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Firstly, I hope all of our readers have been keeping well during this surreal, unprecedented time. It would be hard for me to not mention the dreaded c-word, however, I admire how everyone, no matter how badly they have been effected, has come together to help and support one another. The tide will start turning, and we can all begin to re-plan cancelled weddings, re-book honeymoons and get back to our wonderful world of weddings – supporting local couples and businesses finding their feet again!

This issue is bursting with inspiration; we have three real weddings starting on page 37, a guide on how to choose your big-day entertainment on page 65 and we get to know local photographers on page 57.

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

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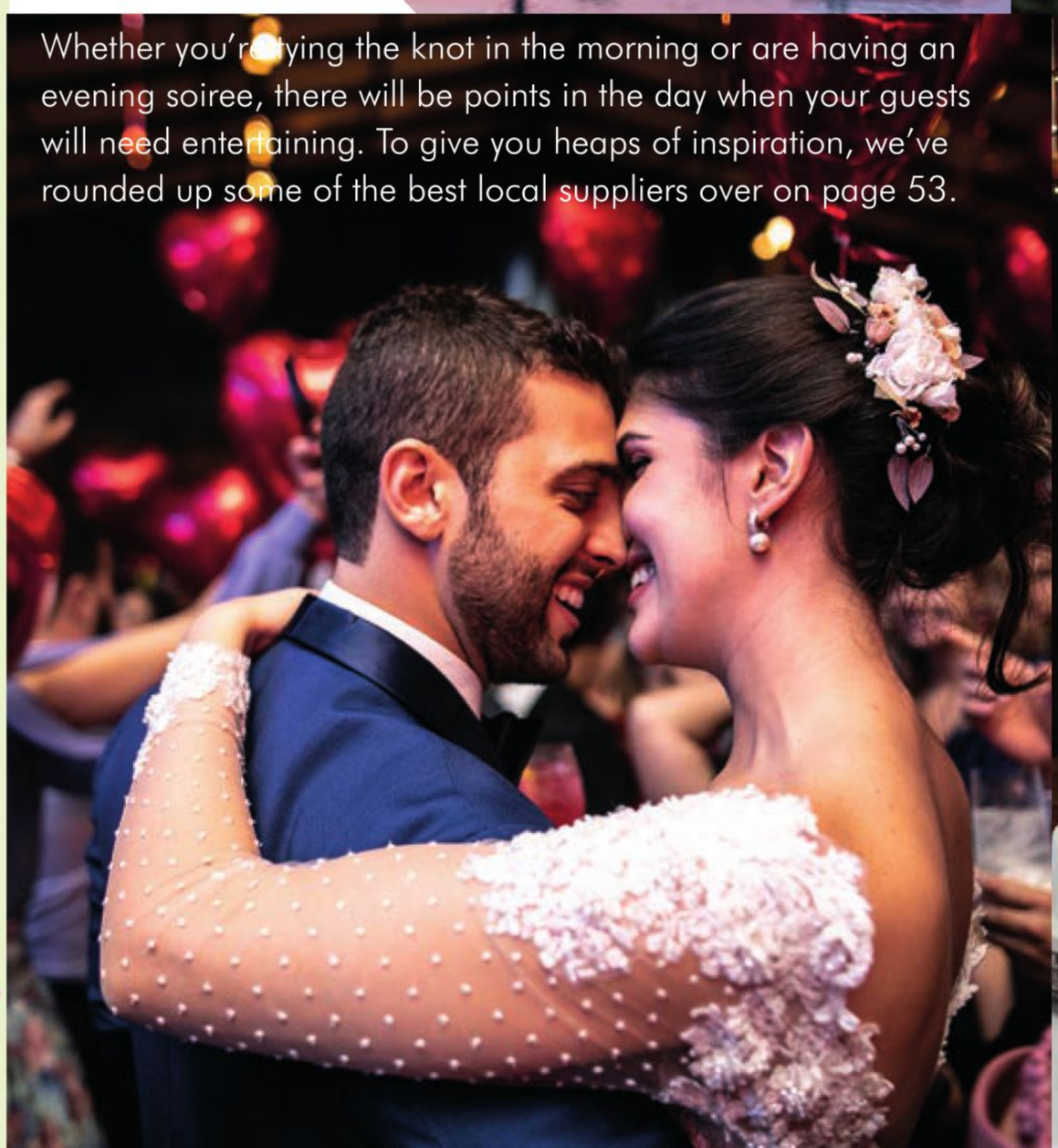
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I'm in love with bride Chloe's wedding dress. Flip to page 47 to see more from her wedding.



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Whether you're tying the knot in the morning or are having an evening soiree, there will be points in the day when your guests will need entertaining. To give you heaps of inspiration, we've rounded up some of the best local suppliers over on page 53.



How delicious does Amy and Ian's wedding cake look?! Turn to page 35 to find out more about their nuptials.



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Check out Pennyhill Park's new booking system on page 9.



Looking for somewhere hot for your honeymoon? You're in luck! We're focusing on Morocco over on page 102.

Photographs are more than just keepsakes. They're a way of reliving those happy memories over and over again and reminding yourself of just how wonderful life can be. Your wedding will be one of the most important days of your life, so it's essential you have lovely photographs to look back on. Turn to page 63 for heaps of inspiration.





Ensure your locks look amazing with our hair accessories feature on page 82.

How gorgeous is this venue? It's featured in our waterside venues feature on page 25.





I love Charlotte and Jason's glamorous wedding. Check out page 40 to see more.

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Nearlywed NEWS

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Luxury & Boutique Hotels is a new independent boutique and luxury hotel platform. The company is the brainchild of husband and wife duo, Gregor and Claire, who have more than 60 years' experience in the hospitality industry. The service offers customers preferential rates, offers and inspiration on a carefully curated collection of hotels.

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We spoke to Nina Rogers from Cakes by Nina to find out more: "I created the large cake on 29th June, 2019 for a gorgeous wedding at Frimley Hall Hotel. Everything was made out of sugar, and I couldn't have been happier to win both awards."

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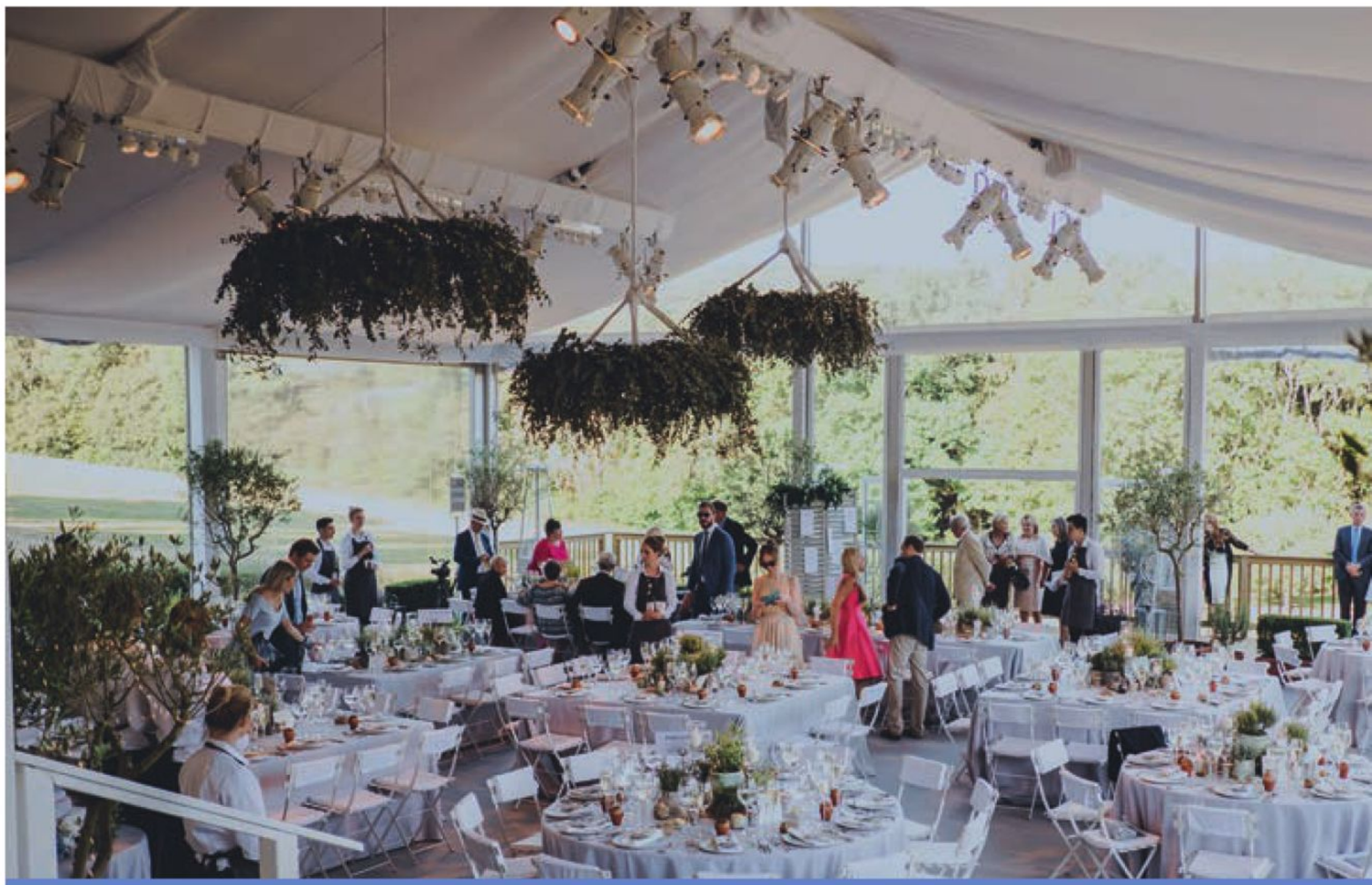


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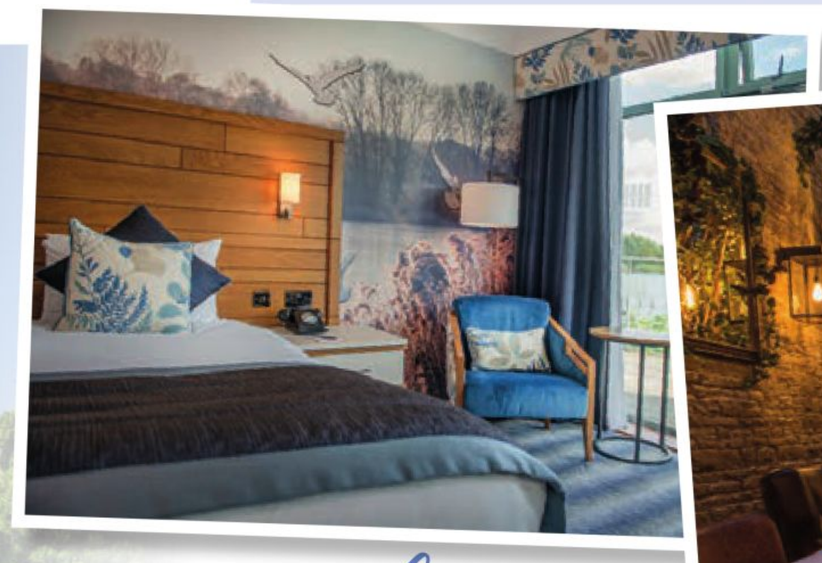
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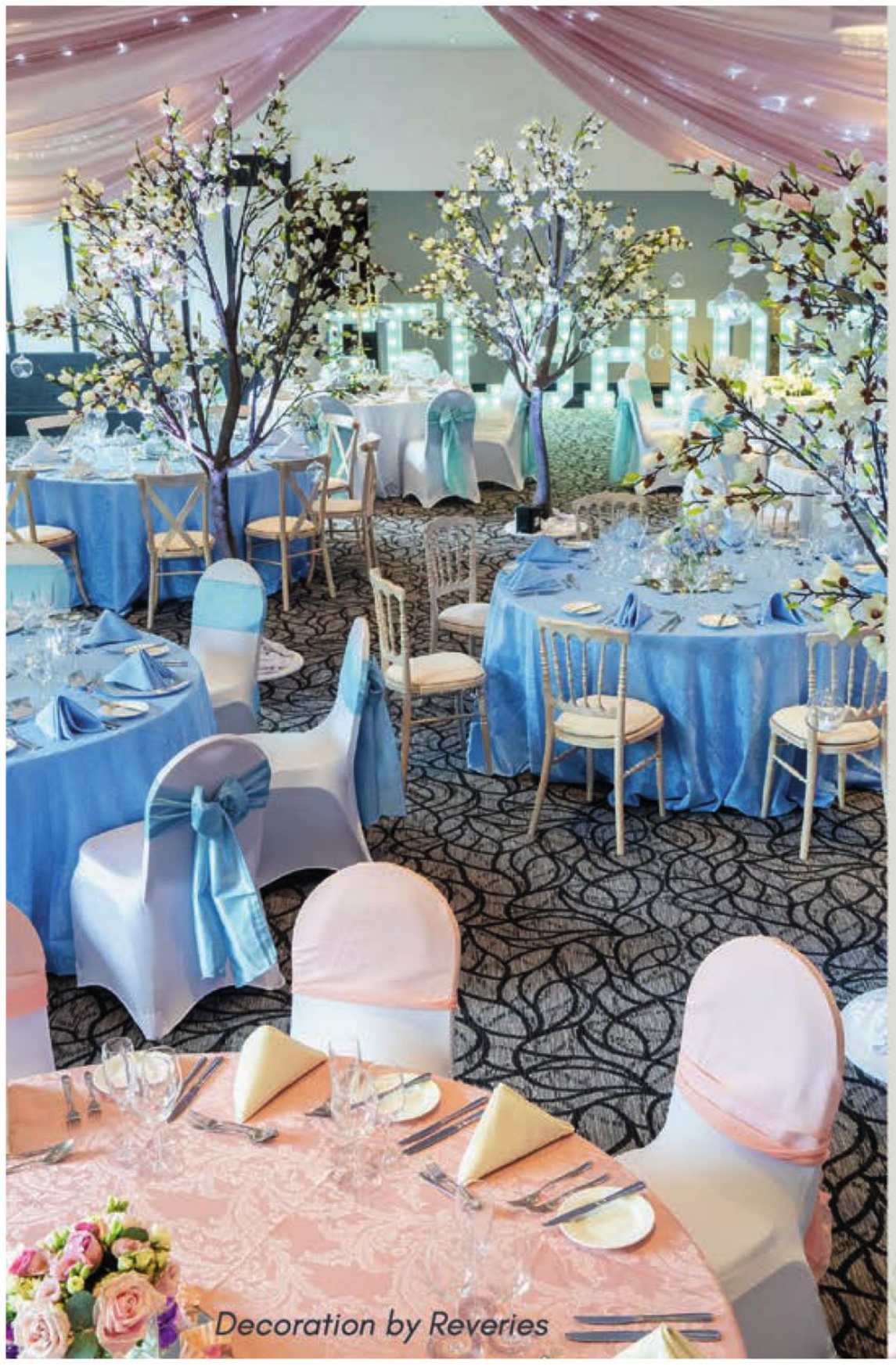
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After the 'I dos' receptions take place in all of the former mentioned suites: The Worth (12), The Gibson (60) and The Fielden Suite seats up to 100 guests for the wedding breakfast and up to 140 for an evening reception. Alternatively, the Leigh Room can hold 28 loved ones.

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Couples tying the knot here can enjoy overnight accommodation on the night of the wedding, discounted rates for guests, one month's free health club membership for the couple prior to the wedding day and a menu tasting with wines for two.

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Hartsfield Manor is a 19th-century stately home situated in 16 acres of breathtaking countryside. The property boasts a rose garden, croquet lawn and driveway, creating an impressive backdrop for photographs. Inside, this impressive venue couples will find historic arched doors, grand fireplaces and chandeliers. There are 50 en suite bedrooms for guests to choose from, each offering modern amenities and tasteful décor.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Nuptials can take place in The Lounge. This charming space has lots of natural light, high ceilings, picturesque views and room for 90 loved ones for the service and 180 for the evening celebration.

Alternatively, The Brockham Suite boasts a feature fireplace and can hold up to 40 friends and families for the vows.

WE LOVE...

Couples will receive a complimentary menu tasting, a changing room to use throughout the day and a night's stay in the bridal suite.



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There are a range of spaces available for ceremonies that range from 50 loves ones to 250.

Newlyweds will receive a complimentary menu tasting, the opportunity to sample the venue's range of wines and an overnight stay on the night of the wedding.



STANHILL COURT, RH6 0EP

01293 862 166 | stanhillcourthotel.co.uk

Nestled in 35 acres of beautiful gardens and woodland is the charming Stanhill Court. The property boasts a helicopter pad and Victorian walled garden with London Gatwick Airport only 10 minutes away. The restoration of the existing Amphitheatre has been completed and is an ideal location for outdoor wedding ceremonies. Inside, this Victorian country manor house is a traditional, yet contemporary décor with an elegant twist. Every bedroom has been updated, exuding opulence and style, with modern fittings, four-poster beds and luxury bedding throughout.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies can take place in The Orangery. This modern area offers direct access to the terrace and gardens and has room for 180 guests throughout the day.

Alternatively, The Charlwood Suite, with space for 240 loved ones for the ceremony and reception, is available.

For more intimate nuptials, the Lloyds Room – with a maximum capacity of 50 friends and family – is ideal.

WE LOVE...

Brides and grooms will receive a complimentary stay in the bridal suite, with a group breakfast the following morning, a menu tasting and an anniversary stay.



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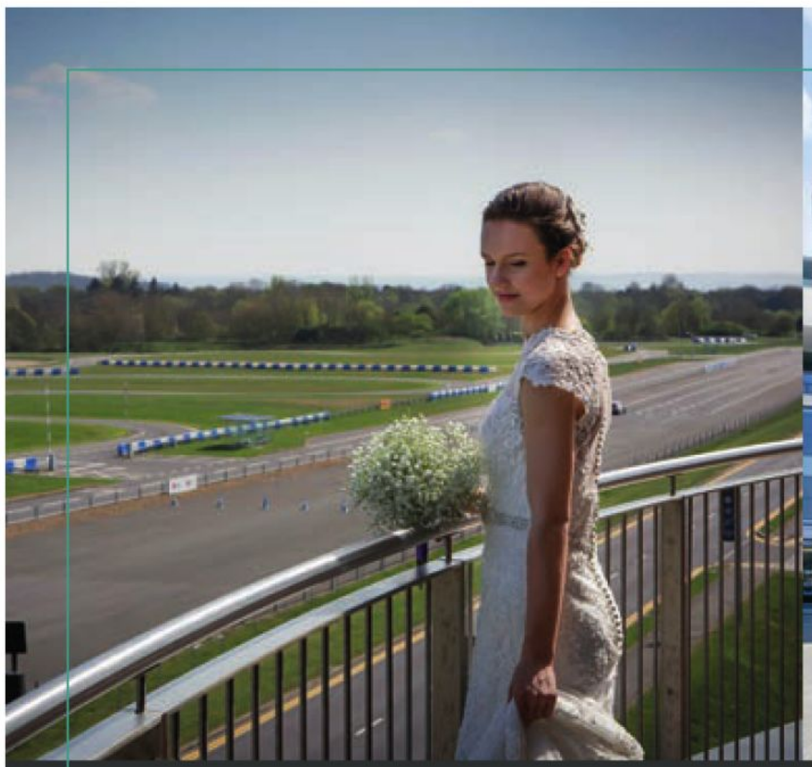
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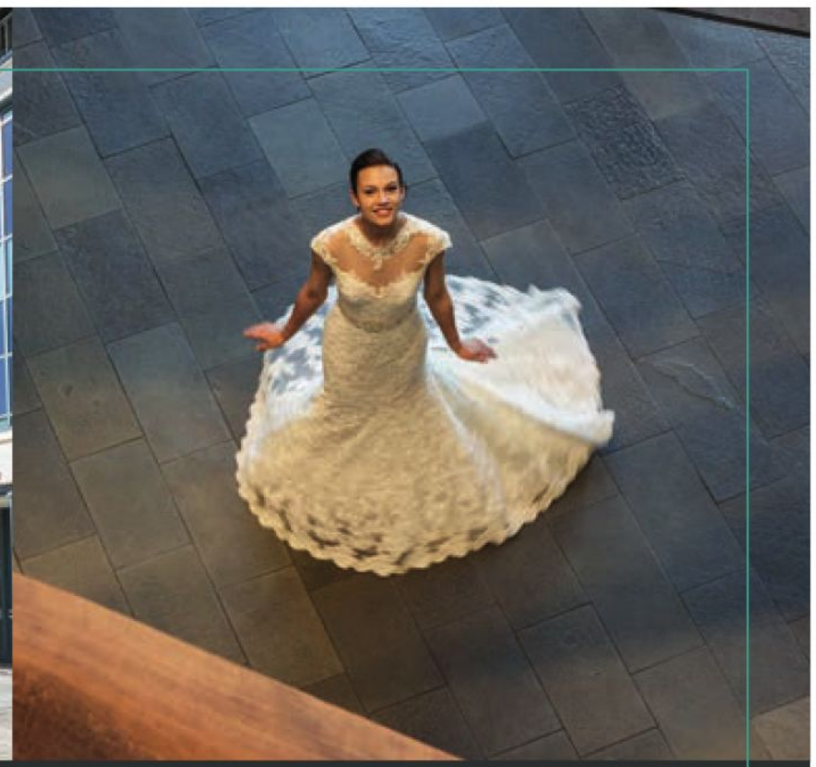
Located within 12 acres of landscaped gardens is Coltsford Mill Wedding Venue. Boasting a luxurious décor throughout, the venue offers a multitude of spaces in which to take photographs, including the two lakes and surrounding grounds.

There are two spaces available for weddings that can hold between 90 and 200 loved ones.

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The Mill at Elstead is a historic venue dating back to 1648. The property boasts a working mill, gardens with a quintessentially English feel, orchards, willow trees, acres of grounds and masses of wildlife, including ducks and swans. Guests will be impressed as they drive across the cobbled bridge and look up at the mighty venue towering over them. The property is gorgeously lit at night with 17th-century charm during the day. Inside, is wooden beams, antique chairs and two licensed rooms perfect for weddings of all sizes.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies can take place in The Cygnet Suite. Made up of four event spaces, this suite includes a licensed ceremony room, dining room, bar and mezzanine. The exposed wooden beams and mismatched furniture create a relaxed and rustic atmosphere, perfect for photographs. This self-contained area can be transformed throughout the day to suit the couple's needs and can hold 72 guests for the ceremony, 65 in the dining room for the wedding breakfast, plus the additional mezzanine can be used for up to 35 loved ones. After the meal, the room is broken down to create a dancefloor for everyone to dance the night away.

Alternatively, the Cromwell Room can be used. The space is ironically named after Oliver Cromwell's troops who burnt down the original mill before it was rebuilt in 1648. It has distinct rustic furniture and working Inglenook fireplaces, making it a beautifully cosy setting for an intimate event. It's capable of holding 28 friends and family for the vows and 32 seated guests and 50 standing when combined with the Snug. After the service, loved ones can venture to the orchards or the Snug while the room is turned around.

WE LOVE...

The venue offers a complimentary bottle of prosecco on the happy couple's first-anniversary meal.





THE RUNNYMEDE ON THAMES, TW20 0AG

01784 220 981 | runnymedehotel.com

The Runnymede on Thames is a modern and contemporary venue situated on the banks of the River Thames. The property is easily accessible, and guests can even arrive by boat.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

The Riverside Suite has a private terrace, a conservatory with a retractable roof and a neutral décor throughout, with space for 72 friends and family for the service, 100 for the wedding breakfast and 120 for the evening celebration.

Meanwhile, the Grand Union Suite is flooded with natural light and is perfect for couples looking for a blank canvas. It can accommodate 142 loved ones for the vows and 250 for the rest of the day.

Alternatively, The Riverboat Cruise can be used. This charming area can hold 120 nearest and dearest for the wedding breakfast and reception.

WE LOVE...

The venue's riverside location.





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CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Nearlyweds can tie the knot in the Great Hall, a traditional English banqueting hall, with room for 120 friends and family for the ceremony, 110 for the wedding breakfast and 200 for the reception.

The Sopwith can also be used, which has an elegant design, large bay windows, a terrace and a croquet lawn, with space for 120 loved ones for the meal and 200 for the evening celebration.

