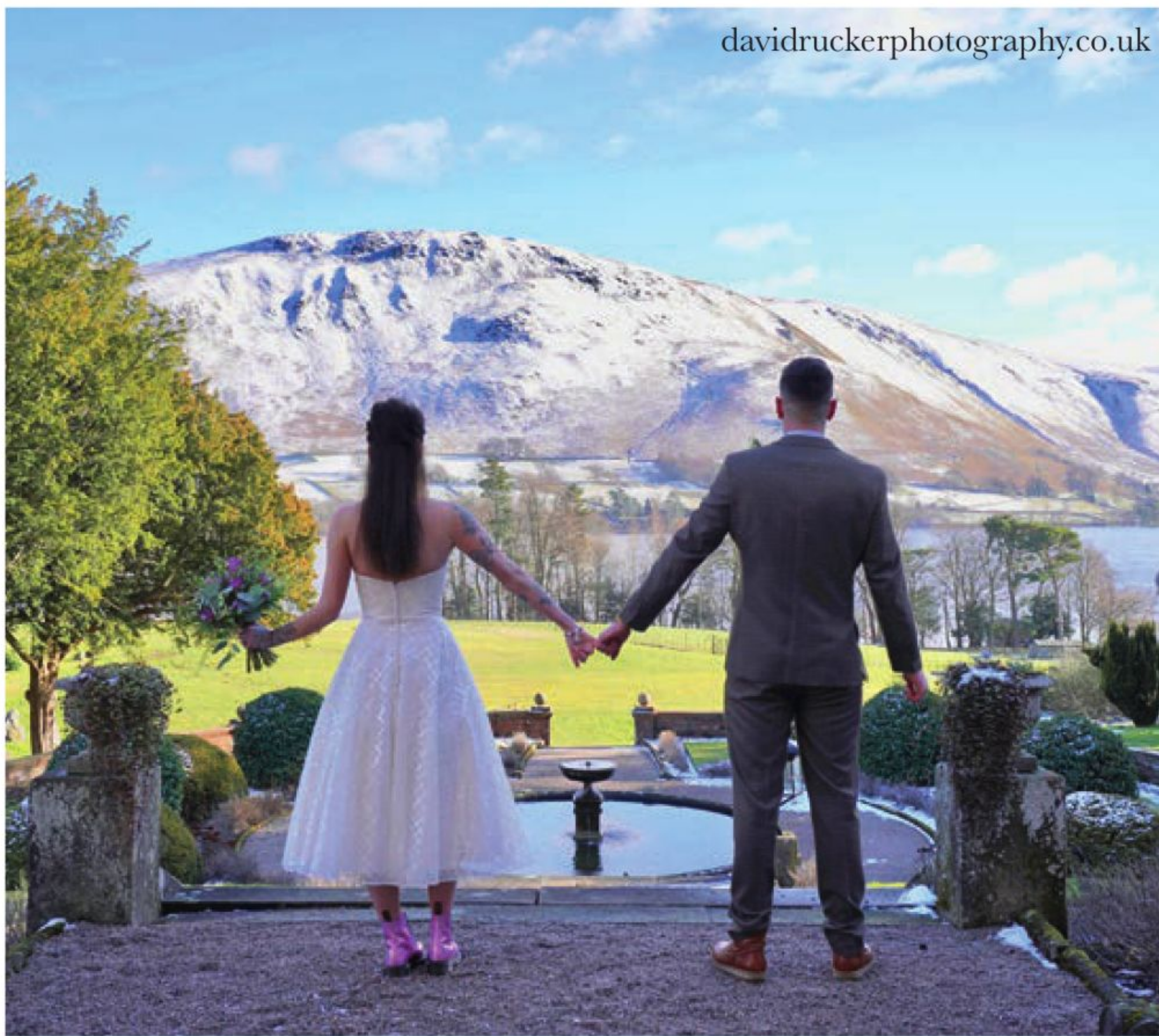
Alternatively, the Hazelwood Restaurant can be used. This large space is filled with natural daylight, has high ceilings with pillars and can hold up to 120 guests for the service.

The Garden Room is ideal for intimate celebrations with space for 16 nearest and dearest for the vows.



WE LOVE...

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The Regency is an elegant room, with five floor-to-ceiling



windows, a traditional décor throughout and space for 80 loved ones throughout the day.

Alternatively, the Blue Room is ideal for more intimate celebrations. Boasting grand windows, lots of natural light and breathtaking views, this charming room can accommodate 30 guests for the ceremony and reception.

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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Nuptials can take place in The Fairfield, a spacious room decorated with gilt mirrors and crystal chandeliers. French doors open on to manicured lawns that can be used for post-ceremony drinks. It's capable of holding 50 guests for the vows and 24 for the wedding breakfast.

Alternatively, The Wordsworth, an elegant room specifically

designed for elopements of just two or intimate weddings for 12 close family and friends, is available.

The Woodrow, which features a cosy fireplace, original oak panelling and a beamed ceiling, can hold 24 for the ceremony and 12 for an intimate afternoon tea or sit-down meal.

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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Couples can tie the knot in the Dining Room. This beautifully-decorated area offers views of the raised garden and has room for 50 loved ones for the vows and

32 for the reception.

Alternatively, the Wallace Suite can be used. This large open space provides panoramic views of the Lorton Valley and can accommodate 100 friends and family for the service, 160 for the sit-down meal and 200 for the evening celebration.

Al fresco nuptials take place in the Pergola. Situated in the middle of the main lawn, it provides a great backdrop of local fells and can hold 50 guests for the ceremony.

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The happy couple will have use of the bridal suite on the night of the wedding and receive a discount on accommodation for their first anniversary.



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The Gaddum was built in 1896, during the heights of the arts and crafts movement by architect Dan Gibson. The large white house along with the Orangery sits elegantly on the shores of Lake Windermere in more than 30 acres of grounds. Guests can arrive by boat and experience the beautiful listed gardens, which are lovingly kept to reflect the history of the property. Inside, couples will find original panelled walls, a classic staircase, solid wood floors, a relaxing bar and lounge area with a log burner, cosy sofas and stunning views.



Phil Rugby Photography

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies can take place in The Orangery, which boasts a glass roof and houses an ancient vine.

Alternatively, the Claife Room, The Gaddum Gallery or the Langdale Room can be used.

Receptions take place in The Gaddum Lounge and Restaurant. Lovingly restored, the space has marbled tables, hand-crafted furniture, a grand fireplace and a large window highlighting a beautiful magnolia tree. It's capable of holding 40 guests and can be combined with The Orangery to hold 55.

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REST AND RELAXATION

The relaxed feel extends to the spa, which has been designed

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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

The Cross Fell Suite features a neutral décor throughout, perfect for couples looking for a blank canvas and has space for 200 guests throughout the day.

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WE LOVE...

Depending on the package chosen, couples will receive a four-poster room on the night of the wedding, half-a-bottle of champagne, breakfast and a complimentary anniversary stay. There's also a designated wedding coordinator to ensure everything runs smoothly on the day.





THE OLD ENGLAND HOTEL & SPA, LA23 3DF

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The Old England Hotel & Spa is a former Edwardian mansion situated in private gardens with a jetty located on the waterfront. Traditionally built using Lakeland Slate frontage, this proud building stands in the centre of Bowness. The hotel has 106 modern bedrooms for guests to choose from, award-winning cuisine and complimentary Wi-Fi throughout.

REST AND RELAXATION

The on-site spa has a range of fitness facilities available, including a Technogym, 20-metre heated pool and thermal suite. There is a

range of treatments available, including body wraps, massages, and replenishing beauty treatments.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

The Garden Suite is a beautiful room with picture windows, stunning views and space for 120 guests for the ceremony and 70 for the reception.

The Bay Room can also be used. This intimate area has a magnificent bay window, which makes the most of the surrounding countryside, lots of light and a neutral décor throughout. It's capable of holding 20 loved ones for the vows and 16 for the evening celebration.

WE LOVE...

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REST AND RELAXATION

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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

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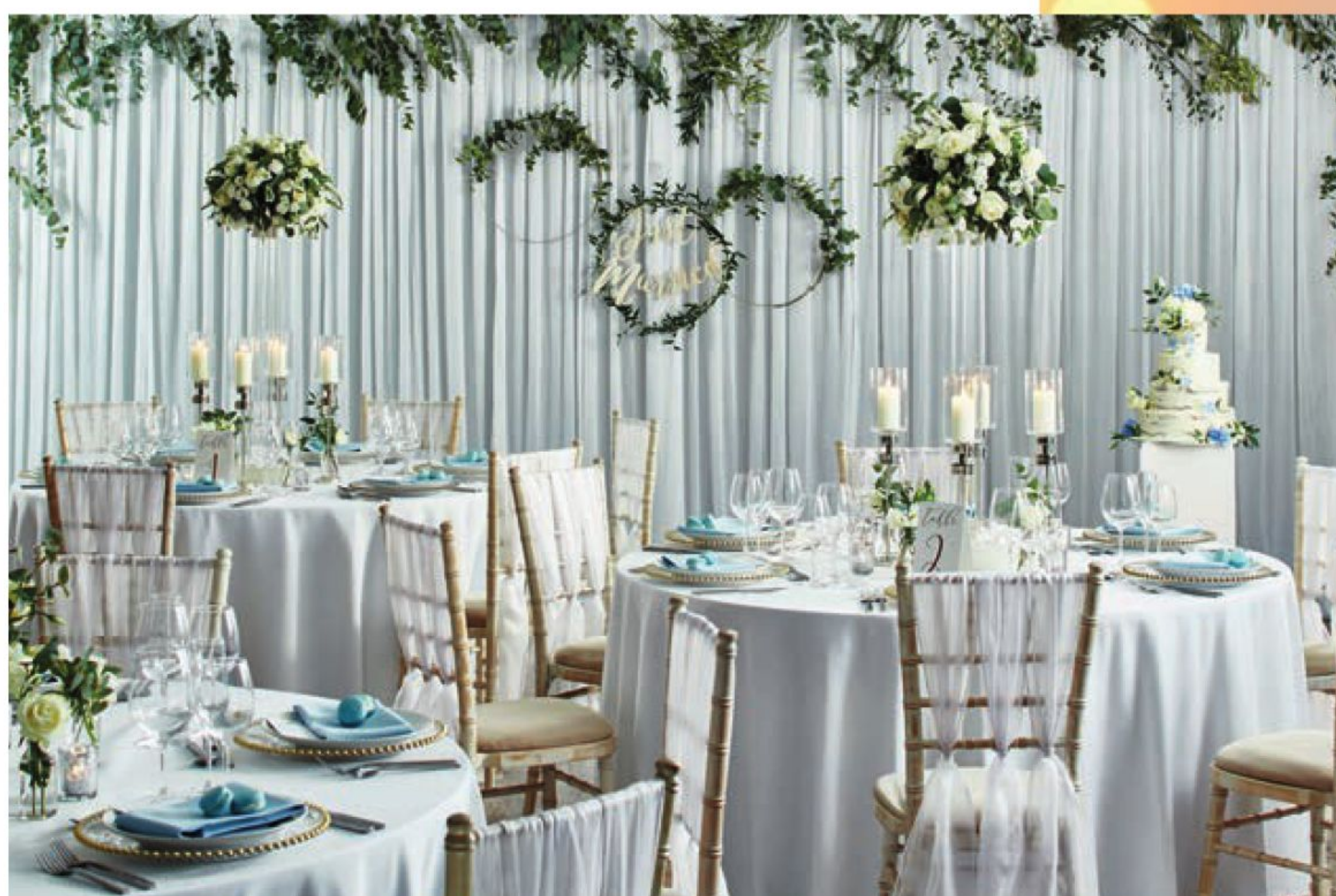
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REST AND RELAXATION

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REST AND RELAXATION

The Woodland Spa offers a wide range of packages from spa



CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies can take place in the restaurant. This charming space houses large windows, gorgeous floors and has room for 120 guests.

The Penina Suite, with its glittering chandeliers, open layout and private bar, is also available. It can hold 200 friends and family for the service.

For more intimate nuptials, the Gold Room – with a maximum capacity of 65 loved ones – is ideal.

WE LOVE...

The refurbished bridal suites and new Shaw Hill Spa and Hair Salon.



days to overnight breaks. Couples can enjoy the hydrotherapy pool, serenity pool, outdoor infinity pool, Jacuzzis, firepits, bar, sauna, steam pool and much more. There's also a wide range of treatments available including a Men's Spa Day Experience.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies take place in The Lakeside Suite. The room has two dividers, meaning it can cater for nuptials of up to 400 people and can be scaled down to cater for more intimate celebrations.

Alternatively, couples can tie the knot outside under the beautiful pagoda.

WE LOVE...

Lovebirds will receive a complimentary bridal suite on the night of the wedding and guests will receive discounted room rates.



Charming BY DESIGN

Editor Kelly Andrews enjoyed a relaxing night's stay at the quirky Oddfellows on the Park, Cheadle



We arrived at Oddfellows On The Park on a miserable day eager to check in. The fact that we were too early, was a blessing in disguise as it gave us an excellent excuse to kill time with some retail therapy. We headed over to Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet, which is just over 45 minutes away from the hotel, and returned later laden with shopping bags and ready for relaxation.

WHERE OLD MEETS NEW

The exterior's original 19th-century façade, belies its modern interior design. As we were being checked in my eyes were already being pulled into several directions. From the exquisite Victorian-style tiled floor, and contemporary chandelier, to the oddball assortment of paintings leading up the stairs, the hotel immediately fascinates and intrigues. Quirky, eccentric and charming are the bywords here, nodding deftly towards the organisation that inspires this hotel group. The Oddfellows was known as the society of misfits. Not a place for traditional professionals they embraced the philosophers, idealists and dreamers of the world.

Bruntwood Hall, which now houses Oddfellows on the Park was built in Gothic style by stuff merchant John Douglas in 1861. Its second owner, Major James Platt, was known locally as The Galloping Major and used the surrounding grounds as an equestrian stud. He extended the original Hall to include the sprung ballroom, now home to restaurant that's named after him. Since then, it's seen various uses from WWII hospital to recording studio. I mention the Hall's varied history because every former resident has left their own mark, and each design contribution has been lovingly restored to form part of the hotel's fabric, successfully juxtaposing the old with the new.

Mum and I were to spend the night in one of the Playground Suites, with a four-poster bed at its centre, and charming design quirks at every turn. Jumping onto the inviting kingsize mattress, immediately disappearing into a mountain of cushions was probably a mistake, as I really didn't want to move. Nevertheless, I'd been looking forward to dinner, and The Galloping Major was calling, so move I did.

WINED AND DINED

What instantly struck me as I entered the restaurant was the breathtaking and ornate plasterwork ceiling. Beautifully restored in a

gorgeous shade of soft green, I couldn't help but think it would be the perfect complement to most wedding colour palettes. You can in fact host your wedding breakfast here for 45 guests, with views across Bruntwood Park.

