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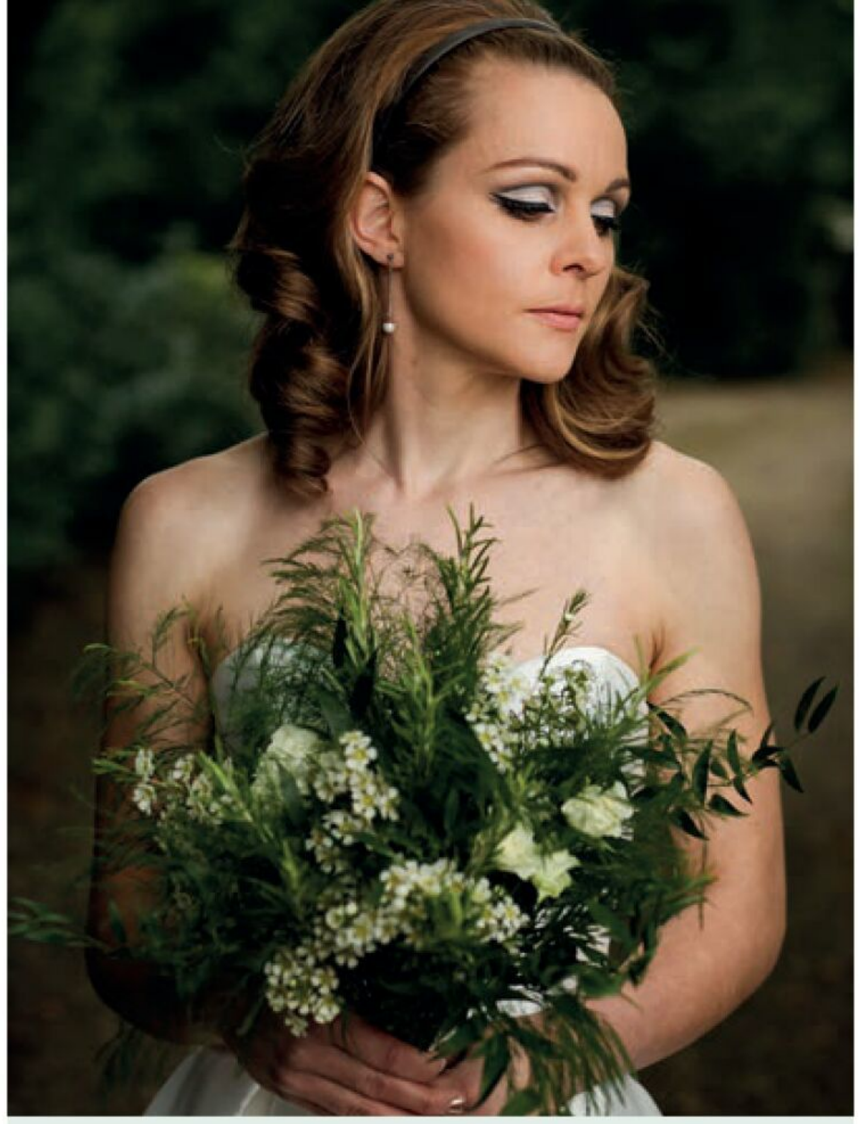

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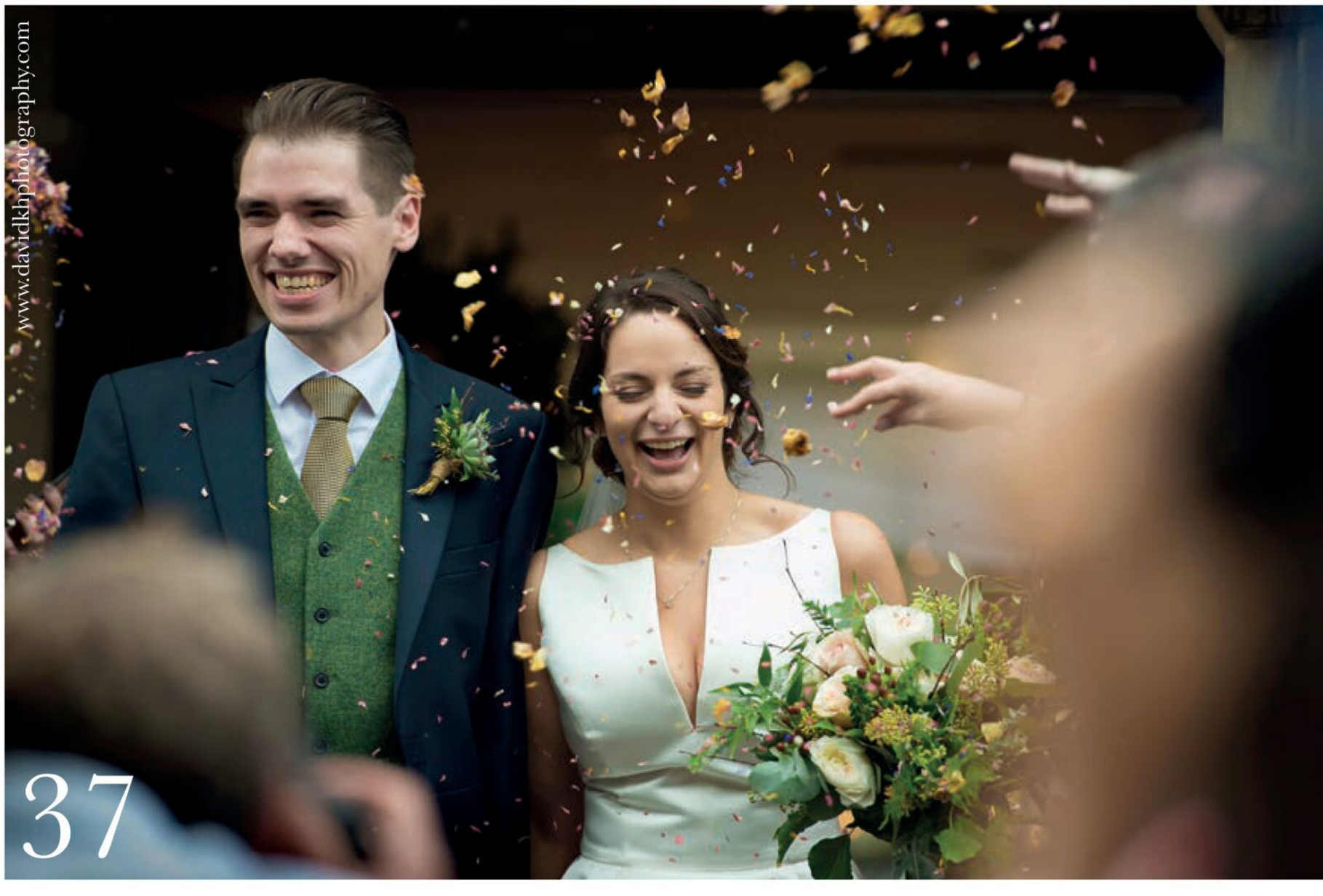

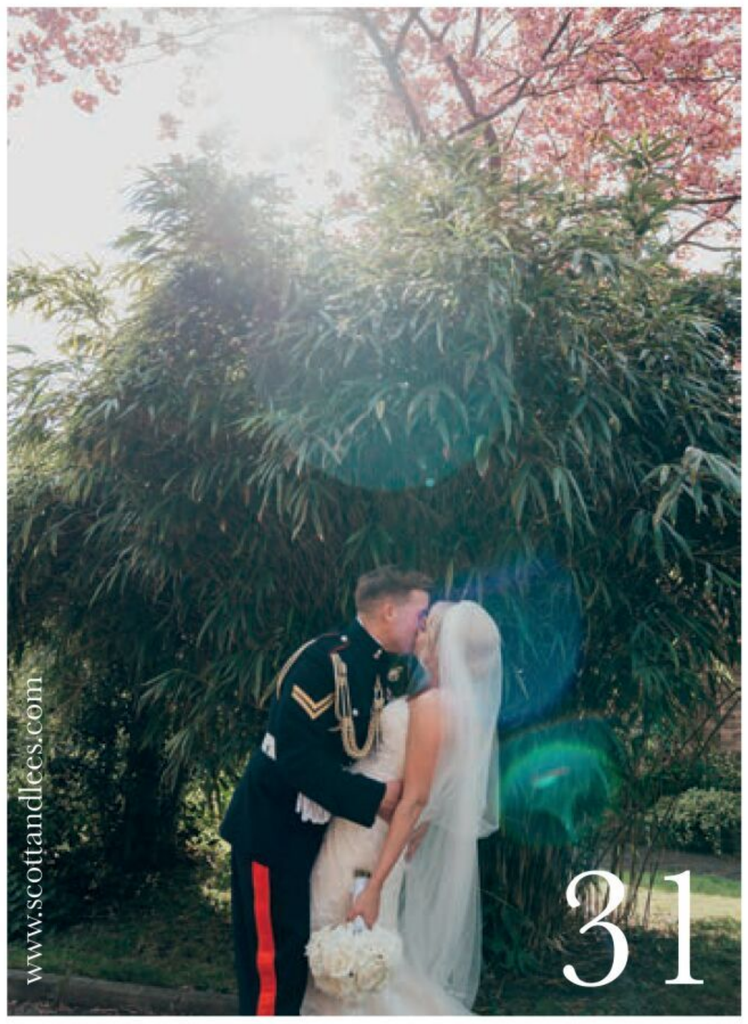

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Ring-a-ding-ding

I've worked at Country Wedding Magazines for more than four years and over that time I've seen trends come and go, inspirational real weddings and worked with some amazing suppliers. As a result, I thought I'd have a pretty good idea of what I'd want at my own wedding but when my partner, Dave, recently proposed I realised I have absolutely no idea. I'm sure lots of you will agree that the first few weeks of having the 'engaged' status and wearing the ring feels a bit surreal, but the endless possibilities are also really exciting. Like so many of you, we're trying to plan the perfect wedding during a pandemic, so things have been a little unconventional so far with online tours, lots of Skype meetings and E-mails. Its been so wonderful to see first hand how suppliers in the wedding industry are going above and beyond to ensure their couples' days are special, regardless of the restrictions.

If like me, you're looking for inspiration, then this issue is perfect for you. We've rounded up some of the best photographers, spoken to local jewelers, hair and make-up artists and a host of other talented suppliers. We have three real weddings starting on page 21 and a stunning shoot on page 49 that's sure to inspire you.

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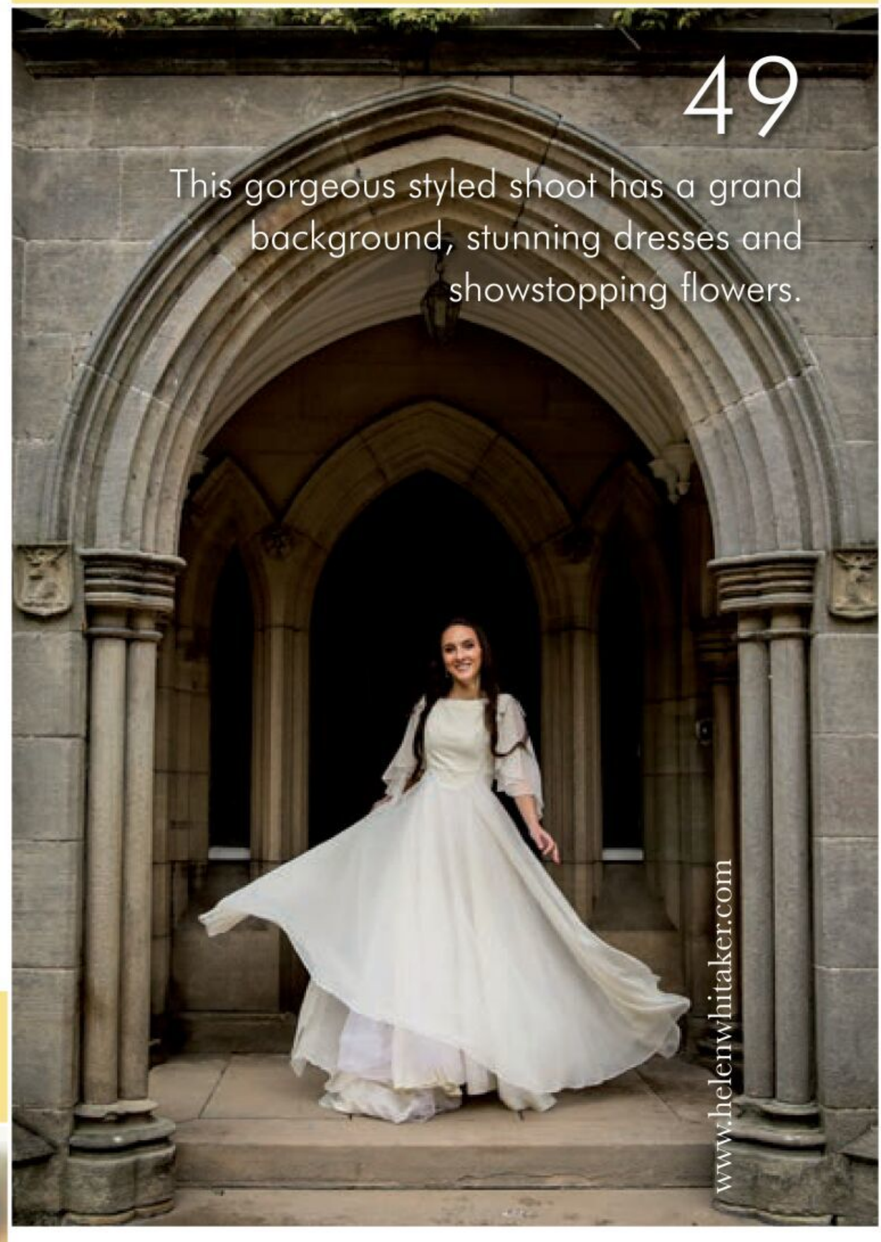

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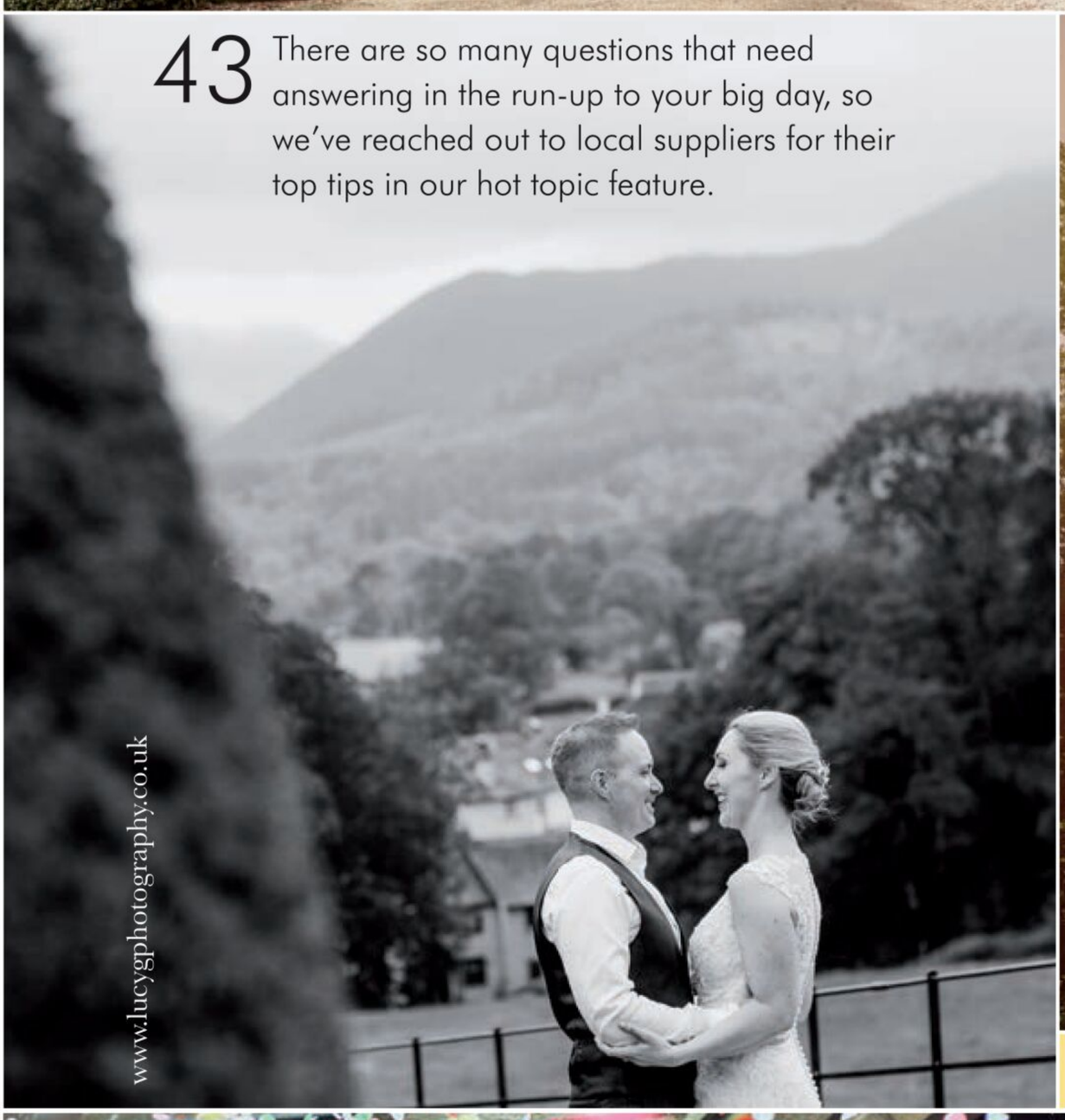