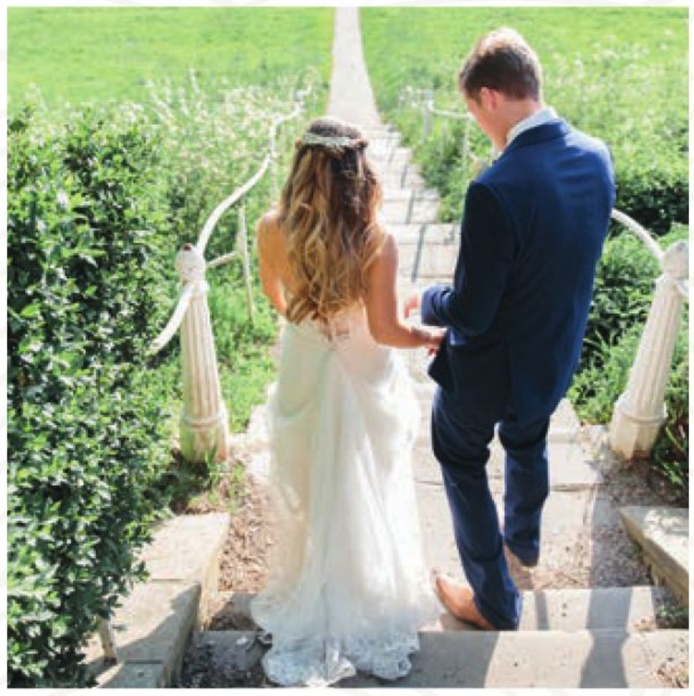
Alternatively, 1820 is available. Full of natural light, this grand area has an 18th-century fireplace and can accommodate 50 guests for the service and 120 for the party.

WE LOVE...

Couples can stay in the bridal suite on the night of the wedding and will have use of a certified toastmaster, a ceremonial knife and sterling cake stand, a red-carpet arrival, menu tasting, complimentary bed and breakfast and a stay at Horsley Towers for their first anniversary.

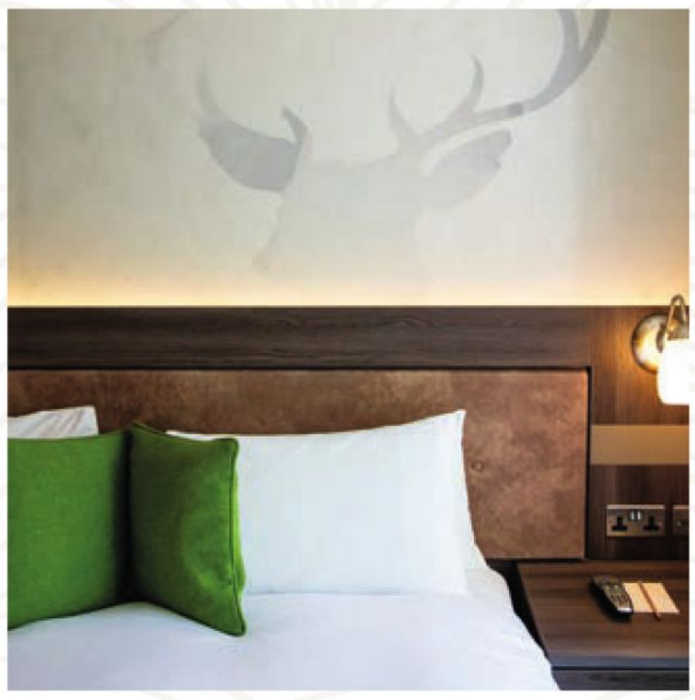
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THE CYGNET SUITE

This Cygnet Suite is so cleverly self-contained that it provides your wedding or occasion with the privacy it deserves. The Ceremony Room is the perfect spot for a wedding ceremony for up to 72 guests. Our delicious Dining Room provides Wedding Breakfast seating for up to 65 people, plus the additional Mezzanine above is suitable for up to 35 guests.

THE CROMWELL ROOM

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SUNBURY GOLF, TW17 8QA

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Situated in more than 400 acres of gorgeous countryside is Sunbury Golf. The property has 27-holes of golf, a traditional balcony, a grand exterior and a rustic décor throughout. The staff welcome golfers of all abilities to come and practice. The 27 bay driving range is situated on a well-maintained green, with plenty of places to take those all-important photographs.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Nearlyweds tie the knot in The Old Barn, an elegant space with high ceilings and structural beams, with room for 120 guests for the vows and reception.

WE LOVE...

Couples will receive a complimentary menu tasting when booking their big day.





RICHMOND HILL HOTEL, TW10 6RW

02089 402 247 | richmondhill-hotel.co.uk

Richmond Hill Hotel is made up of a row of Georgian townhouses that were built in 1724 and resided in by local dignitaries. While the hotel does not have its own grounds, it's located on top of Richmond Hill overlooking meadows and gardens that lead down to the River Thames. Just minutes away is the Richmond Park Nature Reserve, once known as the hunting grounds for King Henry VIII and his predecessors, it has free-roaming deer and plantations.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Couples can tie the knot in a choice of rooms. The Georgian-style Ballroom has large sash windows, high ceilings, an adjoining bar and room for 180 guests throughout the day.

Alternatively, the Richmond Room boasts a modern style, private bar and sun terrace, and can hold up to 110 loved ones for the ceremony and reception.

The Oak Room, with its wood-panelling and contemporary décor, has a maximum capacity of up to 72 nearest and dearest for the service.

The Queens Room is a smaller area with an elegant décor and space for 40 guests for the reception.

WE LOVE...

Newlyweds will receive a complimentary menu tasting, a night's stay in the Georgian deluxe room and discounted accommodation rates for guests.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

2019 has been quite a year for County Wedding Magazines and Events HQ, the launch of our Signature Wedding Shows were such a huge success that the 2020 dates are bigger and better than ever. Here's what to expect when attending one of our events...

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Finally, regular reality TV watchers will be familiar with The Brentwood Centre, Essex, a regular feature in Sam and Billie Faiers' *The Mummy Diaries* and the home of our very first Signature Wedding Show.

ON THE DAY DELIGHTS

When attending one of our Signature Wedding Shows couples and their entourages are in for a treat. Each event will boast up to 150 exhibitors comprising a huge range of specialists who will be on hand to talk through your planning ideas and requirements; venues, bridal boutiques, photographers, florists, cake makers and more, there's everything you could need under one roof.

On the day, visitors can enjoy fashion catwalks of the latest bridal, groom and mother-of-the-bride collections, partake in styling demonstrations and watch live entertainment, all whilst enjoying samples and tasters from our exhibitors. Refreshments are also available to purchase from each of the venue's on-site restaurants, bars and cafés.

What's more, by attending our exhibitions couples will benefit from free entry, will receive a goody bag including a copy of a County Wedding Magazine as well as be entered into a competition to win a honeymoon to a luxurious destination.

From sampling cocktails to tasting ice cream, listening to live musicians and watching the fashion shows, it's an exciting day for all who attend.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our Signature Wedding Shows!

Sarah x

Sarah Ellis, Sales and Events Director County Wedding Events.

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ONCE UPON *a time*

Amy and Ian had a fairytale celebration at Great Fosters

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Amy and Ian met a mutual friend's birthday party. "We were inseparable," says Amy. "When I got home, I told my mum that I'd met the man I was going to marry and she said I was drunk and to go to bed! I knew from the minute we met that we were meant to be together."

Ian popped the question during a trip to Disneyland Paris. "It was a complete surprise," shares the bride. "We were enjoying a princess-themed lunch with all the characters when they brought out my ring inside Cinderella's shoe. It was so magical, and if I were to propose to myself, that's how I would have done it. I actually have the whole thing on video. We still have the shoe that the ring was in, and we've had our engagement date engraved into it."

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



When we first saw Great Fosters we loved its impressive drive and grand exterior. I could picture the barn and orangery decorated, and the finished result looked amazing.



We had fairylights decorating the pillars and walls of the barn. My favourite cocktail is a kir royale, and Ian much prefers beer to champagne so to make it personal we had these two options as our reception drinks.



Our big-day bake was from Ann's Designer Cakes. We chose a four-tier design, with a ribbon around it and the Cinderella shoe from our engagement as the topper.

Our favours were shots decorated with labels that read 'Take a shot we've tied the knot, Mr & Mrs Threadingham 02.02.2019. I also had fortune cookies placed on the guests' seats to spark conversation.



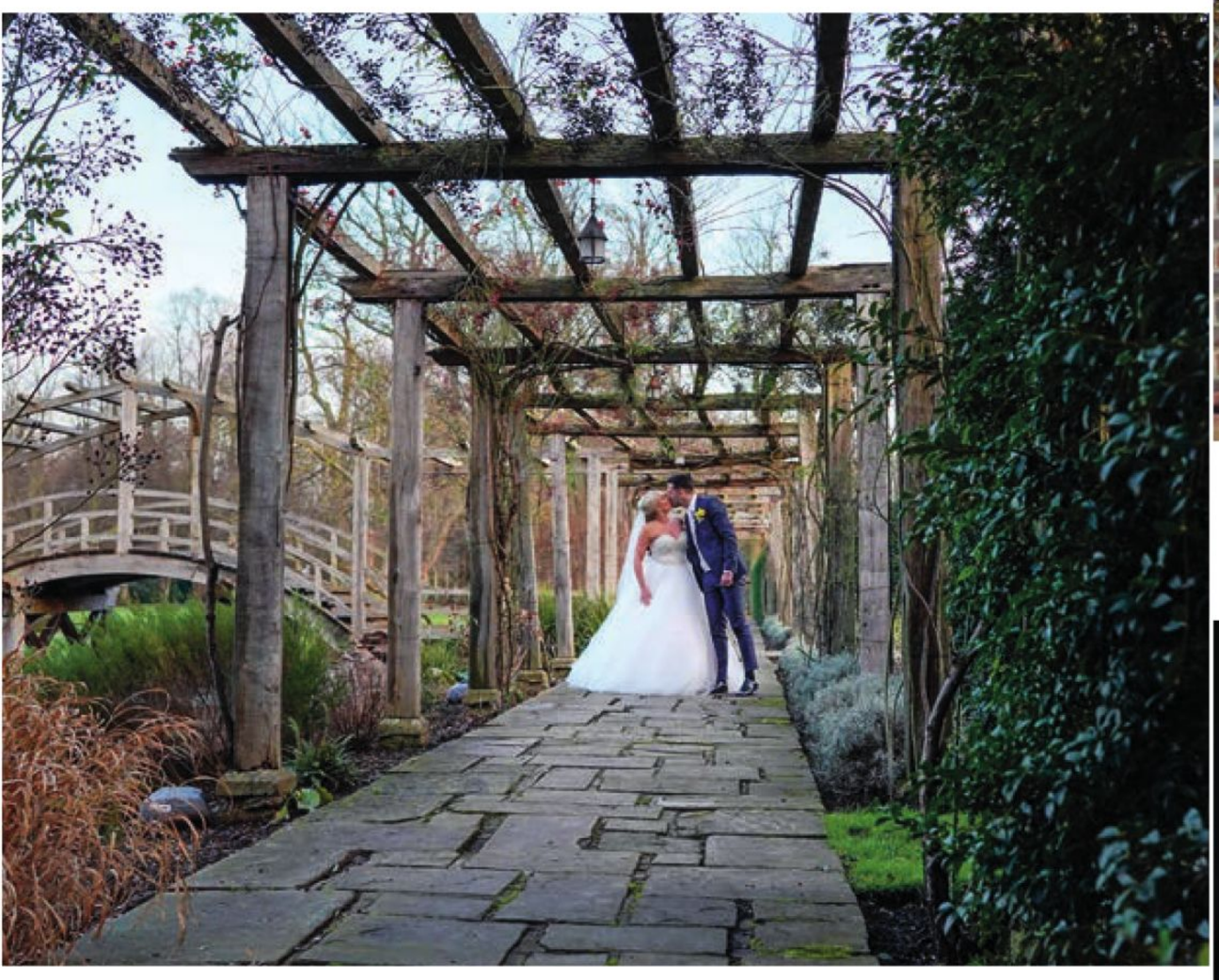


I chose large centrepieces with a variety of small and medium bird cages. I placed the large trees on plinths to decorate the aisle and moved them for the reception. The Flying Florist dotted tiny birdcages around the orangery, which was a lovely surprise.



Our welcome sign was a fairytale scroll placed on an easel wrapped with artificial lemon and white flowers.

I wore a dress by Morilee from Windsor & Eton Brides. It had beautiful crystal and diamanté beading which fit perfectly with our fairytale theme. It was the first gown I tried on, and I fell in love instantly. I accessorised with a veil, a headpiece and diamond earrings.



My bridesmaids chose yellow full-length dresses with beaded shoulders from Little Mistress.



The whole day was absolutely amazing. We had been told by so many people that the day goes so fast, but I remember saying to Ian at 3pm that I couldn't believe it wasn't later. It was the best day of our lives.





Ian wore a three-piece suit with a light grey waistcoat and ivory printed tie from Robert Tracey.



To keep our guests entertained, we hired So Sinatra. He sang during the reception drinks and before the speeches. We had a DJ during the evening and a mirror photo booth which went down a treat with our loved ones.



Ralph Heijmer, our toastmaster, was a Godsend! He was there every time we needed him, he helped the day run smoothly, and was great at coordinating everything.



I stayed at Great Fosters the night before the wedding with my mum, dad and brother. It was nice having time to reflect before the big day, and my mum kept me sane and was a huge support throughout the planning process.



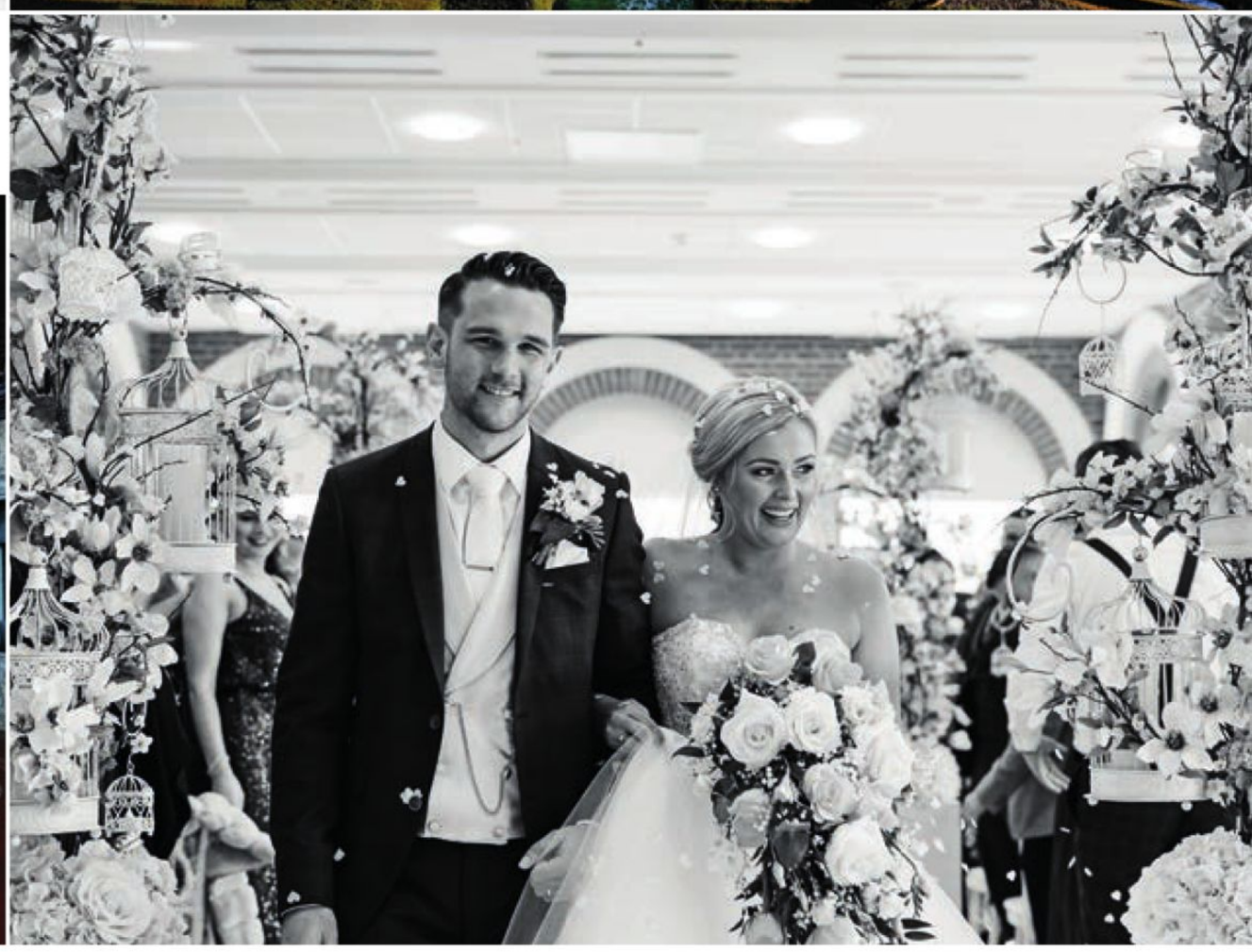
My top tip would be enjoy every second of it and don't sweat the small stuff. All the planning and preparation will pay off in the end!





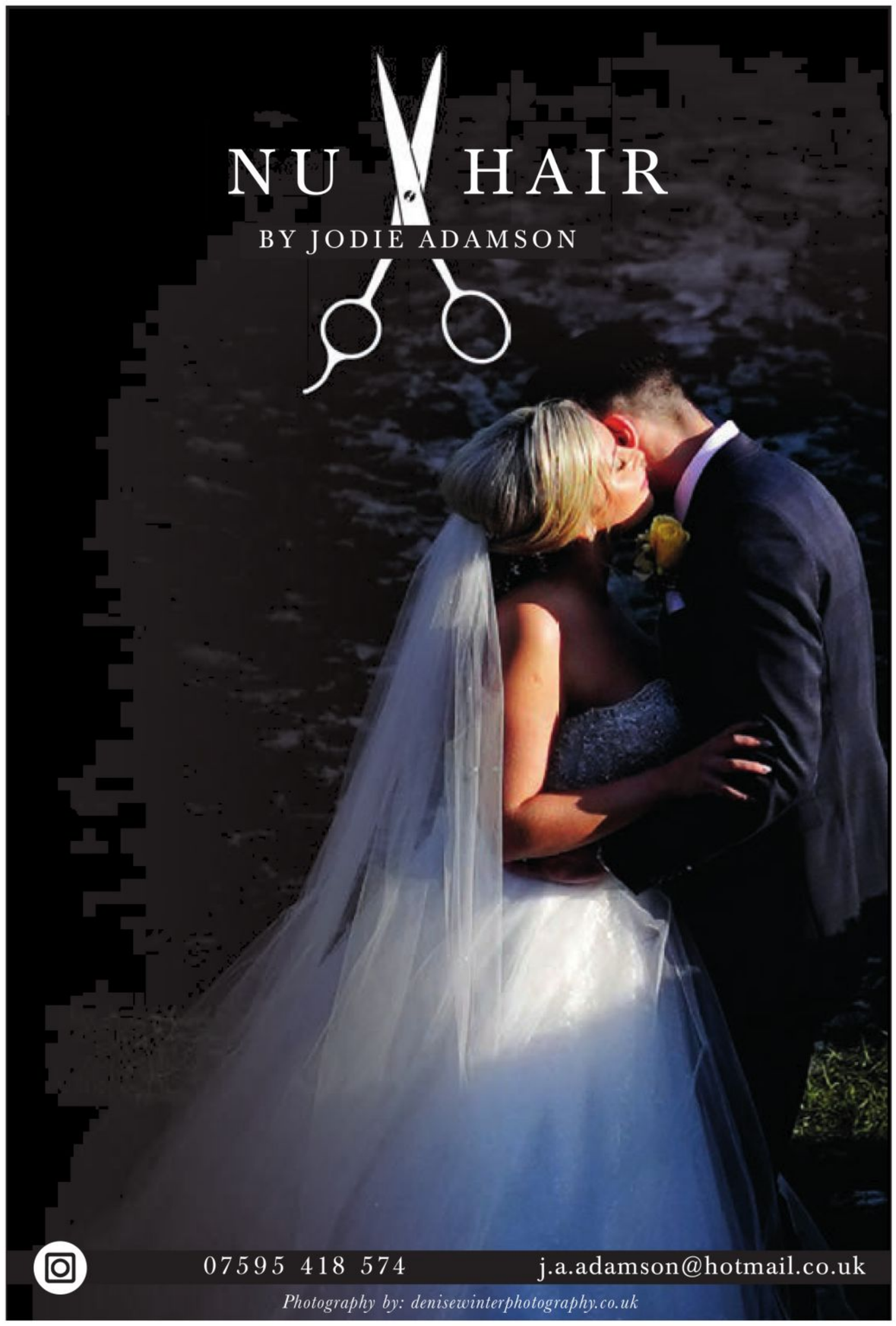
For our honeymoon, we went to Cape Town in South Africa for 10 days. It was amazing! We went shark diving, to the top of Table Mountain and did a safari tour.





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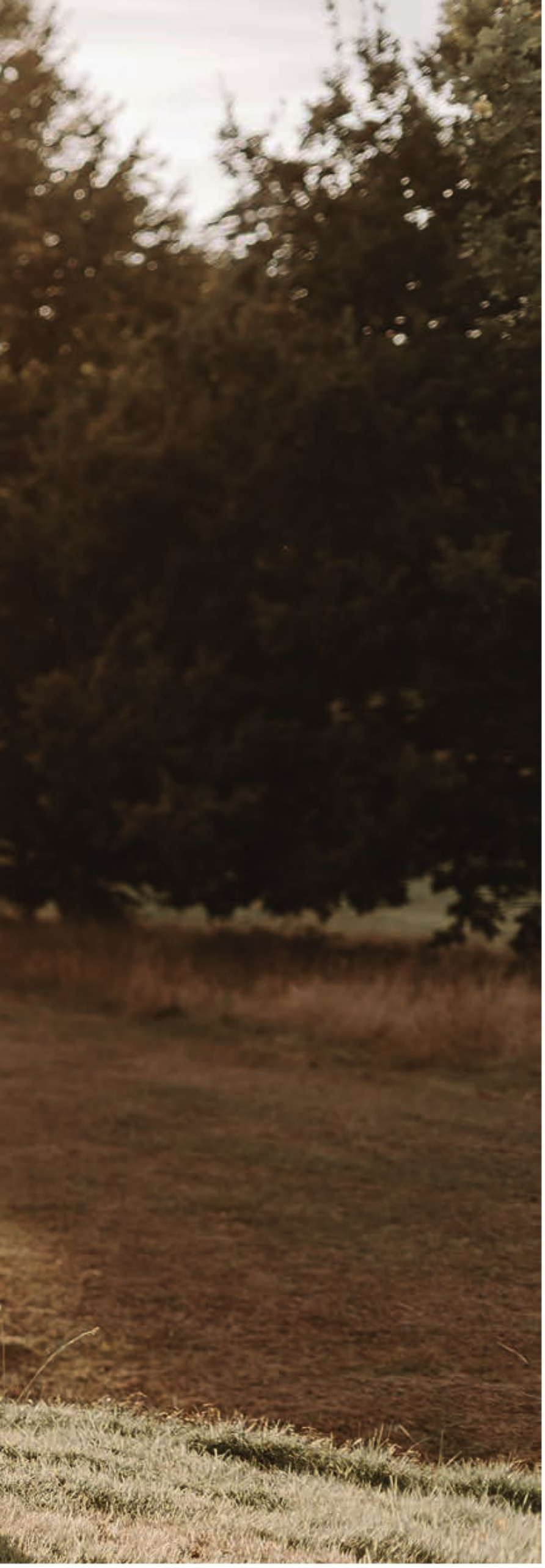
The one for me

Charlotte and Jason celebrated their love for one another with a grand celebration at Botleys Mansion

Images courtesy of Studio Rouge









Charlotte and Jason met online in 2015. "Jay plucked up the courage and messaged me asking me out on a date," says Charlotte. "When we finally met I thought he was a kind, caring and genuine guy."

Jason popped the question during a trip to Dubai in 2017. "He'd bought the ring a few days earlier and hid it in my parent's hotel room," shares the bride. "He decided to do it while we were having drinks overlooking the Burj Al Arab before going out for dinner one evening. It was a complete surprise, and we couldn't have been happier."

SETTING THE SCENE

"We knew we wanted to have everything in one place," explains Charlotte. "As soon as we viewed Botleys Mansion, we fell in love with the winding driveway and grand staircase. The wedding date was booked within three weeks of the proposal!"

The lovebirds decided to give their guests personalised tea light holders as favours and make their table plan. "We bought a large mirror and asked a local company to write everyone's names on it," shares the bride. "We named each table after Manchester United legends."

The couple's big-day bake was made by Cakes by Nina. "We chose a seven-tier design," shares Charlotte. "It was all white, with touches of silver and lavender and our own monogram."

Charlotte and Jason decided to have lots of flowers. "Our florist, Seventh Heaven Floral Design & Event Décor, did an amazing job," says the bride. "We had a grand arrangement in the entrance hall, blooms on the balustrade for the outdoor stairway, a 30ft table runner and small creations for the tables."

"We used Farnham Sound & Light to provide external lighting," reveals Charlotte. "I wanted the entire building to be lit up in lavender. The company also provided us with large love letters, internal uplighting, LED blossom trees and a 65inch TV which played a personalised video of Olly Murs for me!"