Neither of us relished the idea of having to choose from such a delicious sounding menu. The solution? Well, the 'Taste of Everything' menu of course! Five courses plus amuse and pre-dessert, every dish sounded heavenly. We started with leek and potato, cider and goat's curd, which was followed by braised oxtail consommé with carrot. The flavours were rich and indulgent – so far, so amazing! Next up was cod with black peas, celeriac chips and white bait. The last of the savoury dishes was duck with pea, prune and almond. We finished off the meal with a delectable milk chocolate and praline tart, paired with coffee ice cream.

Every bite of the tasting menu had been incredible, and we weren't ready to go to bed just yet, so we headed into the Stud Room Bar for a cocktail or two. Seduced by the sound of their Signature Shakes, we opted for the salted caramel white Russian, before heading to bed slightly fuzzy-headed!

YOUR BIG DAY

The next morning after breakfast, we got to sneak a peak at the venue's wedding spaces. The best thing about which is the fact that there's only ever one wedding party per day. If you did want to take that one step further, there's also the option of the exclusive use package giving you use of all 22 bedrooms as well as the function space.

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Warmed by the charm of the place, and relaxed by it's effortlessly laid-back atmosphere, we left Oddfellows On The Park with smiles on our faces.

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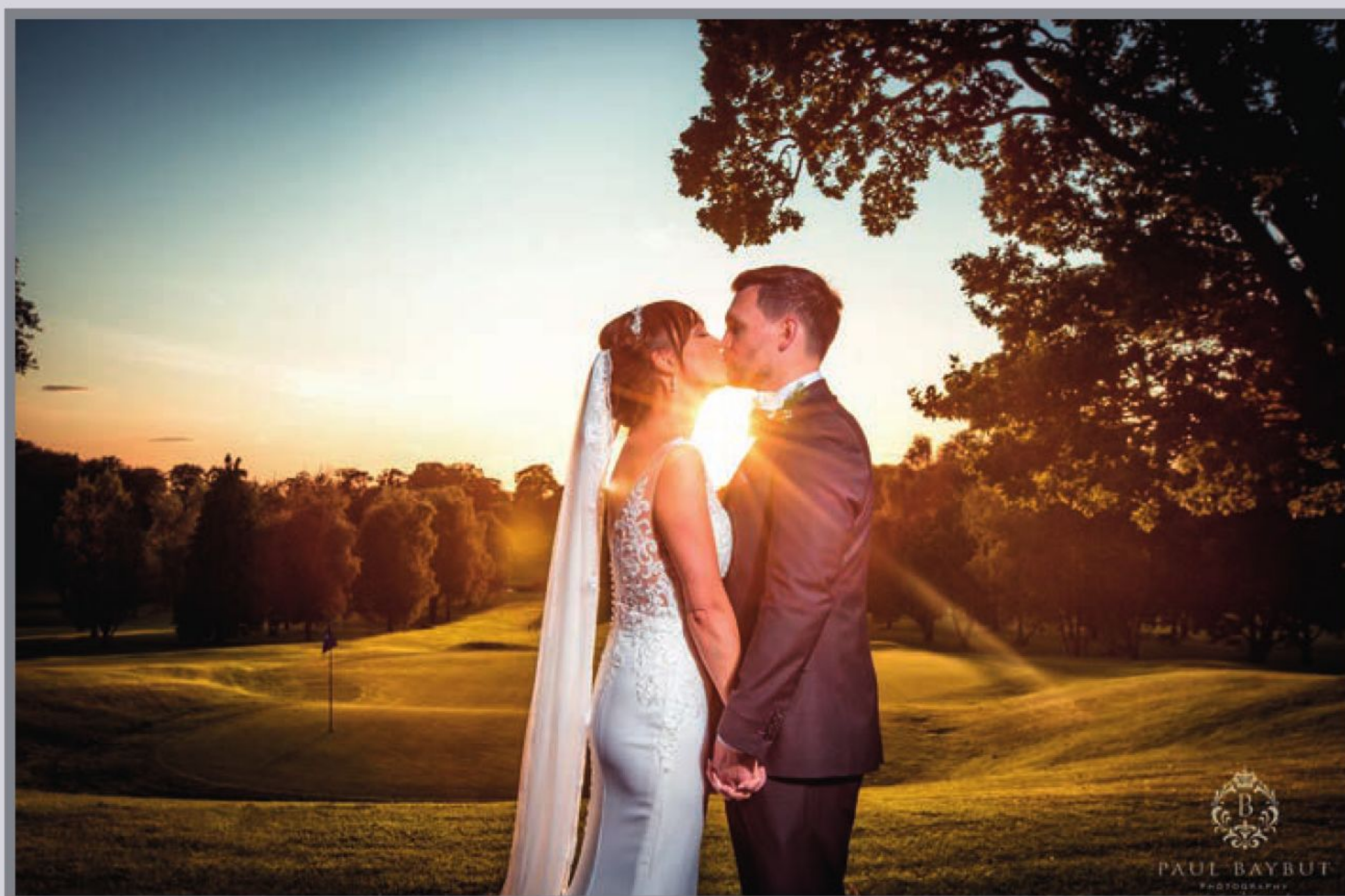
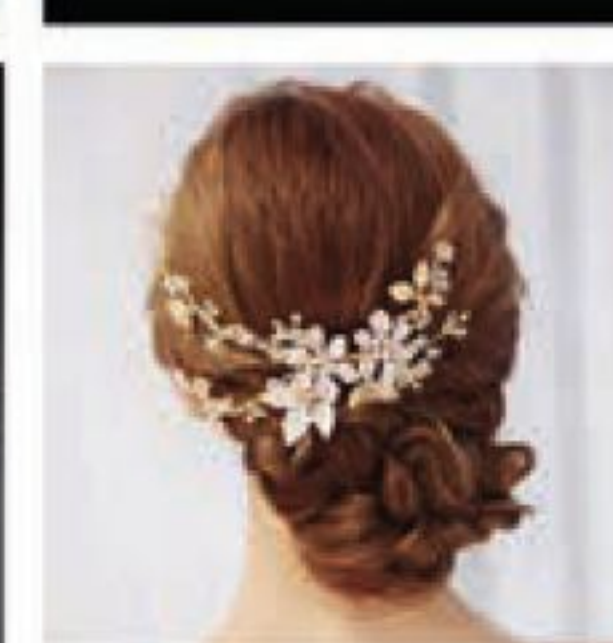
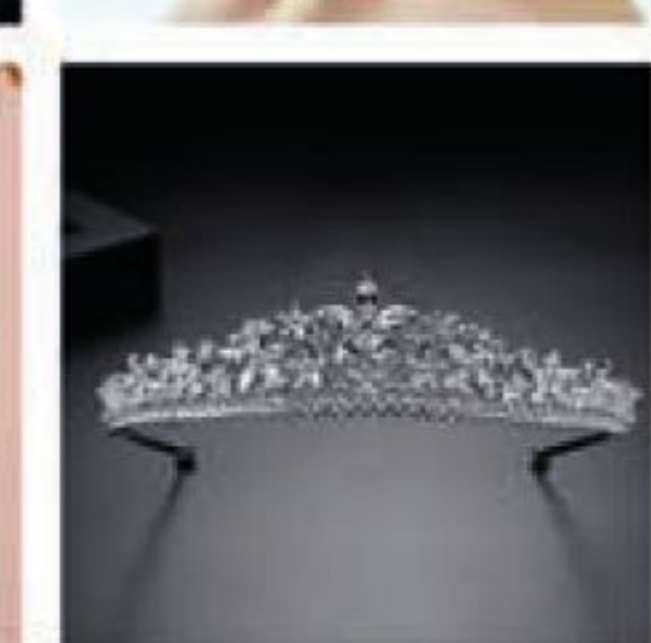
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RUSTIC

romance

Rebecca and Kieran had a lovely celebration
at The Villa, Wrea Green

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A close-up shot of a bride and groom kissing. The bride is wearing a white lace dress and a long veil. The groom is wearing a light grey suit. They are both looking at each other and smiling.

Rebecca and Kieran met each other at school and have been madly in love ever since. "Kieran popped the question while we were on holiday in Turkey," says Rebecca. "We were on a boat trip and had decided to have our picture taken at the front of the ship as the sun was setting. I got into position and when I turned around Kieran was down on one knee with a gorgeous ring. Once we landed back in the UK, we got the devastating news that my mum only had a matter of weeks left to live after a battle with cancer. The hospital had advised that Bonfire Night would be a good date to book our wedding in order to have her there with us. However, just two weeks later, my mum passed away exactly a month before our wedding day. We still knew the wedding was what we wanted to do, so shortly after the funeral, with only three weeks to plan, we started to get everything together. I'm not sure how we did it, but it turned out perfect."

Here she shares some of her favourite moments from their big day...



As our wedding was only a few weeks away, we were stressed about finding a venue. Once we saw The Villa, Wrea Green, we knew it was the place for us. It stood out by a mile, and we loved its rustic theme and woodland scenery.



For our centrepieces we chose wooden logs, with small jars placed on top, filled with pink and white flowers and hessian details.



Our wedding was on Bonfire Night, so we decided to give our guests chocolate apples as favours.



Kieran and I hired Flower Time to do our big-day blooms. The arrangements matched the bridesmaids' dresses perfectly, and we incorporated freesias as it had always been my mum's favourite.



We chose a plain three-tier frosted cake from Fairies Cupcake Creations. It had a rustic pattern and flowers that matched the room's décor.



To light up the space, we hired a dancefloor from Ice Entertainment UK. It made the reception space feel bright and tied in well with our theme.





I found a picture of my dress online and went into the store to try it on. Being small in height, a gown with a big skirt would have drowned me, so I knew I needed something fitted with a flare. I accessorised with a cathedral-length veil, a bracelet, necklace and detailed pearl earrings.



Kieran wore a silver fitted suit from River Island. He paired it with a silver detailed waistcoat from Debenhams and tan shoes from Matalan.



The bridesmaids opted for one-shoulder, pink floor-length dresses from Dorothy Perkins.



REAL WEDDINGS

To keep our guests entertained, we hired a magician called Jason Rea Magic. He was brilliant, and our guests loved him!



We booked a DJ who provided entertainment suitable for the whole family. We had compliments from all our friends and family, and he got the party started.



We only realised after our wedding how essential our photographer was to our big day. Craig captured our day in such an amazing way, and we couldn't be more grateful.





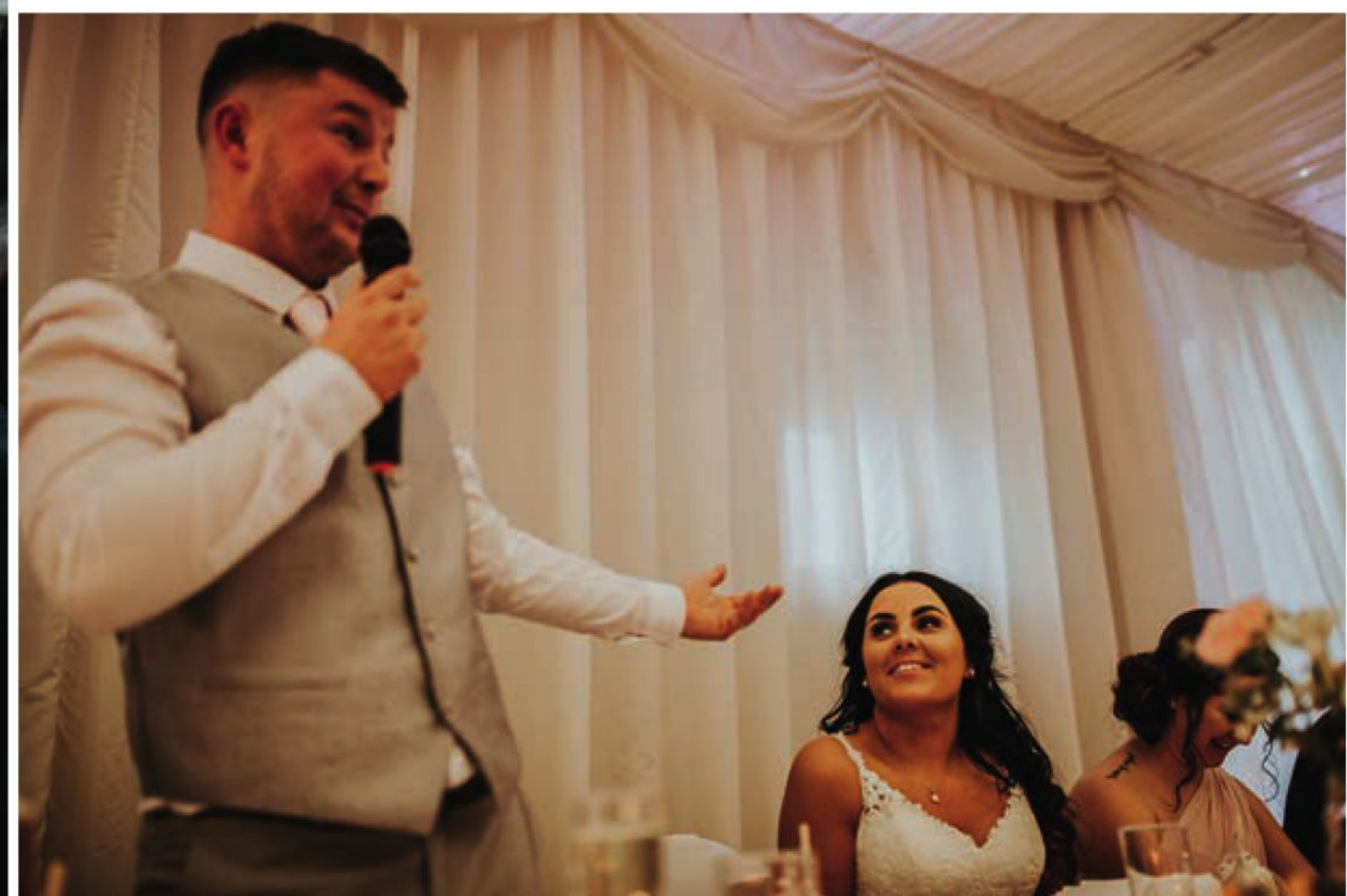
On the morning of the wedding, we felt stressed, nervous, happy, loved and emotional.



All of our friends and family made the day special. Our wedding coordinator, Amber from The Villa, Wrea Green, made everything look great and ensured our day ran smoothly.



Our favourite part of the day was walking out of the ceremony room as husband and wife.



Due to circumstances, we didn't go away for our honeymoon, but we did enjoy a few nights at the venue. The staff made our stay perfect, and I couldn't have wished for more.