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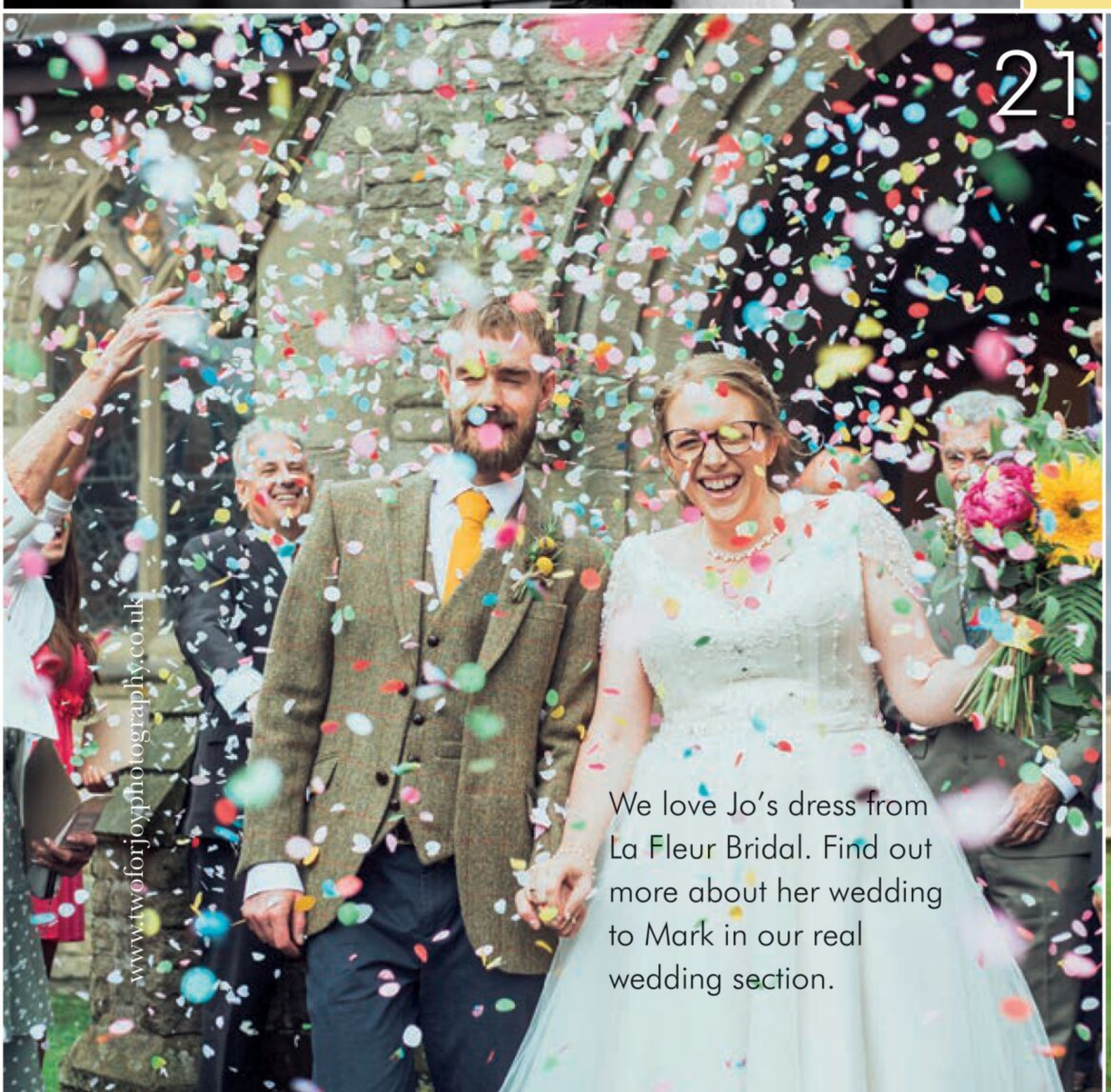

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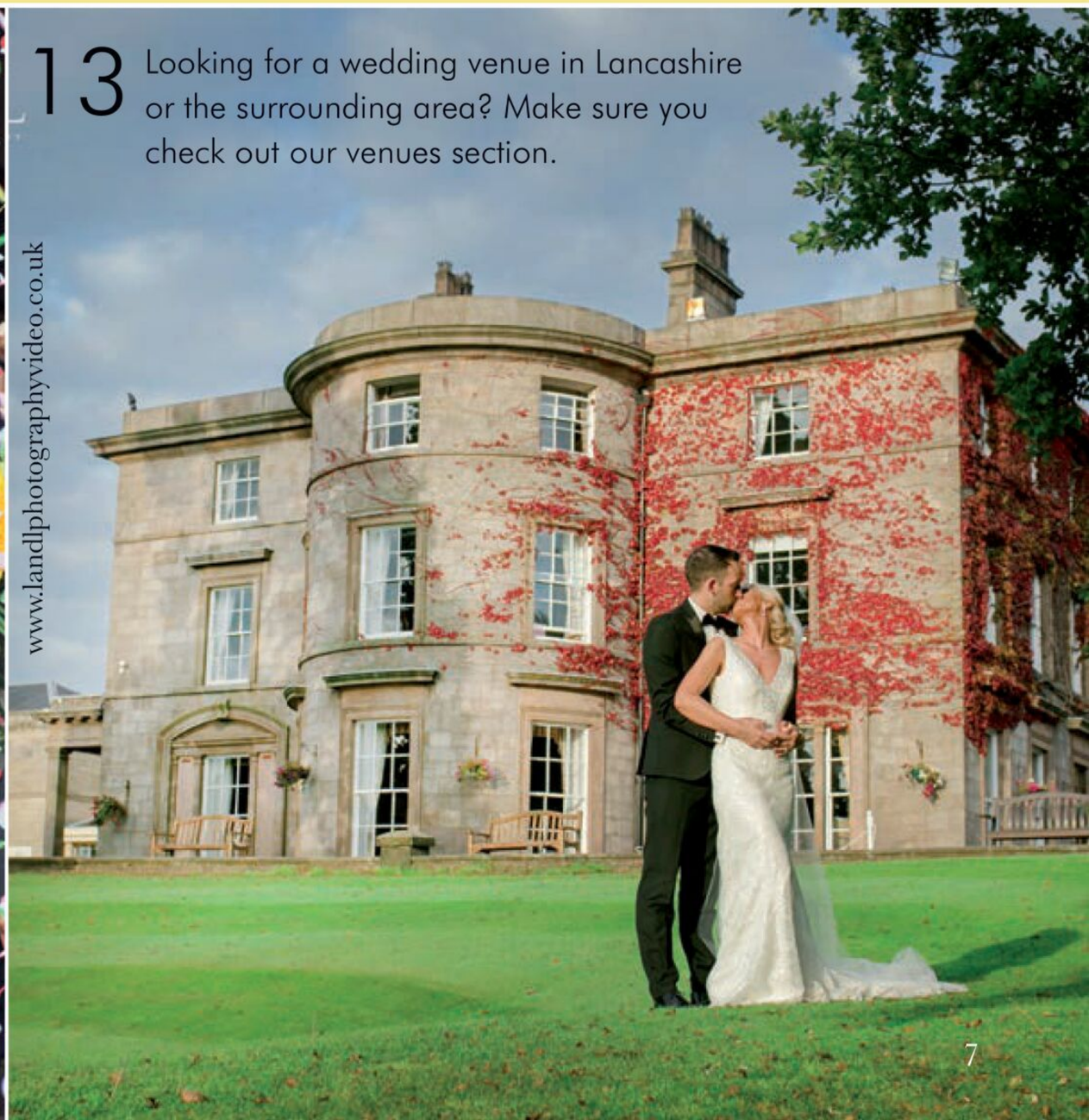

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ONE OF A KIND

Calthwaite Hall, a Gothic stone country house in Penrith, has built a new orangery. The £500,000 building can hold weddings of up to 120 guests and is the only free-standing wedding orangery in Cumbria. This stunning building has a glass front with double doors opening onto a Mediterranean-style garden with plants and herbs. It has an elegant, neutral canvas that can be personalised to suit different themes and colour schemes, a full bar set-up with beer pumps and an extensive bar at one end with a designated dancefloor area at the other.

The team have also hired a new head chef with a two AA Rosette winning background from the Lake District to run the pub, weddings and handle outside catering.

Surrounded by acres of luscious countryside, Calthwaite Hall is full of character with period detailing, lawns with sweeping curved borders, a hidden folly and a secret garden with trickling water features. There's also a luxury lodge site with must-see hot tubs that's ideal for pre-wedding getaways.

To find out more, visit www.calthwaitehall.co.uk

Nearlywed NEWS

All the latest from around the North West

Local wonders

England's Coast has put together a North West Coast guide which offers everything from walking routes and heritage sites to places to stay and family attractions. Ideal for couples looking for a local mini-moon, there are plenty of locations to explore.

Samantha Richardson, the director of the National Coastal Tourism Academy, tells us: "The beauty of our North West coastline is its sheer diversity. Vast expanses of nature reserves, the stunning backdrop of the world-famous Lake District, alongside the buzzing seaside resorts of Blackpool and Southport, coupled with the energy, history and culture of Liverpool, combine to make it a superb coastal choice. Some of the 61 kilometres of the England Coast Path is already open on the North West Coast with a further 49 kilometres in the process of being constructed, delivering wonderful opportunities to explore this less-known coastline that stretches from the Wirral to Lancashire and into Cumbria."

Head over to www.englandscoast.com/en/explore-regions/north-west to see the full guide.

BEAUTY QUEEN

Karen Yates lives in Bolton, Manchester and is the founder of two beauty salons. She has worked for leading cosmetic and fragrance houses and has recently collated her 30 years of experience to bring her own brand, Lady Showbiz, to the market. Karen has created a vitamin-infused skincare line and a luxury, innovative nail polish range, which is 100 per cent cruelty-free and vegan. The company donate 20 per cent of net profits to charities that improve the lives of people and animals in the UK and around the world.

For more information, visit www.ladyshowbiz.com

AWARD-WINNING

The Wedding Industry Awards have announced the 2021 national winners. After a tough year for the industry, it's been wonderful seeing so many companies recognised and awarded for their hard work. Several local companies were nominated and reached the regional finals, which is a testament to just how talented our wonderful region is.

We'd like to say a big congratulations to Simon Vogt Weddings (www.allstardiscocumbria.co.uk) who was named national and regional winner for Best DJ and Lawson Films (www.lawsonfilms.co.uk) for being crowned Best Videographer.

To find out more about the awards, visit www.the-wedding-industry-awards.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS!

Linthwaite House has been awarded an AA Inspectors Choice Red Star. The accolade is used to recognise hotels that stand out by offering excellent quality and outstanding levels of hospitality and service. Thanks to its recent £21 million renovations and fabulous location, the property is an idyllic getaway for a relaxing mini-moon.

The inspector noted: "The hotel has inviting public rooms, an attractive conservatory, adjoining lounge, and an elegant restaurant which occupies three rooms and offers menus based on the finest local ingredients. The welcoming and intimate atmosphere allows visitors to relax, and careful attention to detail can be seen throughout. With 14 acres of grounds, there are plenty of activities on-site, including boats to hire and garden games. The service is attentive and the hospitality friendly."

For more information, visit the website www.leeucollection.com/UK/linthwaite-house

Snap away

Local photographer and film maker de la Mare Creative has launched a new Stills and Motion Package. We spoke to the owner Rachael De La Mare, to find out more: "I'm keen for couples to have something tangible to hold in their hands for now and in the future. With a move towards digital, it's easy to lose the beauty of prints that you rediscover when moving furniture or family members discover as they grow up. In addition to their professional photos, couples that choose the Polaroid option will receive Polaroids that I've taken across the day and a camera for guests to use and keep after the wedding. There's a great trend towards analogue and 'in the moment' elements of a wedding which I enjoy and feel adds something extra special to the day."

For more information and to see more of de la Mare Creative's work, visit www.delamare-creative.co.uk

The show must go on

Lake District Country Hotels has put together a series of virtual wedding guides to help couples continue their wedding day preparations despite the latest lockdown. The three sites in Cumbria – Cragwood Country House Hotel, Merewood Country House Hotel and Briery Wood Country House Hotel are all available for weddings and mini-moons.

Joe Cobb, the executive commercial manager said: "Choosing a wedding venue is such an important decision, and we know that now, more so than ever, people want something to look forward to. That's why we have created the virtual show arounds of our hotels and have kept our wedding teams working through lockdown so that we can help answer the all-important questions and allow our prospective bride and grooms the excitement to begin now, instead of waiting for Government restrictions to be lifted."

In each of the video tours, the hotel managers and wedding coordinators provide a walkthrough of the hotel facilities, from grand entrance halls and function rooms, through to wedding suites and the hotel grounds, which offer views over some of the Cumbria's most stunning backdrops.

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Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa is a luxury wedding venue and spa in Sheffield. Just one mile from the city centre with easy access from the M1, the property is located within 12 acres of idyllic countryside and is a peaceful oasis.

Escape from everyday life and enjoy a stay in one of the hotel's spacious and comfortable executive guest rooms before visiting the tea rooms. Decorated in the distinctive Laura Ashley style, you and your guest will enjoy one of Laura Ashley's signature afternoon teas, including a selection of fingers sandwiches and fresh-baked cakes and pastries, all accompanied by a glass of the finest champagne.

To ensure you're looking and feeling your best, the prize also includes a luxury manicure and pedicure each as well as a three-course dinner in the hotel's Lakeview Brasserie. Enjoy a selection of British favourites, as well as, modern cuisine while overlooking the picturesque grounds and gardens.

The offer is valid until 31st August, 2021 and is subject to COVID-19 guidelines and availability.

To find out more about Kenwood Hall Hotel & Spa, visit www.all.accor.com

Freebies & OFFERS

Take advantage of these gorgeous giveaways and fab offers

IN TO THE BLUE

The latest fragrances from iconic brand Tiffany & Co., Tiffany & Love Eau de Toilette for Him and Tiffany & Love Eau de Parfum for Her, were created as a tribute to modern love and the pairing is perfect for nearlyweds tying the knot.

The male scent is a citrusy, aromatic fragrance with a wood-infused base. It begins with oils of ginger, mandarin and cardamon, at the heart is a juniper-cypress blend and it boasts base notes of sandalwood, vetiver and the common ingredient of the duo blue sequoia – uniting these two fragrances together!

The female fragrance is modern with a feminine, floral, woody scent. It opens with top notes of blue basil – a botanical ingredient developed exclusively for Tiffany – then follows with a hearty sweet floral bouquet of neroli, underlined with a woody blend of blue sequoia, vetiver and cedarwood at the base.

Priced at £54(50ml) or £75(90ml) for Him, and £75(50ml) or £110(90ml) for Her. Check out www.theperfumeshop.com

County Wedding Magazines has teamed up with The Perfume Shop to offer readers the chance to win a Tiffany & Love Eau de Toilette for Him (90ml) and Tiffany & Love Eau de Parfum for Her (90ml).

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Spotlight on... LANCASHIRE VENUES

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The Tipis at Riley Green is hidden away within eight acres of Riley Green Meadows. The property started as a farmer's meadow and has been turned into a magical wedding space with a natural stone entrance, bespoke electric gates, mature oak trees, a hidden car park and light festooned walkways.