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Charlotte wore a Diana Le Grand dress from With Love Bridal Boutique. "It was a strapless fishtail gown with a lace overlay top," says Charlotte. "I knew I wanted something that could be altered to create two different looks, and I was so happy with the result. I accessorised with a cathedral-length veil, which I personalised with lace appliqués to match my dress and a large jewelled belt."

Jason opted for a navy suit from Next. "To finish the look, Jason chose a light grey waistcoat and bow tie," explains the bride, "The groomsmen opted for navy versions and a lavender tie."

"The bridesmaids wore full-length gowns," shares Charlotte. "They were lavender with V-neck backs and large satin bows."

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TIME TO CELEBRATE

"We had various forms of entertainment for our guests," shares Charlotte. "We had a saxophone and violin duo play during the day and evening. We also had a magician called Robert Fox Magician & Mind Reader wandering around during the reception drinks and wedding breakfast doing tricks for our guests. As a surprise, I organised for singing waiters to come perform. It's safe to say nobody had a clue! All of our entertainment was a huge hit with our guests, and it really kept the party going throughout the day."

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

"On the morning of our nuptials, I felt a little overwhelmed, but also very loved," Charlotte shares. "I was adamant I wouldn't be late for the ceremony, but I was! The first thing I said when I got to the end of the aisle was 'sorry I'm late'."

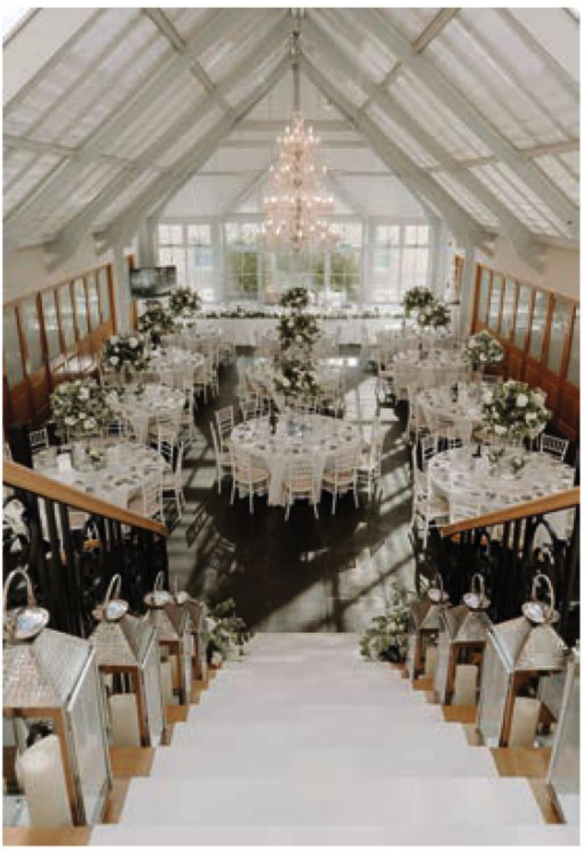
The couple's friends and family made the day perfect. "We had two very special readings by good friends," adds the bride. "Jason also got Olly Murs to record a personalised message for me which was an amazing surprise."

HONEYMOON

"We went to Greece for a few days straight after the wedding," reveals Charlotte. "A few months later, we went on our official honeymoon to the Maldives for 10 nights which was simply idyllic."



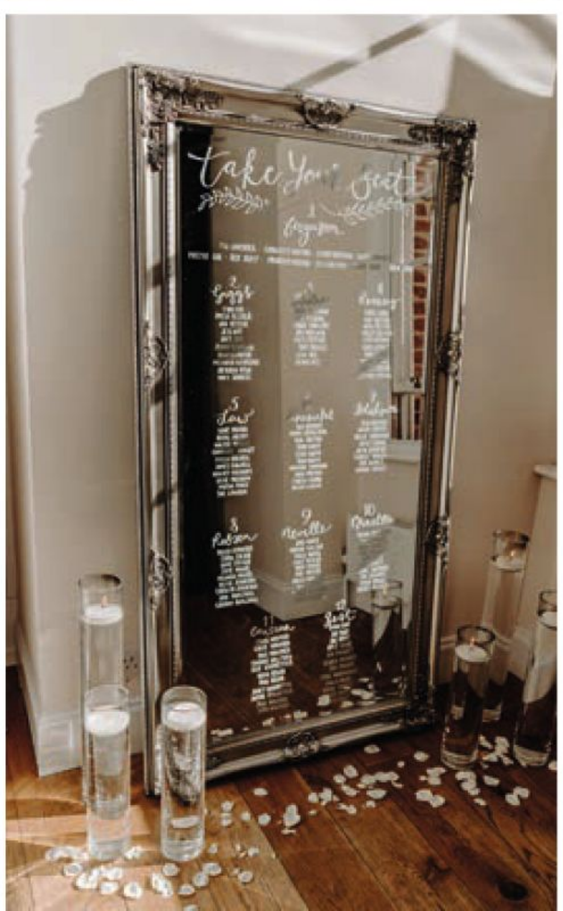


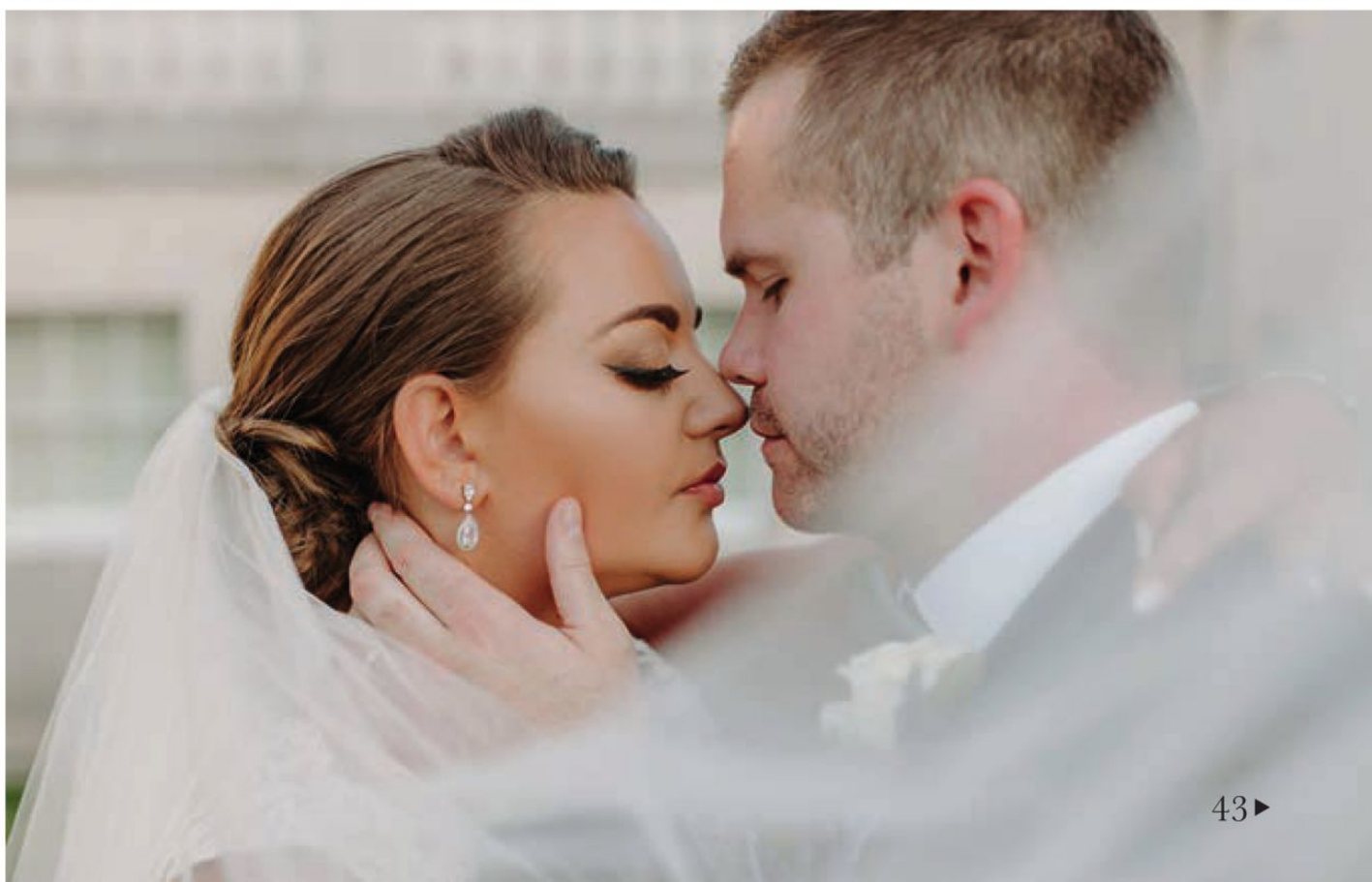


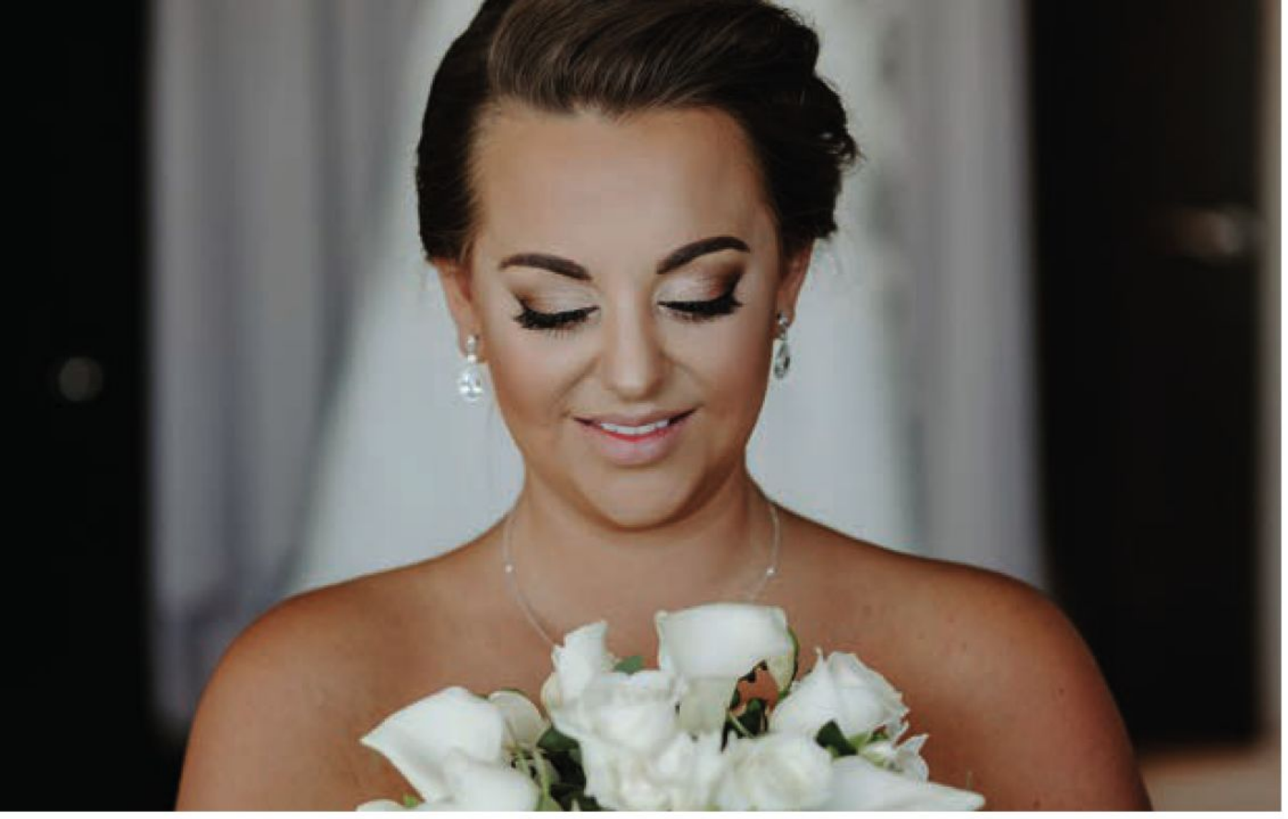




















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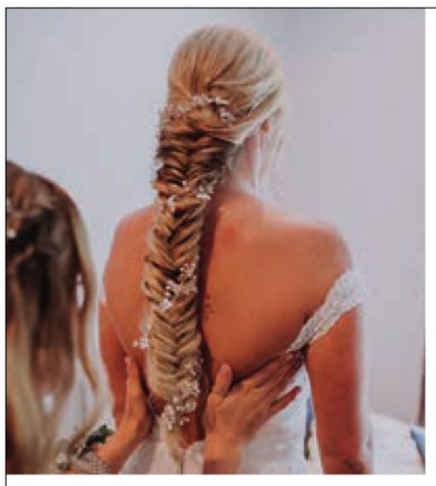
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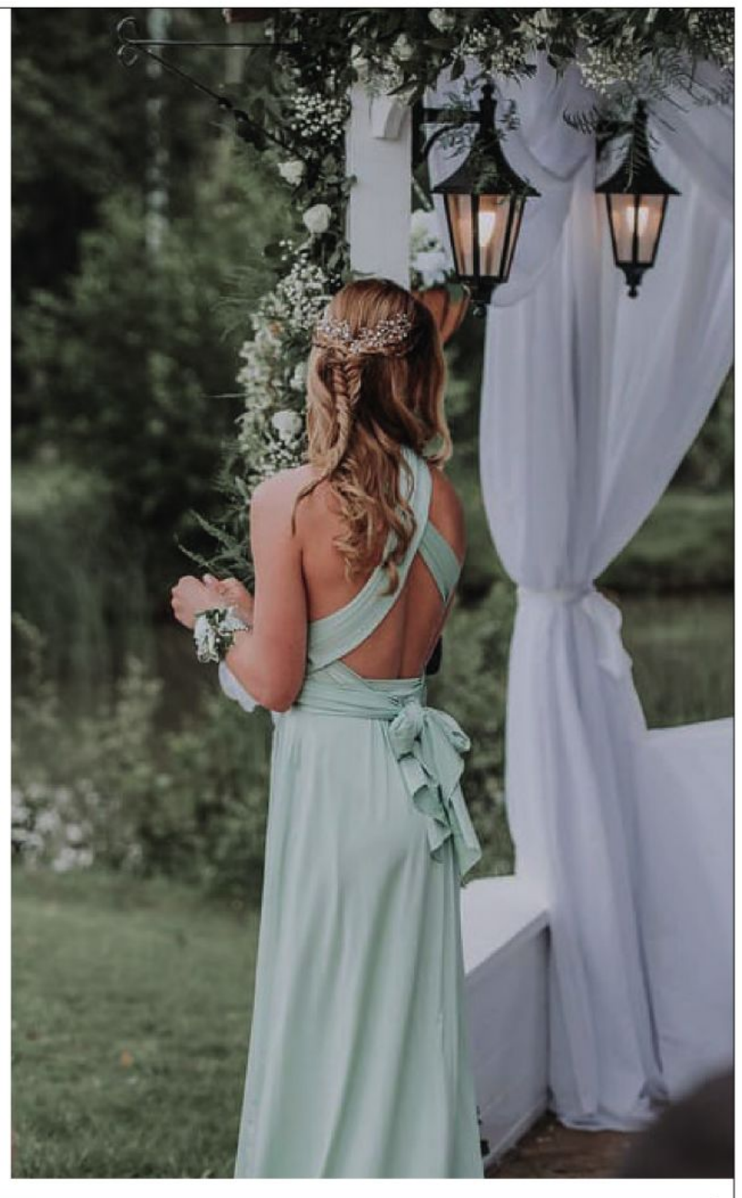
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OCEAN WAVES

Chloe and Mike had a relaxed celebration at the stunning Lythe Hill

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Chloe and Mike first locked eyes at Princes Water Ski Club in 2009. "I was 17 and he was 20," says Chloe. "We're both into wakeboarding and water sports, so we were instantly drawn to one another. I thought he was a bit of a show-off at first, but over time I realised how much of a kind, caring person he is. We spent a large part of our first year together travelling, wakeboarding, surfing and paddleboarding."

Mike popped the question after eight years together. "He took me for a lovely picnic around Virginia water lake," shares the bride. "It was early September so the trees were still green and there was a bit of summer left. We sat in a secluded spot with a lovely view of the lake. I started to get the food ready, and he got out a shell. In that shell sat the perfect engagement ring. He got down on one knee, and asked me to marry him and of course, I cried!"

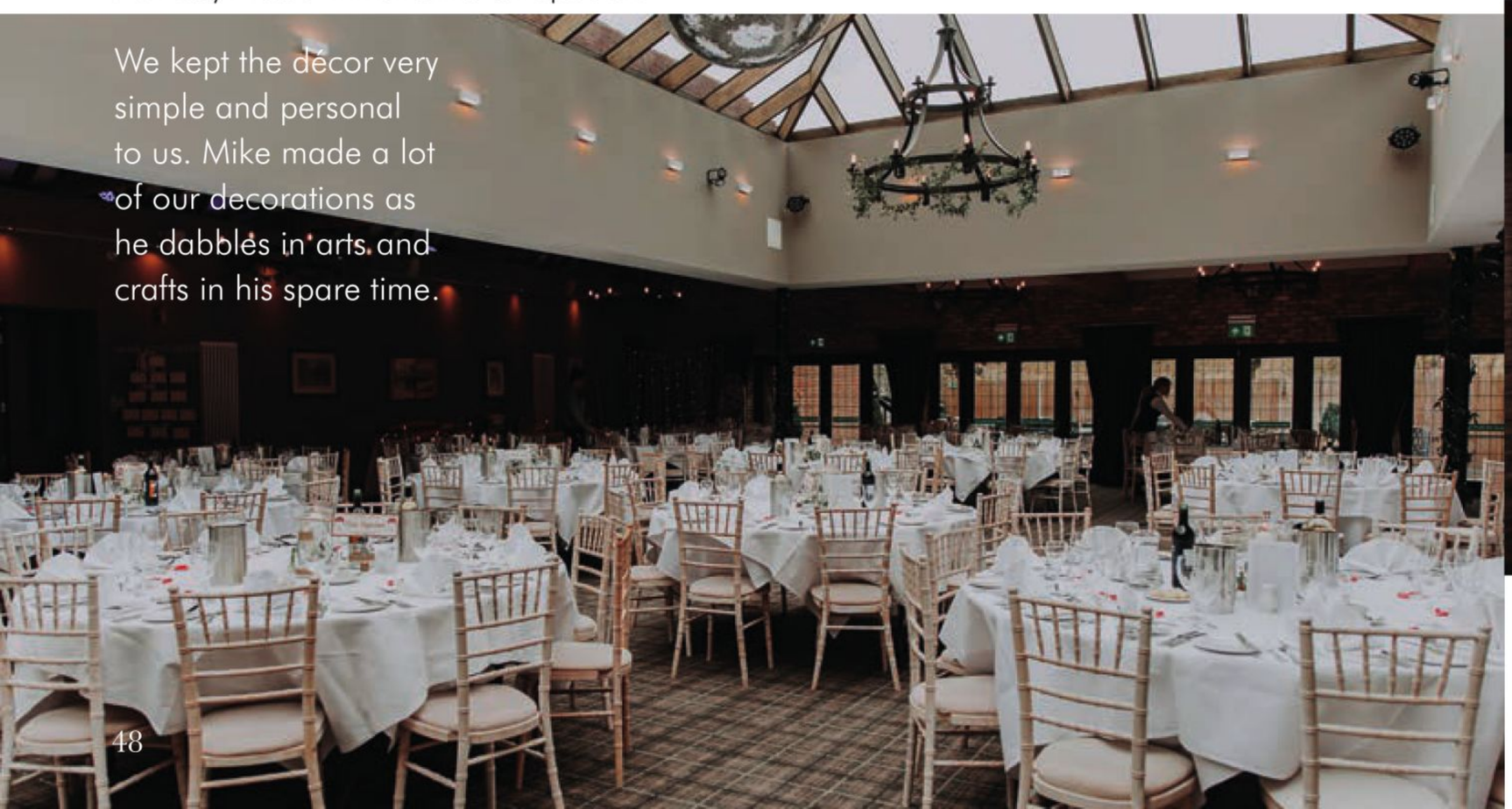
Here she shares some of her favourite moments from their big day…



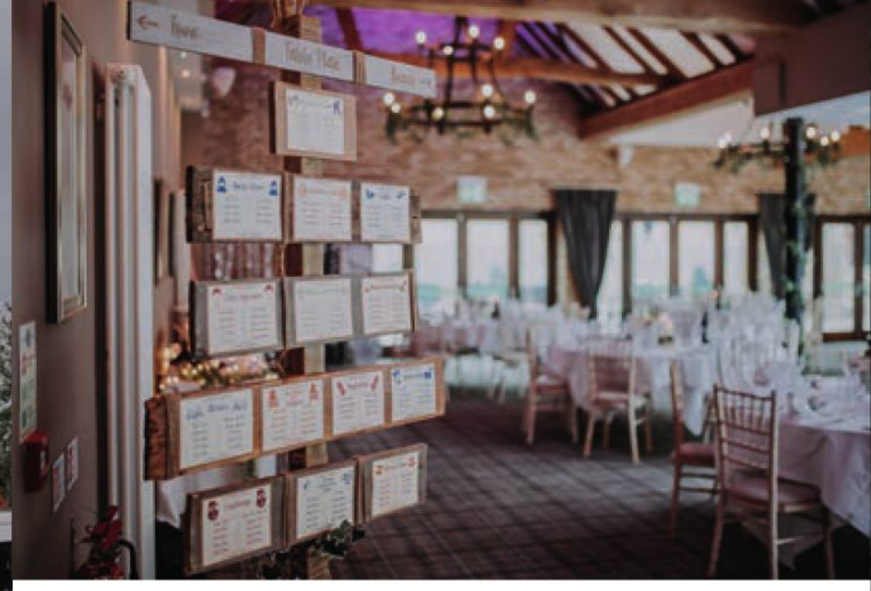
We chose Lythe Hill because we wanted a relaxed, beachy vibe. The outside pergola overlooking the lake sold it for us. We met by a lake, got engaged by a lake, so we had to marry by a lake. The staff made the day so easy, Chloe did everything, and we didn't have to worry about a thing. We can't thank the venue and staff enough for their efforts. It will be a day I will remember forever.



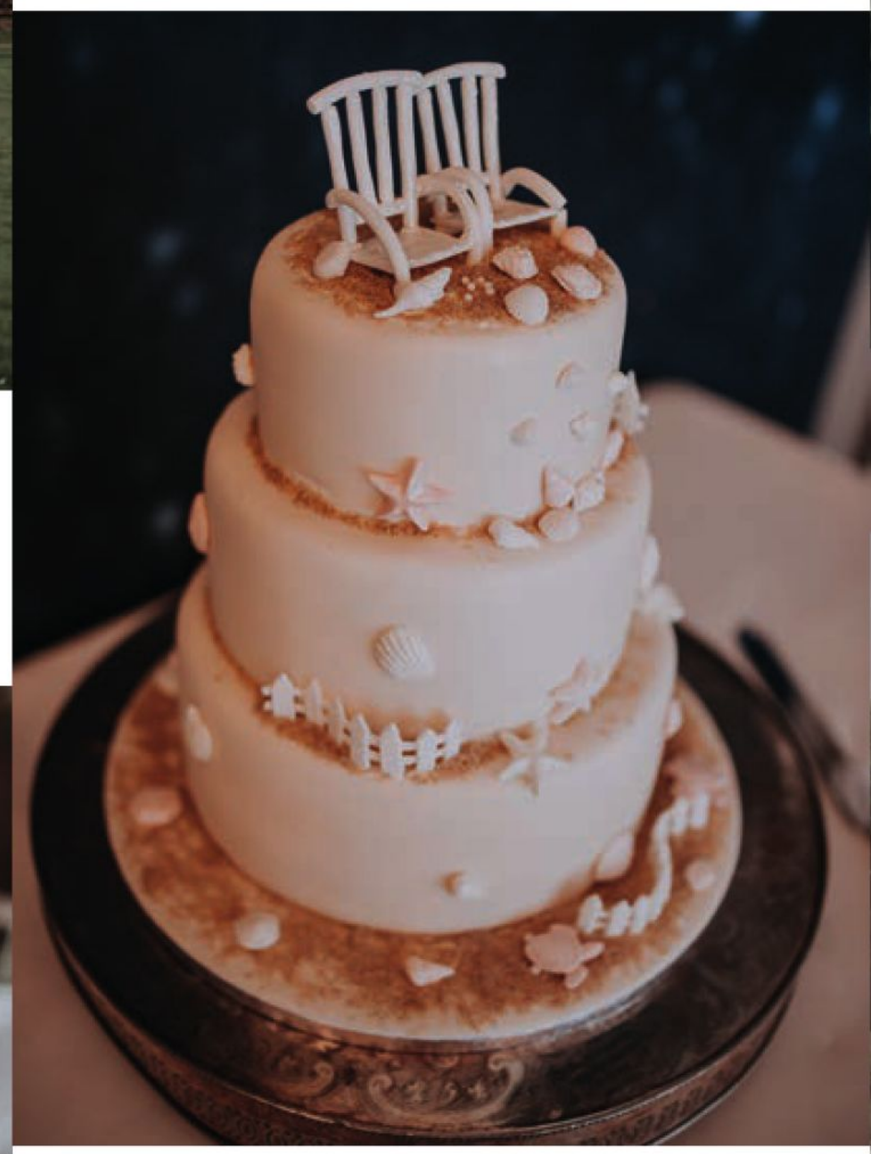
My mum's friend, Sarah Irving, made our centrepieces using silk flowers, candles and glass vases. We didn't want anything too over the top, so we chose white roses, gypsophila and green foliage. I feel in love with my shower bouquet from the moment I saw it, and the flower archway made it that extra bit special.