REBECCA AND KIERAN'S CONTACTS

Venue and catering, The Villa, Wrea Green, thevilla.co.uk | **Photographer**, The Soulcase Wedding Photographer, thesoulcase.com
Bride's accessories, Beaverbrooks, beaverbrooks.co.uk | **Hair stylist**, Mirror & Mane, facebook.com/mirrorandmane | **Bridesmaids' dresses**, Dorothy Perkins, dorothyperkins.com | **Groom's suit**, River Island, riverisland.com | **Groom's waistcoat**, Debenhams, debenhams.com | **Groom's shoes**, Matalan, matalan.co.uk | **Cake**, Fairies Cupcake Creations, fairiescupcakecreations.co.uk
Flowers, Flower Time, flower-time.co.uk | **Stationery**, Weddings by Alexander & Co, weddingsbyalexanderandco.co.uk | **Entertainment**, PC Roadshows, pcroadshows.com | **Magician**, Jason Rea Magic, jasonreamagic.com | **Dancefloor, candy ferris wheel, sweet stand, lollipop stand and doughnut wall**, Ice Entertainment UK, iceentertainmentuk.com | **Chocolate fountain**, Deluxe Chocolate Fountains, deluxechocolatefountains.co.uk

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Lucy and Richard tied the knot with a blush pink and navy-theme
Images courtesy of AMB-Vision

Lucy and Richard met through their love of sports. “We were introduced at our local hockey club,” says Lucy. “Although we clicked right away, we didn’t start dating until after we’d both left the club.”

Richard popped the question on a beach in the Lake District. “Having both grown up in the Lakes, the area has always held a special place in our hearts,” shares the bride. “We spent a lovely weekend with close friends and the proposal was a massive surprise.”

Here she shares some of her favourite moments from their big day...



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St Martin's Church was close to where I went to school and was within walking distance of the lake, so it was the perfect choice.



We wanted to get married in the Lake District in a place that provided beautiful views of the countryside. After meeting the manager of Broad Leys, we felt so relaxed and knew it was place for us.



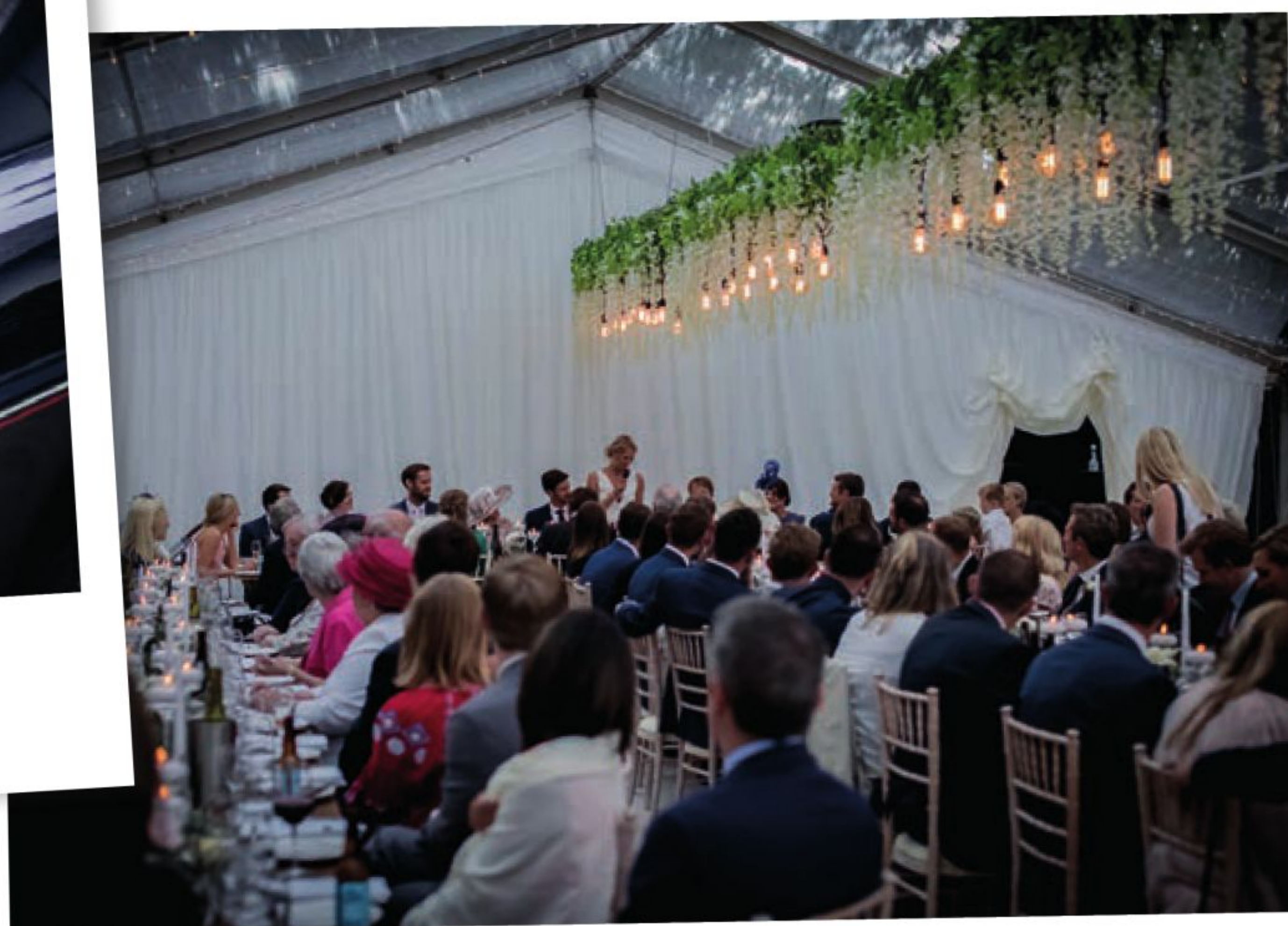
Our centrepieces were floral table runners decorated with candles.



For our place names, we decided to use pebbles from the beach where we got engaged.



Our photographer, AMB-Vision, organised a Bentley to transport me to the ceremony venue.



We hired a see-through marquee from Elite Marquees so that we could enjoy the incredible views.



My dress was a beautiful design called Buhuli from Sanyukta Shrestha. I accessorised with blue, suede Jimmy Choo heels that looked fabulous.



Richard and the groomsmen wore blue suits, grey waistcoats and burgundy ties. He also had a family pocket watch and chain to help him stand out.



My bridesmaid wore a gorgeous blush pink, floor-length dress.



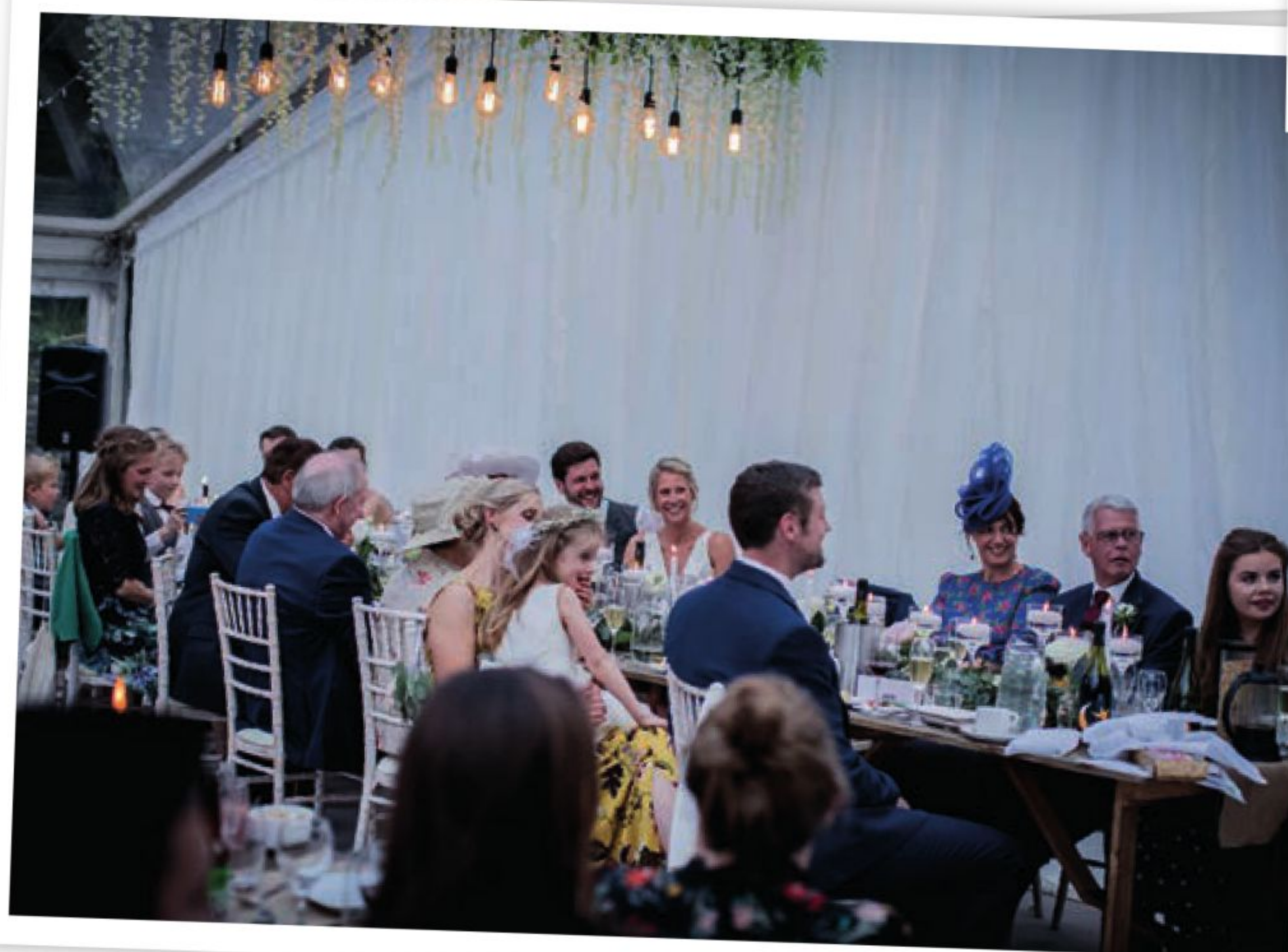
We organised a few boats to transport everyone from the church to the reception venue. It was a fantastic way of seeing the sights and avoiding the hassle of driving. In the evening, we hired a band called Captains of Industry who ensured the dancefloor was filled from start to finish.



The whole day was amazing, and we wouldn't change a thing.



For our honeymoon, we went to the Amalfi Coast for two weeks. We also had a surprise mini-moon the day after the wedding at the Gilpin, which was the perfect way to relax and unwind.



Lucy and Richard's contacts

Ceremony venue, St Martin's Church, stmartin.org.uk | **Reception venue and catering**, Broad Leys, wmbrc.co.uk
Photographer, videographer and transport, AMB-Vision, amb-vision.co.uk | **Bride's dress**, Sanyukta Shrestha, sanyuktashrestha.com | **Bride's shoes**, Jimmy Choo, jimmychoo.com | **Hair and make-up artist**, The Hair Lounge & Beauty Room, thehairloungewindermere.co.uk | **Flowers and venue dressing**, Red Events Creative, redeventscreative.co.uk
Guest transport, Windermere Lake Cruises, windermere-lakecruises.co.uk | **Entertainment**, Captains of Industry, facebook.com/captainsofindustry1 | **Marquee hire**, Elite Marquees, elite-marquees.co.uk

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SAIL *away* WITH ME

Rebecca and Andrew had a beautiful wedding at St John's Church and Wyresdale Park

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Rebecca and Andrew met at their local church.

"We were friends for four years before we started dating," says Rebecca. "He invited himself round for coffee a few times, and we hit it off. One night we went out for some food, and he told me that he liked me and we got together soon after. We enjoyed lots of time together eating cake, drinking prosecco, travelling and watching box sets."

Andrew's elaborate proposal, unfortunately, didn't go to plan. "He wanted to plan a memorable and romantic proposal," shares the bride. "He recruited our two friends, Simon and Tori, to help. He booked for us to go on a balloon ride, followed by a sunset picnic on the beach. We arrived at the balloon site, and Simon and Tori were hiding ready to take photos when suddenly we looked over at a large family who were also waiting to take off in the hot air balloon! As we greeted the pilot, he dropped his head and admitted he'd double booked us! We left the site feeling disappointed and settled for an evening at home with a KFC. A few weeks later, we went to Formby Point while the sun was setting. We sat on the dunes with a blanket and Andy got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. We left the beach, and video called our family who were delighted."

SETTING THE SCENE

"We looked at various venues and were struggling to find something that was both stylish and relaxed," says Rebecca. "After visiting the wedding barns at Wyresdale Park, we knew it was the perfect place for us."

The couple chose a rustic theme for their big day. "We both love the shade mulberry, so we decided on our colour scheme quite early on," shares the bride. "For the table plan, we got an old palette from Andy's work, cleaned it up and varnished it. We then used some old and borrowed picture frames and stuck them to the wood. Andy loves Oasis, so we decided to use some of the band's songs as table names."

The lovebirds incorporated flowers into their décor from Heyes Floral Design. "I had a natural bouquet that included lisianthus and gypsophila," Rebecca explains. "Our centrepieces were tree trunks with different sized jars placed on top filled with blooms."

Andrew and Rebecca decided to have a naked cake provided by Julia Bass. "The design was covered in buttercream and decorated with flowers," says the bride. "We placed it on an old wooden barrel with a fairy light backdrop that looked stunning."

The catering was supplied by The Wedding and Event Food Company. "We went against tradition and chose steak, Lancashire cheese or chicken and mushroom pie," says Rebecca. "For dessert, we had white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake. Carol did a wonderful job of making it all look and taste amazing. In the evening, we had a buffet followed by lots of handmade cakes from family and friends."

The couple's nearest and dearest made the day perfect. "Our loved ones helped us make a lot of our decorations," explains Rebecca. "Andrew's mum made all the bunting using hessian and lace. Our friends



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from Switzerland volunteered to make our favours which were small jars filled with different sweets. Andy's best man created the wedding invitations, and the bridesmaids worked together to varnish wooden boxes."

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Rebecca and her mum couldn't wait to start looking at wedding dresses. "To say I tried on a lot is an understatement," says Rebecca. "I started to wonder if I'd ever find a dress until we arrived at Susan Craig. Susan was amazing, and I finally decided on a Maggie Sottero design called *Carrie*. It was an A-line design with beautiful lace detail on the back. I accessorised with a veil, pearl drop earrings and a silver band around my waist."

Andrew and the groomsmen opted for grey suits from Slater Menswear and Next. "They all wore mulberry socks with different polka dots," Rebecca explains. "They swapped one with each other, so they all had odd designs on. They also had mulberry ties and brown shoes."

The bridesmaids chose gowns from Dorothy Perkins. "They were a simple yet stylish gown with silk ribbons tied around the waist."