Located in the Lancashire countryside, the venue comprises of four giant hat tipis that are interconnected with full-length panoramic windows, an entrance porch and walkways surrounded by a private terrace edged in English lavender. Inside is solid wood-flooring, heating and cooling facilities, twinkling fairylights, a wooden bar and cream bunting.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies take place in one of the tipis. Each one can be decorated to suit different colour schemes and are capable of accommodating up to 150 guests.

Outdoor celebrations are held under the oak tree with a bespoke ships sail canopy and room for 150 nearest and dearest.

WE LOVE...

Although the venue doesn't have an official ceremony license, it's a beautiful setting to say your vows with the help of a certified celebrant.

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GISBURNE PARK, BB7 4LP

01200 415 300 | www.gisburneparkestate.co.uk

Nestled within 1,000 acres of picturesque Ribble Valley countryside, Gisburne Park is owned and managed by Guy Hindley and his family. The extensive estate has a three-bedroom Riverside House and a five-acre plot for guests to explore.

Available for exclusive use, the elegantly restored valley has everything needed to create a magical setting for weddings.

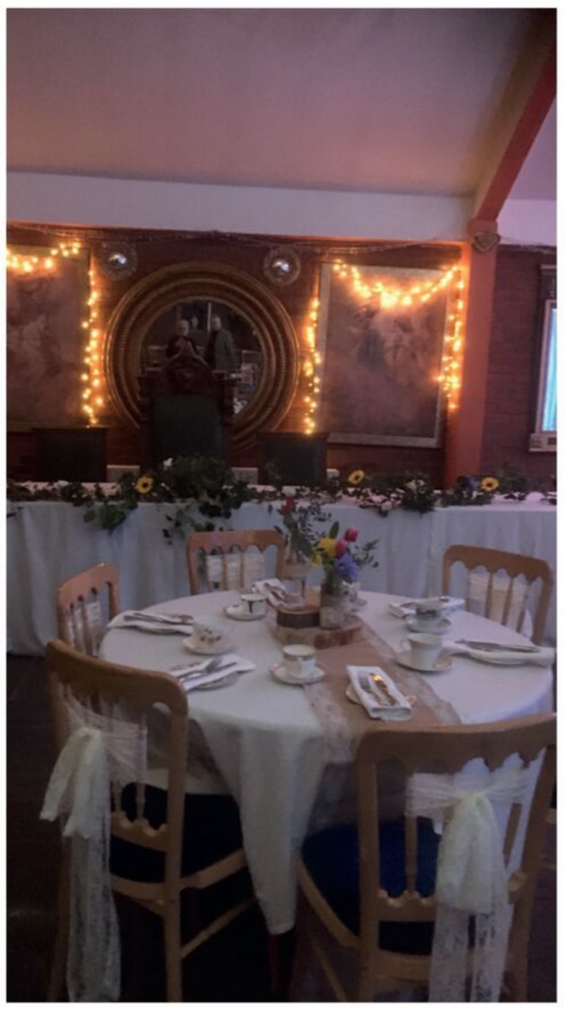
CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Couples can tie the knot surrounded by ancient woodland, enjoy dinner in the magical tipis or party under the stars by the firepits.

For those seeking an authentic countryside wedding, the estate offers a blank canvas that can be dressed to suit the couple's tastes. A quintessential ceremony can take place in the iconic Riverside House, or lovebirds can have a luxury outdoor blessing in the idyllic upstream setting.

WE LOVE...

The hands-on events team will provide a personalised service, from the marquee and flowers to the food and beyond.



HESKIN HALL, PR7 5PA

01257 452 044 | www.heskinhall.com

Tudor manor house, Heskin Hall has a relaxed atmosphere and impressive countryside views. Built from hand-made brick, the property has a grand doorway that leads straight into the beautiful ceremony room and a rear garden terrace made using Yorkshire stone flagged flooring that looks out over the extensive lawns. There are plenty of places to explore and take photographs, including the beautiful lawn at the front of the house, the ancient trees and enchanting woodland.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

The panelled ceremony room is licensed for up to 100 people and boasts a feature ceiling, period doors and lots of natural light from the impressive bay window.

Al fresco celebrations take place in the Woodland Dell, which is a magical setting to say your vows.

The Conservatory can seat up to 120 loved ones for formal dining and is then re-set for the evening celebration. Guests are welcome to enjoy the large lounge with Chesterfield sofas and a spacious bar.

WE LOVE...

The staff at Heskin Hall provide an adaptable and friendly service to ensure each couple has the day of their dreams.

SHAW HILL GOLF & SPA HOTEL, PR6 7PP

01257 269 221 | www.shaw-hill.co.uk

Shaw Hill Golf & Spa Hotel is a Grade II listed Georgian manor set within 192 acres of countryside. The property has an on-site 18 hole golf course surrounding the building, which is ideal for taking wedding photographs. The award-winning property is situated off Preston Road in Whittle-le-Woods and is accessible via a private driveway that is sure to impress guests when the grand house comes into view.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

There are three rooms licensed to hold wedding ceremonies. Intimate celebrations are held in the Gold Room, which provides stunning views over the golf course and has an ornate chandelier, cosy fireplace and space for 60 guests.

The Restaurant benefits from having a beautiful bay window overlooking the grounds and is ideal for the service and wedding breakfast with up to 90 loved ones.

The Penina Suite can host up to 200 friends and family with the option of dividing the room into smaller sections if needed. Decorated with fairylight ceiling drapes and glittering chandeliers, this space has a grand and romantic atmosphere, ideal for any wedding.

WE LOVE...

The venue offers three all-inclusive packages and boasts a large bridal suite and an on-site hair salon.

Also check out...

HOLMES MILL, BB7 1EB

01200 407 120 | www.holmesmill.co.uk

Based in the heart of Clitheroe, Holmes Mill is a celebration of Lancashire food, drink and entertainment. Featuring a beer hall, hotel, food hall, and much more, this former textiles mill is ideal for couples looking to indulge, unwind and explore.

MERCURE BLACKBURN DUNKENHALGH HOTEL & SPA, BB5 5JP

01254 303 400 | www.all.accor.com

The Mercure Blackburn Dunkenhalgh Hotel & Spa is set inside a beautiful 700-year-old country manor house. The building recently underwent a complete refurbishment but still retains many of its original features, including turrets, porticos and a vast staircase.

THE MIDLAND, LA4 4BU

01524 424 000 | www.englishlakes.co.uk/the-midland

The Midland is an iconic Morecambe hotel that curves gracefully along the North West coast of Morecambe Bay. Inside are 44 en-suite bedrooms, a restaurant, a rotunda bar, free Wi-Fi, complimentary parking and use of the Sandpiper Club facilities.

WEST TOWER, L39 7HJ

01695 423 328 | www.westtower.com

A romantic hideaway amidst rolling Lancashire countryside, West Tower is dedicated entirely to weddings. Built as a family home in 1885, there is a range of spaces available for weddings, including the stunning Ballroom.

WYRESDALE PARK, PR3 1BA

01524 792 296 | www.wyresdalepark.co.uk

Wyresdale Park is a working farm and country house, with a wedding venue, cafe and shops. This family home is positioned on the western slopes of the Forest of Bowland and offers miles of woodland, valleys and fells.

THE GLASS HOUSE, FY3 0DE

01253 891 336 | www.stainingloдgevenue.co.uk

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CALTHWAITE HALL, CA11 9QU

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Calthwaite Hall is a Gothic stone country house hidden in plain sight in the centre of a traditional Cumbrian village. The sweeping driveway, accessed through a majestic wrought iron gate, leads to the arched stone portico that's the centrepiece of the Edwardian Gothic hall. Couples will be able to admire the secret garden, historic terraces, curvaceous borders and listen to the singing birds and wildlife. This lovingly restored and private property is perfect for exploring the wilderness of the Lake District, the Cumbrian coast and the turbulent history of the Scottish Borders and Hadrian's Wall.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

There are a variety of indoor and outdoor ceremony spaces available. The formal Drawing Room, which has a grand piano and log burner, can hold 110 loved ones.

The one-of-a-kind spiral staircase in the Hallway can accommodate 40 guests and provides a beautiful ceremony space with an abundance of photograph opportunities.

Larger celebrations are held under the arched-stone portico, which can be decorated with a choice of flowers and garlands and can hold 200 friends and family.

The gardens expand over two and a half acres with delicate water features, formal terraces, natural woodland and can be used for ceremonies. Marquees and tipis can also be hired upon request.

Calthwaite Hall has invested in a new custom-built Victorian-style Orangery. This stunning building has a glass front with double doors opening onto a Mediterranean style garden with plants and herbs. The space has an elegant, neutral canvas that can be personalised to suit different themes and colour schemes, a full bar set-up with beer pumps and a designated dancefloor area. It's capable of seating 120 formally and 150 for an informal evening celebration.

WE LOVE...

The happy couple will receive a discount on accommodation for all guests.

BLAITHWAITE HOUSE, CA7 0AZ

01697 342 319 | www.blaithwaite.co.uk

Blaithwaite House is a beautiful secluded country house set within 30 acres of grounds and 50 acres of woodland. The former Georgian frontage overlooks the former gardens leading to the sandstone summer houses that are surrounded by ornate water. The rear of the house backs onto a cobbled courtyard area, with a sandstone traditional threshing barn and a conservatory that leads onto the established orchard.

The Barn with its sandstone walls, oak beams and chandeliers has a rustic charm, yet the mansion house still holds onto the features of an estate home. The reception rooms each have their own character, and the first-floor bedrooms offer fully refurbished en-suite facilities with old fireplaces, beams and sliding sash windows.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Ceremonies take place outside at Mary Jane's Summerhouse. This sandstone building is set on an island at the bottom of the garden and can cater for more than 200 guests.

Alternatively, those looking for an outside feel indoors will love the Conservatory, which can hold 94 friends and family.

The rustic and characterful Barn can hold 130 loved ones, and the Drawing Room can accommodate 60.

WE LOVE...

The venue offers a wine and beer tasting, which can be combined with a food tasting.

ARMATHWAITE HALL HOTEL & SPA, CA12 4RE

01768 776 551 | www.armathwaite-hall.com

Armathwaite Hall Hotel & Spa is a 17th-century property situated near Keswick on the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake. This four-star former stately home is set in the secluded splendour of 400 acres of deer park and woodland and is framed by the dramatic Skiddaw Mountain and Lake District Fells. As couples arrive at this privately owned hotel, they will receive a warm welcome within the grand surroundings. Explorers will find luxurious wood-panelled lounges complete with roaring fires, elaborately framed paintings, luxurious bedrooms and an award-winning spa.

On the grounds, there are Meet the Hawk and Alpaca Experiences and the Lake District Wildlife Park, home to hundreds of rare and endangered animals, reptiles and birds of prey, is close by.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

There's a choice of wedding spaces available, with options to suit a range of budgets and styles. Intimate ceremonies for up to 20 guests are ideally suited to the privacy of The Estate Office Room, while the Broadwater Suite, with its floor-to-ceiling windows boasting magnificent views out to the lake, are perfect for services of up to 150 loved ones.

For a more contemporary feel, the Lime Tree Suite, with glittering chandeliers, stylish furnishings and room for 90 nearest and dearest, is ideal. Alternatively, the grandeur of the Lake View Lounge with a beautiful garden terrace can hold 100.

Al fresco celebrations are held in the Woodland Gazebo, Armathwaite Hall Hotel & Spa's outdoor ceremony space, which allows couples to wed in a natural lakeside setting.

WE LOVE...

Couples will receive a complimentary night's stay, champagne, use of the spa facilities and breakfast the following morning.

CASTERTON GRANGE ESTATE, LA6 2LD

07498 216 865 | www.castertongrange.com

The Casterton Grange Estate, designed by iconic 19th-century architect Ewan Christian, boasts a history steeped in English tradition. Originally built for the Reverend Barclay Bevan, a member of the Barclays Bank family, the house has now been restored and updated to combine classic style with modern luxury. Designed with entertainment in mind, the flexible spaces and interconnecting rooms make the property perfect for hosting parties and events.

Inside is the Billiard's Room, spacious sitting rooms with open fires, a magnificent conservatory and enough private space to ensure guests can escape the party for a moment of calm if needed.

The estate will leave a lasting impression on guests and is within easy reach of the M6, with direct rail connections to London, and there's also sufficient space to land a helicopter.

The nine double en suite bedrooms in the main house can comfortably accommodate 18 guests, and a further 18 in The Lodge House, Stables Cottage and The Barn.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

At The Casterton Grange Estate, there's something to suit grand and intimate celebrations both indoors and out. Whatever the style, the timeless accommodation, picturesque gardens and stunning interiors will set the scene for a wedding to remember.

Although the venue is licensed for civil ceremonies, quintessential English churches can be found nearby at Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale and Barbon.

WE LOVE...

The venue has a rich history and plenty of places to explore and take photographs.

EDEN BARN, CA17 4PQ

01768 341 461 | www.edenbarn.co.uk

Eden Barn is a small, family-run business that was transformed after the owner's daughter asked if she could hold her reception at the barn in 2015. The traditional 200-year-old Westmorland stone barn has a rustic elegance that can be tailored to any theme. This beautiful building is packed with rustic charm from the giant chandeliers and exposed stone walls to the limestone flagged floor and vaulted ceiling. Outside there are expansive views, a hand-thatched gazebo and lovely landscaped grounds.

A new addition is the Couples Lounge. Complete with a suspended green lighting canopy and wall of mirrors, this room has a boho, relaxed vibe and is available exclusively throughout the day.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

In addition to the main barn, there is an adjoining reception/bar area with rustic wooden vaulted ceilings, stone flagged-flooring and cosy seating areas. The bespoke bar is hand-crafted from oak, and above it hangs a striking floral canopy. There's also a new food preparation area, luxury toilet facilities and underfloor heating throughout. Eden Barn can seat up to 144-day guests on rustic wooden trestle tables, 136 on round versions and 200 for the evening celebration.

Outdoor ceremonies take place under the hand-crafted pergola with a stunning scenic backdrop. There are also several historic churches nearby, including the charming St Theobald's only half a mile away.

WE LOVE...

The venue is pet friendly and offers the services of local caters, Southcott Events.

MACDONALD LEEMING HOUSE, CA11 0JJ

01539 487 894 | www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk

Set in 22 acres of beautiful gardens and woodlands in the Cumbria countryside is Macdonald Leeming House. Sat majestically at the top of a stone-built external staircase leading down to the gardens and Ullswater lake, the house boasts a water fountain and amazing views. This former Georgian private house is classically decorated with period furniture and décor in the public areas with open fires in the sitting rooms. The hotel has 40 light and modern bedrooms, most boasting stunning views over the fells. The 200-year-old country house has award-winning cuisine served in the elegant Regency Restaurant, complimentary Wi-Fi throughout, and a small meadow at the bottom of the garden.

CELEBRATE IN STYLE

Weddings of up to 30 guests take place in the Blue Room, a beautiful space with floor-to-ceiling windows which make the most of the natural light and views.

The Regency is a large, elegant room with five impressive windows, a traditional décor throughout and space for 80 friends and family throughout the day.

WE LOVE...