We kept the décor very simple and personal to us. Mike made a lot of our decorations as he dabbles in arts and crafts in his spare time.



Mike decided to make our table plan. It looked like a beach sign, and we named the tables after beach-themed films.



My mum's friend made our cake. We asked for a beach theme, and she didn't disappoint!



We had a sweet cart and a photo booth area with lots of beach and surf props, which our guests loved.

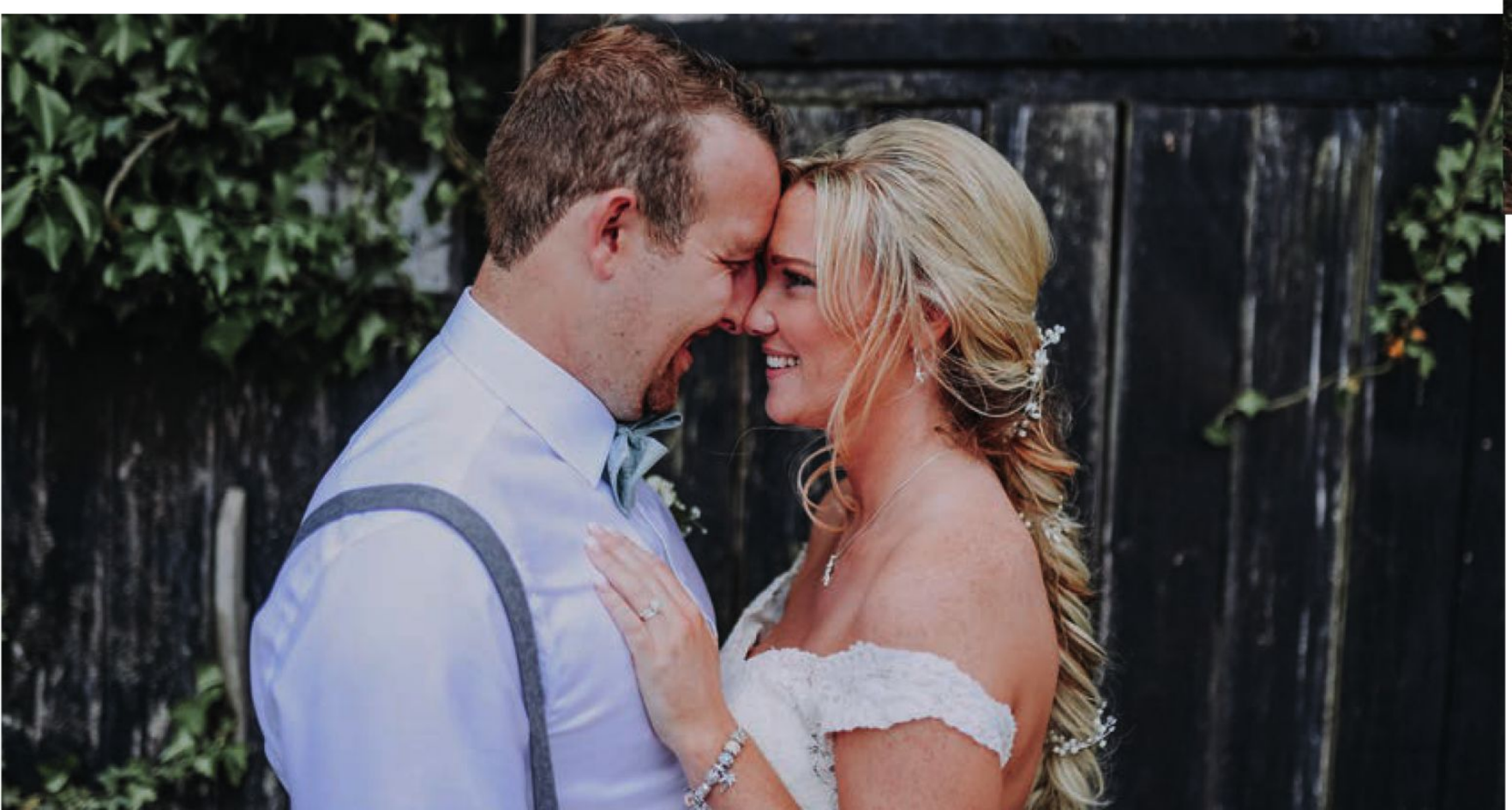


I wore a dress made by The Farnham Boutique called *Maya*. I had it adapted to suit my style. It was form-fitted with a gorgeous lace train. I decided against a veil and instead accessorised with a lovely headpiece that I weaved into my long plait.



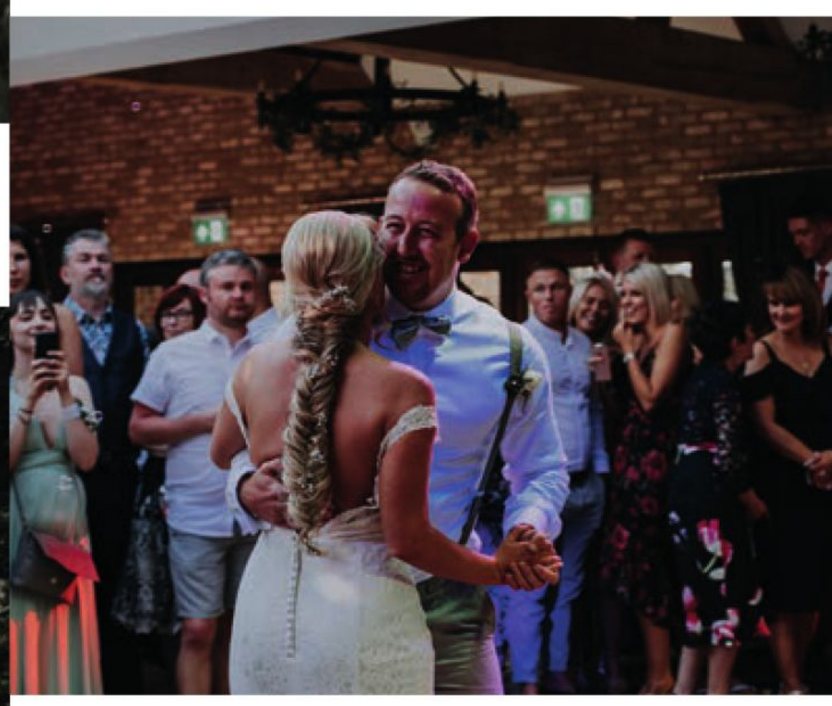
My seven bridesmaids wore mint green dresses. The sleeves could be altered, which worked out perfectly as I didn't want anyone to feel uncomfortable on the day.

For our honeymoon, we visited Thailand for a week, travelled across to the Phi Phi Islands for a few days and then headed to Bali for the last two weeks. It was an unforgettable experience. We trekked through jungles, explored secluded islands and even had lunch with monkeys. It was the perfect way to celebrate our marriage and the special love we share.





Mike lives in shorts – even in the winter! So it would have been wrong for him to get married in anything else. He opted for smart shorts from Debenhams, with a white shirt and braces. The groomsmen wore the same with light grey bow ties.



To keep our guests entertained, we had Mike's band, The Breezy Trees, perform. Our friends and family had no idea he was going to play, so it was a lovely surprise for everyone.



We've been together 10 years, so neither of us felt particularly nervous. We were so ready to get married and couldn't wait to spend the rest of our lives together. We loved walking around the lake after the ceremony, and it's a moment I'll never forget. We could just be together and enjoy each other's company before entertaining our loved ones for the rest of the day.

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What should couples expect when booking your services?

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How long before the wedding should couples book?

Ideally, the one-off lessons are done a week or two before the wedding, and the package will be booked six to eight weeks before. Although, we have done a package in a week before.

What's your favourite wedding you've worked at?

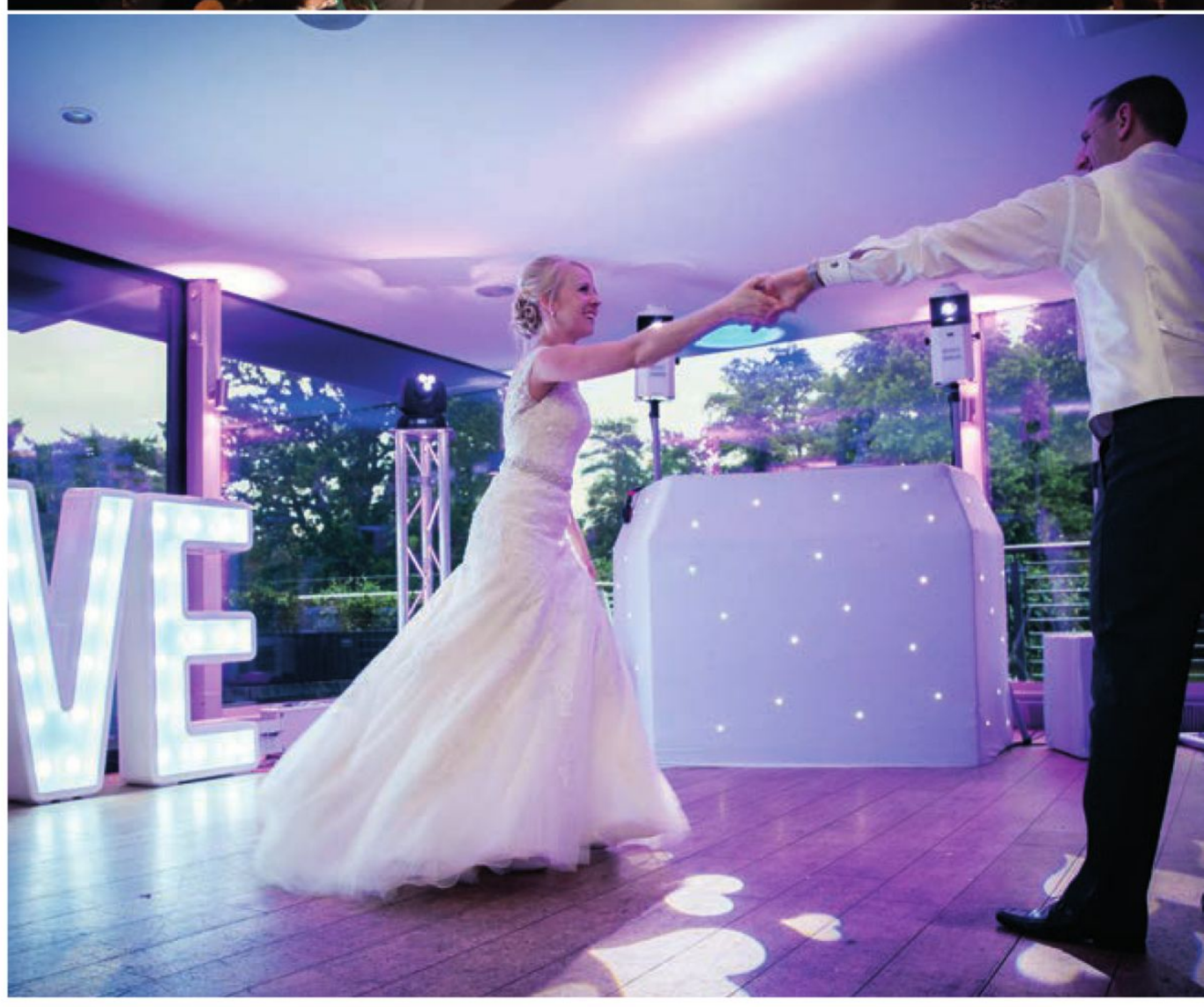
There have been so many amazing weddings! This is our 20th year of business and we can honestly say that every couple has been wonderful in their own way. I personally became good friends with a lot of couples and many have started coming to our dance studio for ballroom lessons after the wedding, and even performed in a show. I have also been involved in crazy dance reception routines whereby we have done flash mobs and routines for the bridesmaids and groomsmen.

What are your top tips for brides-to-be?

Start by picking a song that you both love as you will hear it a lot. Mid-tempo is always slightly easier than slow or fast, but to be honest, we can work with any song. Make sure you practice as the more you do it, the easier it will become. You'll enjoy it, I promise!









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How long before the wedding should couples book?

To be sure of availability, book as early as possible once the date and venue are confirmed. Around 12 months before the wedding is the most common time to book.

What's your favourite wedding you've worked at?

There have been so many wonderful couples, venues and locations but being flown to New Jersey to perform at West Point Military Base for a marine's wedding was quite special.

What are your top tips for brides-to-be?

Book full-time professional entertainers, wherever possible to ensure you have a stress free day and your guests are entertained. Good questions to ask are what is their usual length of sets, how do they engage and interact with guests and how long do they need to set up? Also, check that you can have a copy of their Public Liabilities Insurance, PAT testing for their equipment and ask what will happen if they're unable to play.



TOP SONGS FOR YOUR FIRST DANCE

- *Rewrite the Stars* – Zac Efron and Zendaya
- *Perfect* – Ed Sheeran
- *I'll Never Love Again* – Lady Gaga
- *Paper Rings* – Taylor Swift
- *A Thousand Years* – Christina Perri

TOP TIPS

- Lots of musicians have demo recordings on their website; have a listen and decide whether their style is right for you.
- Discuss with your supplier how much room they'll need for their instruments.
- Ask how long each performance will last so you can create a schedule.
- Find out if the performers require food or a space to get ready in.
- If you'd had to seat family and friends who don't know each other together, why not add a little jar full of ice-breaker questions on the table?
- Most musicians will learn a specific song that means a lot to you both.
- If you can't afford fireworks on your big day, then sparklers are a fun alternative.
- Ask each of your guests to write their favourite song on their rsvp, so you have a ready-made playlist.



KEEPING THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

- Outdoor games like Twister, Jena and Connect4.
- Arts and crafts such as cake decorating, DIY masks and thank you cards.
- A separate area like as a movie room, kid's photo booth or video game station.
- Create fun extras such as a ball pit, bouncy castle or trampoline.
- Play kids songs like as *Let It Go* from Frozen or *You're Welcome* from Moana.



COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS

10-12 months to go

- Work out your budget.
- Start browsing online for ideas.
- Compile your guest list and decide whether children will be attending.
- Look into wedding insurance.

6-9 months to go

- Keep researching, interviewing and booking.
- Discuss your music style with your suppliers.
- Make sure you have a back-up plan incase your entertainment is weather dependent.

3-5 months to go

- Book the rehearsal and make sure you're happy with the entertainment.
- Double check your timeline for the day is correct.
- If you have any special requests remember to let your suppliers know.

6-8 weeks to go

- This might be a good time to practice your first dance.
- Make sure your insurance is booked so you don't have to worry on the day.

3-5 weeks to go

- Finalise and confirm your song list for the ceremony and reception.

1-2 weeks to go

- Keep your eye on the weather.
- Confirm arrival times with your suppliers.

The day before

- Figure out tips and final payments for your suppliers.
- Attend the rehearsal and make any last minute changes.

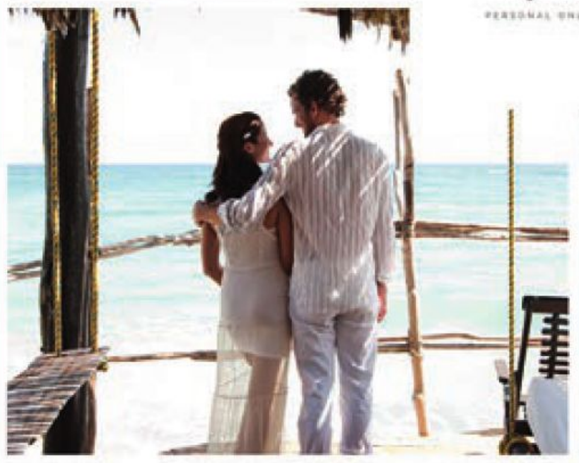


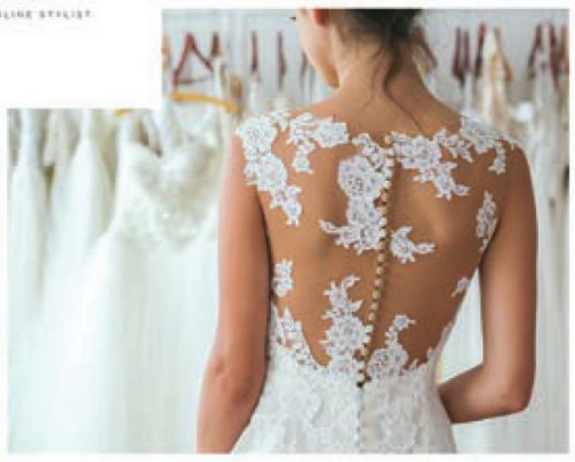


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We're having a summer-themed wedding, but we're not sure how to style our venue. Do you have any suggestions?

The nicest thing about summer is those balmy evenings. As an alternative to flowers, I'm a massive fan of balloons. They come in different shades and sizes and when done properly look amazing! The idea of a lounge where your guests can chill out will give you a glamorous beach-club vibe. You can tie the furniture colour into your balloons to really finish it off.

Palm & Leopard have launched a fizz wall. This allows guests to help themselves while also being a fab feature that would look great on Instagram. It can be customised with flowers to fit your colour scheme or perhaps mini balloons.

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FESTIVAL FEVER

I'm feeling overwhelmed by the thought of styling our festival-themed wedding. Do you have any suggestions?

A festival-themed wedding gives you an excuse to champion your individuality. Don't be afraid to use your imagination and make the space what you want it to be. Working with the free-form curvature of nature is a stylist's dream. We see so many inspiring ideas, such as floral displays in boots instead of vases! Here are our top tips:

- ❤ Opt for a statement oak parquet dancefloor and drape a stunning festoon lighting arrangement overhead.
- ❤ Create a stunning entrance feature which doubles up as a photo backdrop. Add greenery, rustic doors, gates and storm lanterns.
- ❤ Poser tables with natural hessian covers will give your drinks reception a festival vibe.
- ❤ Statement backdrops make open spaces cost-effective. We adore a flower wall with fairylights.
- ❤ A top tip is to think creatively with your bar – a masterpiece can be made from barrels, crates, wooden canoes and tin bathtubs.
- ❤ Your furniture should be low seating. Hay-bales can be a game-changer, opt for plenty of plump cushions scattered around firepits.
- ❤ Play with lighting enhancements. Big spaces and alcoves will come alive with tailored uplighting.
- ❤ If you have started planning with just a sheet of paper, we can help shake it up and create the ultimate festival buzz.

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THE WOW-FACTOR

I'm planning to tie the knot next year and want flowers that will wow our guests. Do you have any ideas?

Go for big or exotic flowers to create the wow factor. Larger blooms tend to be more expensive, but keep in mind you don't need as many of them to create a striking arrangement. Hydrangeas are good for large reception spaces and come in an array of colours including white, pale blue, pink, purple and green. Displayed in tall martini vases with some roses or gypsophila is a fairly simple design that will draw your guests' attention.

Use cylinder vases in a variety of sizes to create an interesting table centre. Fill the vases with water, submerge the flowers and place floating candles on top. Place them on large mirror plates surrounded by tea lights in glass votive holders with table crystals. This is a beautiful option for the darker months.

If you're having a Royal blue theme, use dyed fresh roses. These will make a dramatic bridal bouquet, especially against an ivory dress, or can be used for centrepieces or pedestal flowers mixed with white or yellow. You won't need to add many of these to create an awe-inspiring look.

Alternatively, you could look for tall, tropical flowers and greenery – these add a faraway feel and look fabulous on tables.

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COLOUR POP

My wife-to-be and I love strong colours and want something unusual for our cake. Do you have any suggestions?

If you love strong colours, then go for it! It's not an unusual choice anymore with lots of couples moving away from pastels in favour of statement hues. Painted cakes, strong concrete-like metallics, cakes that follow the lines of the bride's dress, designs rooted in modern art, sculptures and patterns are all great places to start if you're thinking about trying something different.

I love mixing the traditional with the unexpected. Huge, bold coloured sugar-flowers against a traditional, white canvas can look amazing. I'm also a firm believer that anything can be made to look beautiful. I've nestled flags, family silhouettes, models of the wedding venue, sketches of significant places amongst beautiful flowers and clean designs. There's no reason why you can't add vibrant personality to simple elegance.

If you're after something bespoke, I would stop looking at cakes and go for a walk together and see what flowers, textures and colours take your fancy. Alternatively, think about a painting that you love or a place you have travelled to and ask your cake designer to incorporate elements of it into your design. I based my wedding cake around some old wallpaper, everything from the buttonholes to the stationery had a tiny hint of it running through. I have built my brand on the whole idea that every cake tells a story, so think about what reflects you and find a designer that can tell your story.

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YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY

I imagined getting married in a traditional hotel ballroom, but my partner really wants us to look at a marquee option. What does a marquee offer that makes it worth the additional spend?

A hotel ballroom or full-time wedding venue can recommend a great deal in terms of keeping things simple. It can generally be considered a well-oiled machine, with everything in place and ready for you to turn up and say 'I do'. However, for some couples, this can be a drawback. A marquee offers you the opportunity to personalise every moment and present the venue as a backdrop, unveiling who you are as individuals and a couple. It's an expression of your marriage and is a blank canvas which you can use to paint your history, hopes and dreams.

Starting from scratch means there are no compromises. A marquee can offer you the option to do away with a wall altogether, meaning you don't need to compromise on heavily patterned carpet or bold wallpaper choices.

The structure can be located almost anywhere, from your family's home to the grounds of a country house. It can be climate controlled for any season and incorporate everything from kitchens to toilets. Outdoor spaces can be added so you can enjoy the views and most importantly, the décor is only limited by your budget and imagination. You could opt for clear ceilings for stargazing, sunken dancefloors or secret rooms that can be unveiled throughout the day.

Marquees can be modern-chic, elegantly stylish or romantically traditional you can easily incorporate all the elements you might have leaned towards in a ballroom, without any jarring compromises.

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COOL CATERING

We're getting married in July and want a menu that will wow our guests. Do you have any ideas?

- ❤ Planting is really important. We use micro herbs, edible flowers and coloured plates to make the food look more appetising and as I always say in prep – make it look like we've made the effort.
- ❤ Elevate your tables to give your guests the wow factor and when the food comes out, serve it on amazing dishes with edible flowers and dry ice.
- ❤ Ask your caterer how they serve each course and ask to see a sample of the kind of crockery they use. An absolute must is clean, shiny cutlery! My pet hate is smudgy, flat, old fashioned beaded cutlery that's dated.
- ❤ I created a dish that we served on a black plate that looked amazing. I added popping candy at the last minute and loved watching the guests laugh and smile when it started popping in their mouths.
- ❤ Opt for a themed serving platter. For an event at Wimbledon, we found some old tennis rackets in the local charity shop and decorated them with ribbons in the Wimbledon colours.

Guests are looking for simple, locally produced fresh food. My advice is to keep your menu relatively simple. If you use fancy sauces, put the descriptions on the menu card, so everyone knows what it is and aren't too embarrassed to ask. We lead such busy lives and really want to spend the time catching up with old friends and family without having to worry about not understanding what's on the menu.



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Jane Barbeary, Member of the Associations of Independent Celebrants, shares what's new in this increasingly popular service



You've named the date, booked the venue, and decided what to call your twitter hashtag for the big day... but the important bit, the actual promises you make to the love of your life, are pretty much the same words used by every other couple getting hitched.

There's not a lot of wriggle room for clergy or registrars to really personalise a ceremony to reflect you, as a couple. The laws that govern marriage date back to 1836, and the language used in ceremonies remain in line with those traditions.

There's something comforting about familiar wording and ceremony and, if that's what you prefer, then that's a great choice. But if the words don't feel personal and relevant to you, there is an alternative. Modern celebrants write and deliver bespoke ceremonies that tell your story as a couple. We can't legally marry you – yet – the Law Commission is currently looking into that – but what we can do is give you a truly unique and personal ceremony that you, and your family and friends, will remember and cherish for many years to come. We can also write and deliver civil partnership ceremonies, wedding vow renewals and baby naming ceremonies, to your specifications.