TIME TO CELEBRATE

"To keep our guests entertained, we purchased games and an old-fashioned sweet stall," Rebecca says. "In the evening, we had live music from a Ceilidh band called Kilt Pin Fling. They were incredible, and everyone got up and had a good laugh learning how to do the different dance moves."

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

"After months of planning and organising we were both excited to finally tie the knot," explains Rebecca. "While I was getting my hair and make-up done, I suddenly remembered that we had forgotten to decorate the cake! I grabbed one of my bridesmaids, and we stole some flowers from the tables and used them to decorate it."

The happy couple's loved ones made the day even more special. "My brother drove my dad and me to the church, and it was a journey I'll never forget," shares the bride. "I was so nervous, but we were able to laugh all the way. I couldn't have felt prouder, walking down the aisle with my dad by my side and seeing Andy waiting at the bottom of the aisle waiting for me. We loved the involvement from our guests. Some had travelled from Scotland, Switzerland and Australia to be there. Everything went to plan and our suppliers were fantastic."

HONEYMOON

"We went to the Dominican Republic," says Rebecca. "It was glorious sunshine the whole time, and we felt so relaxed. We enjoyed a variety of activities which made for an all-round enjoyable holiday. It was the perfect way to de-stress after a busy few months."





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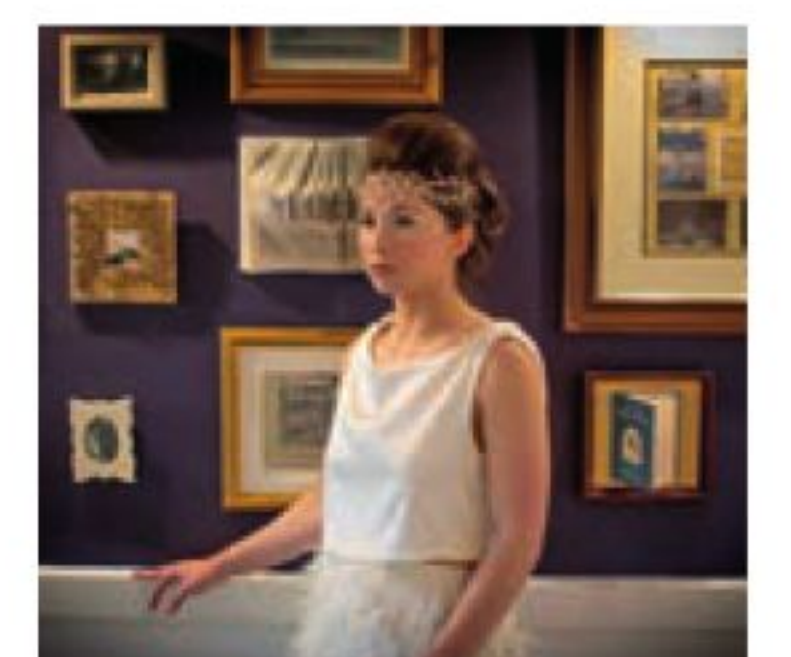
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THE GREAT *outdoors*

Abbie and Simone
had a laid back
celebration at
Cote How Lake
District Weddings
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Simone and Abbie met at a bar through mutual friends. "We got talking, and things went from there," says Simone. "We dated for a few months before I finally plucked up the courage to ask her to be my girlfriend. Last Christmas Eve we'd been together for seven years, and they've been the happiest years of our lives."

Abbie popped the question during a magical trip to America. "She'd asked my parents for their permission to marry me before we went on holiday to celebrate my 30th birthday," shares Simone. "She asked her grandma if she could borrow a ring to propose with and was stressed that she'd lose it. While we were in San Francisco, we went on a bicycle ride and just before we reached the Golden Gate Bridge, there was a secluded spot at the side of the river with beautiful views. We laid down our bikes, and she got down on one knee and proposed! For the rest of the trip, we couldn't stop smiling."

Here Simone shares some of her favourite moments from their big day...



We love the Lake District and try to visit as much as possible with our cockapoo, Cali. Being avid walkers, we're in the process of trying to complete all 214 Wainwrights – these are fells walked by Alfred Wainwright that stretch around the whole of the Lake District. We stumbled across Cote How Lake District Weddings while on a hike with some friends. It was tucked away from view, and we instantly fell in love with its lush green lawns, tidy gravel drive and smart white façade. The venue is located between Ambleside and Grasmere, which are two of our favourite places.



For our favours, we purchased gingerbread parcels wrapped in jute with hand-written name tags from Grasmere Gingerbread.



Our big-day blooms were from Made In Flowers in Kendal. We wanted to incorporate wildflowers grown locally in the Lake District. We also had milk churns, crates and walking boots that we used as vases.



Abbie designed and created our centrepieces, which included bespoke walking signs with the names of the Wainwright Routes located near the venue. She used wooden bases to hold yellow Volkswagen Campervan photo holders with a paranoid picture of Abbie, myself and Cali.



A friend of ours made our delicious cake. We had to transport it in four separate boxes from Middlesbrough. On the day, the wonderful caterers at Cote How Lake District Weddings assembled and decorated it for us.



We wanted to book as many local suppliers as possible to reflect our love for the area.



Abbie's dress was a Stella York design from Joanne Kay Bridal Boutique. She wanted a fitted dress, with a high neckline and she accessorised with a delicate bracelet, matching earrings and a hairpiece.



My friend introduced me to Rembo Styling, and I loved their boho, alternative wedding dresses. I chose a gown called *Bubblicious* from Leigh Hetherington, which was actually the first one that I tried on. I accessorised with diamond stud earrings given to me by my uncle as a birthday present, a bracelet and ring. We didn't know about each other's dresses, hair or make-up and it was amazing seeing each other for the first time.



REAL WEDDINGS

We each had one best man and a maid-of-honour. We asked them to wear light grey and let them pick their own outfits. They looked amazing and complemented each other perfectly.



I felt quite relaxed until about half-an-hour before I walked down the aisle. I couldn't smile properly as my lips kept quivering. We loved the speeches and would really like to thank Abbie's mum and dad for their gorgeous readings during the ceremony and humorous yet touching speeches.





We wanted to book entertainment that was a bit different. We hired The Bandeoque Experience, which is basically karaoke but with a live band. Abbie and I kicked things off with our rendition of Human League's *Don't You Want Me*. We're lucky that our friends and family were really up for it.



For our honeymoon, we were fortunate enough to book a villa in the Maldives. It was paradise in the turquoise waters, white beaches and private infinity pool. We snorkelled during the day and night, seeing fish of all colours and sizes, and even two turtles! It was my birthday while we were there and the resort lavished us with fresh coconuts, a free snorkel trip and a surprise birthday cake. We doubt we'll ever be able to afford to go again, but the memories we made will last a lifetime.



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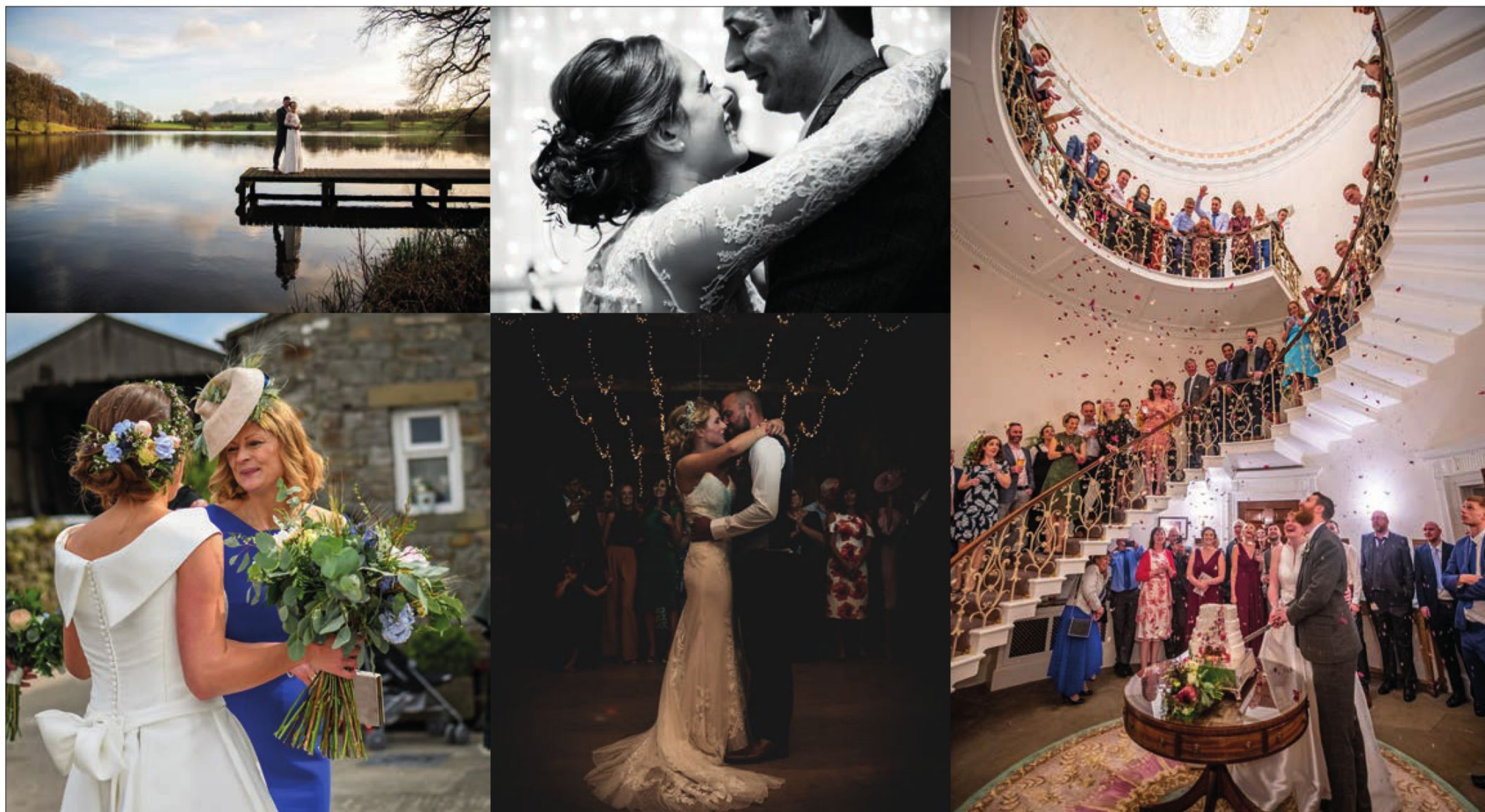


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A timeless ROMANCE

Andrea and Darren had a Medieval-themed wedding at
Best Western Park Hall Hotel & Leisure Club

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Andrea and Darren met online, and their relationship quickly blossomed. "We had a lot of similar interests, including cooking, meals out and holidays," says Darren. "We had our first date at The Blue Mallard in Burscough Wharf. We hit it off right away, laughed a lot and continue to do so now. We work hard but support each other in everything we do and try to have as much fun as possible."

Darren popped the question in March 2018 at The

Grand Canyon. "We had been together for almost four years," shares the groom. "I wanted to make it a memorable experience, so I booked a helicopter trip followed by a champagne picnic. The proposal was a big surprise, and it was captured on camera by a few of our friends."

Here he shares some of his favourite moments from their big day...



We fell in love with the Medieval Suite at the Best Western Park Hall Hotel & Leisure Club. We loved the lake, gardens, courtyard, high stone walls and beamed ceilings. The location was ideal, and our guests could even spend the night, which meant they didn't have to worry about travelling. The staff and wedding coordinator were amazing, they were so helpful and couldn't do enough for us.



Our tables were named after activities we did in Las Vegas, including The Grand Canyon, Bellagio Fountains, Alcatraz and San Francisco.



The flowers were supplied by The Flower Farm. The company is owned by a good friend of Andreas who she often works with when sourcing blooms for her cakes. We told them our colour scheme and left the rest to them.



The Flower Farm also provided our table arrangements, tall vases and centrepieces.



Andrea owns a cake business called Thoroughly-Good Cakes, so naturally, she decided to make our big-day bake. It was four-tiers and matched our colour scheme perfectly. We ordered a personalised topper from Tinylove Wedding Cake Toppers that now sits proudly in our living room as a reminder of our special day.



SJ Enterprises styled the room and Love Letters of Bolton provided gorgeous Mr & Mrs Windle light-up letters.



Andrea wore an ivory Ronald Joyce dress from Trudy Smith Bridal. She wanted something age-appropriate and loved the pleated skirt and long train. She changed into a second gown for the evening so she could feel more comfortable dancing the night away. She accessorised with a tiara, a veil, earrings and a bracelet and in the evening she re-styled her hair to incorporate a hair vine.



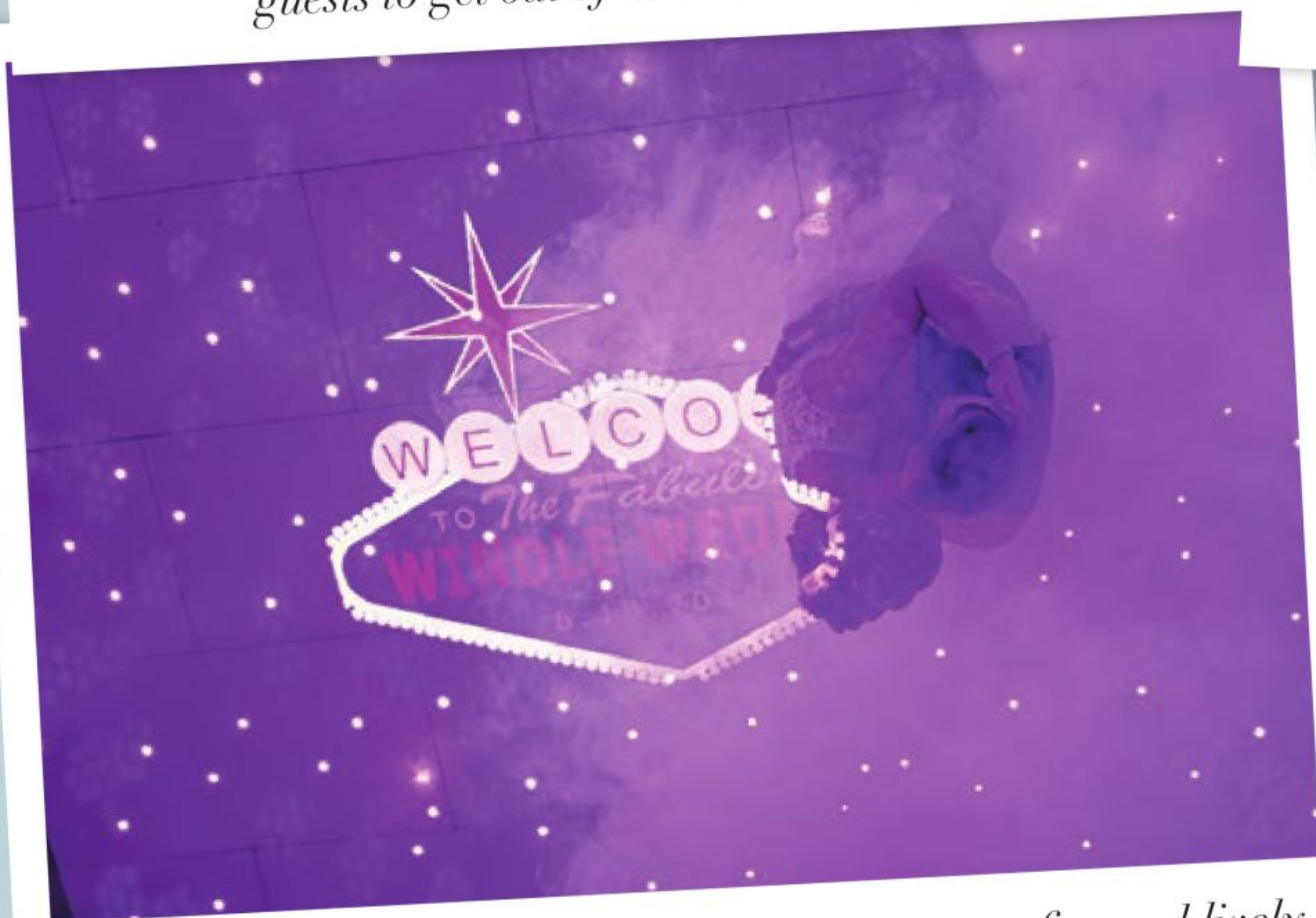
The groomsmen and I wore matching grey, three-piece suits from Slater Menswear. We personalised the outfits with Mr Men cufflinks and socks that matched each of our personalities.