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A *dreamy* DAY

Jo and Mark celebrated their love with a ceremony at their local church

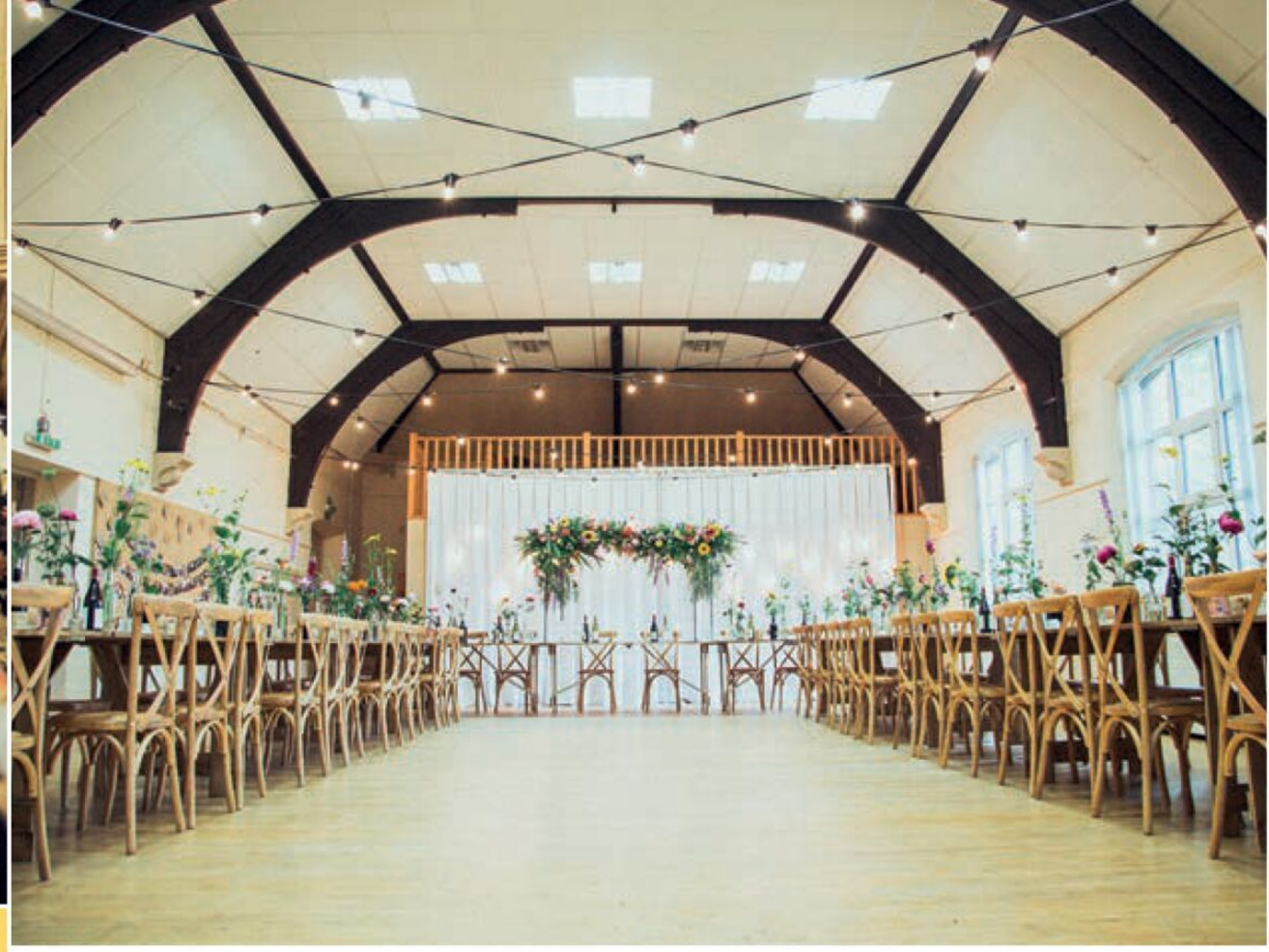
Images courtesy of Two For Joy Photography

Jo and Mark knew each other for eight years before they started dating. "We weren't particularly close, but we ended up reconnecting and discovering that we really liked each other," says Jo. "We both love travelling and have a similar view of the future, so we were excited to share some adventures together."

Mark proposed during a trip to Sri Lanka. "He was intending to do it at sunset on the beach, but it was a bit too late, so he ended up proposing on the beach in the dark," laughs the bride. "Sri Lanka was significant as Mark's mum was brought up there, so we had visited to see where she had lived."

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

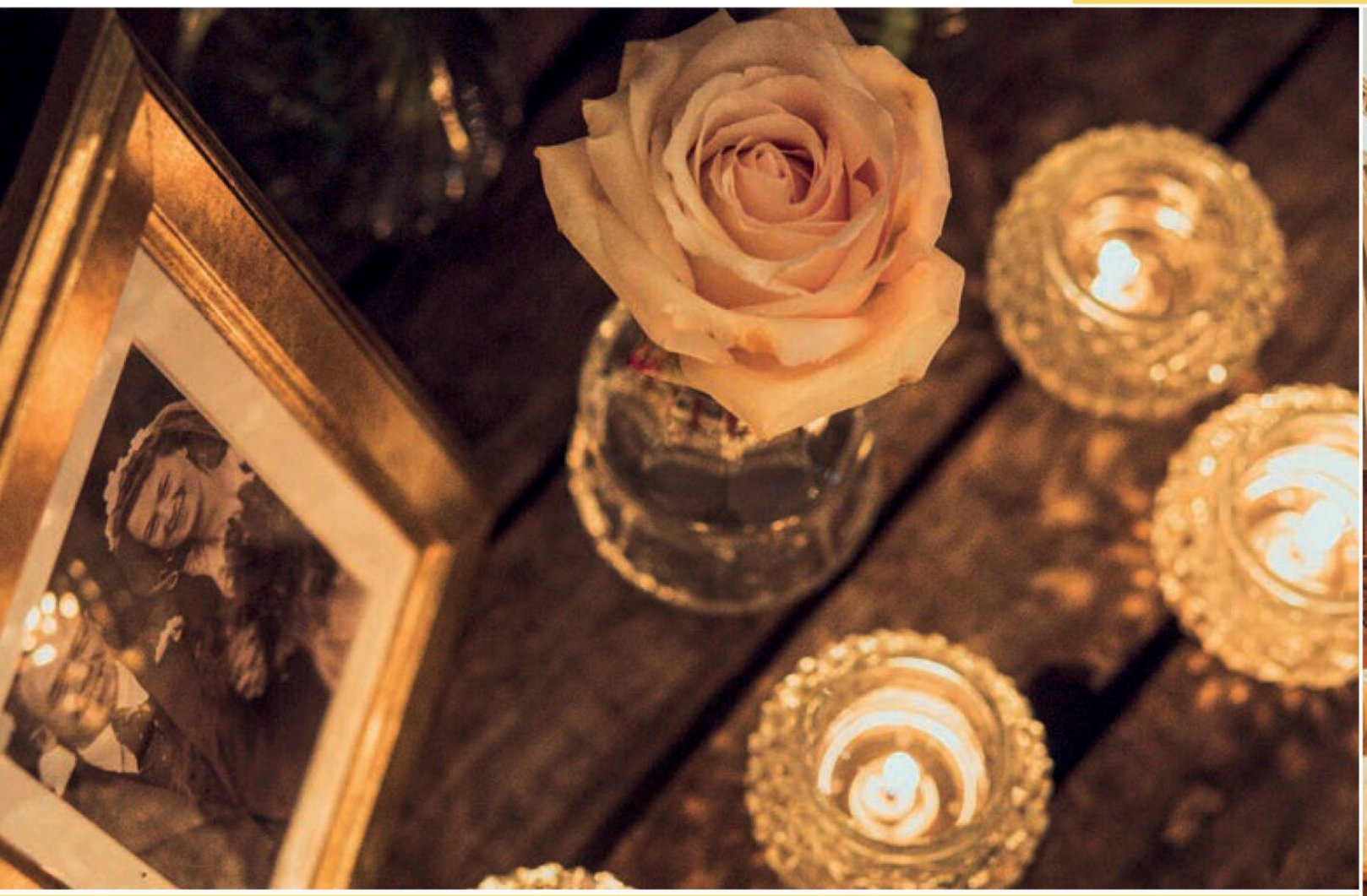
St Margaret's Church Prestwich is very close to where we lived, and we would go past it on the way to work or town. We always wanted to have our wedding at a local venue, and the church was perfect for us.



We opted for long tables so that friends and family could socialise and catch up with each other.

The flowers were a real highlight, and all our guests commented on them. We chose wildflowers inspired by a holiday we'd had in Sweden. Our florist, Robie Flowers, did an amazing job and made the room look fantastic.

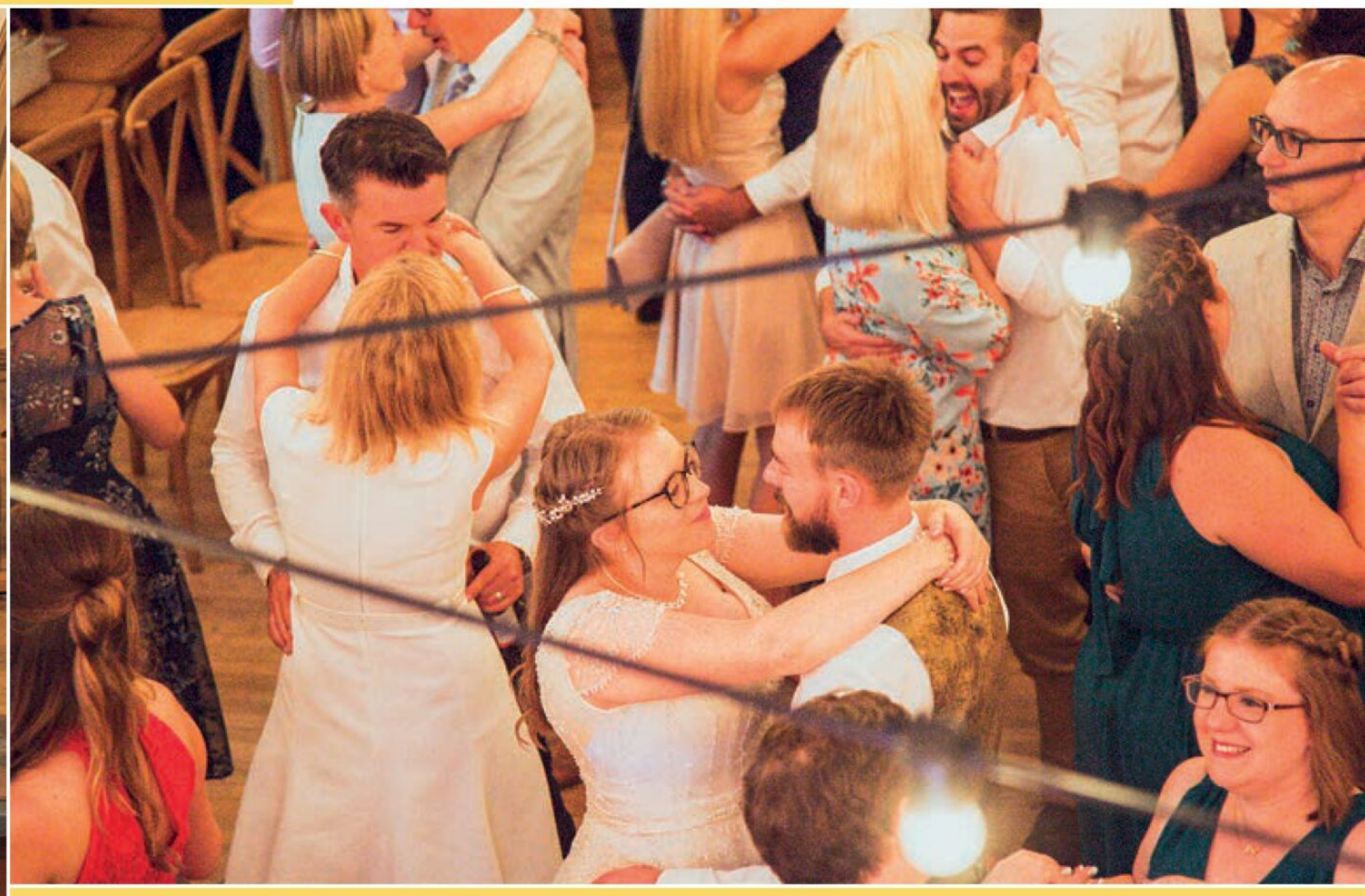
Our cake was lovingly made by my mum and sisters. It had three layers; red velvet, lemon and chocolate. The cake-topper was a Polaroid photo we had taken as we came out of the church as a married couple.



Mark and I had photos of the wedding guests throughout their lives placed around the venue. Robie Flowers created a wonderful frame for us which was complemented by a backdrop of lights.

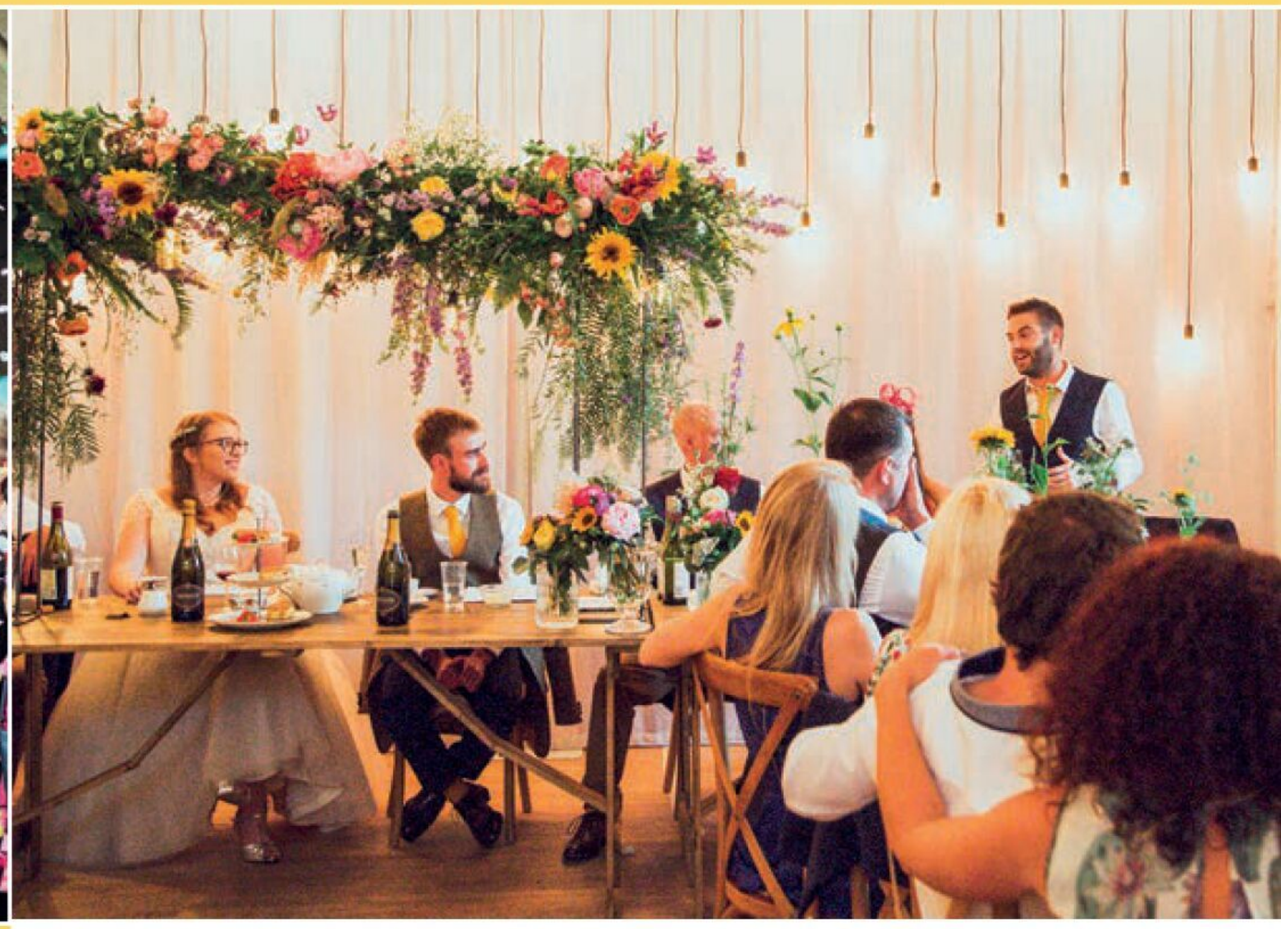
I wore a calf-length tea dress from La Fleur Bridal. This was the style I liked and felt most comfortable in. I wanted a design that wouldn't get in the way and that I could dance and walk around in.

Mark opted for a Harris tweed suit provided by Lanigan & Hulme. The groomsmen wore blue suits with yellow trousers to tie our colours together.



The bridesmaids chose green tea-length dresses which had a summery feel.

We hired a band called High Peak Music with a female singer who got everyone up and dancing. We had a bar in the same room to encourage everyone to get onto the dancefloor, which was an effective strategy. There was also a photo booth controlled by Two For Joy Photography. This was great entertainment for everyone, especially the children who really loved it.