It's worth knowing that the Law Commission has decided that the marriage laws are not keeping pace with modern Britain, and need to change. They're looking at making the system simpler, fairer and cheaper. As it stands you can only marry in a church, register office or approved venue. The commission says this can be restrictive and expensive, and it's looking to remove some of the red tape to give couples more choice, whilst still maintaining the dignity of marriage. If the changes go ahead, you could get married on water, in a field or in your own back garden!

They're also considering changing the rules to allow humanists and independent celebrants to conduct legally binding ceremonies in England and Wales. That's hopefully to come but right now, once you've done the legal bit which can be inexpensive at a register office midweek, you can go ahead with your ceremony your way! It's also not a requirement to exchange rings when you complete the legal formalities, so that can also be done with your celebrant.

Your ceremony can be as simple or as extravagant as you'd like it to be. If you're stuck for inspiration, celebrants have lots of it. You can have guests giving readings, live music or favourite songs played. You might want to include children, pets or join the latest

trend of hiring in alpacas as ring bearers!

We will write your entire ceremony, including your vows or promises to each other, once you've told us all about your story. Some couples prefer to write their own vows, but would like the celebrant to read them aloud. It's entirely up to you, there are no hard and fast rules. We can deliver a ceremony anywhere that's special to you both. It could be a forest glade, a stately home or the pub garden.

There are many 'symbolic actions' you can include in your ceremony, if that's what you'd like. These are becoming increasingly popular and are a great way of getting your guests involved too. Here are just a few examples you might want to ponder over…



JUMPING THE BROOM

This is an ancient tradition used in many cultures in past centuries, when couples literally jumped over a broomstick together to marry. The 'leap of faith' symbolises how much you love each other, as you jump into your future together. Two guests can hold the broom a few inches off the ground. The couple close their eyes, everyone counts to three, and the guests lower the broom to the ground as the couple jump over it.

SAND CEREMONY

This symbolises the coming together of two individuals to make one loving couple. Two glass vases of coloured sand are poured into a third vessel to symbolise the blending of your lives together. Just as the coloured grains can no longer now be separated, so your lives are now as one.

HANDFASTING

This is a traditional Celtic ritual and it's the origin of the expression to 'tie the knot'. You hold hands, usually at the pulse points, and the celebrant ties them together, loosely, with ribbons or braids. This signifies the binding of your lives together. The type of braid used can be very personal, so for example if you met at school, you might want to use an old school tie, or particular colours that have significance to you. This can be a good point in the ceremony to make promises or vows to one another.

LOVE LETTERS

You put your feelings for each other on paper. You then read it aloud or give it to your partner or celebrant to read. Alternatively, you could put them in a memory box, seal it, and open it on your first anniversary. A lovely way to remember your special day.

RING WARMING

Before rings are exchanged they can be passed around your guests on a small cushion or in a box. Each guest holds them for a few seconds and makes a silent wish for the couple. When the rings are returned, they hold all the love and hopes for the future from family and friends.

STONE CEREMONY

In past centuries couples couldn't always afford wedding rings, so they cast a stone into a nearby river or ocean to symbolise staying together as the water ebbed and flowed throughout their lives.

In the absence of any handy water nearby, you can toss stones with your names etched on them into a bowl of water. They can be retrieved later and taken on honeymoon where hopefully you'll find some water!.

UNITY CANDLES

Candles represent light and hope, and lighting one together symbolises your union, and hopes for the future.

So it really is all up to you. Working together with a trained celebrant can make your day unique, personal, fun and best of all a memory to live with you, your family and friends forever. The Association of Independent Celebrants list celebrants across the UK. Most will be happy to talk through your ideas free of charge before you make your decision. Let's do it……. let's celebrate!

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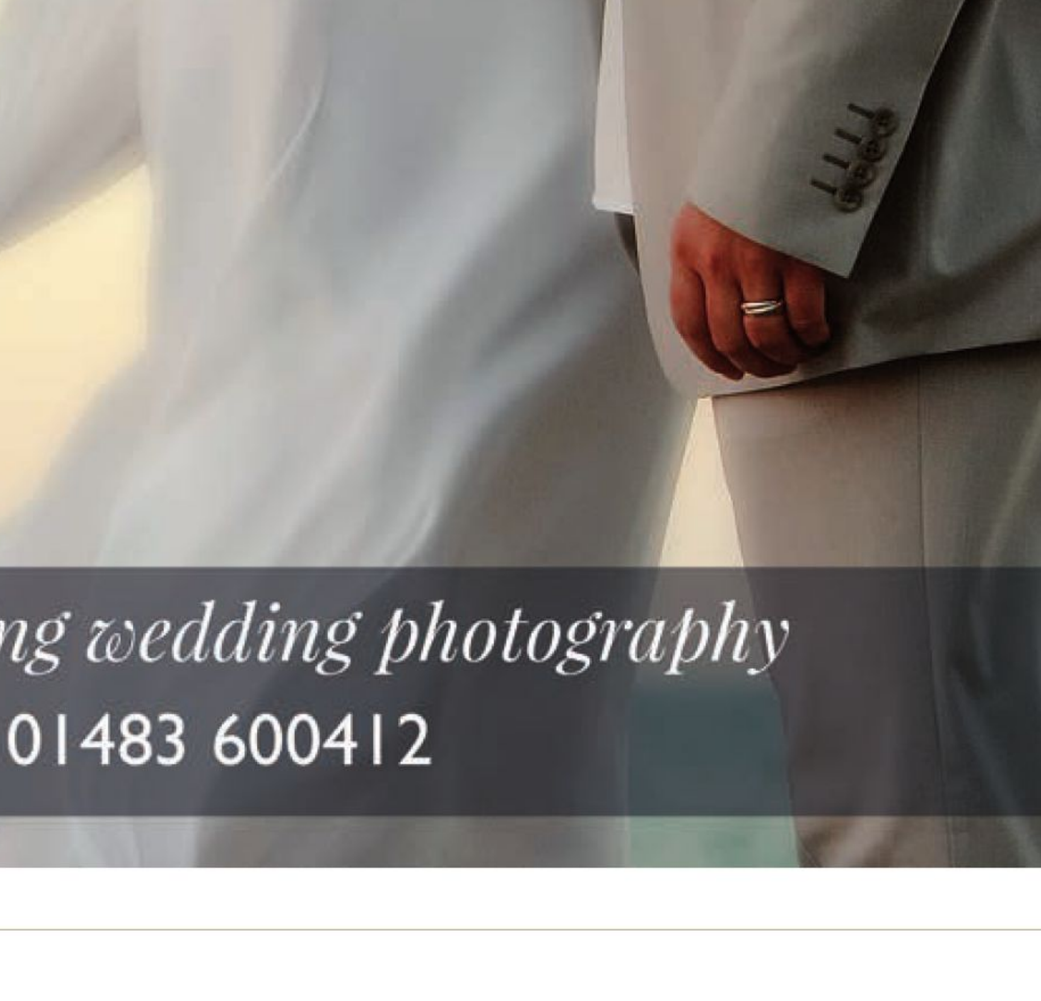
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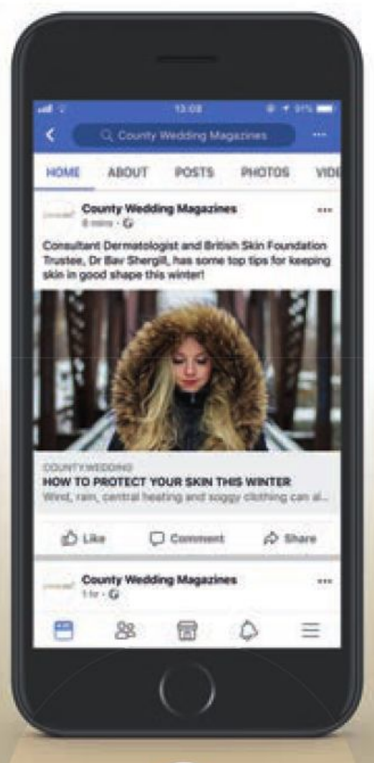
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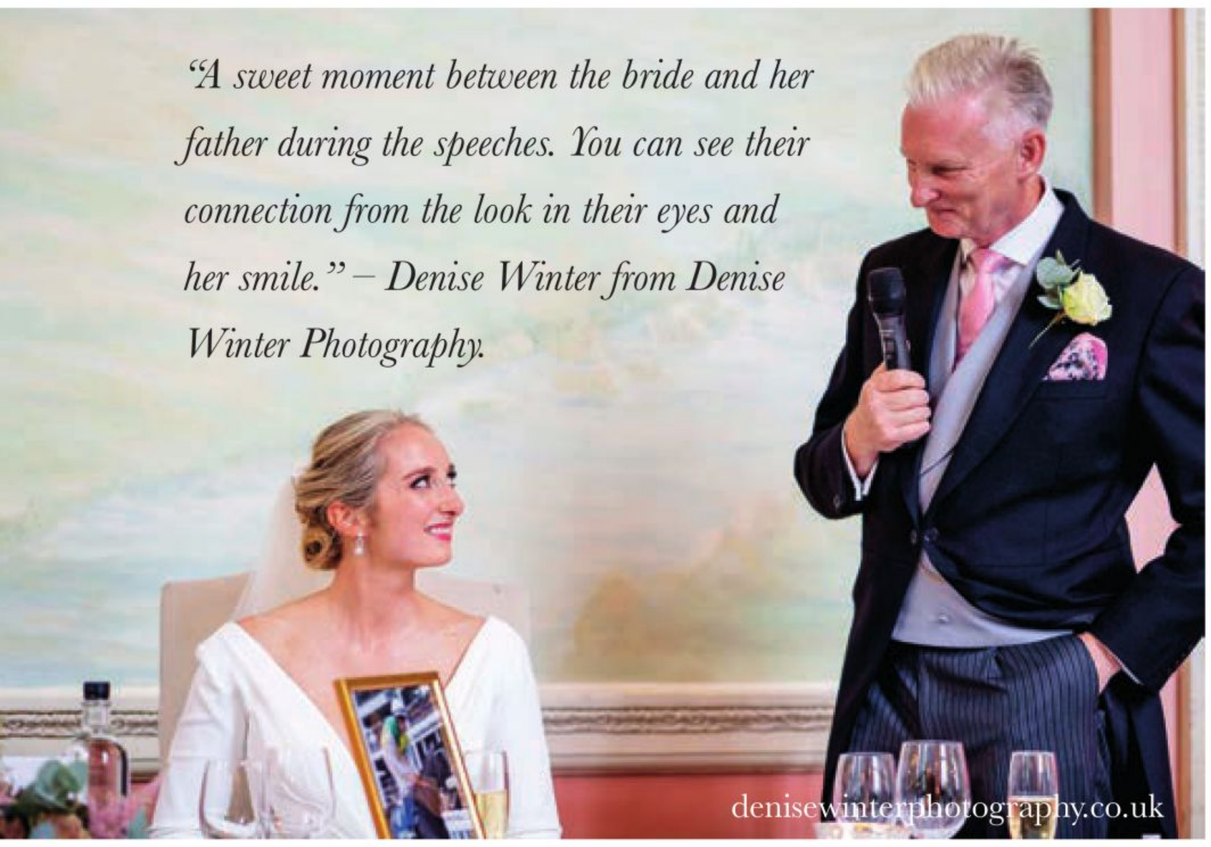
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THE LOOK OF *love*

Local photographers reveal some of their favourite heartfelt images

Love is a powerful emotion that's almost impossible to describe but is something that we all can relate to. Photographs are a great way of capturing it in all its natural glory. To help give you some inspiration we've asked some of the region's finest photographers to showcase images they feel captures the look of love.



"A sweet moment between the bride and her father during the speeches. You can see their connection from the look in their eyes and her smile." – Denise Winter from Denise Winter Photography.

"The ceremony was over, the confetti had been thrown, and the wind was blowing when the bride's veil flew over the groom's shoulder. The couple turned to look at each other, a look of love as they tried to take in the enormity of the occasion." – Ruth Gibbs from Life is in the Detail.



"I love this image of Fiona and George. He has a look of concentration, focus and determination as the ring is placed on her finger." – Mathew Brown from Mathew Brown Photography. ▼





▲ *"This image is taken from Oksana and Ravi's 10 year anniversary." – Roman Hajduk from Roman Hajduk Photography.*

"This couple obviously adore their beautiful dog." – Sheila Constable from Sheila Constable Photography. ▶

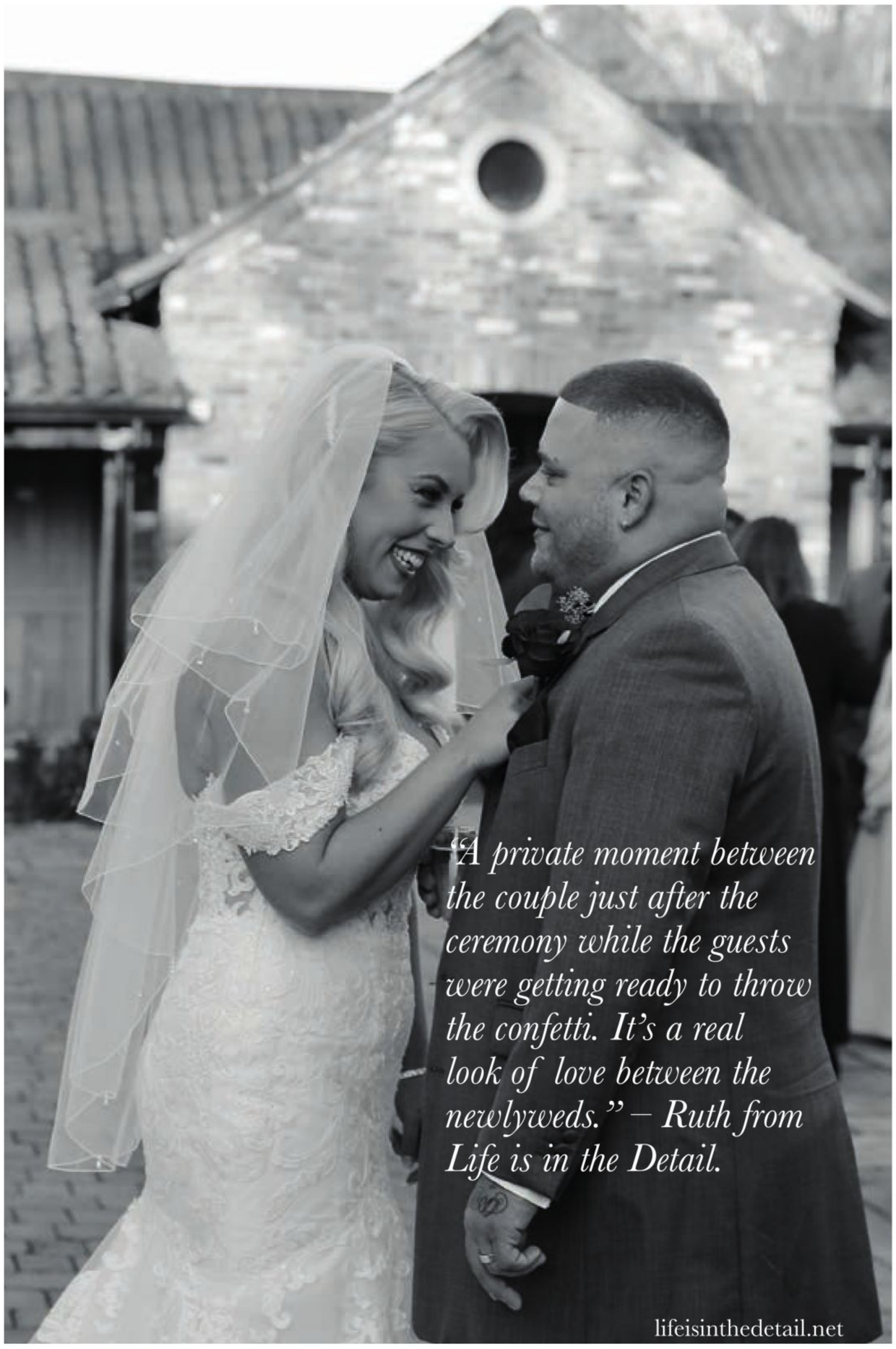


"I love this image! This is the mother-of-the-bride and bride's two brothers after their first kiss as husband and wife. Her face is so full of emotion." – Denise from Denise Winter Photography.



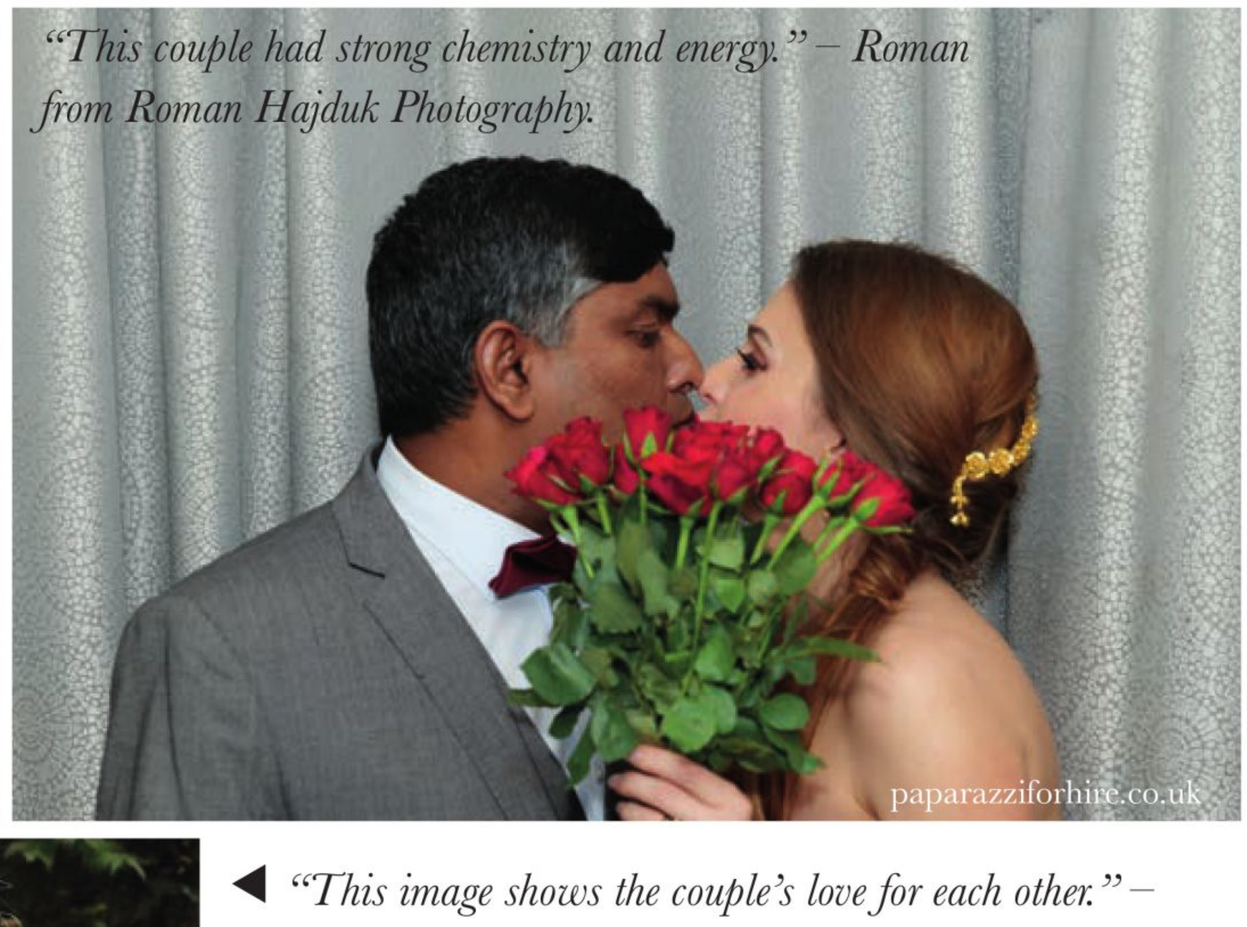
"Andy is pulling Joanna close, showing a tender moment of appreciation for the bride." – Mathew from Mathew Brown Photography.

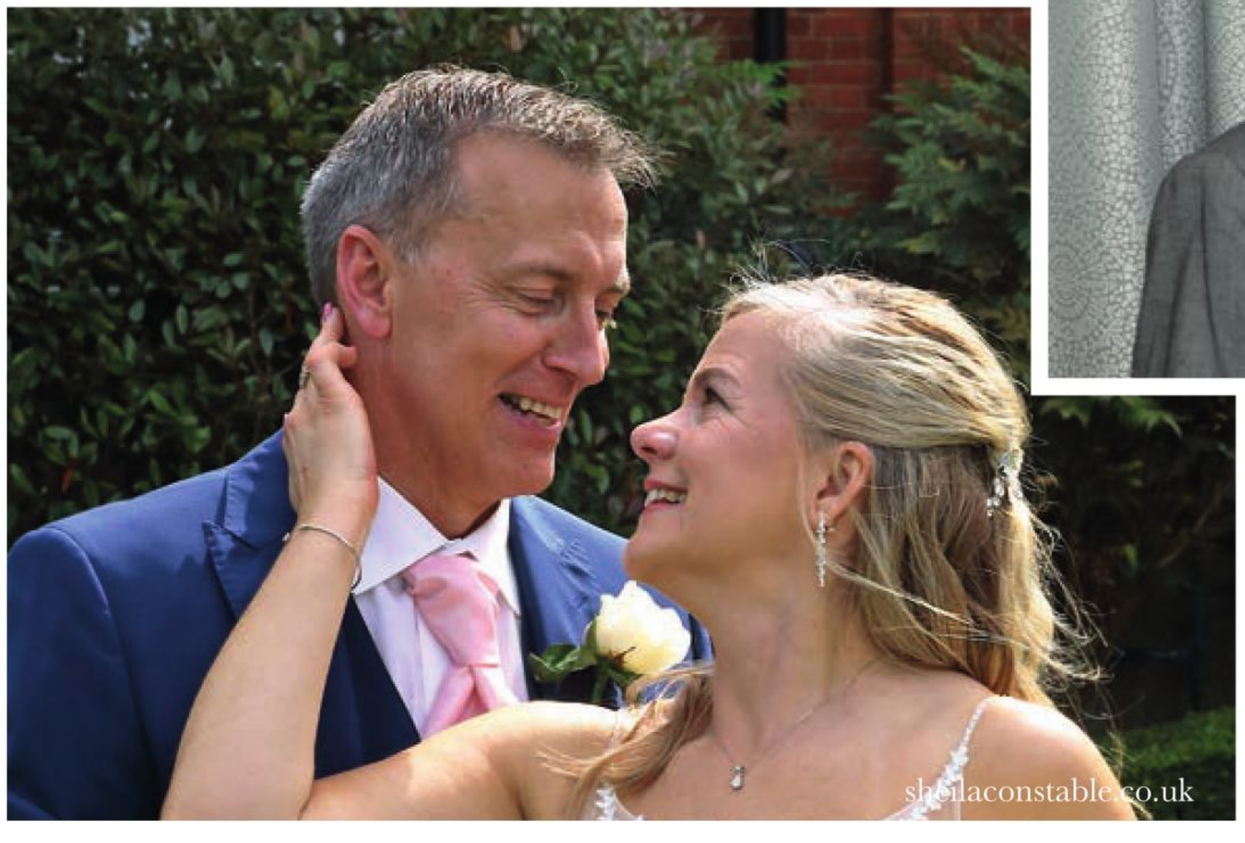




"A private moment between the couple just after the ceremony while the guests were getting ready to throw the confetti. It's a real look of love between the newlyweds." – Ruth from Life is in the Detail.

"This couple had strong chemistry and energy." – Roman from Roman Hajduk Photography.





"This image shows the couple's love for each other." – Sheila from Sheila Constable Photography.

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"The couple's six-year-old son had just read a poem for his parents at their wedding ceremony in front of 80 guests. He read perfectly, coherently and confidently. The look of love was captured perfectly in this photograph." – Ruth from Life is in the Detail.





"A rare moment of humour in a typically pressurised setting. The bride looked on with admiration and anticipation." – Mathew from Mathew Brown Photography.