The wedding breakfast was fun and lively. Gavin Young sang during the meal and was also master of ceremonies for the day. He chose lots of upbeat songs and encouraged our guests to get out of their seats and party.



The bridesmaids opted for pink chiffon dresses with beaded detail from Trudy Smith Bridal. As it was an autumn wedding, the girls accessorised with grey cropped jackets and had flower combs placed in their hair.



I work at PC Roadshows and wanted to create a fun and lively day full of entertainment. We go to a lot of concerts together and wanted to re-create that atmosphere on the day. A lot of my work colleagues and their families were in attendance, and we wanted them to feel like they were celebrating rather than working. I designed a sound and lighting rig to really add a wow factor. We had confetti cannons set off during the first dance, and a Vegas-inspired monogram that we had projected onto the dancefloor.



In the evening, we had The Funtime Frankies and DJ Paul O'Brien perform. The entertainment was a massive hit, and everyone was singing and dancing. Our friends and family had a great time, much to my relief, as I'd spent a lot of time and effort planning.



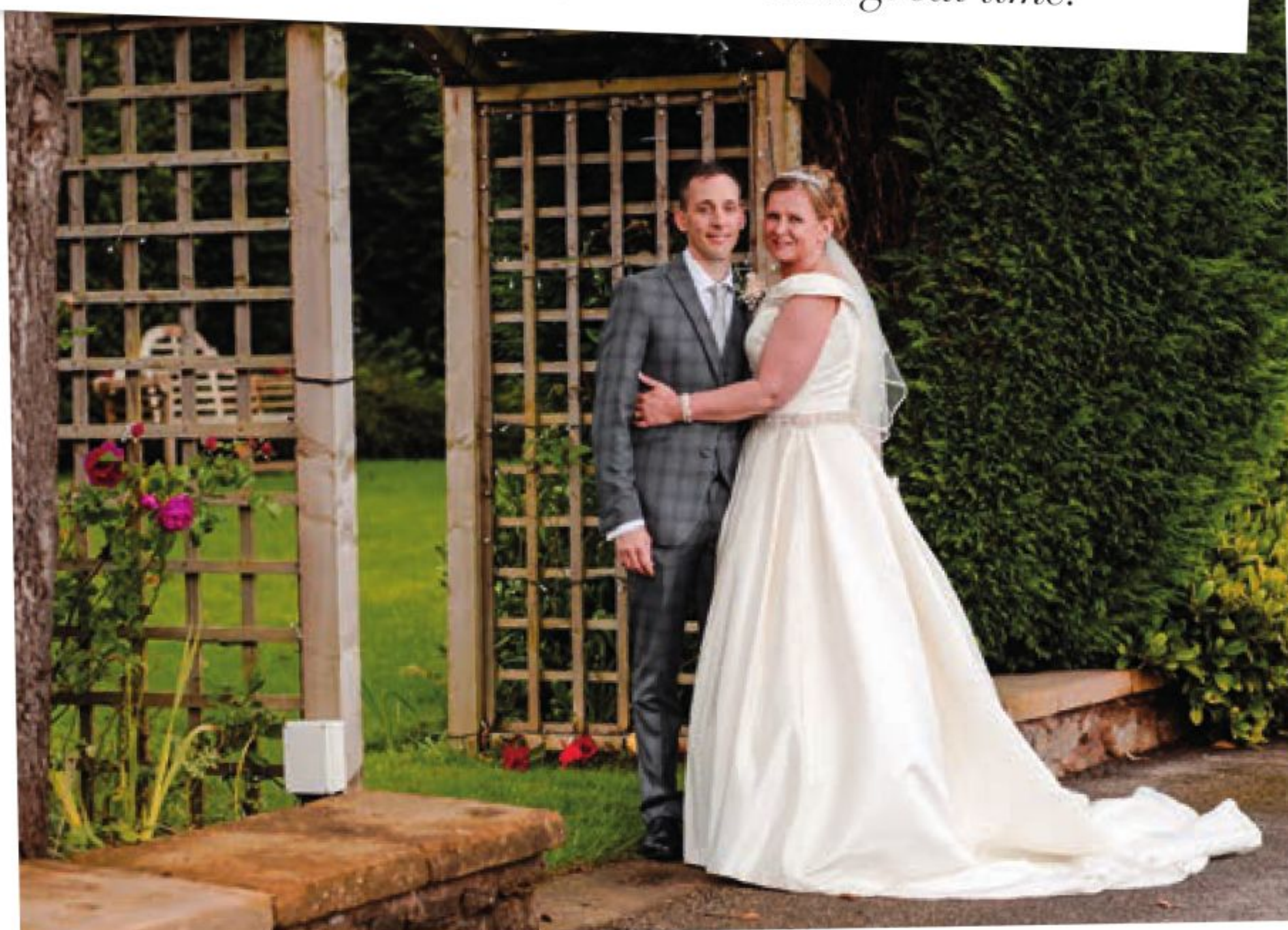
To tie in with our Medieval theme, one of the bridesmaid's husbands created stocks for us. He owns Saul's Joinery and did a great job. The stocks were a fun alternative to a photo booth, and our guests loved it.



Andrea was very nervous but once the ceremony was out of the way she quickly relaxed and enjoyed the celebrations. We didn't want to be the centre of attention, but we had a great time.



During the best man's speech, he informed us he'd purchased a piece of land in our name making us Lord & Lady Windle. This has since stuck, and a lot of our friends still refer to it. The certificate is framed and hangs proudly on our wall.



I really enjoyed the entertainment, especially during the meal. After all the planning, it was great seeing it so well received. I also loved seeing Andrea in her dress for the first time she looked simply stunning.



We're planning to go to on a cruise around the Caribbean and spend seven nights in Barbados for our honeymoon.



My top tip for any groom-to-be would be to take a moment to stop and enjoy the day. Hire lots of awesome entertainment as when the formalities are done there's nothing better than a good knees up.

Andrea and Darren's contacts

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Top tips for organising your big day

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MEET DRESS MAKER ROXANNE HALENKO FROM ROXANNE HALENKO

- ♥ Before buying your dream dress, the first thing you should do is set a budget and figure out who is paying for it. Does this price include shoes, veil and jewellery? Most importantly don't try on a gown that is out of your price range, just in case you fall in love with it and can't have it.
- ♥ Do your research and find out what styles you like. If you're not already on Pinterest, I'd recommend you download the app as it's a fantastic place to get ideas. Bring any photos that you find to the bridal appointment, so the consultant can see what you like.
- ♥ On Pinterest, you can create boards for bridesmaids' dresses, tables and décor. This will give you an idea of the theme you want for your big day.
- ♥ Be open to trying on styles that you wouldn't have necessarily picked for yourself. Try on lots of gowns but limit yourself to seven per appointment.
- ♥ Buy your true dress size. I know most brides want to lose weight before the wedding, but I'd advise you to buy a gown that is your original size. If you lose weight, then the dress can be altered, but if it's too small, it will look tight and feel uncomfortable.
- ♥ Shop early! Call and make an appointment so you can find your perfect gown. If it's handmade, it can take anything from one to five months depending on the details and fabric involved.
- ♥ A lot of people ask about underwear. I always say, wear seamless or a nude thong and a strapless bra. I do cater for brides who don't want to wear one as I stock Perky Pear which holds you in without the need for a bra. Failing that you can always bring Spanx with you for extra support.
- ♥ Bring heels to your appointment. They should be a similar height to the ones you'll be wearing on the day. This will give you a better idea of how the dress will look and what alterations will be needed.
- ♥ If you're a lover of bargains like myself, then why not wait until the January sales to see if your chosen gown is on offer?
- ♥ Finally, make sure you're 100 per cent sure about your gown before you say yes. Always remember, that small tweaks can be made to make it bespoke and personal to you.

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MEET CAKE MAKER ANDREA WINDLE FROM THOROUGHLY-GOOD CAKES

How do I find a cake maker?

Ask friends or family who are already married for recommendations. Wedding fairs are also a great way of finding suppliers. Here at Thoroughly-Good Cakes, there are always plenty of examples on show that highlight the different techniques available. Plus, there are usually yummy samples to try!

Do your research before booking. A good supplier will have lots of reviews and pictures on their social media and website.

What should I consider when planning my design?

Your cake maker will help you with this, trust them and remember they're the experts. They should have lots of ideas and examples to show you. Work out how many evening guests you're expecting and ask your supplier how large your design needs to be.

Get your venue to wrap up the top tier for you to take home. On your wedding day, you'll be busy eating and drinking and may not get a chance to try the cake. By saving a section, you'll be able to enjoy it in the days following your nuptials.

How do I decide on a style and colour?

Google, Pinterest and Instagram are your best friends when it comes to inspiration. You could also look at magazines, wedding fairs or designs you saw at another event or wedding. Don't worry if you can't find the perfect cake online. I specialise in bespoke bakes, so I'll ask you to show me three to five images that you like and I'll incorporate elements from each.

What's popular right now?

In the past 12 to 18 months, cakes have become more simple. Traditional cakes are still popular options. You could always create a 2/3 traditional bake and 1/3 something different such as a Batman or Marvel design. Here at Thoroughly-Good Cakes, we've been working on a new concept called animated cakes which we'll be launching this year. Imagine a bake with an animated slide show of your love story. It will bring your design alive with colours, sparkles, effects and your names scrolling across it.

When should be book?

In short, you should book as soon as possible! Quality suppliers take bookings well in advance, for example we've already got wedding scheduled for 2021. As soon as you've found a cake maker you like, get the booking confirmed, deposit paid and written in the diary. It might be 18 months away but you'll be able to relax knowing it's booked.



MEET TRANSPORT EXPERT EMMA BUCKLEY FROM MALVERN WEDDING CARS

Choosing transport for your nuptials always comes down to two things: what fits with your day and who do you trust to provide it? Take into consideration the aesthetics of the vehicle. Does it complement the bride's dress, flowers and time of year? Don't forget the car will appear in your photographs, so you want something that's both practical and visually appealing.

When looking for a trustworthy supplier, you need to take into consideration will they be on the time on the day, are they properly insured, are the chauffeurs experienced and is the vehicle properly maintained? If there's a problem on the day, ask if they have an alternative car they could use at short notice.

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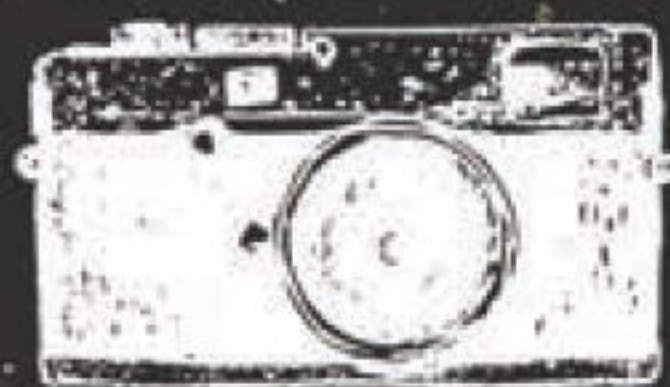
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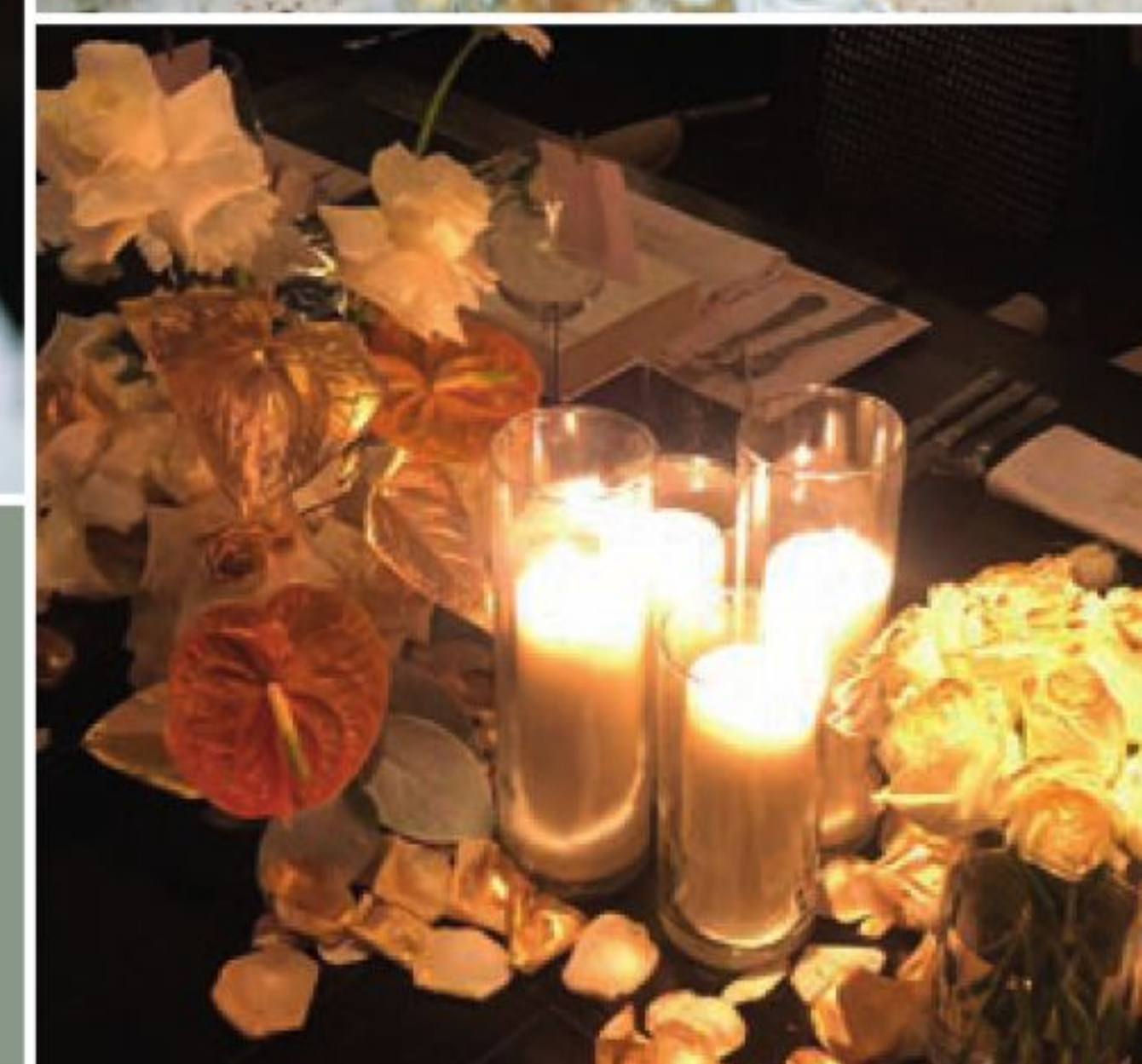
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When choosing pieces, be as ruthless as you like, and don't be afraid to tell the musicians what you want to hear and most importantly don't want to hear! We play a huge selection of music, so it's helpful to know what you'd like us to play. We welcome requests from guests, it's fun, and the feedback from clients is that they couldn't stop talking about us afterwards.