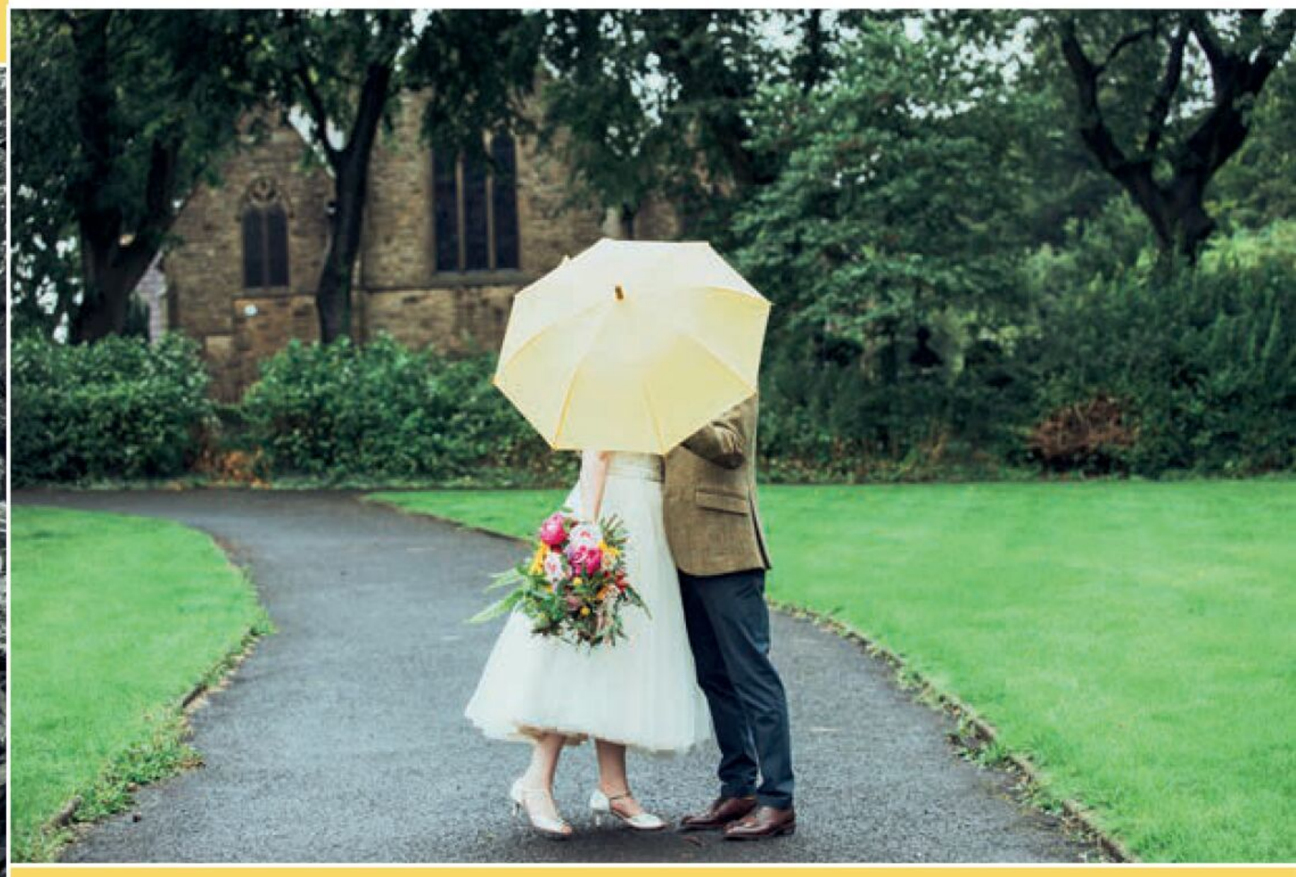


There was a lot of anticipation before the day, and we were both really looking forward to it. We wanted our friends and family to enjoy themselves, and everyone had a great time, so it was all worth it.

The stags and hens each made up a dance on their weekends away. The stags performed to *Sailing* by Rod Stewart and the hens to *Uptown Funk* by Bruno Mars.

For our honeymoon, we went to South Africa. We went rock climbing, on a safari, stayed in rock caves in the wilderness and went to quite a few vineyards. We had a fantastic time!

All of the speeches were fantastic. There was a bonus speech from my best friend, which was hilarious.



Two For Joy Photography went above and beyond, bringing confetti and umbrellas which made the photos look incredible. Robie Flowers and Gingerbread Events also worked together to make a plain church hall look incredible and it was exactly how we'd imagined it.

JO AND MARK'S CONTACTS

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Summer loving

Rebecca and Justin tied the knot in a fun-filled celebration at the grand Silverholme Manor

Images courtesy of Pixies in the Cellar

Rebecca and Justin were instantly attracted to each other. "I loved his handsome looks and easy-going ways," says Rebecca. "He proposed to me after making me climb Mount Snowdon in the rain! Apparently, he had planned to propose at the top, but the awful weather meant he had to wait until we got to the bottom. I was soaked through, and my hands were so cold he could barely get the ring on! It was perfect though, and I wouldn't have changed a thing. It was a total surprise and one of the most wonderful weekends of my life."

SETTING THE SCENE

"We saw lots of venues, but after viewing Silverholme Manor and its impressive views across Windermere, nothing else compared," shares the bride. "We've always loved the Lake District and have had many wonderful breaks there. We wanted somewhere that was beautiful and elegant but still relaxed and informal. We could really make the space our own, and the day after our wedding, we hosted a barbecue for all our friends and family."

The happy couple wanted to incorporate tropical touches into their décor. "After having travelled to South America, we loved the Latin style and decided to incorporate influences into our big day," explains Rebecca. "We had four long tables where guests could chat easily, that we decorated with gold, pink and pastel candles. Each table was named after our favourite places, including Rio, Lima, Valparaíso and Mompox."

Brackens of Bowness provided the beautiful flowers. "We had a stunning hanging installation in the marquee with tropical, rich green foliage and ferns," says the bride. "On each table, we had a range of blooms, including orchids and pink flamingo calla lilies."

"We had a dessert table rather than a cake, filled with home-made treats and gorgeous pastries from my friend's business, Popty Conwy Bakery," shares Rebecca. "For our catering, we had sharing plates of Harissa chicken kebabs, aubergine, spinach and feta tart and Brazillian sausages with sides including salads and roasted potatoes from Karen Rhodes Weddings & Events. In the evening, guests were treated to fish and chips from the amazing The Hip Hop Chip Shop."

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

"It took me a very long time to find a dress that I loved, much to the pain of my best friend and family who had to accompany me," explains Rebecca. "The fact I was pregnant with a growing bump added to the pressure and meant I couldn't decide between a big dress and a fitted one. In the end, I selected a beautiful strapless fishtail dress by Pronovias called *Epico* and a gorgeous blush gown by Monique Lhuillier for the evening."

Justin and his best man opted for navy suits with yellow ties and grey waistcoats.

"I knew I wanted my four bridesmaids to wear different styles but still look similar," recalls the bride. "I chose a gorgeous design from Whistles, and each of the girls wore a different version."

TIME TO CELEBRATE

"We had lots of children at our wedding, so we hired Bluey and Baloo to ensure they were entertained," explains Rebecca. "For the ceremony, we had the fantastic Echo Strings play. One of our guests commented that hearing *Stay* by Rihanna on strings was the most beautiful thing he'd ever heard."

For the evening entertainment, the couple hired Serae Dj'ing from Festival Wedding DJs. "He played a mixture of genres to keep both of us happy," says the bride. "We also had an amazing moment in the evening when our loved ones were brought outside with their sparklers to watch a firework display from Pyroartistry. It was a surprise for the guests and Justin, and everyone loved it."

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

"Getting married is an incredible experience," recalls Rebecca. "One thing we wanted was to ensure everyone felt relaxed and that we had fun with all our friends and family, and we definitely did that! It really was the weekend that I had hoped for, and I wish we could relive it over and over again. Walking into the ceremony room with the string quartet and seeing my husband-to-be and all our loved ones was truly amazing."

The lovebirds had their new baby as their adorable page boy. "During the ceremony, when the registrar asked if there was any reason we couldn't be married, our three-month-old son decided to pipe up and complain," laughs the bride. "The day was perfect. The service was incredible, our first dance was a hit, the speeches were brilliant, and the fireworks were a moment we will never forget. My mum's speech was particularly beautiful and moving. There wasn't a dry eye in the house."

"One thing that did make the day extra special was the weather," shares Rebecca. "The weeks before had been grey and rainy, and we'd prepared ourselves for a wet wedding day, but the whole weekend was absolutely stunning and extremely hot. Silverholme Manor has views like nowhere else and the most incredible outdoor spaces, so having a weekend filled with sunshine made the whole event."

The couple hired amazing suppliers to help bring their dream wedding to life. "Our wedding planner, Weddings by Annabel, was wonderful and made sure the whole day run smoothly," explains the bride. "She made us feel as though we could relax and knew we were in safe hands. We couldn't have done it without her. Our caterers, florist and DJ, were also amazing and ensured everything was perfect. My make-up artist, Kate Valentine, and hair stylist Georgia from Salon144 were brilliant to have around in the morning. Not only were they both super talented, but they transformed me while also keeping me calm. Lastly, our photographers, Pixies in the Cellar, were two of the loveliest people who captured our whole day in the most stunning pictures. We were very lucky to have such great suppliers working to make our day perfect."

REBECCA AND JUSTIN'S CONTACTS

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Flowers, Brackens of Bowness, www.brackensofbowness.com | **Wedding planner**, Weddings by Annabel, www.weddingsbyannabel.co.uk
Pastries, Popty Conwy Bakery, www.conwybakery.com | **Day catering**, Karen Rhodes Weddings & Events, www.karenrhodes.co.uk
Evening catering, The Hip Hop Chip Shop, www.thehiphopchipshop.com | **String quartet**, Echo Strings, www.facebook.com/echostrings
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GLITZ AND *glamour*

Devon and Stephen had the wedding of their dreams at Sparth House

Images courtesy of Scott & Lees Photography

Devon and Stephen first laid eyes on each other at work. "I'm a make-up artist and was doing prosthetic make-up on amputees during a training exercise that Stephen's regiment was on," says Devon. "Our relationship blossomed, and Stephen later proposed next to Lake Windermere in the Lake District. We went to a spa to enjoy some drinks and treatments. Stephen had planned a meal and was going to propose later in the evening, but as I'm a light drinker, I wasn't keen on the idea of a meal and cocktails. He ignored my request and insisted we go to the cocktail bar. The whole thing was a surprise, but I did have my suspicions. Later in the evening, we were walking down a cobbled street towards Lake Windermere when Stephen clumsily got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. Two dog walkers stopped and were the first people to congratulate us before we went and celebrated with champagne."

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

We were attracted to Sparth House as we could have the entire property to ourselves, and it also had accommodation. I also loved that it had wooden floors throughout, meaning it would match our colour scheme. The team were so welcoming, and Olivia ensured our day ran smoothly. We adored everything about the house and didn't look at any other venues as we knew it was perfect for us.

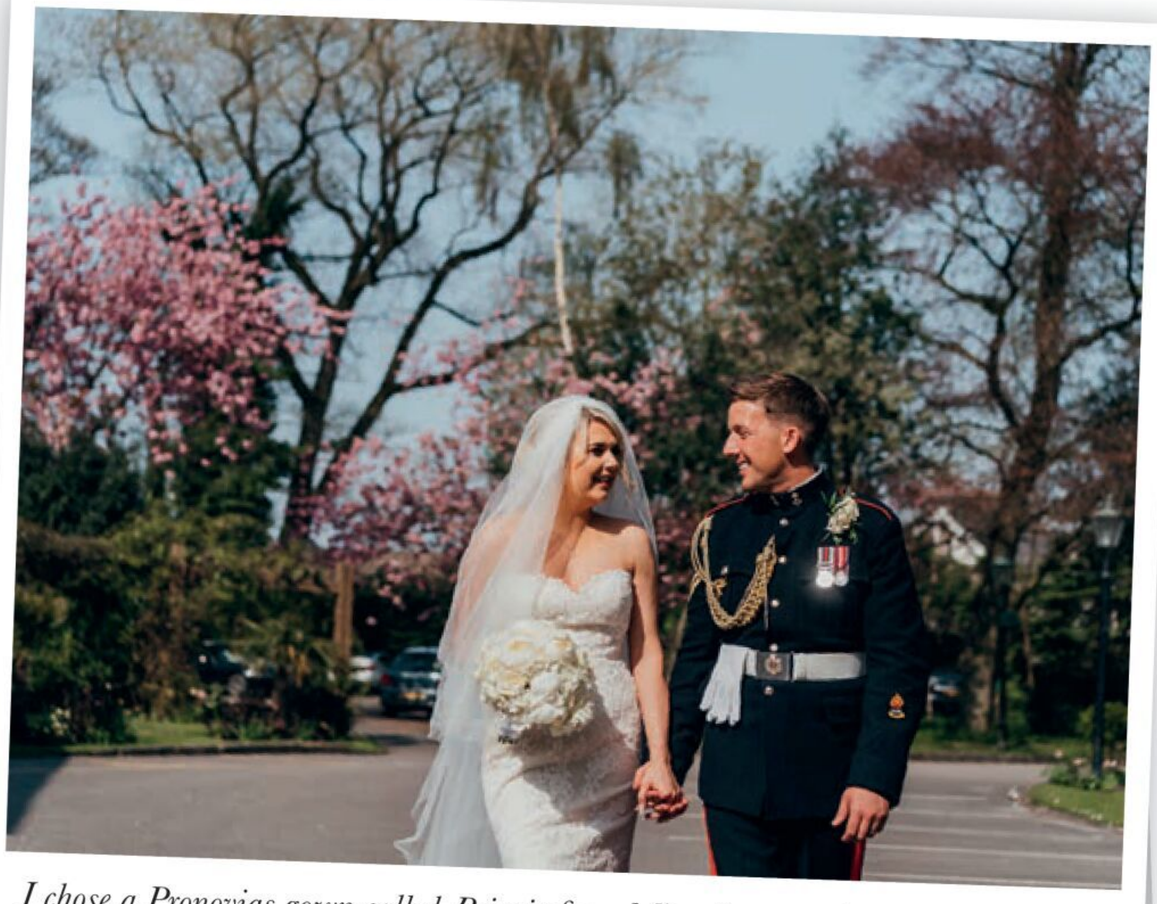
Our favours were pins for Dementia UK and The Royal British Legion, two charities close to our hearts. We also left gold and cream macarons in the guest bedrooms for when they returned in the evening.

The table plan was gold and glitzy to tie in with our theme. The tables were named after special places that we'd visited together.

For the flowers, we visited the HedgeHogg Florist and ordered white hydrangeas, peonies and roses with crystals in.

Stephen and I chose a white and gold three-tier cake decorated with hydrangeas and our initials from Maria Dobson Cake Design.

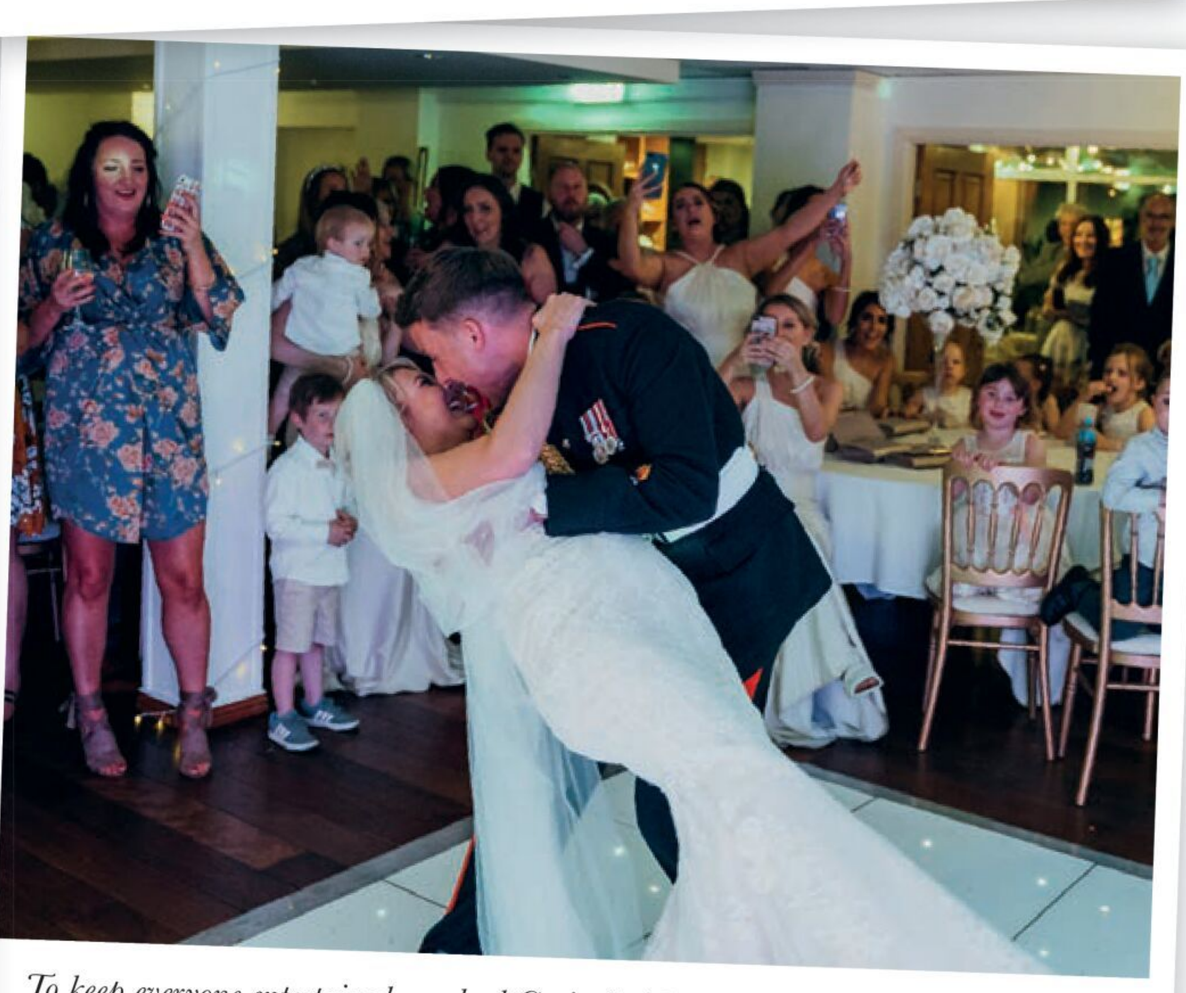
We decorated the venue with lanterns, flowers, blankets in the bar area, a candy cart, popcorn machine, love letters, a flower wall, and a white LED dancefloor.