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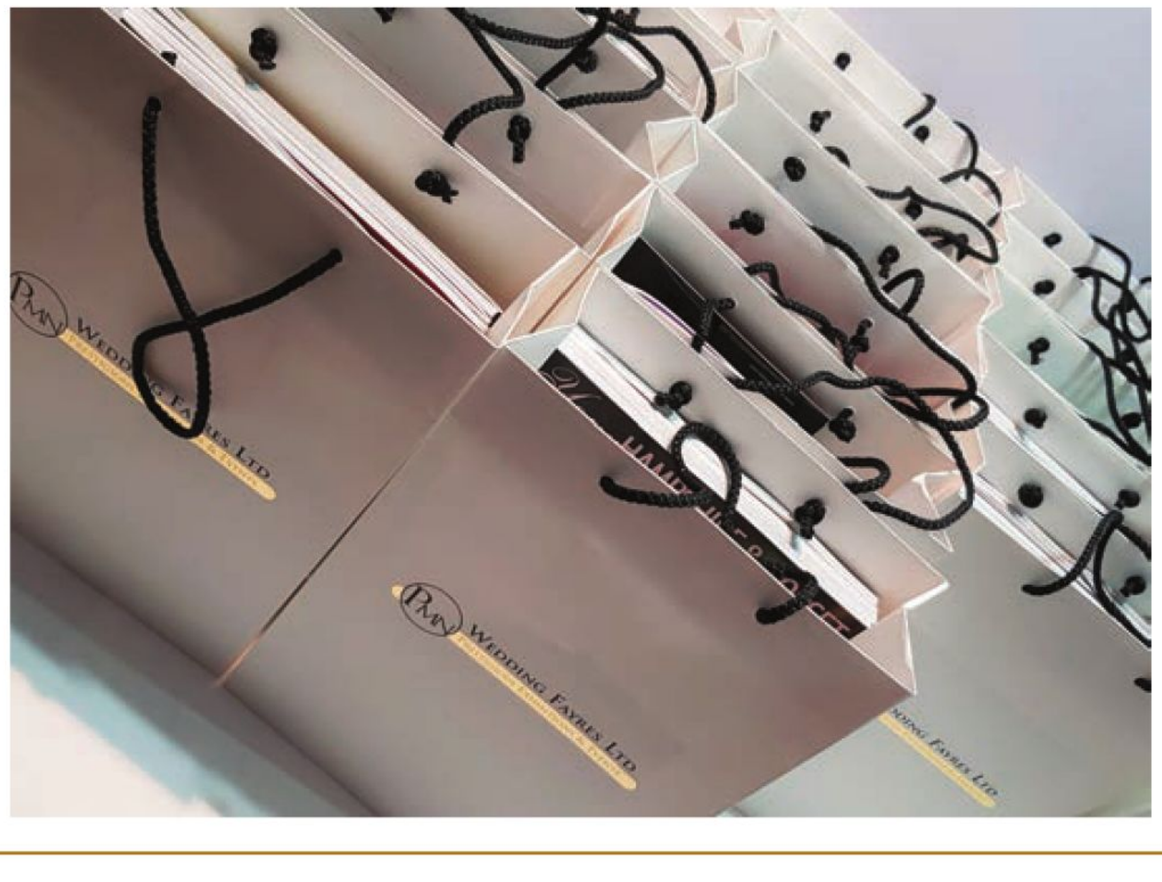


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CALL OF THE *wild*

This Viking-themed shoot took place in Guildford

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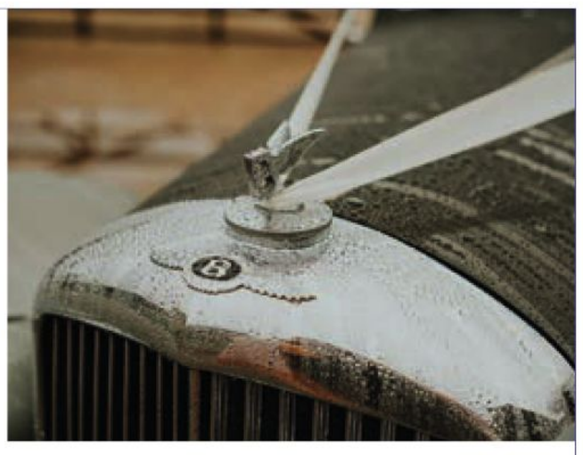
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CLASSIC *elegance*

This modern shoot has it all from beautiful styling to stand out food

Images courtesy of Gingersnaps Photography

Melanie Williams from Lavender Catering and a team of local suppliers worked together to create this oh-so-elegant shoot at Clock Barn Hall. "The staff at the venue recently asked us to become their preferred caterer," says Melanie. "The owner, Isabel, was inspired to hear our thoughts and ideas, and I proposed we organise a photo shoot to show off the barn. My intention was to offer lots of wonderful inspiration to brides and grooms and let everyone know how adaptable we are. It was important for us to use local suppliers who shared the same vision. We researched the latest trends and chose warm tones of antique pinks, plums, sage greens and golds. I worked with my lovely friend Amanda, who is the head florist at Blakes of Bookham, to help me create the look. I was so happy when it all came together. I think together as a team we created a really gorgeous look for the barn and showed it off perfectly."











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Shoes by Dune London, pink dress by Phase Eight and ivory dress by Warehouse.

HIGH STREET HOT LIST

Fashion favourites Warehouse has announced the launch of an exclusive bridal edit for the new season. The 19-piece collection offers a range of silhouettes in soft chiffon and satin fabrics using a muted colour palette of baby pink, navy, and ivory. They feature simple yet chic details, with vintage-inspired dresses, floral prints, fluted sleeves and back details. Prices range from £79 to £89. To shop, visit warehouse.co.uk warehouseuk

Phase Eight has revealed a new capsule bridal collection consisting of luxury designs with affordable price tags all under £500. There's a nod to the glamorous era of the 1920s with an ivory fringed dress, and this pretty blush tulle style, plus coordinating hats and fascinators. To shop, visit phase-eight.com phaseeight

Shoe experts Dune London unveil the new 20-piece footwear collection alongside an exclusive range of matching clutch bags. Brides will love the jewel trims, ribbon ankle ties and sparkling details. Prices start from £130 for shoes and from £60 for bags. To shop, visit dunelondon.com dune_london



Sisterhood

Kate Halfpenny, the talented designer behind the luxury Halfpenny London bridal brand has launched Sister, a bridesmaid collection with prices ranging from £70 to £295. Multiple styles are available in soft fabrics and three colourways – pink, pewter and navy. Kate says, "The Sister collection has something for everyone – from my signature separates to dresses and even a jumpsuit. They've all been designed to wear again and again, styled in your own way." To shop, visit halfpennylondon.com halfpennylondon

SAY 'YES' TO THE DRESS

Contemporary fashion brand KITRI has launched its debut bridal collection, a nine-piece selection of fun, feminine dresses and jumpsuits. Prices start from £195 for this *Fontana* style, and range up to £245. The pieces feature draped hems, exaggerated sleeves and cascading ruffles. There's choices for an engagement party or pre-wedding dinner too, and bridesmaids will also love the fashionable styles.

Designer, founder and creative director of the brand Haeni Kim says, "We received requests for playful, wearable and affordable bridalwear from our customers since the launch of the brand so I'm very excited about our capsule bridal collection. We have designed a selection of dresses and jumpsuits that will be perfect for many occasions surrounding a modern wedding. It's such an honour to be a part of someone's wedding and we can't wait to see how our customers will wear them."

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FASHION *focus*

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

EDITOR'S PICK

This dusky pink ribbon and lace bodysuit is from the new Muse by Coco de Mer collection and is the perfect pick for your wedding night and honeymoon. Prices range from £20 for a thong to £120 for a slip, and pieces are available in sizes 30D-F to 36B-F. To shop, visit coco-de-mer.com cocodemeruk



Editor's choice

Dress your little ones in the latest styles from French designer childrenswear brand Marie-Chantal.

This blue floral printed dress called *Eve* is the perfect pick for a spring wedding, and others include pretty pastels in gingham and tweed.

To shop, visit mariechantal.co.uk mariechantalchildren



One_shoulder

suzanneneville.com



Fun and frivolous

These flirty styles are setting the trends for 2020

Long sleeves

adriannapapell.com

Halterneck

catherineparrybridal.com

Oversized bow

alanhannah.co.uk

Short and sassy

justinalexander.com

Embellished back detail

clairepettibone.com

Vintage-inspired sleeves

kitristudio.com

Short sleeves

elbethgillis.com

Bib-front

katyakatya.co.uk

Slip dress

warehouse.co.uk

Plunge neckline

jesuspeiro.com

Shirt-style jumpsuit

kitristudio.com

Feathers

demetrios.com

Chic jumpsuit

charlottebalbier.com



Fringing

phase-eight.com



Elegant cape

jennypackham.com



Tulle detail

kelseyrose.co.uk

HEADLINERS

Hair clips, bands and accessories were spotted at the recent bridal catwalk shows. Get the look with our Insta-worthy selection

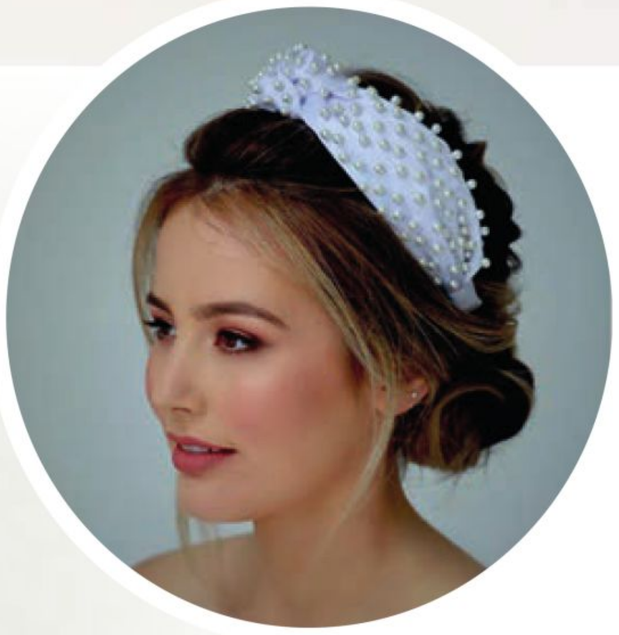


Headdress, from a selection, mervebayindir.com

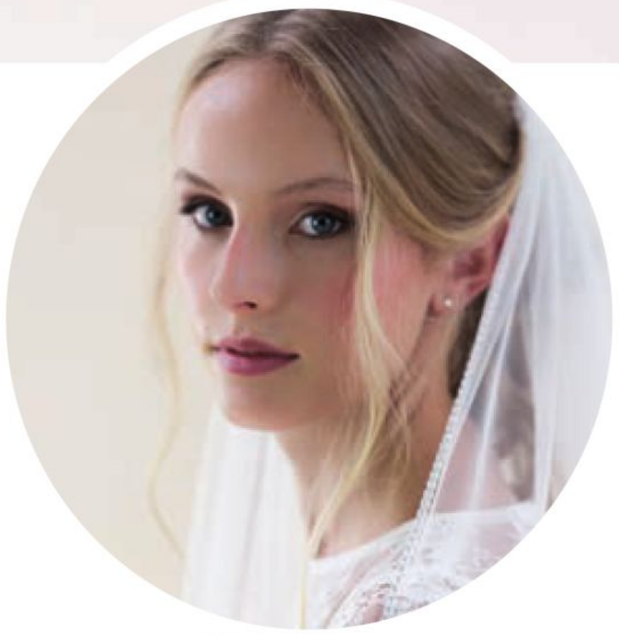


Tiaras and veils spotted at demetrios.com. For similar, try richard-designs.com





White silk pearl headband, £59, aliceandblair.co.uk



Veil, £175, rainbowclub.co.uk



Pearl-encrusted headband, £23, chichiclothing.com



Fascinator with ivory flowers, £35, phase-eight.com



Hair slides, from £19 for set of four, aliceandblair.co.uk





Set of three hair slides, £15, oliverbonas.com





Headband featuring large flower, from a selection, uk.accessorize.com



Pearl-effect beaded hair clips, £12 for set of two, crown-love.com



These elegant styles can be worn as they are, or teamed with pretty shrugs or statement chokers for maximum impact

Madelyn dress with collar by elbethgillis.com

CHIC AND *strapless*

Aerial by charlottebalbier.com



Anais by clairepettibone.com



Style no 014 by demetrios.com



Margot by Kelly Faetanini at elliesanderson.co.uk

Bianca by jennypackham.com



Fern by alanhannah.co.uk



Style no 058 by jesuspeiro.com





Rose by whistles.com

TOP 10

10 tips for planning your dream sustainable wedding

Celia Gaze is the founder of The Wellbeing Farm, and says, "As we're getting more conscious about our environment and how we can protect it, the idea is also flooding the wedding market, as brides are looking for a lush wedding day that doesn't cost the planet. As a venue that has always had a green centre, here are our 10 top tips if you're planning a sustainable wedding..."

1

DITCH THE PALM BEACH WEDDING IN FAVOUR OF SOMETHING LOCAL

This may be an obvious one, but it's a good starting point. As nice as those pictures of destination weddings look, think of all the air miles to fly everyone over, and then transport from the airport... that's a lot of CO2 emissions. With that in mind, if your venue is accessible by public transport, even better.

PLAN A VEGETARIAN OR VEGAN MENU

One of the biggest trends is cutting out a lot of meat and other animal products from your diet. Whilst your wedding has been considered the one day you can indulge, this now doesn't mean that you can't splurge on taste without cutting out the meat. Even as an omnivore, some of the nicest food I have had is vegetarian and vegan. If your menu is seasonal, organic, or uses fair trade ingredients, or a mixture of all three, even better!

2





3

SPEAKING OF SEASONAL, KEEP YOUR FLOWERS SEASONAL TOO

Seasonal flowers save the air miles, there's no need to import tulips from Holland in the middle of September. Also start thinking about what you are going to do with the flowers afterwards, and if your florist avoids using foam in their arrangements, that's a big fat green thumbs up. If they are also supplying confetti, look at a kind that is bio-degradable.

4

Think about transport

If your venue isn't easy to get to via public transport, instead of a million cars arriving at your venue, think about hiring a coach from a suitable meeting point e.g. the hotel your guests are staying at; this will hopefully cut down a lot of emissions even before your big day starts.





5 USE RECYCLABLE MATERIALS OR SECOND-HAND PROPS FOR YOUR DÉCOR

One of our biggest features for our brides is our Prop Shed, which holds every kind of decorative prop you can imagine: saving time, money and the planet as everything is reused from couple to couple. Some brides like to use bits they've picked up themselves – afterwards, think about donating to other brides for their day.



6 ASK YOUR VENUE ABOUT ITS GREEN POLICY

A big note when looking around venues is looking at its bar – if they are still using plastic straws, that's a big no-no! Do they recycle everything on-site, use local suppliers, grow their own produce and have they cracked down on single-use plastic, among many other measures.



7 *Find local suppliers*

From your cake to your DJ, using suppliers who are local to you/ your venue is key to making your wedding sustainable and keeping your wedding's carbon footprint down. Venues should have a list of recommended suppliers on their websites, who are all local to the property.



8 CONSIDER SUSTAINABLE FAVOURS

Think about not just what you want them to be, but also how they are packaged. Stay away from the plastic toys and trinkets, and cellophane wrapping that cannot be recycled. If there is an animal, environmental or sustainability charity that means something to you and your partner, a donation favour to that charity would be a good choice.



9 DRESS UPCYCLE

Why not donate your dress to a charity shop to make an impact long after the big day – this also applies to the bridesmaids' dresses too if you're looking for a green wedding! Also, keep away from silk and other materials that come from animals.



10 IS YOUR STATIONERY SUSTAINABLE?

As pretty as the save-the-date invitations and other stationery looks, think about using invites made from an ethically sourced or recycled material.

TO FIND OUT MORE GO TO: THEWELLBEINGFARM.CO.UK

ONLY TIME WILL TELL

BOSS Watches has launched three new products. The Vela Collection includes statement-making timepieces that were inspired by open skies, urban streets and broad horizons.

Each watch seamlessly combines aesthetics with performance and signature features such as water resistance, glow-in-the-dark markers and engraved backs. Designed to accompany grooms-to-be on the biggest day of their lives, each one has a stainless steel chronograph with a masculine bracelet.

To find out more, visit bosswatches.co.uk



DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Chester Barrie has launched a new range of men's formalwear. The AW19 Collection features old classics and new and improved accessories, including bow ties, evening suits, shirts and handkerchiefs. The semi-bespoke gentleman's tailor is located in London and offers both ready-to-wear and made-to-measure options.

To see more, visit chesterbarrie.co.uk



Read all ABOUT IT!

Grooms editor Melissa Barker shares the latest best buys and product launches

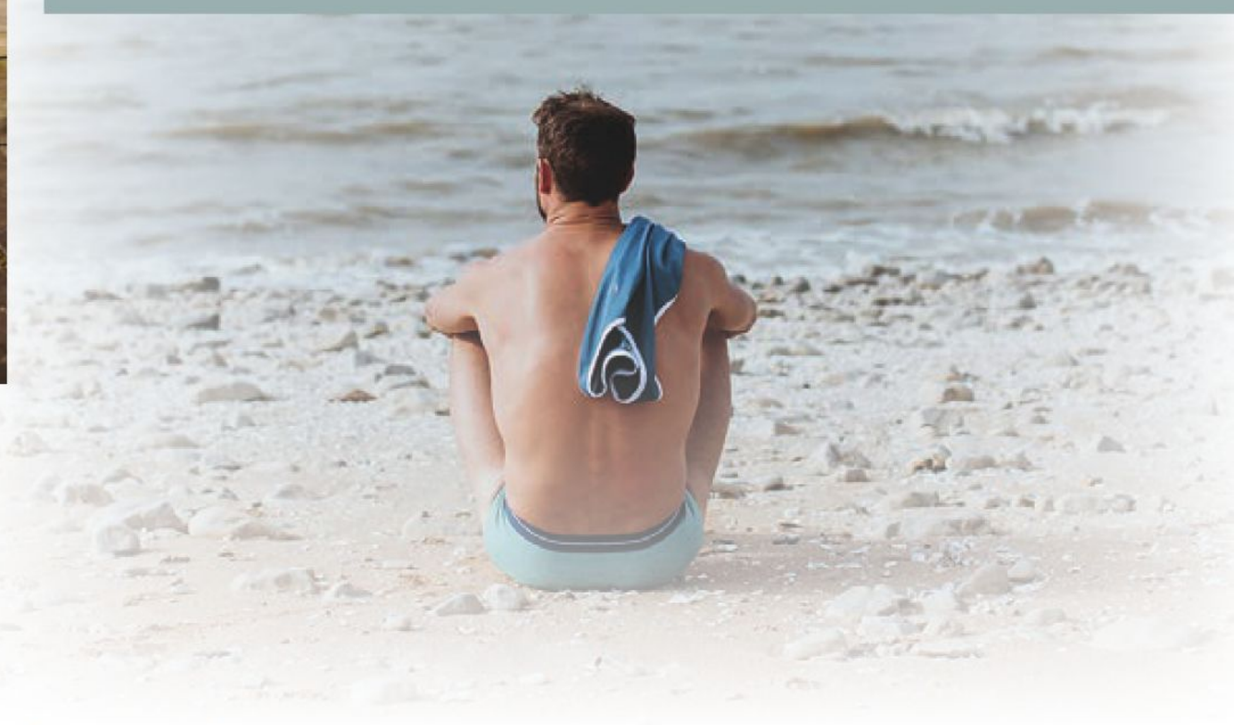


GOING GREEN

London-based company, Bluebuck has released a new collection of sports trunks and briefs manufactured using Seaqual – an eco-fabric made from recycled plastic waste.

The collection combines the brand's eco-sustainability mission with green fashion. The range has a sleek, sportive cut, and is designed for more adventurous men who want a durable undergarment without compromising on comfort.

Priced from £22–£29 from bluebuck.net



Grand plans

Award-winning suit company, Master Debonair has unveiled plans to open six new stores across the UK in 2020.

The fashion firm currently has boutiques in Bolton, London and Chesterfield and a separate showroom in Tyneside. It's become a favourite with grooms-to-be looking for stylish yet affordable suits and accessories.

Check out masterdebonair.com for more.



Oh-so handsome

We love Murdock London's latest range of gift sets. Ideal for grooms-to-be, each collection is made in England using the finest products. The range is designed to offer quality and effective daily essentials that encapsulates the heritage of Great British grooming, along with the sought-after style of the modern gentlemen.

Our favourite is the Bailey set, priced at £50, it comes with a beard shampoo, moisturiser, oil and luxurious comb.

To see more, visit murdocklondon.com

TIME'S TICKING

Add the finishing touch to your big-day attire

1. £59.99, gettingpersonal.co.uk
2. £89.99, tkmaxx.com
3. £30, riverisland.com
4. £250, newgateworld.com
5. £240, thewatchhut.co.uk
6. £449, hugoboss.com
7. £690, mauricelacroix.com
8. £224.99, timex.co.uk

STEP INTO *spring*

We've rounded up our favourite products to help you create the ultimate seasonal look

£110, burton.co.uk

£35, foxandchave.com

£45, davidwatson.uk

£59.95, remusuomo.com

£100, joebrowns.co.uk

£99.99, tkmaxx.com

£24.99, gettingpersonal.co.uk

£199, newgateworld.com

£22, villageleathers.com

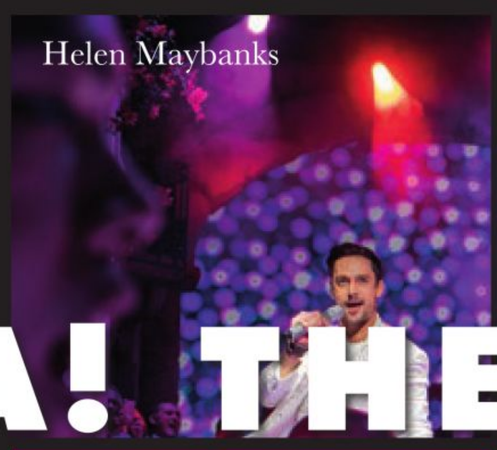
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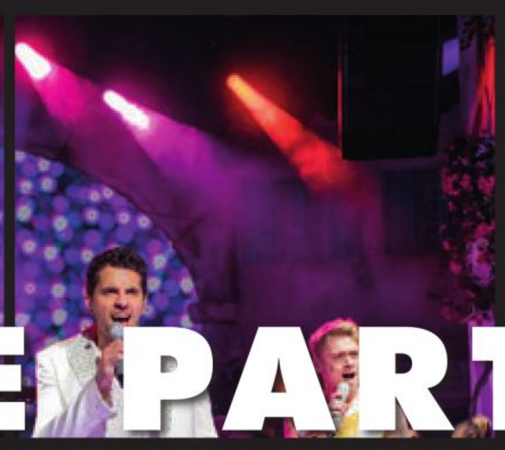
PARTY IN THE CAPITAL

We put two London hen dos to the test

Whatever your taste, there's not much that the capital can't offer in terms of hen do celebrations. Hannah Faulder got to check out two of the best experiences – oh, the hardship – one you can invite your nan along to and the other, well, maybe not…

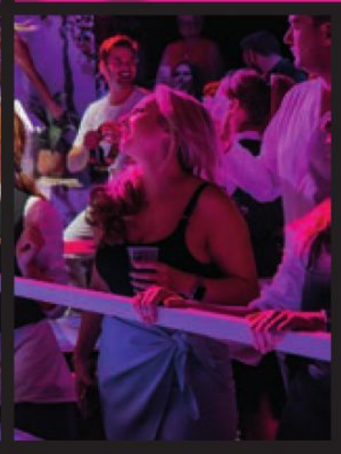

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MAMMA MIA! THE PARTY





I'm a firm believer that there are two types of people in this world: people who love ABBA and people who won't admit they love ABBA. I am well and truly in the first camp – in fact, obsessed is probably the correct term for my adoration of the Swedish fab four – so my expectations were very high for this event.

Billed as an immersive entertainment experience that puts guests at the heart of the action, I couldn't quite picture how this was going to pan out and all I knew was that we would be getting dinner while watching a *Mamma Mia*-inspired show. Arriving at the O2 with my sister (another ABBA nut), we walked through the big blue doors and suddenly we were on a Greek island in a pretty courtyard complete with fountain, olive trees and walls draped in bougainvillea, instead of London on a dreary Monday night. From the moment we took our seats in Nikos' Taverna, that was it; I was swept up in the brilliant and slightly ridiculous magic of it all. The free-flowing wine probably helped.

Everyone was so into the show that they probably could've got away with mediocre food, but in truth it was delicious. The four-course gourmet meal of tasty Mediterranean fare was incredible – the bread and olives alone were to die for. And as for the show, it was just one huge incredible party – we all laughed, cried and sang along with our new found friends – and we weren't just observing, everyone was part of the action. I challenge anyone to not start dancing; we were up mid-mouthful at many points if *Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!* or *Dancing Queen* were somehow shoehorned into the plot. The joyous atmosphere was totally infectious.

At the end of the show, they roll out a huge stage and a disco starts up. My sister and I were devastated to leave but we had to get the last train home, which we soon found out had been cancelled, and with that we were back down to earth with a thud. If you don't like ABBA, the price tag may terrify you. If you do, it's worth every penny.

Visit the website mammamiatheparty.com

MAGIC MIKE LIVE





Trevor Leighton

When I told people I was going to see Magic Mike Live I got a lot of giggles and some funny looks. If you're a millennial woman, there's a good chance you've seen the film (or at least, fast-forwarded to the good bits), so you probably have an idea of what the live show will entail. What Channing Tatum's extravaganza actually provides though is a somewhat more friendly experience. I won't give the premise away (although let's face it, we're not here for the story), but let's just say that the female MC is very much in charge of the situation, and we as audience members are reaping the benefits of a more feminist approach to a traditional strip show.