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If you've booked your venue, then the next thing you'll be thinking about is how to style it. With so many options available, this can seem like a daunting task, but the most important thing to remember is that any space can be transformed with even the most simple of details. To help give you some inspiration we've asked local suppliers for their top tips.

How to style your big-day venue

COUNTRY HOUSE

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▲ "Add some tea light holders for low ambient lighting and to complement the décor. Incorporate silver or gold to bring the whole room together for a classic and stunning look without blowing the budget." – Jo Campbell from Harrison's Flowers.



▲ "Place candles around the venue in cylinder vases." – Jo.



▲ "I recommend picking a few key areas such as an entrance pillar, imposing stairway or a beautiful wall where you can capture some atmospheric images and concentrate on those." – Jo.



◀ "Country houses are something that the UK does very well. The key is not to overdo the style or detract from the architectural beauty of the building." – Jo.



▲ "Purchase lanterns and place them down the aisle and on the staircase to create a soft, romantic glow." – Jo.



▲ "A gorgeous moongate can be used for the ceremony and wedding breakfast." – Jo.



▲ "Opt for some beautiful floral installations in urns or candelabra for the tables. This will add height, drama and elegance." – Jo.

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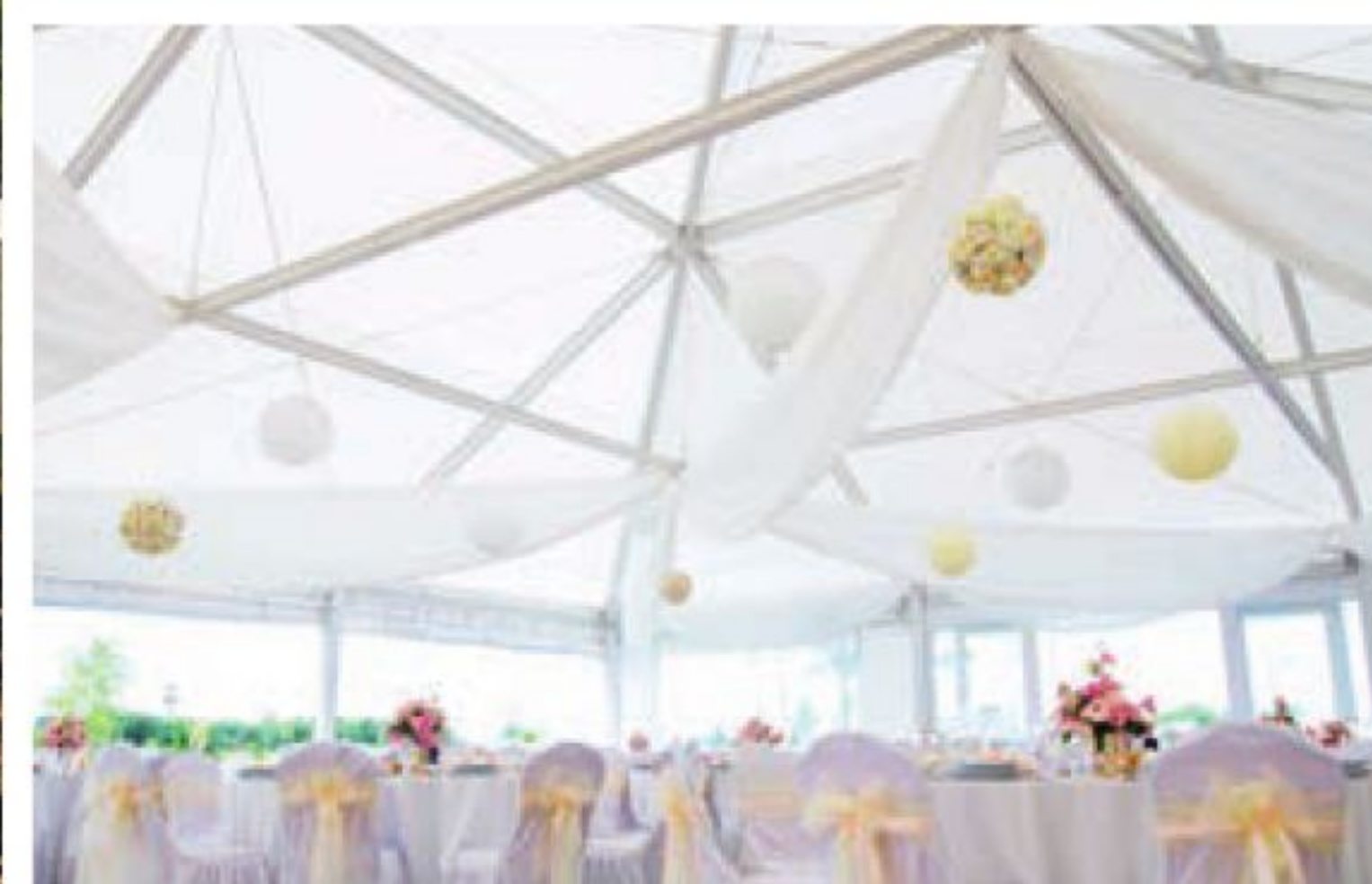


▲ Opt for tables and chairs which complement your theme. You could hire sashes in your chosen colour scheme or clear chairs to add a sense of elegance.



▲ Try and make the entrance visually appealing as it's the first thing your guests will see when they arrive.

▲ Tall centrepieces work well in marquees, but if you want to mix it up, you could purchase small and larger pieces.



▲ Decorate the venue with candles, flowers and draping.

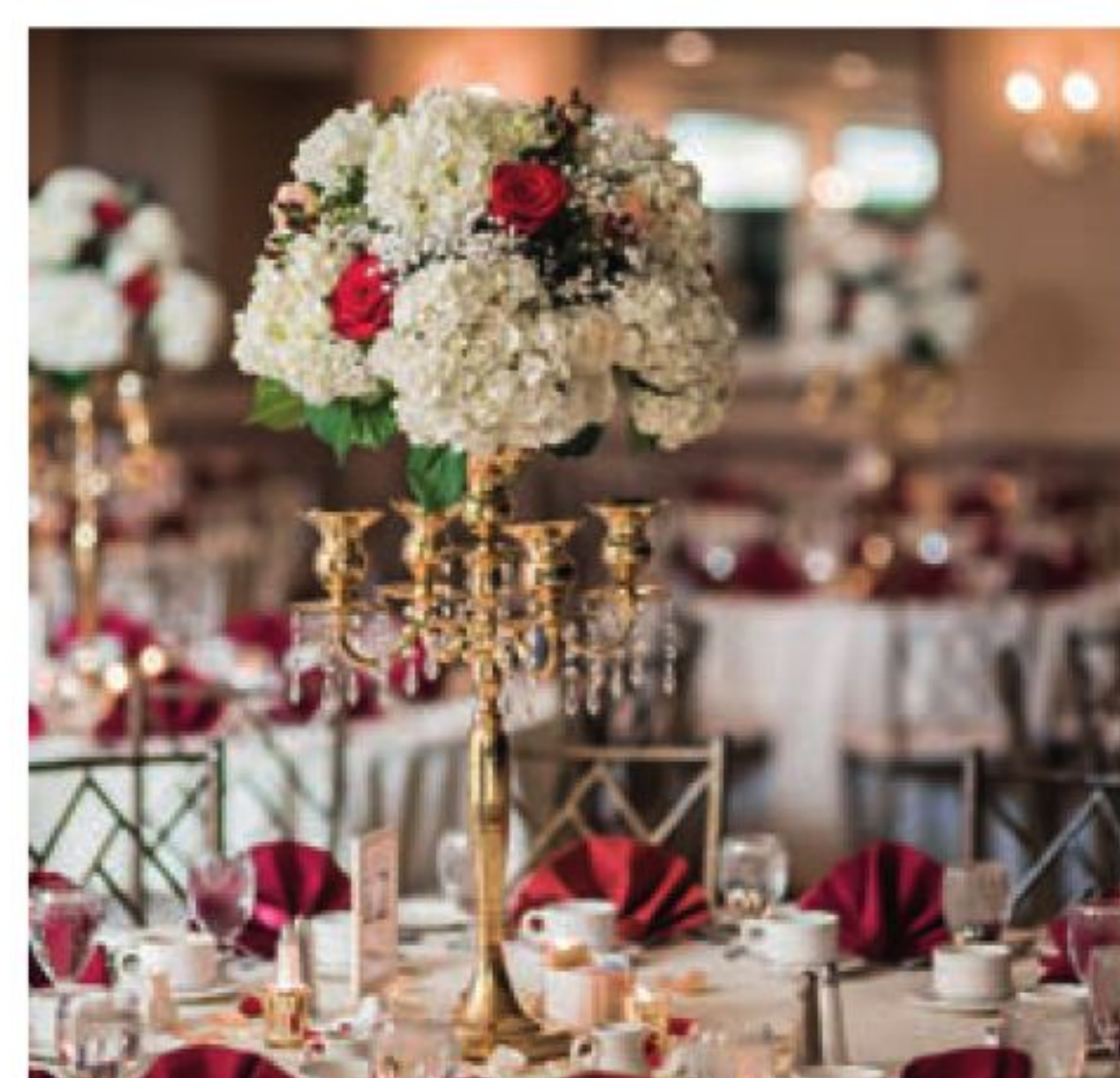
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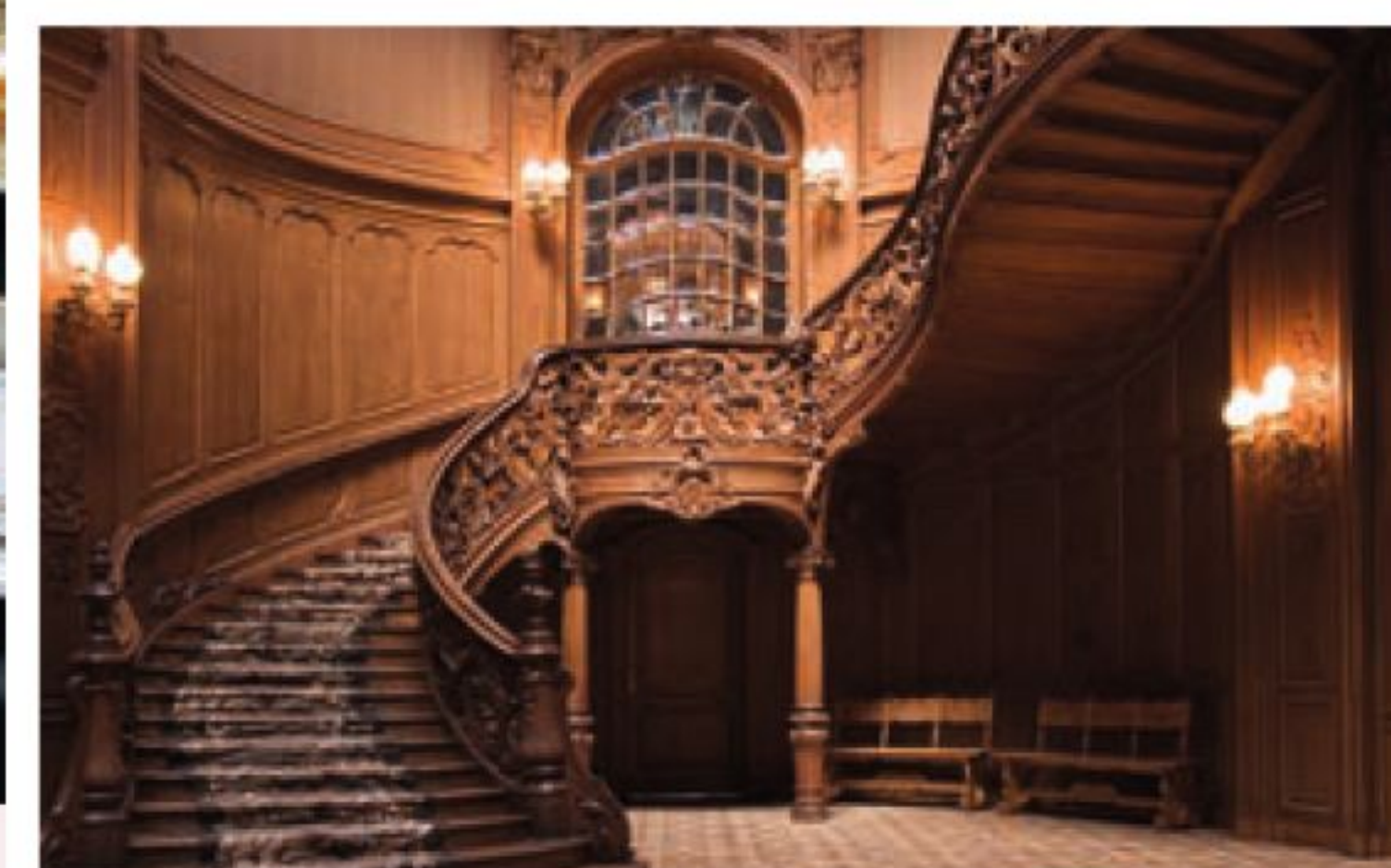
▲ If you're worried about your chair décor overpowering your colour scheme, waterfall white drapes can be dressed with a rosebud to match your palette.