I chose a Pronovias gown called Princia from Miss. I accessorised with a diamond necklace and earrings that Stephen had given me on the morning of the wedding and a veil edged with lace.

Stephen decided to stand out from the groomsmen and wore his uniform.

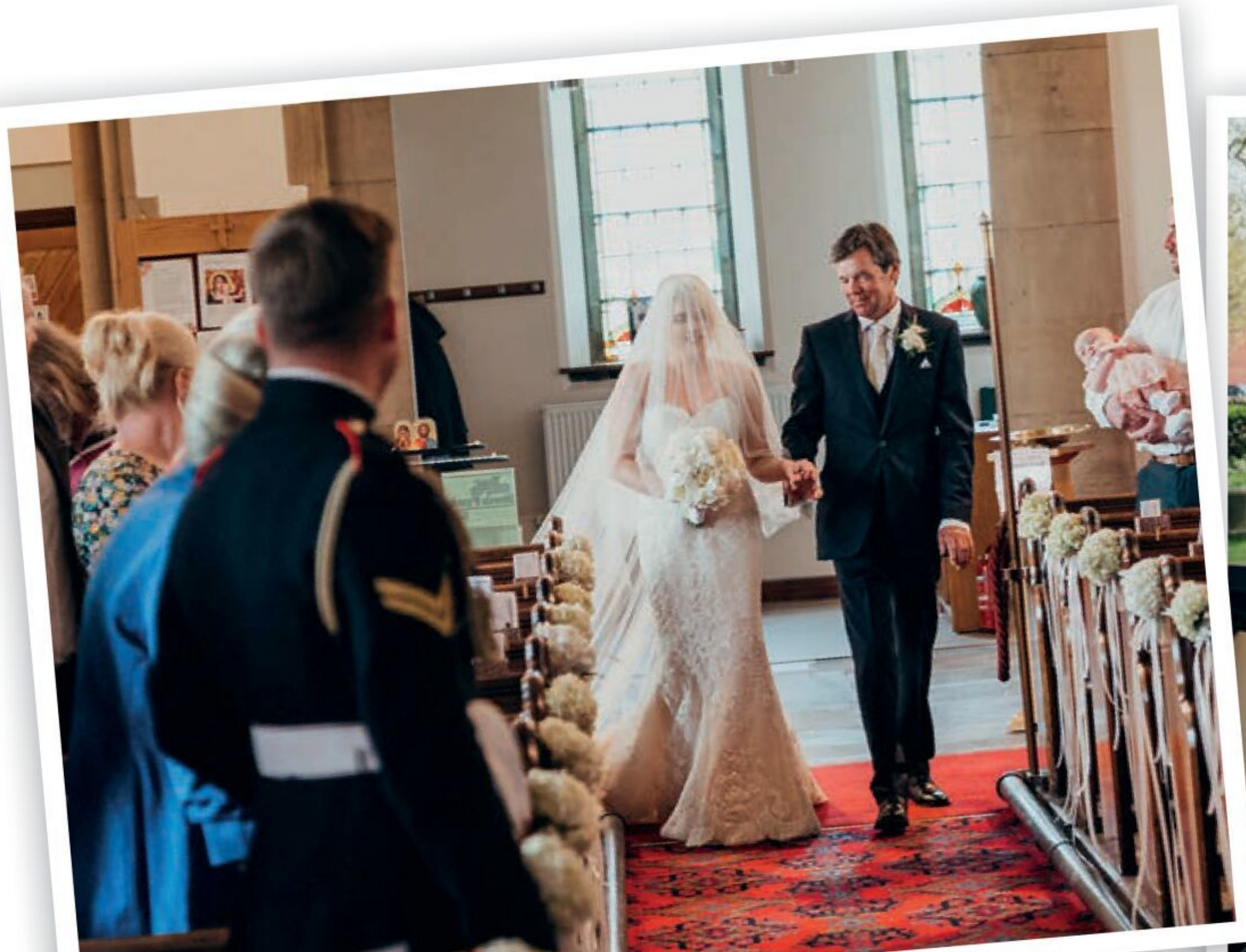
My four bridesmaids opted for tight-fitting ivory dresses, and my two maid-of-honours wore the same colour but with a different neckline from Rene K Couture.



To keep everyone entertained, we had Craig Smith Music play on the outside terrace during the drinks reception. We also had a magician to keep the children entertained, and Irish singer Stephen F. Mone perform a set in the evening followed by a DJ.

The two best men did a hilarious speech that left everyone in stitches.

We were both so happy, it was the most perfect day, and we couldn't have wished for anything better. Walking down the aisle and seeing Stephen at the end with the biggest smile on his face and having all our friends and family with us made the day perfect.



DEVON AND STEPHEN'S CONTACTS

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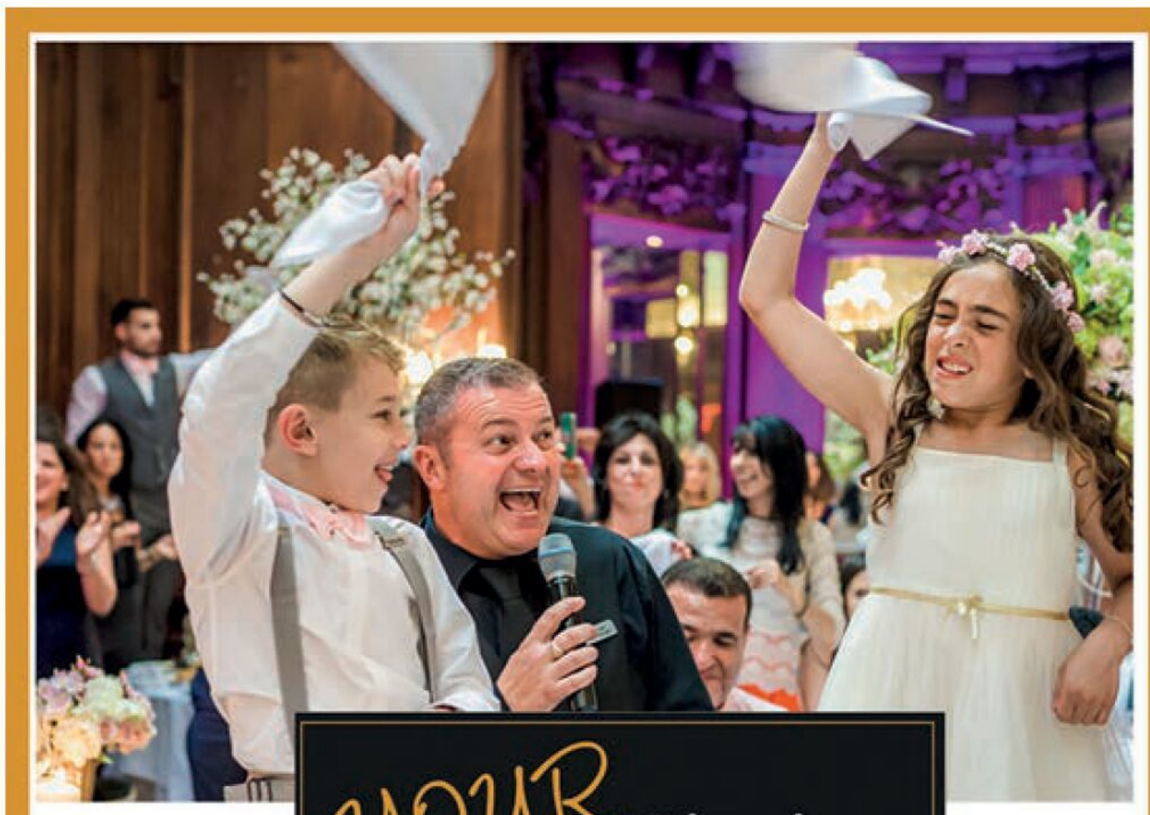

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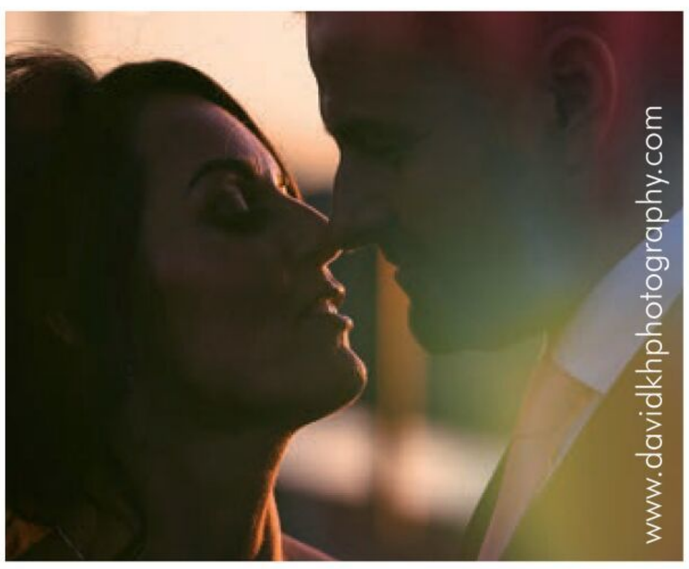
THE MEANING OF LOVE

Local photographers showcase their favourite images

Photographs are more than just keepsakes. It's a way of reliving those happy memories over and over again and reminding yourself of just how magical your special day was. To help give you heaps of inspiration, we've asked local suppliers to send in some of their favourite images.

"Even with a limited audience at their enforced ceremony, Phil couldn't resist a few moves. Rob is accustomed to his husband's antics and was just so happy to be able to get married." – Andy Boyle from Andy Boyle Photography.

"This image shows winter boho vibes at Skitby House." – Maya Stankova from Infinity Photography Events.

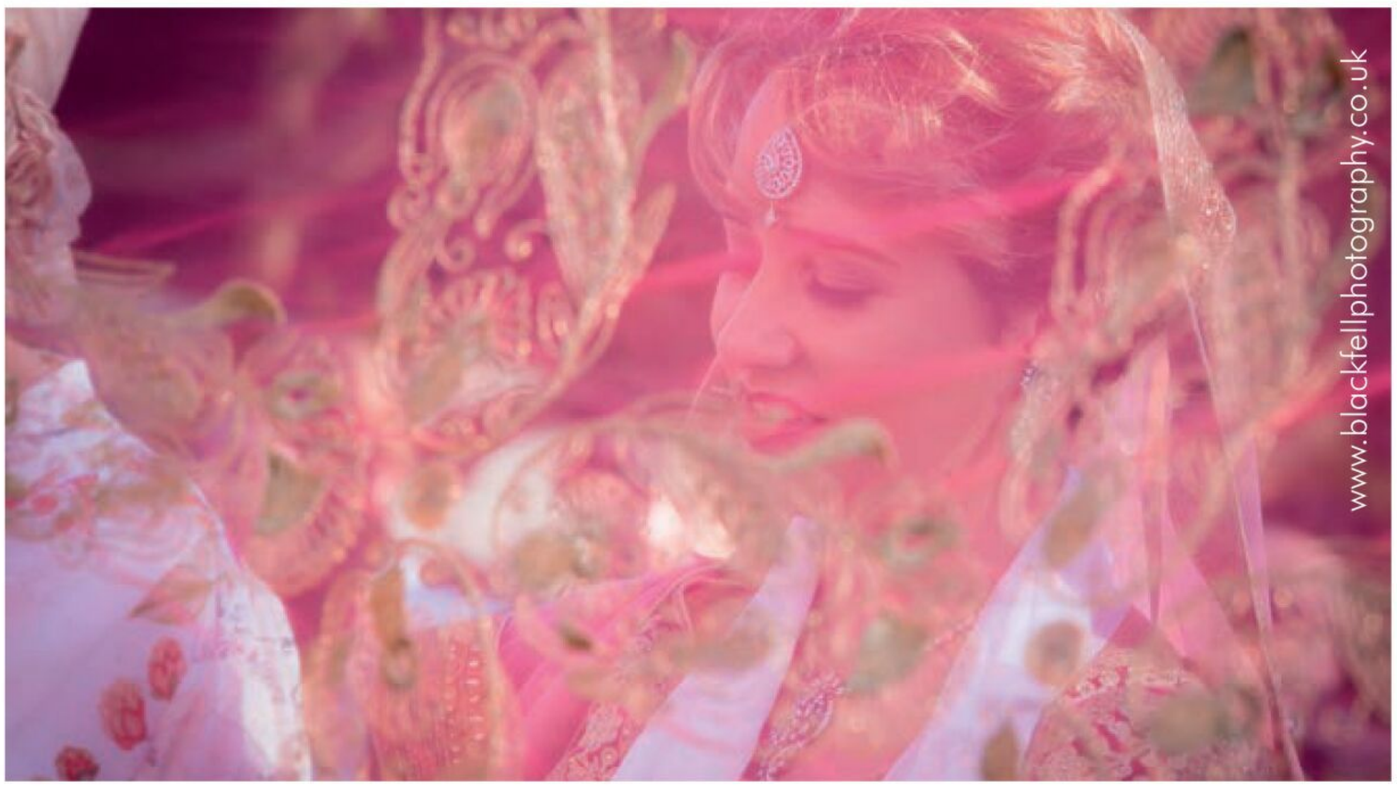


"This image oozes with intimacy, and combined with glorious light from the sun setting behind them, it adds to the drama and makes it one of my favourites." – David Hobson from David K H Photography.

"The main thing that makes this picture special is the two in the window getting caught up in the moment – they turned out to be our next wedding!" – Rachael de la Mare from de la Mare Creative.