We arrived at the Hippodrome Casino, which is perfectly located in Leicester Square for those who want a night on the town afterwards, and are directed to the venue and order a drink right to our seats. The show is around an hour and a half, but it goes by in a flash of tanned skin and oiled muscles. The dance moves range from a bit saucy to one routine with a female dancer that verges on indecent, but the general feel-good vibe of the evening and the comedic styling of the host stop it from careering into tacky.

I have to say, I haven't laughed so much in a long time. My friend and I were screaming and whooping along to the show – and this was a school night! I can just imagine a Saturday night with a group of your best girls and you could bring the house down. I have to mention the audience participation, as it is a big part of the show. I was slightly terrified at the prospect of this beforehand, but when you're in the moment the nerves go out the window. My friend even sat on a piano and had a hunky man serenade her! It feels like a totally safe and inclusive environment, but if you're really not up for a lap dance, just say the safe word "unicorn" and you'll be passed by. Not that we saw many people using the safe word, except for a very embarrassed looking Alex Jones from *The One Show*. All in all, this is riotous, naughty fun best consumed with copious cocktails and your best friends by your side.

Visit magicmikelondon.co.uk

A CALMING *influence*

We put these soothing saviours to the test, perfect for beating wedmin stress



Sanda Aromatherapy Eye Pillow, £22, sandafeelgood.com

"I'm in love! The eye pillow is simple, yet so versatile, and great to have on hand for times when you feel like you need to stop and take a few moments. I put it through its paces and tried it warm first of all. Just 30 seconds in the microwave is plenty. The heat releases the amazing aroma (mine is rose and cardamom), which enhances the whole experience. I popped on a five-minute mindfulness meditation and shut out the world.

"The next night I tested the cold experience – 20 minutes or so in the freezer does the trick. After a tense day it calmed my head and soothed my tired, contact lense-wearing eyes. I can't wait to try it in the summer when itchy hayfever eyes kick in." – **Kelly Andrews**



Amphora Aromatics Relaxing Bath Oil 100ml, £6, amphora-aromatics.com

"I love a bath. Any excuse to get me in the tub, I'm there, and I have to say, I've tried a lot of bath oils. So, I was eager to dive right in with this Relaxing Bath Oil from Amphora Aromatics.

"I truly believe this is the best bath oil I've ever tried. It has exactly the right combination of a heavenly aroma that's not too overpowering, and nourishment, without being greasy. My skin felt instantly balmy and fragrant, which lasted throughout the following day to boot." – **Danielle Harvey**

Sanatio Naturalis Frankincense Essential Oil 10ml, £26, sanationaturalis.com

"I had to dig deep at the back of the cupboard to find my essential oil diffuser to test out Sanatio Naturalis' Frankincense Essential Oil, but I'm glad I did! Distilled from wild-growing tree resin in Somalia, it has an exotic, spicy scent. Without being overbearing, it filled my room with a deliciously heady fragrance that was the perfect backdrop to some me-time. The strong smell is brilliant for focusing the mind and it's been shown that inhaling frankincense reduces your heart rate and blood pressure – so if you're feeling the stress of wedmin, it's definitely worth a whirl." – **Hannah Faulder**



Tisserand Aromatherapy Total De-Stress MoodFix Mist 100ml, £9.45, tisserand.com

"I can't promise this handy spray will work miracles when it comes to tackling a hectic lifestyle, but what it does do is allow you to stop, if only for a minute, and just breathe. A quick squirt provides a comforting mist of calm when the going gets tough and the blend of geranium, orange and nutmeg natural pure essential oils smells great too!" – **Sarah Reeve**

Kyushi Jasmine, Lavender & Cedarwood Face Oil 30ml, £39, kyushi.co.uk

"The first thing I noticed about this face oil was the earthy smell that filled the room. Kyushi recommend placing three drops into the palms of your hands, gently rubbing them together and cupping over your nose and mouth before taking some deep breaths, as the mindful application is as important as the product itself. I did find it had a calming effect, and it smelled divine. It also made my skin feel incredibly soft and hydrated. I recommend using it before you go to bed for a long, restful sleep." – **Melissa Barker**



IN PURSUIT OF WELLNESS

STILL London, the non-toxic, cruelty-free, vegan and environmentally friendly nail studio, has now launched a regenerating and protecting hand balm. With marine algae extract, lupine peptides, olive oil derived squalane, shea butter, cocoa butter and soya wax this potent formula regenerates, protects, moisturises and firms the skin.

There's also a new cuticle oil available where grape seed and evening primrose oil work seamlessly with a Norwegian algae extract, vitamin E and tea tree to asorb quickly and heal the skin naturally.

The hand balm is priced at £23 and the cuticle oil at £18. Both are available from still-london.com

Glow-givers

Blending natural extracts and cutting-edge science, Scientia Skincare utilises no less than 23 oils sourced from all around the world, including morning seed oil from Uganda, and wild carrot oil from France, which deliver maximum skin health while boosting wellbeing. The first exciting products to launch from this brand are the Dawn and Dusk Elixirs, formulated to give you your daily and nightly dose of radiance.

Priced at £32 each from scientiabeauty.com



WELL LIT

This highly-pigmented, three-in-one highlighter creates a perfectly radiant glow that will take you from ceremony to celebrations. This super-versatile micro-fine powder is easy to apply to cheeks, brow bones and décolletage for a quick all-over radiance. You can play it safe with a natural shimmer or make a statement by creating a multi-dimensional strobing effect.

This convenient make-up bag hero in Sahara is actually an ombre of Kevyn Aucoin's three best-selling highlighters, Candlelight, Starlight, and Sunlight. In this case, three is most definitely not a crowd!

Available from spacenk.com, priced at £30.





Beauty BUZZ

Beauty editor Kelly Andrews shares her latest beauty must-haves for the bride-to-be

Crystal clear

If hours of traipsing around wedding shows and agonising over budgets has left you in need of a bit of R&R, this will come as music to your ears. LLIO's Crystoil helps with those little moments in life where you can finally enjoy some you-time, aiding sleep, boosting energy and enhancing the mood. You can invoke Crystoil's power in two ways: shake the bottle and add a few droplets to a bath, or massage all over before stepping into a warm bath or shower. The lush passionflower, apricot and rosehip oils make for deliciously soft nourished skin.

LLIO will be donating £1 of every sale to Winston's Wish, a charity giving hope to grieving children. Priced at £45, check out llio.love





A ROSY GLOW

Looking to achieve that natural dewy flush of colour for your wedding day? The folk at Beautaniq Beauty have just the thing. Introducing the Butter Cheek & Lip Balm. This cream blusher blends seamlessly into cheeks using nothing more than the warmth of your fingertips, and doubles up as an effortless lip colour. Crafted with 90% natural plant-based oils to nourish, condition and hydrate the skin, it simultaneously bestows a gorgeous, creamy radiance. Available at beautaniqbeauty.com it's priced at £12.50.





Sustainability, solved

Disposable face wipes are a thing of the past with the sustainable, vegan-friendly and cruelty-free Face Halo. These microfibre pads remove your make-up and lightly exfoliate the skin in just seconds. Face Halo works with water helping the clever HaloTech fibres, which are 100 times finer than human hair, to get to work on removing even the most stubborn make-up. Reusable, the Face Halo can be machine washed up to 200 times, meaning it's a cost-effective way of looking after your skin and it helps the environment. Around these parts we call that a win-win!

The Face Halo Original is priced at £17.99 and is available from Beauty Bay, Boots, Selfridges and Harrods. Check out facehalo.com

STRESSED SKIN SOLUTION



Cannabooster Detox from French holistic skincare brand Ho Karan (meaning "I love you" in Breton) is a clarifying, brightening and energising serum – a real skin saviour. Rich in potent terpenes, it helps to detoxify, clarify and create a formidable shield against the harmful effects of pollution. It's gentle on stressed skin, hydrating, nourishing and protecting.

As its name implies it contains the trending plant extract CBD, which has calming, anti-inflammatory and sebum balancing effects. So unsurprisingly this wonder-ingredient is being championed as the latest wellness hero.

Find out more at hokaran.com



FAREWELL SPLIT ENDS!

Let's be honest, a dry and damaged barnet is not the look for your wedding day, so, now's the time to banish split ends for good. Check out BondiBoost's Rapid Repair range. Start your haircare routine with Rapid Repair Shampoo (£22.50). Formulated to repair split ends, reduce breakage and seal cuticles, it delivers a boost of essential oils rich in antioxidants, vitamins and amino acids. Follow with Rapid Repair Conditioner (£22.50), which improves signs of damage. Then, finish by applying 1-2 pumps of the Rapid Repair Serum (£22.50) for softness and shine. Hey presto – damaged hair is a thing of the past. Easy. Available at boots.com

COLOUR WITH CARE

Founded by French sisters, and beauty experts, Hamida and Yasmine Smatti, L'Atelier Green is a breathable and bio-sourced polish that cares for your nails. After helping countless beauty fans to repair nails damaged by acrylics, gel manicures and toxin-filled varnishes, they saw first-hand the need for a product that not only gave the desired colour, shine and long-lasting effect, but that also nurtured nails and cuticles.

The debut Naked Nails collection boasts breathable properties, which help to bring your nails back to full health. Enriched with high-performance, organic and active ingredients, the lacquers stimulate nail growth and repair damage without sacrificing glossiness and longevity.

Priced from £15.99, see the website lateliergreen.com





Step it up

If you simply don't have time for a complicated multi-step skincare regime, help is at hand. Designed to streamline your routine in a fast-moving world, Frances Prescott's multitasking natural skincare will have your complexion big-day ready in no time. With the Tri-Balm (£46) and Tri-Spritz (£45) all you need are two simple three-in-one steps.

The luxurious facial balm cleanses, exfoliates and moisturises in one solid stick bursting with botanical oils. Meanwhile, the spritz works to aid cellular repair, protect against pollution and set make-up.

For further information see francesprescott.com

BEAUTY SLEEP

The must-have beauty accessory for flawless skin and hair is a pillowcase, but not just any. The Gingerlily Beauty Box contains a 100% silk pillowcase for the ultimate in luxury that allows you to reap beauty benefits while you sleep. Soft and seamless, the A-grade mulberry silk adjusts to the temperature of your body and is naturally hypoallergenic, ideal if you suffer with allergies or have sensitive skin. Thanks to its high protein content, this fabric doesn't absorb moisture, so it helps to prevent wrinkles, while keeping skin hydrated and hair glossy.

Available in silver grey, nude, ivory and white, they're priced at £59 each and available from gingerlily.co.uk



Fashion & beauty Q&A

Local experts offer advice on how to look your big-day best

REST AND RELAXATION

I'm set to wed in six months and have found the planning process very stressful, what can I do to ensure I'm completely relaxed in the run-up to the day?

Wedding planning can be stressful, but there are ways to help you feel more relaxed. The main thing to remember is to make time for yourself in the lead up to the wedding. Whether it's a day to yourself, without any planning or a trip to a salon with some of your friends to take your mind off it all.

At Lottie Loves Beauty, we offer bespoke treatments that are tailor-made to suit your needs and can design a package that targets relaxation and stress relief before the big day.

The great thing about treatments is that you can relax and unwind while the therapist takes care of the much needed bridal prep in a calm environment. Whether it's preparing your nails and giving them the attention they need or booking a course of facials to make your skin look it's absolute best, it's worth treating yourself.

Sarah Watkinson
PA and marketing manager
lottielovesbeauty.com

A GOTHIC LOOK

We're having a black colour scheme at our wedding, and I'd like to incorporate the hue into my make-up without it looking too heavy. Do you have any ideas?

Here are my top tips for creating a showstopping look:

- ❤ If you keep the style classic and timeless, you can't go wrong.
- ❤ Focus on your eyes. Make them pop and add a bright hue to the inner corners.
- ❤ Smoky, sultry and sexy are fabulous options.
- ❤ Remember, less is sometimes more, so don't choose an overpowering look.
- ❤ Focus on a pretty nude or soft pink lip and add a touch of shimmer to your cheeks.

Amy Lacey
Make-up artist
amylacey.co.uk

FASHION ICON

I'm looking for an on-trend outfit for my mum to wear at my wedding. Do you have any suggestions?

A lot depends on the time of year you're getting married and the venue you've chosen. Primarily, the first consideration should be that your mum looks fabulous and comfortable in whatever she wears. For a summer wedding, a gorgeous dress with a matching hat might be a good idea as soft styling is very much on-trend. A pashmina can be added if the day is not as warm as expected.

Dee Brain
Mother-of-the-bride specialist
serendipityfashions.co.uk

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PICTURE-PERFECT PARADISE

The private Maldivian-owned boutique island resort of Baros has won the title of World's Most Romantic Resort for the seventh consecutive time at the annual World Travel Awards. Voted for by industry professionals and travellers from across the globe, it certifies its places as one of the top honeymoon destinations. General manager Ibrahim Shijah says, "This award maintains Baros' status as a Maldivian legend and furthers the significant impact of the resort within the international luxury market around the world."

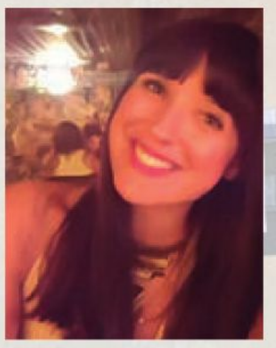
To highlight its romantic offerings, the resort has launched its Romantic Moments package. Including a private candlelit beach dinner, a couple's massage and a spectacular sunset cruise, it makes the ultimate honeymoon retreat. Visit baros.com



A WILD MINI-MOON

You can journey across South America, Asia and Africa at Kent's authentic safari park Port Lympne Hotel & Reserve. We love that guests can now enjoy some peace and tranquility under the stars in The Bubble, a 180-degree panoramic lodge with stunning views across the 600-acre reserve. Couples can also take their romance to new heights with a once-in-a-lifetime hot-air balloon ride over Port Lympne and the surrounding countryside. After a day exploring the reserve, why not enjoy a romantic dinner at its Moroccan Courtyard or Bear Lodge Restaurant before heading back to your quirky accommodation. For more information, head to aspinallfoundation.org

HONEYMOON



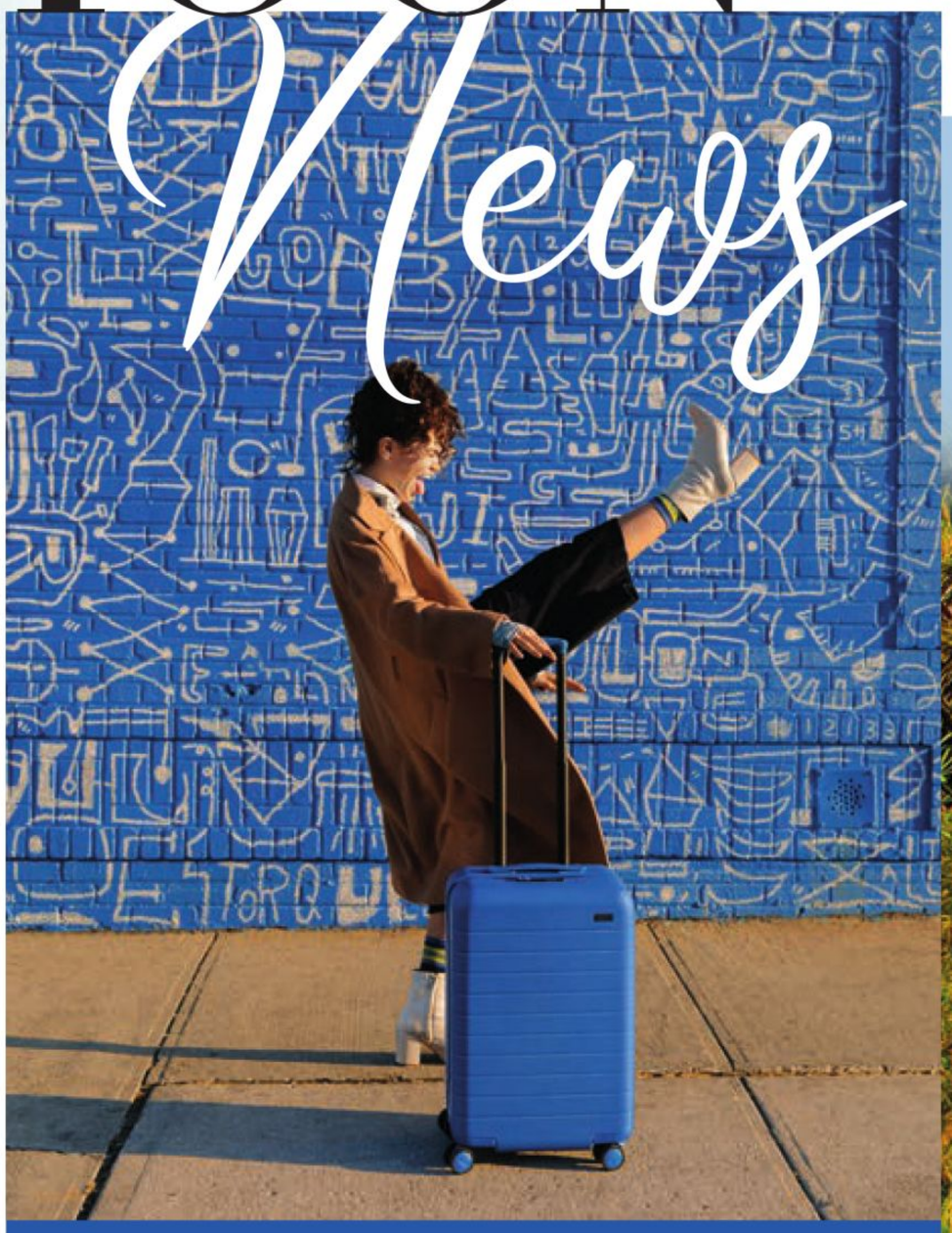
Travel editor Hannah Faulder reveals her top honeymoon destination picks and travel essentials

HOT HOTEL OPENING FOR 2020

I love a short-haul flight, so MarBella Collection's MarBella Elix on mainland Greece is a 2020 hotel opening I'm very excited about. The third hotel to join the portfolio and the first outside of Corfu, it will be perched above the beautiful Karavostasi Beach in the Parga region, looking west towards Corfu and Paxos. Couples arriving after the June 2020 launch will be able to marvel at the outstanding natural beauty, the inviting golden coastline and crystal-clear waters.

Within an hour's drive of Preveza Airport, the hotel can also arrange boat transfers from Corfu, which is ideal for those looking to twin with the MarBella Collection's two properties on the Ionian island. Book your honeymoon here, and you can expect luxurious accommodation, incredible scenery, exhilarating activities and delicious dining. Check out marbellacollection.gr





News

A classic case

Anyone else loving the 2020 Pantone Colour of the Year Classic Blue? It's evocative of vast skies and deep blue waters so it's ideal for travelling, and Away have hit the nail on the head with its limited edition Colour of the Year Collection. See the range at awaytravel.com



WINE TIME

Legacy wine estate Boschendal in South Africa's Cape Winelands introduced the country's first tented wine experience in March 2020. Wine-loving honeymooners can stay in one of seven luxury serviced tents in the heart of the 4,500-acre working estate and vineyard, offering a one-of-a-kind perspective on its staggering landscape.

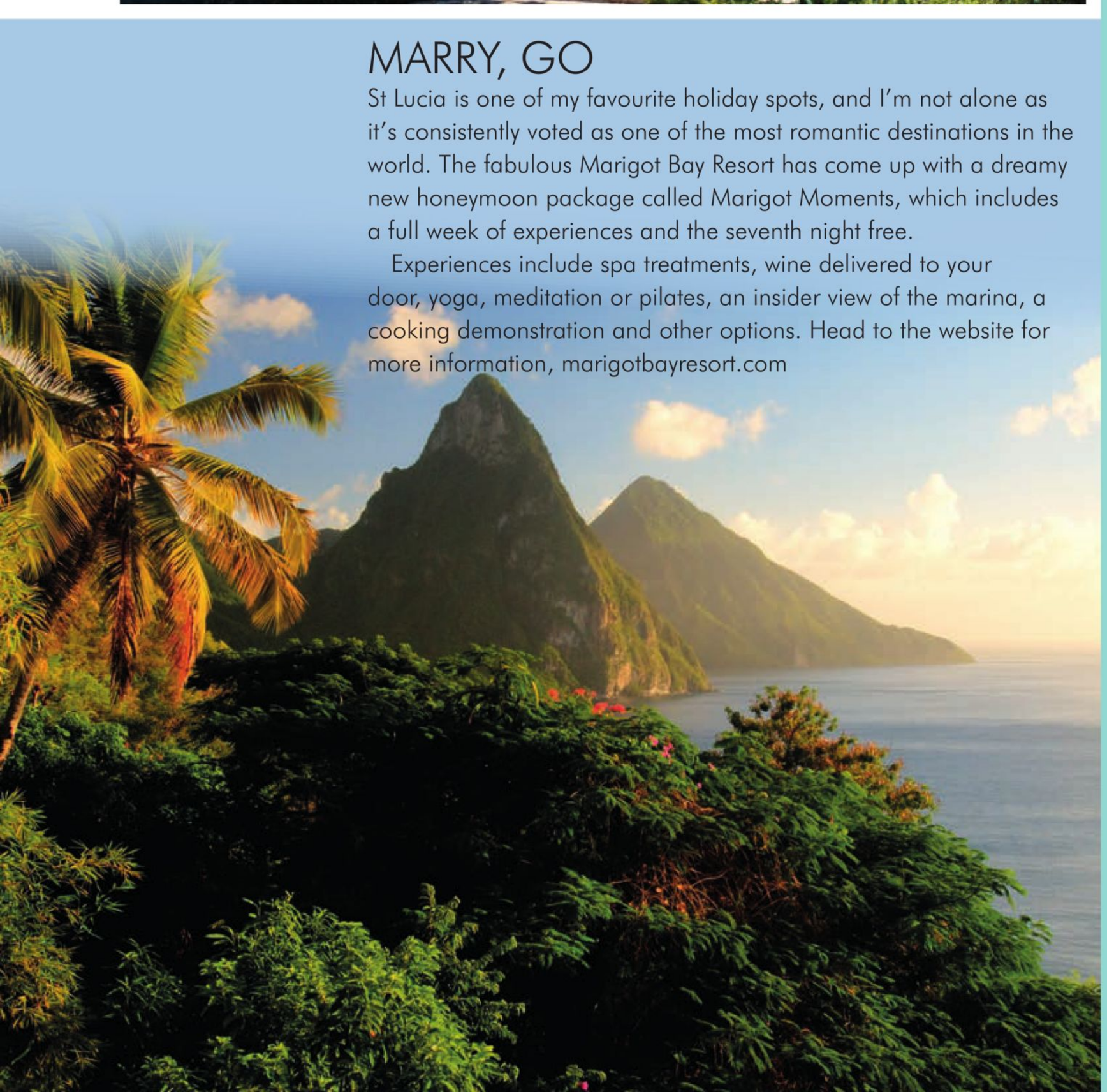
The property is dedicated to conserving its natural biodiversity and guests have the opportunity to become a part of the landscape that cultivates the exquisite produce found in its restaurants and wine cellar. To find out more, visit boschendal.com



MARRY, GO

St Lucia is one of my favourite holiday spots, and I'm not alone as it's consistently voted as one of the most romantic destinations in the world. The fabulous Marigot Bay Resort has come up with a dreamy new honeymoon package called Marigot Moments, which includes a full week of experiences and the seventh night free.

Experiences include spa treatments, wine delivered to your door, yoga, meditation or pilates, an insider view of the marina, a cooking demonstration and other options. Head to the website for more information, marigotbayresort.com





KEEP ON MOVING

With the Olympics just around the corner, you might be getting in the sporty mood. If you and your partner are more likely to be running on the beach than snoozing on it, then these active honeymoon picks are for you…

❤ Mountain biking in Mauritius. The Mauritius Tour Beachcomber 2020 is held 30th April to 2nd May and consists of four stages over a total distance of 195km. The challenging route allows cyclists to soak in their stunning surroundings. Book at beachcombertours.uk

❤ Running in Victoria Falls. The Victoria Falls Marathon in Zimbabwe is definitely a bucket-list event. Taking place in July, participants will be running alongside incredible scenery, amazing wildlife and one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Book at africaalbidatourism.com

❤ Diving in Fiji. Sign up for the THIRDHOME Adventure's Jean-Michel Cousteau's Fiji Island Hideaway Adventure in September to spend a week on a private island with guided diving and snorkelling alongside the world-famous oceanographic explorer and his expert marine biologist. Book at adventures.thirdhome.com

❤ Wild swimming in the Seychelles. Eager to try the wild swimming trend but the cold UK water's not for you? Dip your toes in at the five-star Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa and swim or snorkel along the 650-metre coral trail. Book at seychelles.hilton.com

❤ Stay active at sea. The launch of Blue World Voyages in 2021 will see the world's first active lifestyle cruise take to the Mediterranean with two decks dedicated to fitness, sports and wellness. There will also be a seawater pool, which will be lowered into the ocean so guests can swim alongside the ship. Book at blueworldvoyages.com

A TASTE OF PARADISE

Editor Claire Ridley travelled to the island of Anguilla in the Caribbean to discover what this popular honeymoon destination has to offer




Enjoying #qualitytime at Curtain Bluff #curtainpics

When the opportunity arose to experience what's new for 2020 on this luxurious island in the Eastern Caribbean, I packed my passport and bikini and was ready to fly! The lure of its 33 pristine beaches with powder-white sand and clear turquoise sea – regularly voted some of the best in the region – along with the promise of some winter sun had me jumping on board the Virgin Atlantic flight from London Gatwick bound for the British West Indies.