▲ Ivory and white with lots of greenery is on-trend and super classic. Add accents of silver, gold or rose gold to complement the venue's rich décor.



▲ Candles create a romantic atmosphere. Incorporate them in lanterns, candelabra or frame the aisle with tea lights.



▲ Keep things simple, and remember less is more.

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BARN



▲ Try placing tea lights inside Mason jars, it's a simple, yet effective way, of transforming any space into a magical woodland.



▲ Bunting is a fun way of incorporate your chosen theme, and it can even be personalised to include your names or initials.



▲ Fairy lights can be wrapped around the barn's wooden pillars.



▲ Paper lanterns come in various colours and shapes and can be placed anywhere.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



▲ 1,000 origami cranes come from an ancient Japanese legend that promises anyone who folds them will be granted a wish by the gods. This tradition can be incorporated into your table numbers, ceiling decorations or even used as a table plan.



▲ Create an unusual focal point with floating flowers. Wrap string around a vase and attach it to a nearby tree to create a stunning backdrop for your photographs.



▲ Colourful archways look great, especially at an al fresco wedding and they can be embellished with blooms or ribbons.



▲ Pom-poms are bright and bold and work particularly well in outdoor spaces.

DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

To celebrate our 60th issue, we've asked some of the best local suppliers to send in their favourite diamond-inspired products

This beautiful dress from Romantica is simple, with a hint of diamonds. It's called *Margot* and is available from somethingspecialboutique.co.uk



We adore this sparkly gown from Justin Alexander called 88062. It can be purchased from fairytalebridesltd.co.uk



Ensure your bridesmaids sparkle with this gorgeous design from Gino Cerruti. Available from somethingspecialboutique.co.uk

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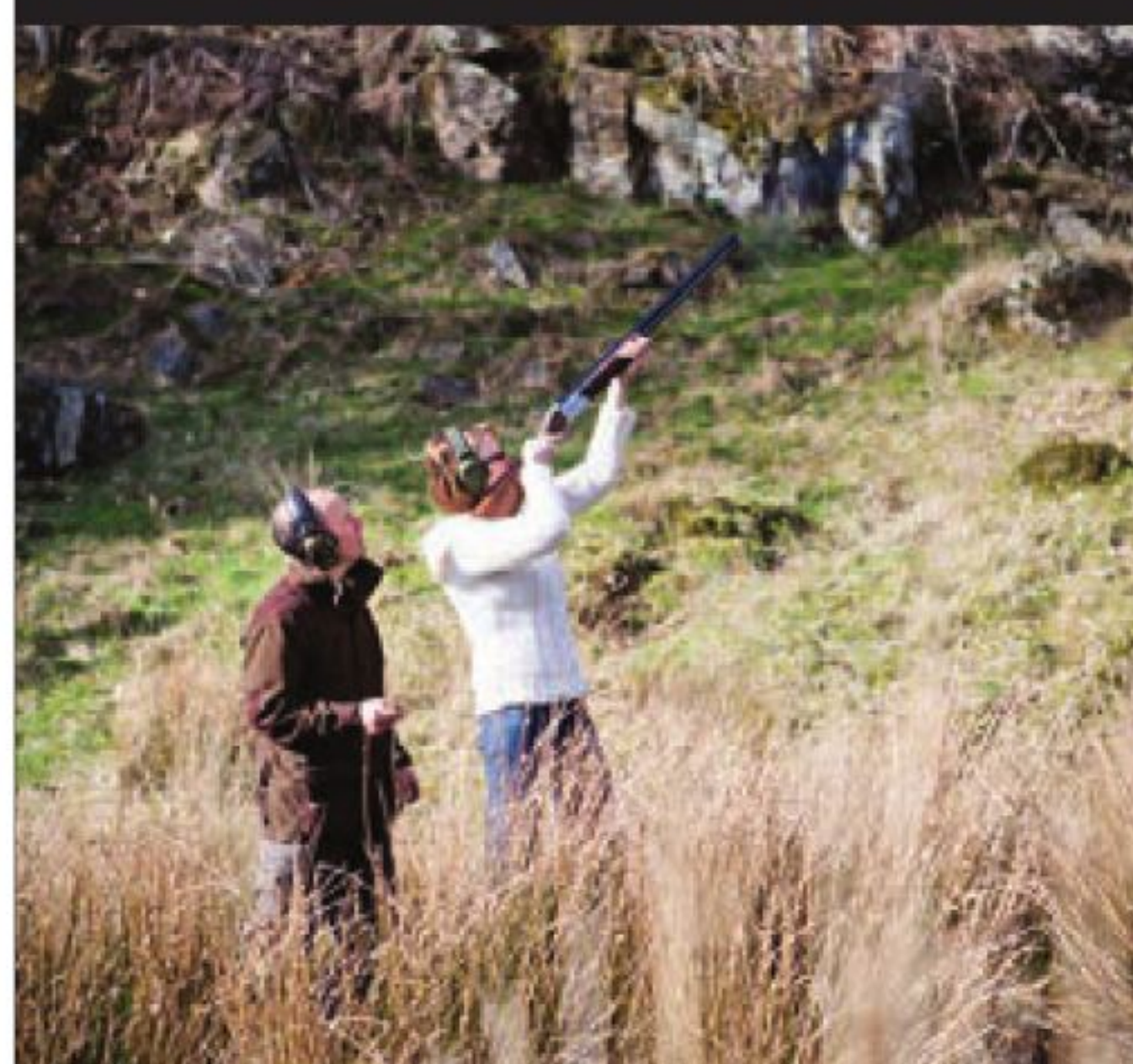
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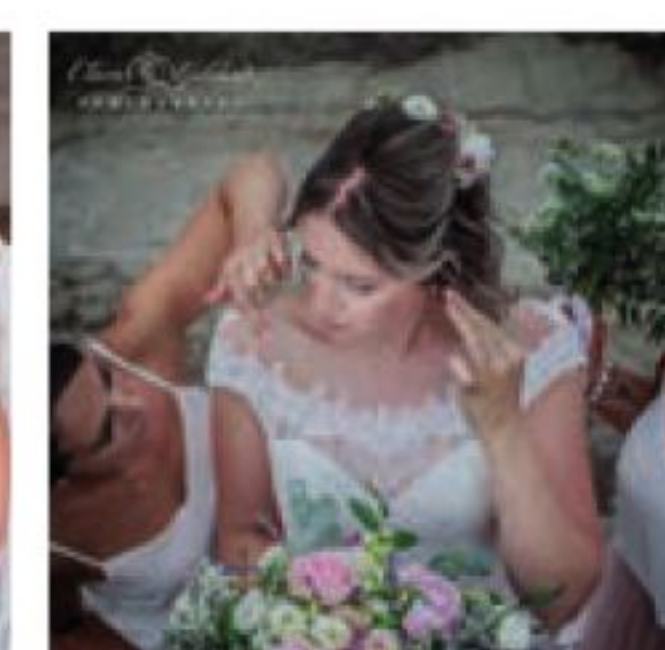
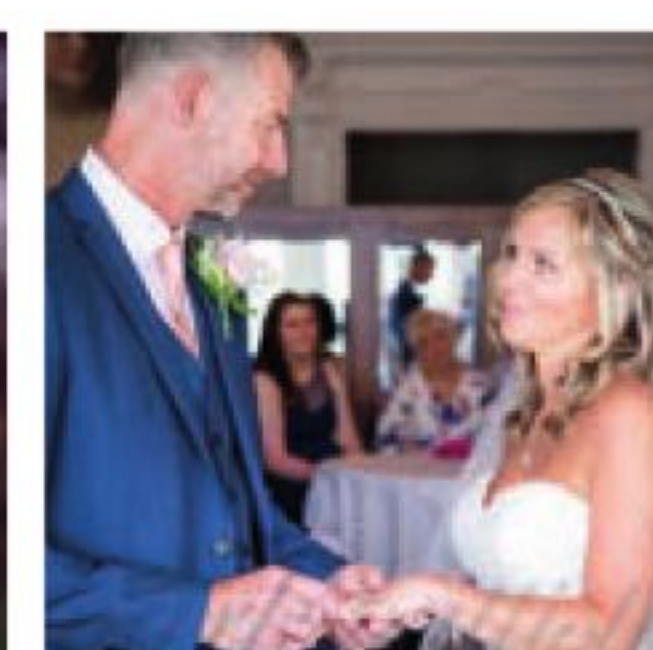
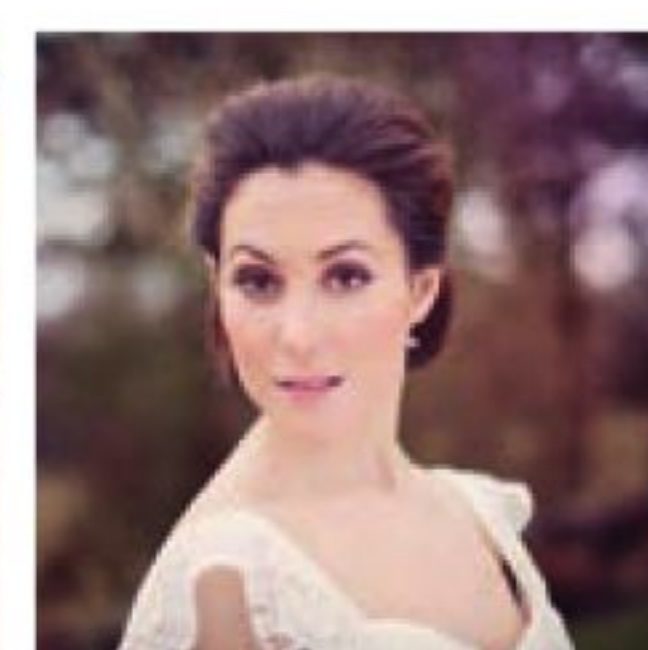
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LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU

We're looking for some quirky entertainment to keep our guests entertained. Do you have any suggestions?

If you're looking for something a bit different for your wedding, I suggest you look into clay pigeon shooting. You could organise a shooting day before your nuptials as a way of letting your guests get to know each other. Alternatively, the groomsmen could blow off some steam on the morning of the wedding by blasting clays or doing some archery.

If your guests are staying overnight at your venue, you could organise clay pigeon shooting, archery or even axe throwing for the morning after.

Whichever option you choose it will make your big day stand out. You could even organise an event for your hen or stag do.

Michael Coates

Clay pigeon shooting specialist

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CROWN OF GLORY

I'm getting married next spring and would love to incorporate some of the season's best flowers into my hair. Do you have any ideas of how I can do this?

There's an abundance of beautiful blooms available during spring that would be perfect for your wedding.

- ♥ For a classic look, a single statement bloom could be pinned into a chignon or bun. This style also works well with a floral comb.
- ♥ A loosely braided style can be enhanced by the addition of floral pins or vines. Dried options and gypsophila would work perfectly.
- ♥ If you're having a bohemian-themed wedding, then a flower crown is a must-have accessory! These can be made with virtually any type of flower, from large statement pieces such as peonies and roses to more delicate options like daisies, wax flowers and forget-me-nots. To ensure your crown will last throughout the day without wilting, opt for artificial blooms. With a vast array of faux flowers available, it's often hard to tell the difference. These can even be matched to your bouquet.

Julie Berry, Flower crown specialist

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COUNTING THE PENNIES

We're on a tight budget and want to book a videographer. Do you have any suggestions on how we can save money without compromising on quality?

There's no denying that wedding videographers are expensive. This is because the work you see being put into your big day is just the tip of the iceberg. Quite often this only makes up 10 per cent of the project with the other 90 being spent in the editing suite. There are, however, a few ways that you can reduce the cost without impacting on the quality of the film.

- ♥ Discuss with your chosen supplier your requirements and budget. It's always worth negotiating the price as there may be some wiggle room or a cheaper package available.
- ♥ Ask if there's a discount for low wedding season.
- ♥ DVD's and Blu-rays add to the cost. If you want to share the film with your friends and family, ask for the film to be uploaded to a website. You'll be able to view it on a password-protected platform in the highest quality and share the link at no additional cost. With smart TV's becoming commonplace in homes, people won't necessarily need a computer to view the site.
- ♥ An extra cameraman can add up to £300 to the cost. If you're satisfied with the content that your cinematographer can capture alone, then avoid this extra expense.
- ♥ Consider having key moments filmed from your arrival at the church through to your first dance. A shorter day will drop the price.
- ♥ To spread the cost some videographers may provide the original unedited footage on a hard drive, so it can be edited at a later day when you can afford it. If you are considering this, enquire with your chosen supplier even if it's not an advertised service.

Aidan Blunt
Videographer
aidanbluntcinematic.com

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PICTURE PERFECT

We're looking for a wedding photographer, but we're a bit worried about booking someone online that we've never met. Do you have any suggestions?

Here at Creative Camera Photography, 95 per cent of the time we won't take a booking unless we've met the couple.

- ♥ I understand your hesitation, after all, you don't know if they're a real person or company unless you've met them. We have a studio and always encourage our couples to come have a brew and chat about their day before booking.
- ♥ It's important you get on with your chosen supplier. If you don't have a connection, then you won't get the best outcome from your time with them. You're going to spend most of your day with or around your photographer, so make sure you like them before you book.
- ♥ Sit down with them and decide whether or not you'd avoid them at a family party. If the answer is yes, then keep on looking until you find someone that's the right fit for you.

Simon Kearsley
Photographer
photographerbury.com

PICK OF THE BUNCH

I'm set to tie the knot next spring, and I'd love to include some of the season's most beautiful flowers in my bouquet and venue décor. Do you have any suggestions for what I should look for?

Your flowers should reflect a little bit of your personality and sense of style. Luckily spring is a fabulous time with an abundance of gorgeous blooms to choose from, including sherbet pastels, classic whites, creams, verdant greens and blues.

- ♥ Peonies, roses and ranunculi ooze romance, while British-grown tulips, narcissi, freesia and muscari have a fresh, timeless and simple elegance. Tulips have a natural, wild path of their own and look stunning when allowed to flow naturally.
- ♥ The style of your gown is a key factor in choosing the design of your bouquet.
- ♥ Choose centrepieces that will complement your venue, whether it's rustic, country, classical or boho, you'll find that spring flowers and colours work beautifully with them all.