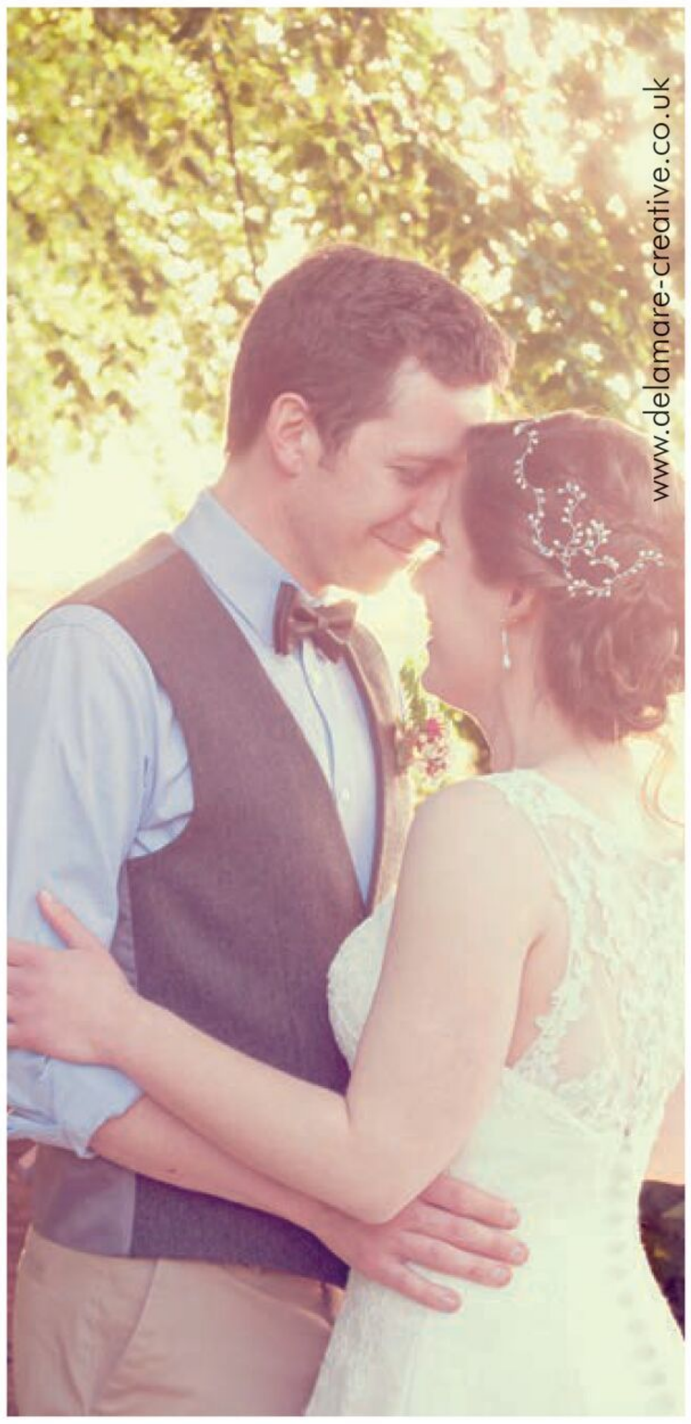
"A proud mother showing love and support for her daughter on her wedding day. I love how simple this image is and how it rekindles a feeling of joy following their special day." – Stacey Jackson from DarkleMoner Photography.

"The bride had booked the fair ride for one hour, but her timing was inaccurate, and we arrived at the end of the hour, with five minutes to spare." – Michael Sewell from Weddings by Michael.



"I was honoured to photography a truly breathtaking Hindu wedding ceremony where the colours were vibrant, the atmosphere was electric, and everyone looked like a million dollars." – Scott Wigglesworth from Blackfell Photography.

"I love this shot of Naomi and Ollie, who had trekked to get to the top of this gorgeous viewpoint. As Naomi hugged Ollie, you can see the emotion on her face, and I think we were all crying at this point." – Kellianne Newiss from Kellianne Photographer.



"What you can't see is the party that's raging in a barn not too far away while this quiet moment is happening as the sun sets."
– Rachael from de la Mare Creative.

"Rhian was so happy to see Mark. She didn't wait for the vows and permission to kiss the bride, she just launched into his arms as soon as she arrived. The whole wedding was as fun as this moment."
– Andy from Andy Boyle Photography.

"We love these photos because they represent happiness, intimate moments and highlights the true emotions during the day." – Maya from Infinity Photography Events.

"This is one of my all-time favourite shots because of the pure emotion and the story it tells of a father seeing his daughter in her wedding dress for the very first time." – Scott from Blackfell Photography.

"An informal capture of the bride and groom with their children. I love how relaxed and happy everyone is in front of the camera, which is how it should be on the big day." – Stacey from DarkleMoner Photography.

"This was taken on the 22nd March, and the bride desperately wanted snow. The day had been dry throughout, with no sign of cloud, and the forecast said clear. With less than 10 minutes to spare before the first dance, it began to snow." – Michael from Weddings by Michael.

"I love this photo for one reason only, and that is the sheer joy captured when the couple emerged from the church and were highjacked by a huge confetti shower from their guests." – David from David K H Photography.

"Here is Rose dancing with her girls at her reception. I love the animation and vibrancy of everyone in the photo." – Kellianne from Kellianne Photographer.

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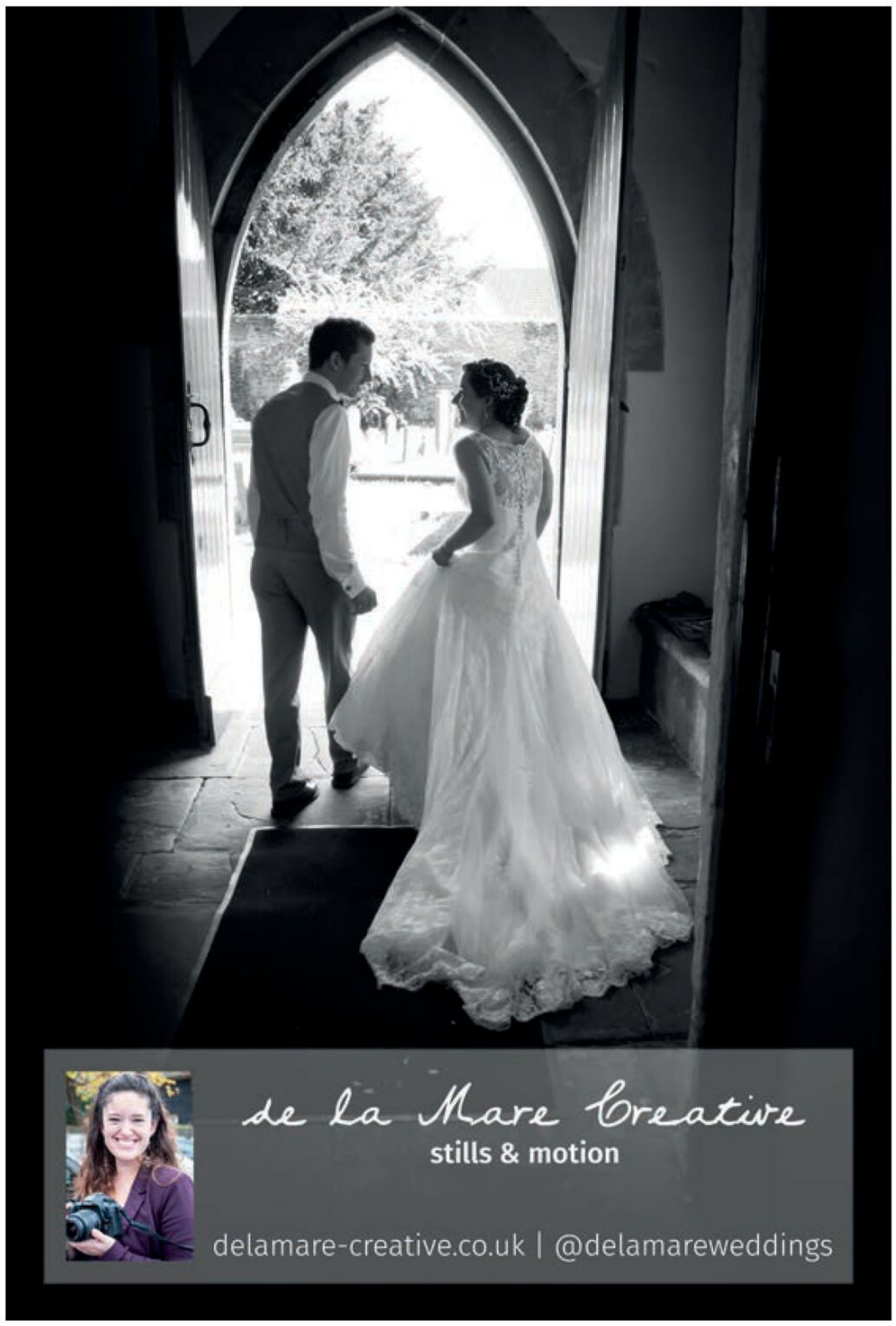

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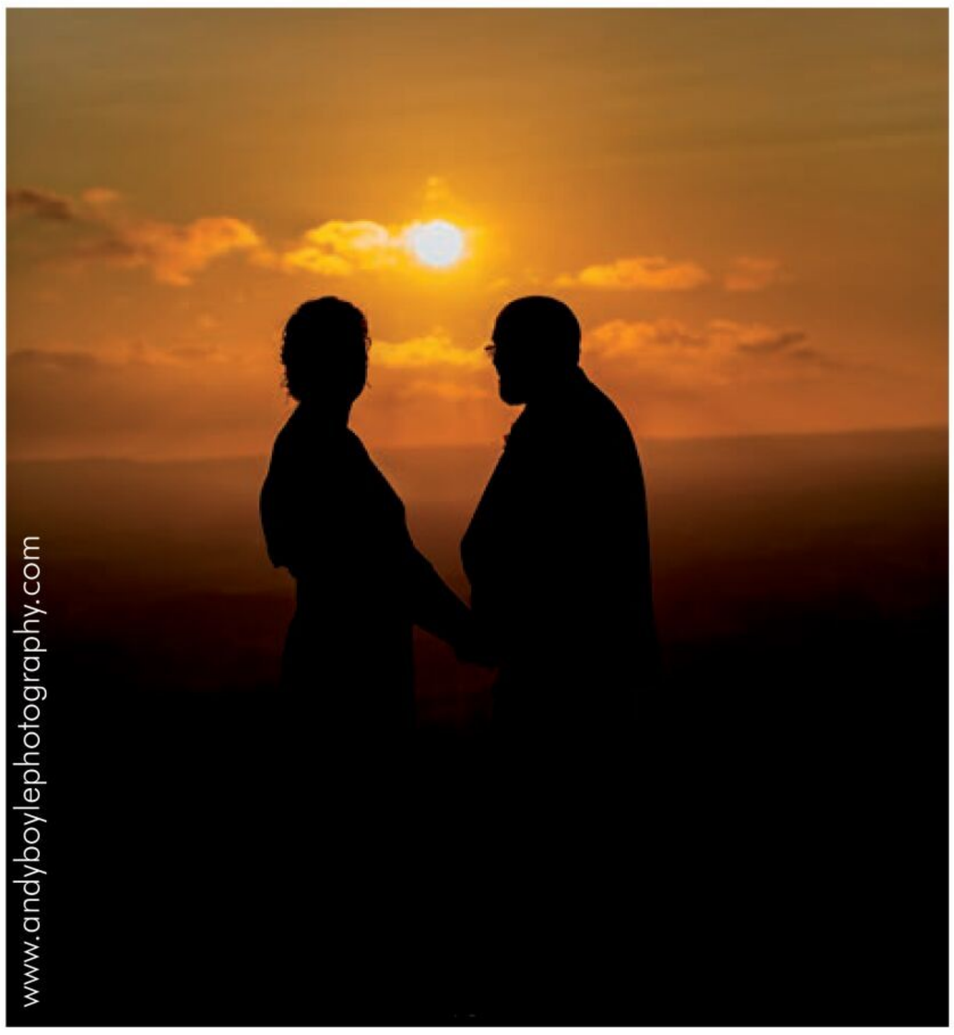
"Emma is the epitome of the rock'n'roll bride. She rocked her contrasting black and grey ink with pure white bridal lingerie. She wanted to do something in keeping with her rebellious and body-positive attitude, and I think she smashed it!" – Scott from Blackfell Photography.

"Laura and her dad taking to the floor for their dance. The love shining from Laura as she looks at her dad is beautiful." – Kellianne from Kellianne Photographer.

"The lovely Roses and Hearts Events styled this image, the outfits were from Carol's Bridal Boutique and Goodfellows Menswear, complete with hair and make-up by Grace by Kelly. We finished the look with a bake from Cutiepie Cake Company and flowers by Linda's Flowers 95 Denton Street." – Maya from Infinity Photography Events.

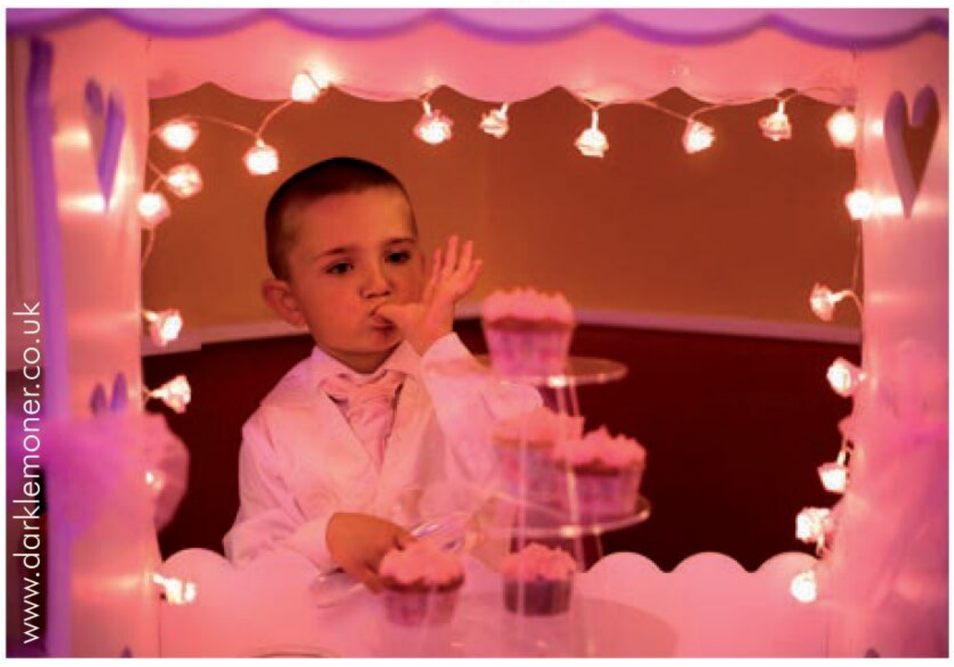


"Ingrid and Alan lived in the cottage she was born and raised in. Their special request was at the end of their fabulous festival wedding, we secretly left the guests and headed up the hill to catch the sunset looking right over their home." – Andy from Andy Boyle Photography.

"The reason I love this particular photo is that it shows that your whole life has been leading up to this moment and is the beginning of a new chapter." – Rachael from de la Mare Creative.

"For me, although this is quite a simple image, I love how the bride has a huge smile on her face and the father-of-the-bride is looking at his beautiful daughter with pride." – David from David K H Photography.

"The venue was basically in the middle of nowhere, and the only feature was the road and little else. The couple were such fun, and together we managed to come up with all sorts of scenarios for their portrait session." – Michael from Weddings by Michael.



"The post-wedding celebrations were in full swing, and the children took full advantage of the cupcake stand. I used the carts window as a frame and captured this boy as he devoured a scrumptious treat." – Stacey from DarkleMoner Photography.

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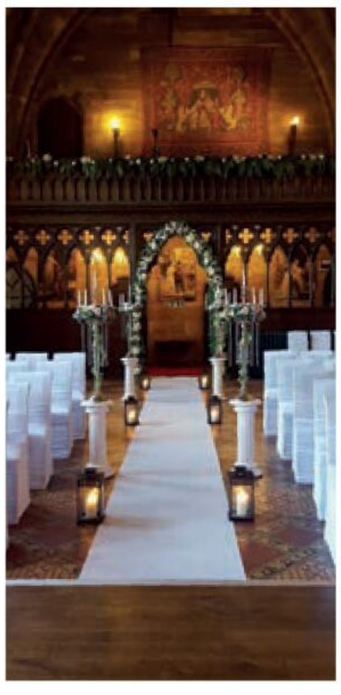

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Q – My wife-to-be and I want to book our wedding entertainment but due to lockdown, we've been struggling to find the perfect supplier. How can we feel confident booking someone online that we've never met?

Booking someone online can be quite a daunting prospect, especially for your big day. Unfortunately, meeting your musician in person is not an option at the moment. However, most professionals will have a website with recordings and videos that you can play to help you get a feel for if they're the right person for you.

If you're thinking of booking, try and speak to the supplier in person rather than just through E-mail. There are so many different platforms available for this, including Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp.

When a couple does book me for their big day, I send them a list of what I currently play and ask them to send over some of their ideas so that I can tailor the music to suit their tastes. Those of you thinking of booking a harpist, it's a beautiful, rich sounding and dramatic looking instrument. The effect may be lost in a web link, however on the day, you cannot beat the sound of a live instrument.

The main thing is to get in touch and start talking to your supplier. I love speaking to all my couples and seeing how I can be a part of their special day.

Sarah Davies | Harpist
www.sarahdaviesharpist.com

FLOWER POWER

Q – There are so many florists out there. How can we choose the perfect supplier for us?