It's a good idea to break the journey with a one-night stopover in Antigua. Curtain Bluff is a spectacular all-inclusive resort set against the backdrop of not one but two palm-fringed beaches – Bay Beach and Surf Beach. I stayed in a stunning one-bedroom, split-level Bluff Suite boasting panoramic sea views from the terrace.

Honeymooners can while away the day in a hammock or snorkel around the reef to discover a rich variety of sea life. For active types, there's scuba diving, waterskiing and basketball, all included in the room rate, while those wanting something more relaxing will love the spa treatments available in the private couple's treatment room.

The Seagrape restaurant offers beachfront dining, while the plantation-style Tamarind Restaurant is located in a more secluded setting, both served by the most extensive wine cellar in the area – be sure to ask for a private tasting.

Wish you were here

Boarding the inter-island Trans Anguilla Airways flight (prepare for a very small plane!), I was excited to touch down on this small yet perfectly formed jewel of the Caribbean where I was greeted by Colwayne from the Anguilla Tourist Board and whisked off to visit the Valley Street Festival, a vibrant introduction to the local arts and crafts scene. A 20-minute massage here from Big Joe really helped me to recover from the flight and relax into island life where, as the locals say, you should 'make time to lime' (hang out!)

Next up was a scenic tour of this honeymoon hotspot pointing out areas of interest including The Valley (the capital city) and Crocus Hill (the highest point). Lunch at the Bayside Grill beach bar at da'Vida Restaurant & Spa was my first introduction to Johnny cakes – a doughnut-like savoury snack – and the local mahi-mahi fish giving me some much-needed energy for a two-hour afternoon kayaking tour from Crocus Bay to Little Bay with Liquid Glow. Through the clear-bottom kayaks I spotted tropical fish and even a turtle as we paddled along the sapphire shores, stopping for a snorkel around the cliff edge at the secluded Little Bay. Honeymooners will love the romantic night kayaking tour they offer, where you get the chance to see turtles sleeping at the bottom of the ocean.

It was soon time to check into the redesigned, award-winning CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa located on Rendezvous Bay that was to be my home for the next three nights. It's a glamorous white building with azure blue touches and a Mediterranean feel mixed with Caribbean flair (think of the architecture in Santorini and you get the idea). KazBar, the lounge area in the lobby, is a Moroccan-inspired space furnished with pops of bright colour, ideal for relaxing with rum and tapas while enjoying the live music. All 91 suites (including the Beachfront Junior Suite where I stayed), seven villas and two penthouses have been recently renovated and boast a bright coastal feel.

This super-stylish resort promises a gourmet-dining scene where guests can enjoy tastes from around the globe, including authentic Anguillan food created by new executive chef Juan Bochenski. He uses local ingredients and sustainable practices, and dishes include sushi and sashimi at the award-winning Japanese restaurant Tokyo Bay.

After a dip in the pool and some much-needed sunbathing time in a private cabana, it was time to get ready for dinner at Maundays Club located at dreamy resort Belmond Cap Juluca. Here, I sampled the tasty Peruvian menu including the mouth-watering Caribbean fish ceviche.

This romantic hideaway nestled on Maundays Bay offers Insta-worthy snaps at every turn and by day, the resort's turquoise VW Campervans and vintage-style bicycles allow for easy viewing of the grounds. A horse ride along the beach at Meads Bay on Tosh, proudly led by owner Zambezi, was a highlight and is suitable for riders of all levels. Check out the sunset excursions; great for honeymooners.

Drinking a #coconutcocktail at da'Vida Restaurant (left), and the #infinityedgepool and #cutecampervans at Belmond Cap Juluca (right) #anguilla #beyondextraordinary






#horseriding on the #beach #meadsbay #belmondcapjuluca



Admiring the #seaviews and #infinitypool at Zemi Beach House Hotel & Spa and CuisinArt (left)







#donotdisturb in the #stylishrooms and #spa at CuisinArt (below)



#grilledlobster at the Sunshine Shack



Beyond the beach

Breakfast at Mosaic at CuisinArt certainly didn't disappoint, with the banana bread, coconut muffins and reviving smoothies so delicious I just had to order seconds. The restaurant features an open kitchen and wrap-around bar and is also open for dinner. After a swim in the ocean and enjoying the soft sand between my toes, it was time to be transported to the jaw-droppingly beautiful Shoal Bay East. (The easiest way to travel around the island is with Premier Taxi and Tours). This stunning stretch of sand is home to the Zemi Beach House Hotel & Spa boasting infinity pools and picturesque vistas. To say I ate well here was an understatement, with mahi-mahi tacos and hand-crafted coconut mocktails on the menu at the Zemi Beach Club. This was followed by a therapeutic massage at the zen-like Zemi Thai House Spa before enjoying the spectacular sunset that this island is well known for.

That evening, I headed for dinner at Café Celeste inside the colonial-style Malliouhana resort simply oozing with glamour and Caribbean charm, perched on the stunning Meads Bay. Highlights on the menu include red snapper, conch curry served with coconut dumplings and yummy plantain fritters.

Another day in paradise

Fully immersed in island life, I enjoyed an early morning yoga and meditation session followed by a refreshing dip in the healing waters pool in the Spa by CuisinArt. This tranquil spot is home to 16 treatment rooms, including a couple's suite featuring an outdoor Jacuzzi, where a heated bamboo massage and aqua massage are on the menu. The Scrub Blend Bar experience isn't to be missed, giving guests the option to make their own spa product to take home with them, and other more adventurous activities include aquatic kickboxing, stand-up paddleboard yoga and tennis (with lessons available). There's also a fun cookery class to learn how to make Portuguese petiscos and a rum and cocktail-making lesson.

Golf enthusiasts will love the 18-hole Greg Norman Signature Design Championship course, the only one on the island, situated close by on the resort's sister property, The Reef by CuisinArt. This oceanfront boutique hotel boasts 80 rooms and suites built across four beachfront buildings and an open-air lobby. Foodies will love The Yacht Club Restaurant, opening on to the feature pool, serving breakfast and dinner while Breezes Beachfront Restaurant & Bar offers a lounge-style atmosphere for lunch and dinner. Sundowners are a must-try at Santorini at the Clubhouse, also open for lunch.

There's a cool party vibe at this hotel with regular live DJ sets around the pool and poolside treatments available to book through Spa to You.

Next up was a visit to the colourful Arts & Crafts Center in the West End, a treasure trove of island trinkets including conch shells to take home. From here, I headed to the Sunshine Shack beach bar and grill perched on Rendezvous Bay, a short stroll along the beach from CuisinArt, where I tucked into the delicious grilled lobster accompanied by the local Carib lager. It's well worth the walk and you're encouraged to scribble a message with your name on the shack before you leave.

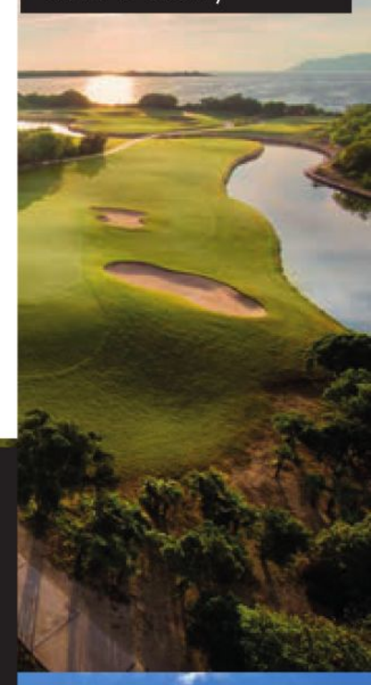
Coming to the end of my magical trip, as the sun went down, the wonderful team at CuisinArt arranged for me to experience some private dining at the water's edge at the Beach Bar & Grill where I enjoyed an amazing array of food and live music. I departed Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport with a smile on my face that lasted the entire way home – this tropical paradise, one of the best-kept secrets in the Caribbean, will always hold a special place in my heart ♥



#freshseafood and a #romantic ambience at Café Celeste (above and below)



Practising #yoga and #golf at CuisinArt (above and below)





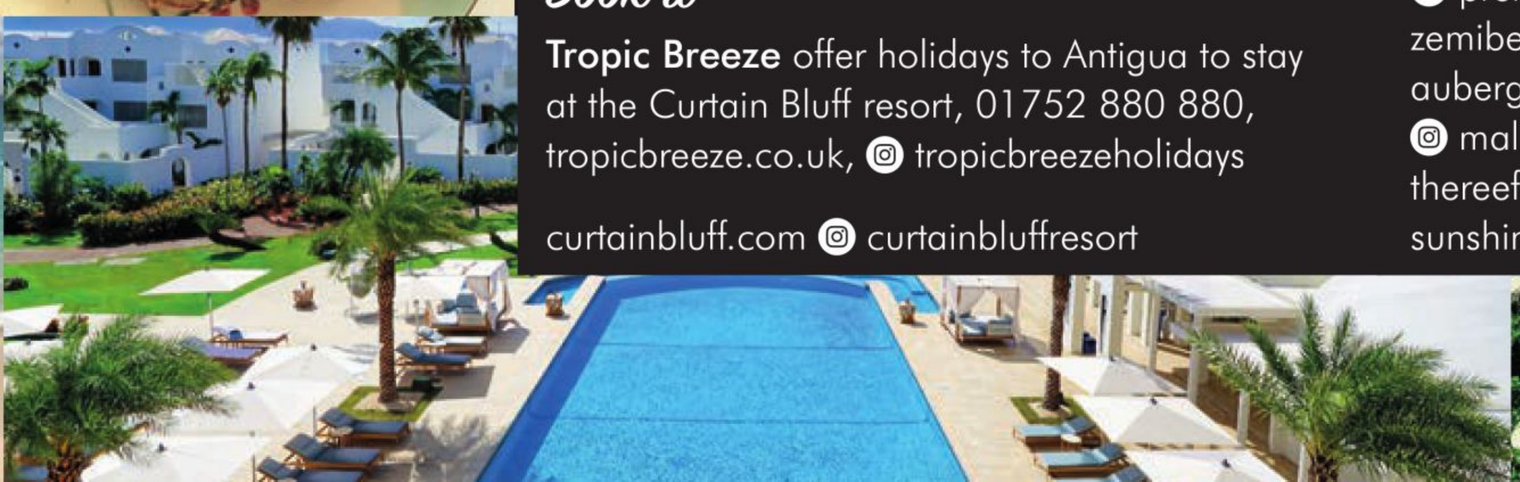
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MOROCCAN *magic*

Hannah Faulder discovers that whatever you want from your honeymoon, you can find it at Mazagan Beach and Golf Resort in Morocco

If, like me and my husband, you want to spend your holiday ticking off activities but your partner wants to lounge by the pool, then Mazagan Beach and Golf Resort in Morocco might just be your ideal honeymoon destination. Year-round sun: tick. Action-packed activities: tick. Fun with the kids: tick. Luxury: tick – there's not much this place doesn't offer. And it's not by accident. Everything is meticulously planned and designed to cater to your every need within its 250 hectares of paradise.

A snappy three-hour flight, plus a one-hour transfer from Casablanca Airport, and you'll find yourself winding down Mazagan's grand driveway and seeing the resort emerging from its lush grounds in all of its decadent Moorish glory. As the only destination of its kind in Morocco, you might just find yourself rubbing shoulders with royalty and celebrities – I'm basically BFFs with Dougie from McFly now.

You can expect to find traditional Moroccan influences alongside contemporary luxe – think ornately carved doors, colourful lanterns, textured rugs and mosaic tiles. There are 13 restaurants and bars, a huge spa, the most glamorous gym imaginable, an 18-hole golf course and North Africa's biggest casino.

STAY

It's always a little disorienting arriving somewhere after dark, and the stylish but seemingly endless corridors of Mazagan heightened the confusion. I didn't need to worry; within a couple of minutes, a friendly chap with a walkie-talkie (who had clearly been sent to find the lost Englishwoman with too much luggage) was guiding me to my room. This was the level of service I came to expect here. Once inside, I was met with the most enormous marshmallowy bed, a spacious bathroom and floor-to-ceiling windows – in









the morning, these revealed incredible views across gardens and the secluded 9km beach beyond. I was told that if you're awake early enough (I wasn't), you can watch the resort's herd of rescue horses take their morning gallop across the deserted sands. Beautiful (I imagine).

Within the walls of Mazagan, you feel untouched by the outside world. The feeling of serenity is in every corner of the resort, which is especially incredible considering there are 500 rooms here. Sometimes I could walk around for 10 minutes and not bump into another soul.

EXPERIENCE

This place goes all out when it comes to experiences and activities. I'll confess that I'm a total wuss, so looking at my itinerary and seeing quad-biking, zip-lining and horse-riding did send me into a mild panic. However, I'm pleased to report I stepped out of my comfort zone – and I'm so glad I did! First up, I was introduced to the sassy Caramel, my noble steed for the hour. We rode along the practically deserted beach in the sunshine with the sound of the waves lapping on to the shore – what an incredible moment and an absolute must-do for honeymooners.

Next up, we jumped on some quad bikes and whizzed along the beach in hot pursuit of our guide, who took us to see an incredible shipwreck protruding from the water. He was also our personal photographer, getting snaps that made my group look like the most badass girl band of all time! After this, I had caught the action bug, and flinging myself down a zip line at high speed through the trees was the next logical step.

Bringing things back to my normal pace, we wandered through the idyllic grounds to the spa, where, in a moment of madness, I decided against the planned full-body massage and instead opted for the hammam. The authentic Moroccan bathing ritual was certainly an experience! First off, you sit in an incredibly hot steam room where a lady washes you down with eucalyptus oil. Next, she showers you and lays you on a huge marble plinth and scrubs your skin with a mitt, which is akin to sandpaper. Then you're showered again, smothered in a mud mask, wrapped in a towel and left to bake on the plinth. The end result: seriously smooth skin! I felt like a newborn baby, and I've been recommending a – frankly bizarre – hammam to anyone who'll listen.

EAT

Foodies will love the choice of 13 restaurants and bars here. There are two huge buffets offering everything you could possibly want alongside high-end eateries that specialise in different cuisines. For breakfast, it's worth heading to Olives and sitting by the pool, where fresh food, soft music and elaborately served mint tea all add to the chilled-out vibe.

One evening, we opted for the elegant Sel de Mer, which serves the finest seafood. Fellow veggies, don't despair! They whipped me up a yummy quinoa stack and vegetable pasta. I'd also recommend the rustic charm of La Cave for warming French fare.

LOVE

The final evening was spent looking out at the setting sun, cocktail in hand, watching the golden rays twinkle across the waves. It was a perfectly romantic time to reflect on a trip that offered everything honeymooners could want: adventure, luxury and unadulterated romance in equal measure.











For more information, and to book your stay, visit mazaganbeachresort.com



Romantic GETAWAY





Olivia Gibson reviews the Castle Hotel Windsor





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I didn't quite realise how incredible my stay would be at the Castle Hotel Windsor, throughout the trip my partner and I created amazing memories full of happiness, laughter and relaxation. Maybe it was the charming décor, impeccable service or the fact that Windsor Castle is nestled right opposite the hotel – creating the perfect backdrop.

When the chance to visit the establishment first arose, I immediately jumped at the opportunity. For a while, it's been on my bucket list to visit the UK town but something would always come up. But not this time, the stars aligned and next thing I know, my bags are packed and I'm on my way.

The hotel was first built in 1528 and was previously known as The Mermaid Inn serving as a bar for the town's 1,000 residents and is now one of the oldest buildings in the area.
After being lovingly restored, the hotel still boasts elegance of its rich and fascinating history left behind.

Throughout the hotel, many features highlight the venue's story such as the Pennington Penny which was an in-house token issued by George Pennington back in 1656. I loved how the authentic essence of the venue has been kept and highlighted with some original features, when you look closely stories start to come alive.

PURE INDULGENCE

When stepping through the doors for the first time – and thinking how amazing everything looked – friendly staff quickly greeted us and took their time to explain the local area with the best places to see – they couldn't have been more helpful!

With 108 rooms available ranging from suites, superior and the classic rooms, there's something for everyone. Inside our room we found a 40-inch flat-screen TV, White Company toiletries, minibar and iron. After a long week, I was very excited to try out the queen size bed which was covered with Egyptian cotton. It was so comfortable that I ended up having a nap! Once I had awoken from my slumber, we headed off for a romantic walk around the area and discovered plenty of independent boutiques, clothes shops and cafes – we walked around in comfortable silence just enjoying each others' company. As we visited in winter, the night drew in early leaving the dark streets beautifully lit.

TO DINE FOR

We couldn't fault our dining experience at The Marco Pierre White restaurant located in the hotel and I must say, it's one of the best meals I've ever had – and I'm not exaggerating! The service was faultless and I have told everyone about it. For starter I had Mr White's Scotch Egg which tasted divine, the egg inside was cooked to perfection. For main I opted for The Governor's Fried Haddock and Triple Cooked Chips, a simple dish which is my personal favourite and I wasn't disappointed.

After dinner we headed off to the bar where we enjoyed plenty of cocktails, my favourite was the classic daiquiri and spent our time relaxing on the comfortable chairs, it was so lovely to be able to spend time together without any distractions.

After having a lovely rest, we started our day with a great breakfast. It was a buffet-style set-up with choices of hot foods or continental. My partner says the blueberry muffin was his favourite, I would have loved to try some but I was so full-up!

While eating, guests could watch the changing of the guards right outside the window, it was impressive and there was an excited buzz all around – it was like a movie scene!

It was sadly time to leave; we both loved this hotel so much and will be booking our next trip back later this year!

Discover more about the venue here: castlehotelwindsor.com

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Whilst staying in one of the resort's Deluxe Ocean View rooms, the lucky couple can wake up with spectacular views across the water and enjoy coffee in the sun from their very own private terrace or balcony. Complimentary half-board dining will ensure the winners are spoilt for choice at both breakfast and dinner at Saffron restaurant.

As well as relaxing on the private golden beach, the newlyweds will also be treated to a couple's spa massage at Zen the Spa, the perfect way to unwind after a hard day spent in the sun.

Salalah Rotana Resort is ideally located in the Salalah Beach destination – one of the most breath-taking natural settings in the Sultanate, between spectacular mountains, freshwater springs and tropical scenery, where wildlife and frankincense trees can be marveled.

The waterfront resort's 422 rooms and suites are built around waterways, whisking guests away to a coastal utopia. The resort prides itself on providing five-star opulence synonymous with the Rotana brand, infused with traditional Omani hospitality. With four restaurants, the resort offers the perfect mélange of East-meets-West hospitality.

With its state-of-the-art facilities, couples can keep fit at Bodylines Fitness & Wellness Club, take a dip in the swimming pool or relax and rejuvenate at Zen the spa at Rotana.







Salalah Rotana Resort

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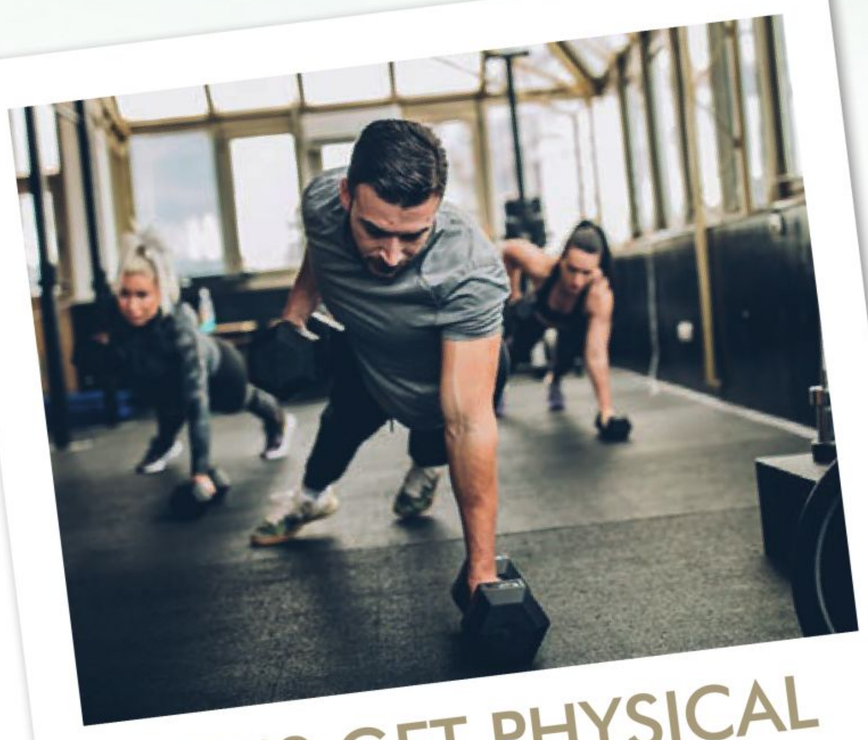
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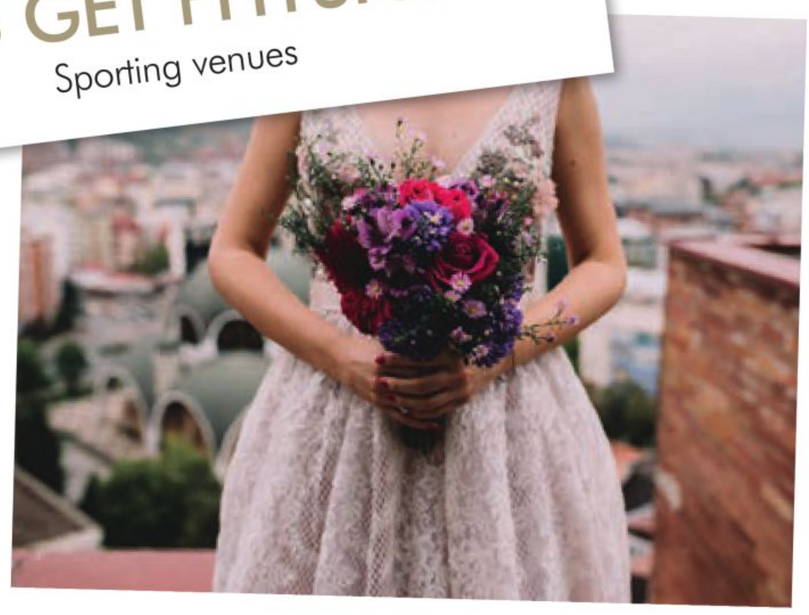
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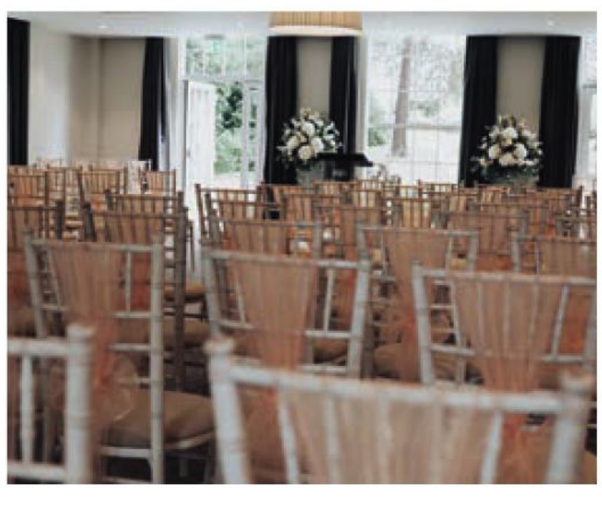
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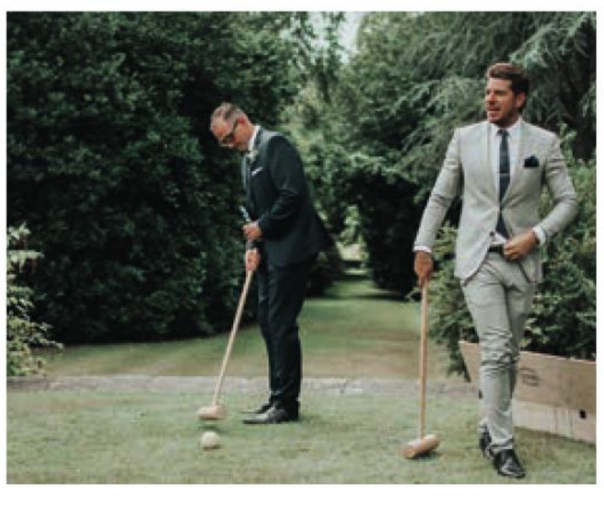
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