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BOWLED OVER

A team of local suppliers worked together to create this stunning shoot at All Star Lanes

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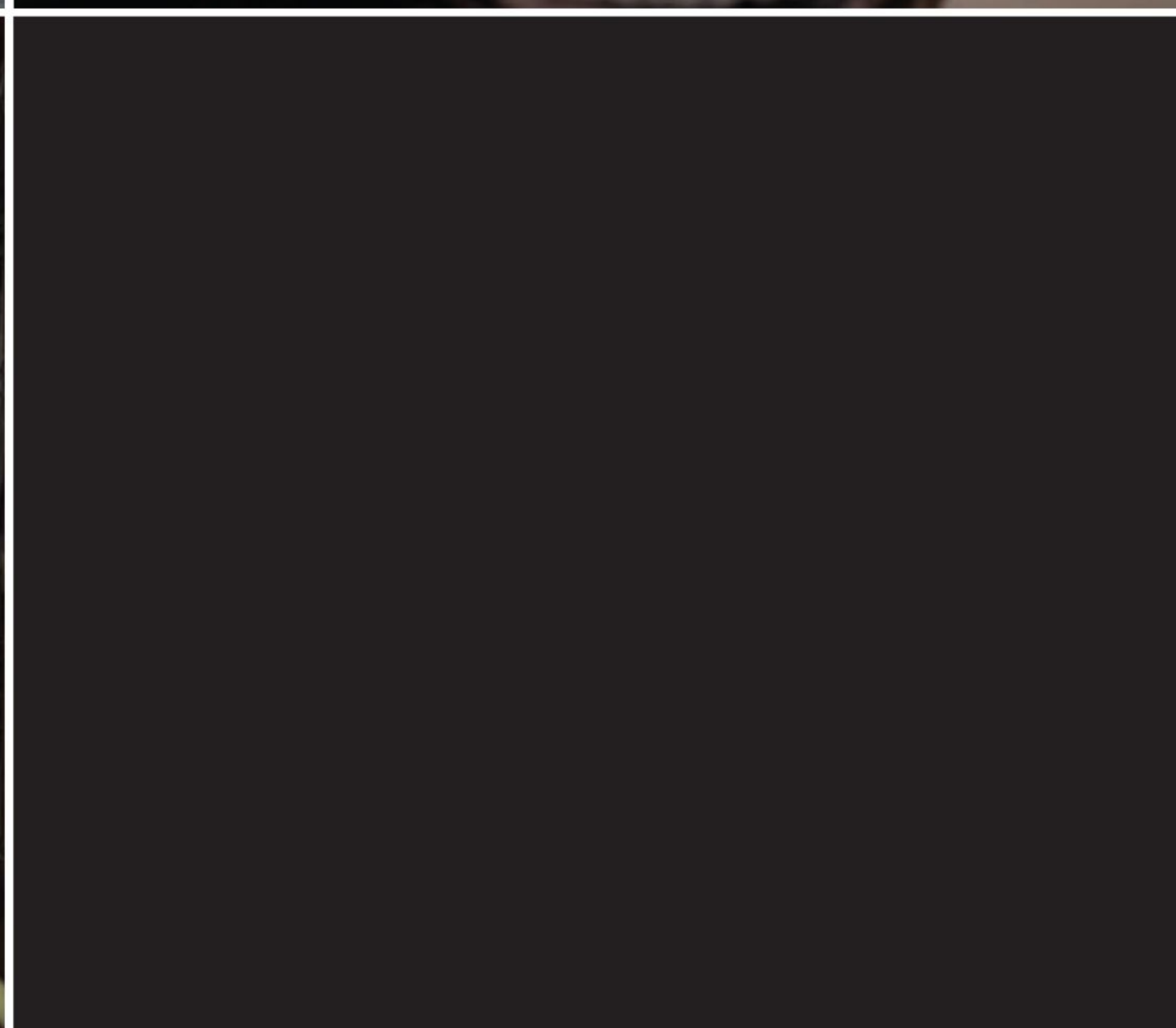
This quirky shoot took place at All Star Lanes in Manchester. Rachel Smith from Shikamo told us how this wonderful shoot came to be: "Celebrant SJ and I decided to create a styled shoot that showcased how things could be done a little differently when it comes to your wedding day, and what better way to do that than getting married at a bowling alley? We wanted to show that flowers work in any environment, so we got in touch with Ken Fraser Florist who created a stunning centrepiece incorporating a bowling pin which allowed our theme to flow throughout the décor."

Love Lace Bridal Boutique and Suit Direct provided the dress and suit. "The team created smart but modern outfits," says Rachel. "The leather jackets were supplied by Rock Paper Nib. It was a real showstopper and demonstrated that you don't have to necessarily stick with what's considered normal. Other trinkets like the eco-friendly favours, doughnut wall, bespoke invitations and personalised embroidered hankies really enhanced the shoot. The whole day was full of energy and the photographer, Dave Thompson, captured the fun perfectly."





REGIONAL SHOOT



THE DREAM TEAM

Venue, All Star Lanes, allstarlanes.co.uk | **Photographer**, Photography by Dave Thompson, photographybydavethompson.co.uk
Videographer, Malcolm Knight, instagram.com/malcolm_knight | **Celebrant and planner**, Celebrant SJ, celebrantsj.co.uk | **Gown, veil and shoes**, Love Lace Bridal Boutique, lovelacebridal.co.uk | **Leather jackets**, Rock Paper Nib, rockpapernib.com | **Groom's outfit**, Suit Direct, suitdirect.co.uk | **Wedding planner and welcome sign**, Shikamo, shikamo.co.uk | **Rings**, Smooch, smoochrings.co.uk
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REGIONAL SHOOT



THE DREAM TEAM

Venue, Chetham's Library, library.chethams.com | **Photographer**, Marni V Photography, marnivphotography.co.uk | **Videographer**, AMB-Vision, amb-vision.co.uk | **Facilitator**, The Urban Wedding Company, urbanweddingcompany.co.uk | **Dress**, Legend Bridal Designs, legendbridaldesigns.co.uk | **Hair and make-up artist**, Jacqui Scanlan Professional Hair and Makeup Artist, jqmakeup.com | **Stylist**, Bespoke Events and Styling, bespokeeventsandstyling.co.uk | **Flowers**, Perfect Bouquet Full of Flowers, perfectbouquet.co.uk | **Metal flowers**, Greenleaf Artworks, greenleaf-artworks.co.uk | **Cake**, Urban Cakehouse, urbancakehouse.com | **Feast**, The Little Green Platter Company, facebook.com/thelittlegreenplatterco | **Stationery**, Frain & Grain, frainandgrain.co.uk | **Lights**, Peter Lockwood Events, peterlockwood.co.uk | **Female model**, instagram.com/victor1a_b | **Male model**, instagram.com/vegan_viking



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Fashion focus

Fashion editor Claire Ridley reveals the latest bridal news, buys and launches

NAME IT

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Melanie



PICK YOUR OWN

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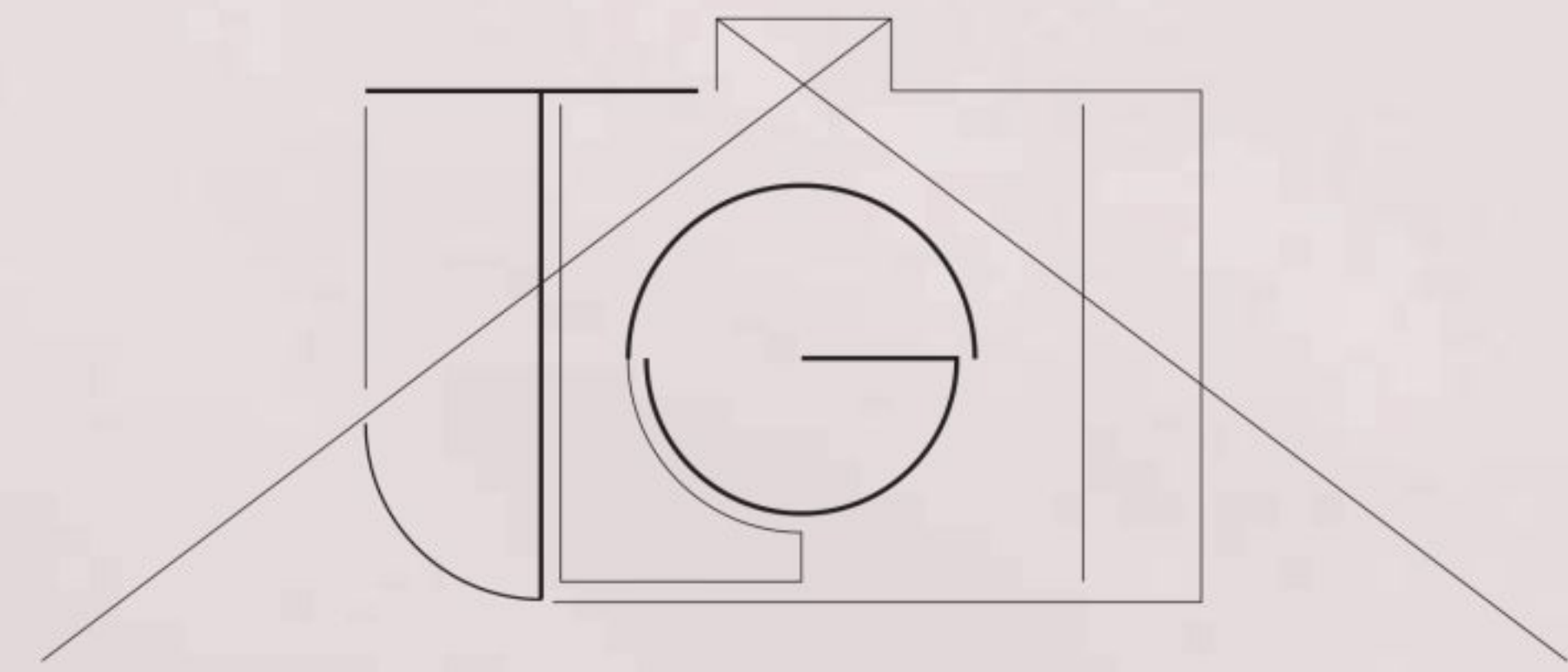
EDITOR'S PICK

Thank your best girls with this gold-tone crystal bracelet, £89, from the new Tarot Magic collection by swarovski.com [swarovski](https://www.instagram.com/swarovski)



What lies beneath

Lingerie, swimwear and nightwear brand Boux Avenue has released Bouxique by Boux Avenue, a luxury new capsule collection inspired by traditional corsetry techniques and French lace fabrics. Bold red and black pieces feature supportive designs and are honeymoon lust-haves, bouxavenue.com [bouxavenue](https://www.instagram.com/bouxavenue)

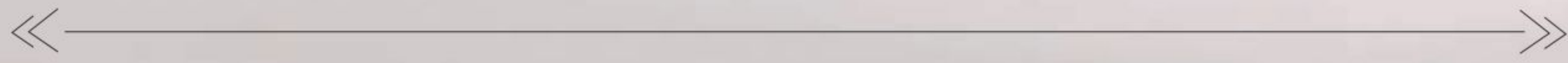


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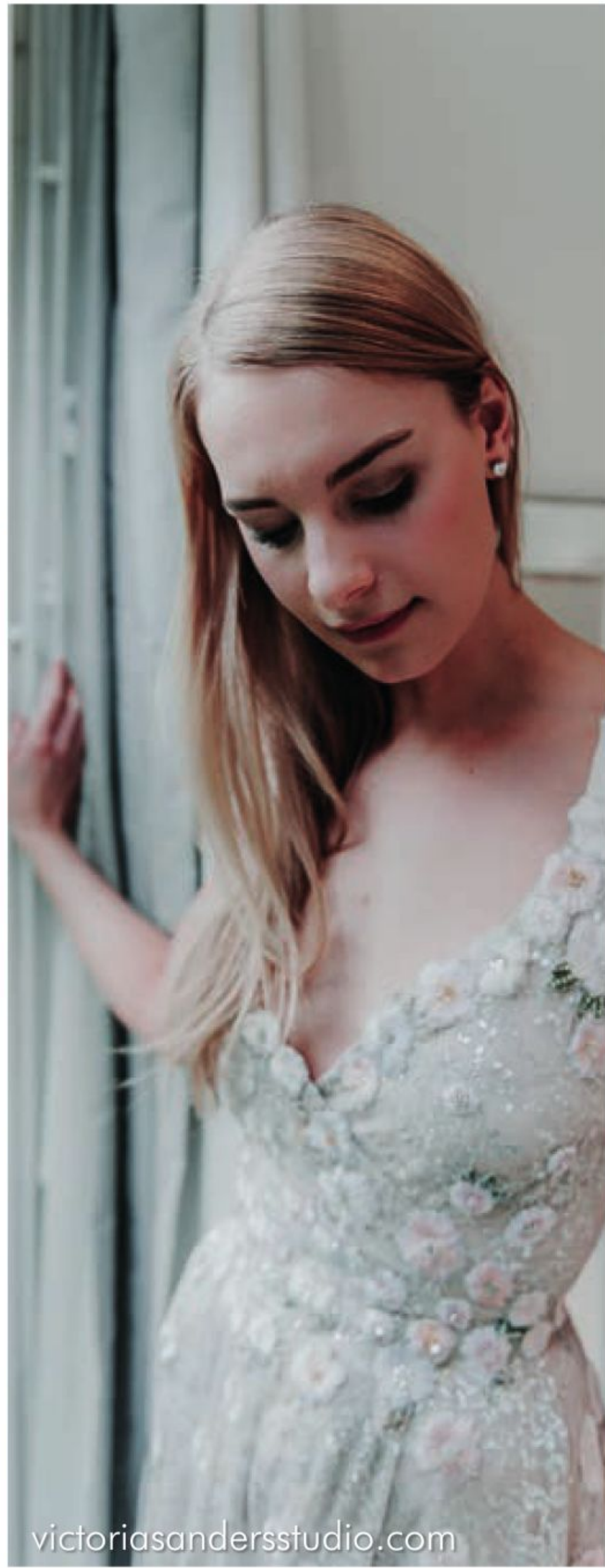


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LOVE IS IN THE AIR

I'm stuck in a rut with my make-up. What would you advise to turn heads on my big day?

Getting stuck in a routine with your make-up is more common than you might think. On your wedding day, you want to look and feel like the best version of yourself, but that doesn't mean you have to wear crazy colours that are totally out of your comfort zone.

A good artist will ask what you like and dislike, the coverage you prefer, the style you're hoping to achieve and much more. My best advice is to book a trial and arrive with your normal look so your supplier can get an idea of your everyday style.

Opt for hues that suit your skin tone. This will enhance your features and is the key to a beautiful bridal look. A defined eye, perfect brows, and flawless skin are sometimes all you need. If you want to up the ante, research and find your dream style. This can be a good reference for your supplier and is easier than trying to describe your vision.

When you leave your trial, wear the make-up all day. Look in every mirror and window you see, take selfies and maybe even try on your dress. By the end of the day, you'll know whether you love or hate it. If it's the latter, book another trial and explain to your artist what it was you didn't like and go from there. Remember, you don't have to settle for less than perfect on your wedding day.

Daniella Ingle
Make-up artist
daniellamakeuphair.com

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Zaidha Roscoe
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