Finding the perfect florist can be as easy as walking into the first shop you see and hitting it off, or it may take a few consultations and appointments to find the right one for you. The first thing you should do is look at their previous work. Is it along the lines of what you're looking for, or could it be tweaked to suit your taste? During your appointment, make sure you let them know your style and inspiration, so they have something to work from. A good florist won't just say yes to everything you ask for but instead will give their opinions and ways in which you can get your desired look within your budget.

If you're struggling to make a decision, ask a few suppliers to send you some images of inspiration and see which comes back the closest to your vision. This should hopefully show you who understands your style and requests.

Bethany Byrne | Florist
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PLANNED TO PERFECTION

Q – We've recently got engaged, but due to lockdown, we're struggling to plan anything! What should we book first?

Congratulations and welcome to the world of wedding planning! Start by creating a rough guest list, so you know your potential numbers, then begin looking at venues. Everything pivots on that choice, from the decor and food to the accommodation and budget. I suggest getting this box ticked asap. Once you've found your dream venue, you can begin to tick off the next big items, such as catering, photography and the celebrant/registrar. Think about what are your essential elements and how getting the right supplier will affect the event. Keep in mind that the ones you want may get booked up quickly, so get cracking!

Annabel Candler
Wedding planner and venue consultant
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MAGICAL MEMORIES

Q – We want fun and quirky wedding pictures. Do you have any ideas of how we can achieve this?

When looking for images full of character, it's a great idea to consider the things that make you and your partner special, such as your apparel, body mods, interests or fandoms. Referencing something you both love in your images is one way to make your pictures stand out.

Look for a photographer that can shoot editorial or fashion images. Why not take a leaf from your favourite movie posters, music videos or the pages of a journal? You could even incorporate props or book a venue with quirky elements such as a gallery or museum.

Either way, it's always a good idea to start by talking over your requirements with your prospective photographer. Make sure they're able to work with your requests and generate ideas in line with your vision.

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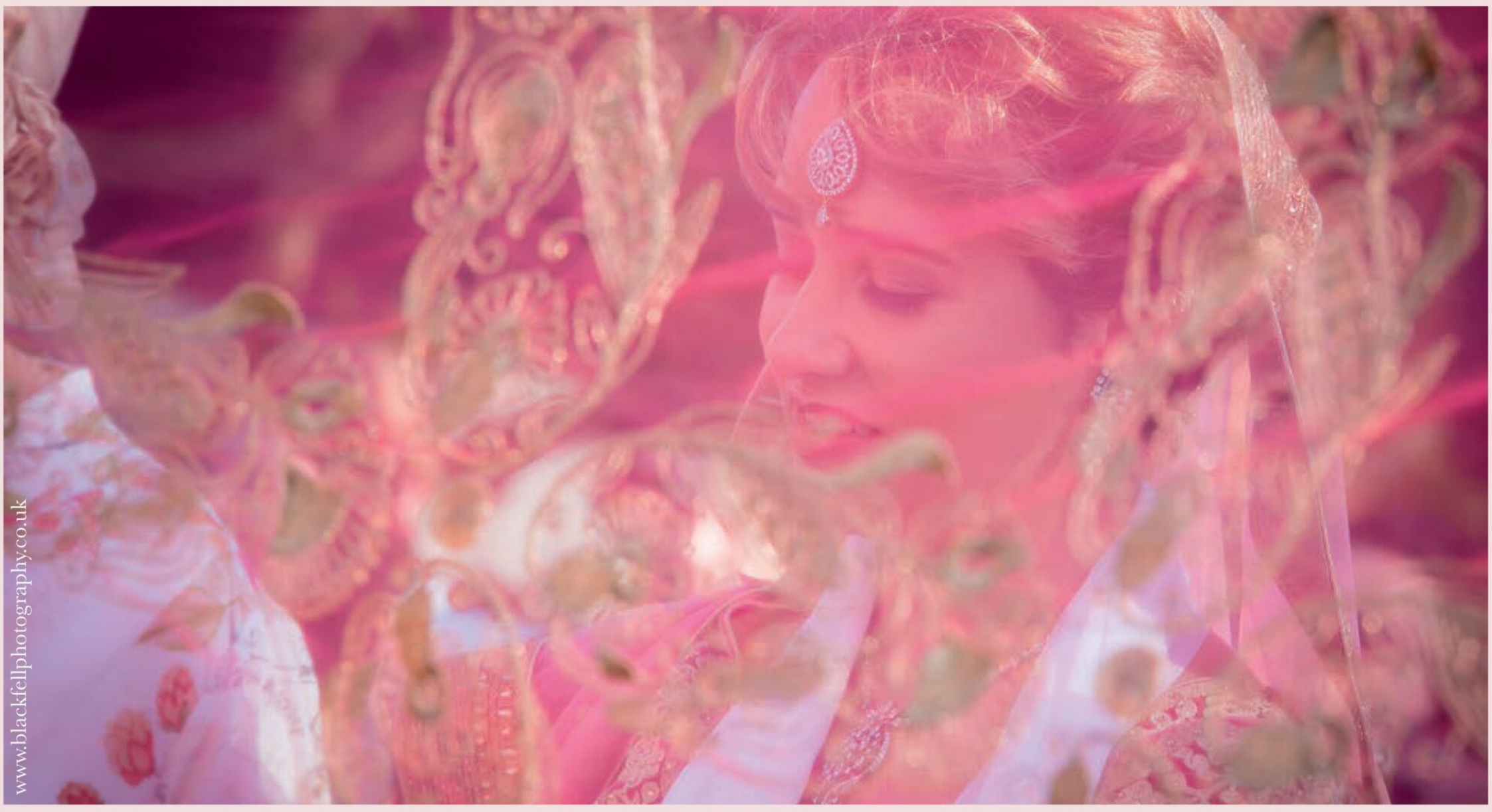

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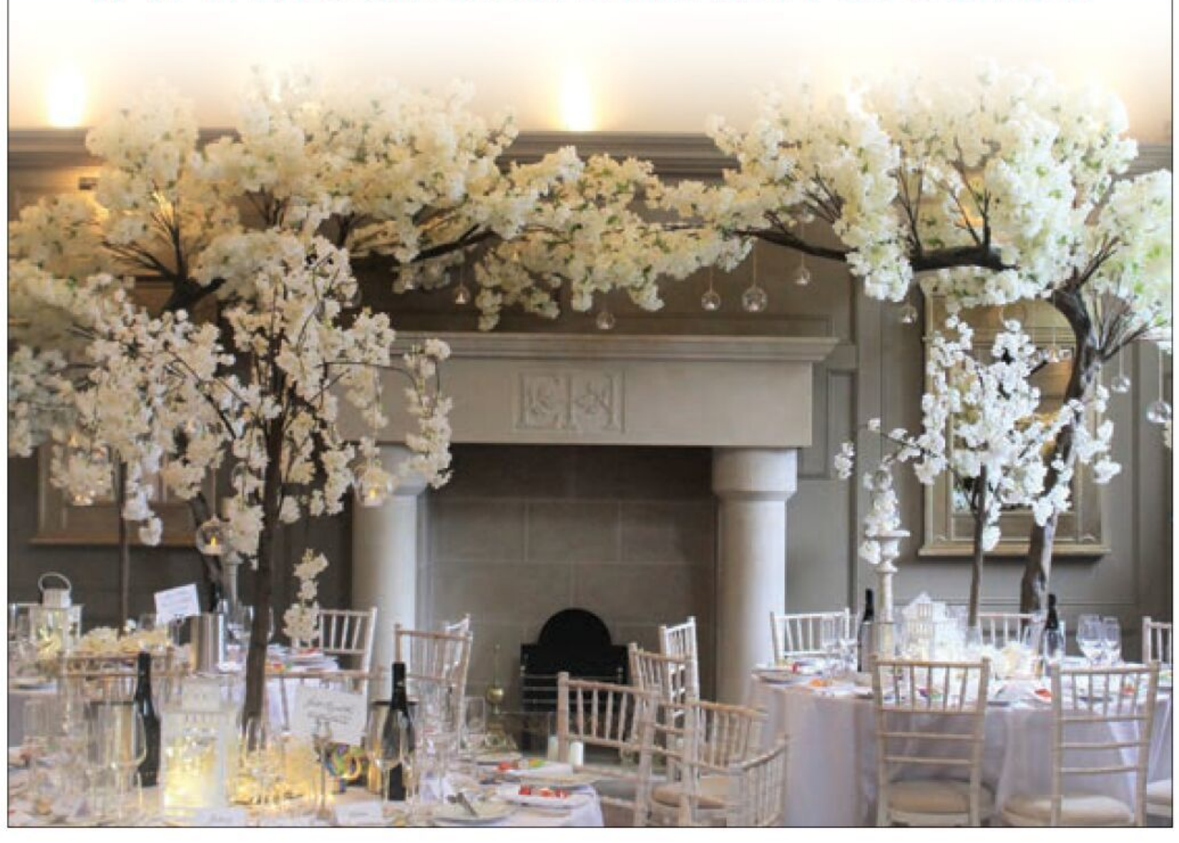

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CHOOSE YOUR PREFERRED COLOUR SCHEME

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WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL BOUQUET?

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PICK A TABLE ARRANGEMENT

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WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE CEREMONY SET UP?

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HOW WOULD YOU DECORATE YOUR RECEPTION SPACE?

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WHICH ACCESSORY WOULD YOU WEAR?

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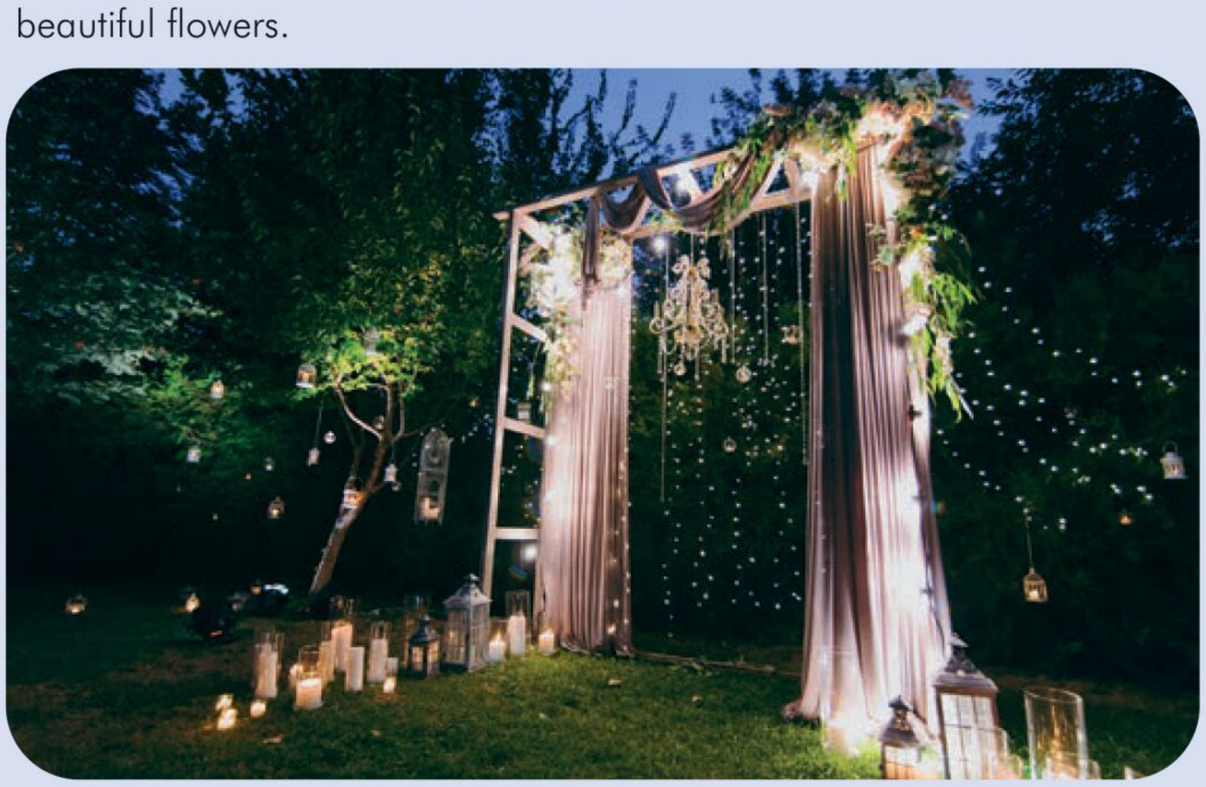
You scored...6-10

You have a traditional style and prefer classic designs. Celebrate your big day with an elegant bouquet, a pink and white colour scheme and beautiful flowers.

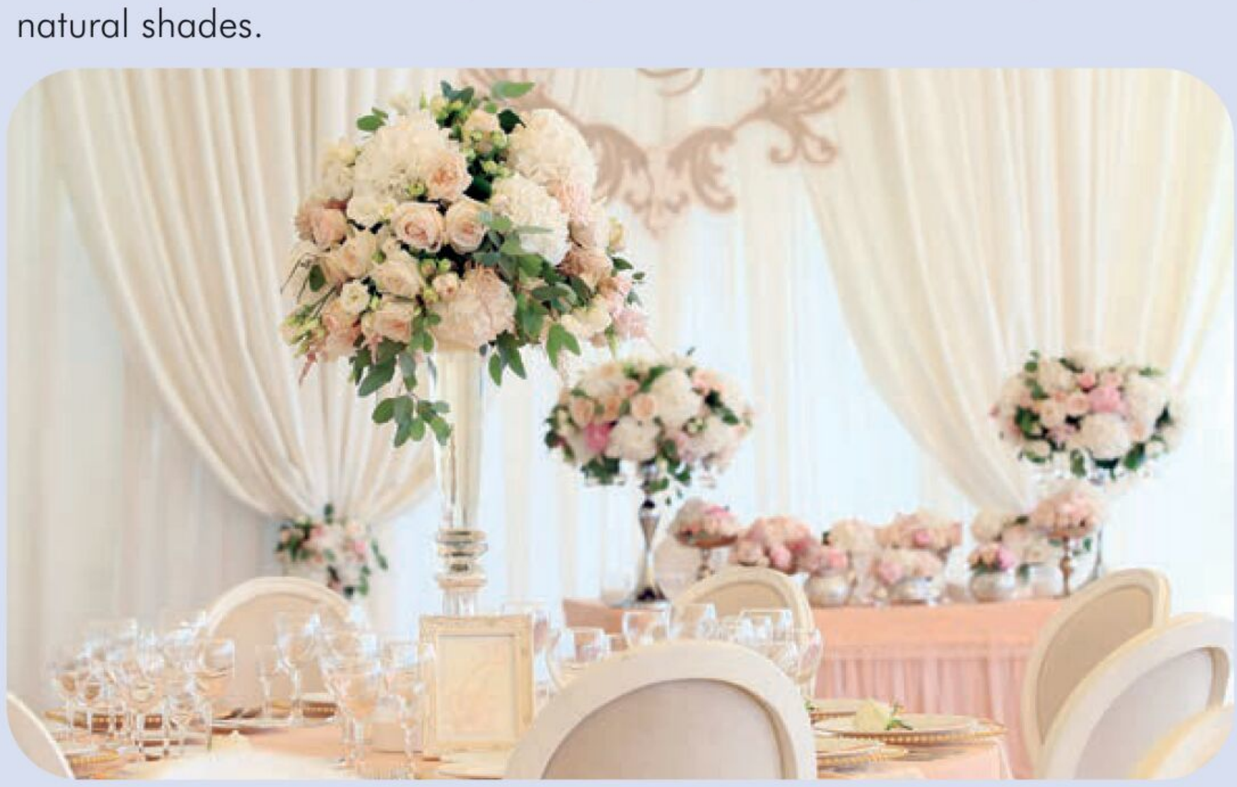
You scored...11-15

Your style would suit an al fresco or boho-themed celebration. Choose blooms that are inspired by nature with lots of greenery and natural shades.



You scored...16-20

Alternative weddings are ideal for those of you who want something a bit different. Opt for bold hues, quirky creations and showstopping designs.



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Retro GLAMOUR

Be inspired by this regional shoot at Calthwaite Hall

Images courtesy of Helen Whitaker Photography

When this shoot first landed in our inbox, we just knew our lovely readers would adore it. Wedding planner and venue consultant, Annabel Candler tells us more about the images: "Calthwaite Hall's new orangery started life before lockdown and when it was finally complete a troop of local creatives set about styling the site to create a hippy and retro style shoot. Surrounded by lush gardens and set next to an epic grand home, we worked on showcasing how any theme could work in the setting. Steering away from the moody tones of trending shoots, we endeavoured to capture bold greens, stunning lighting and fashion-forward styling."

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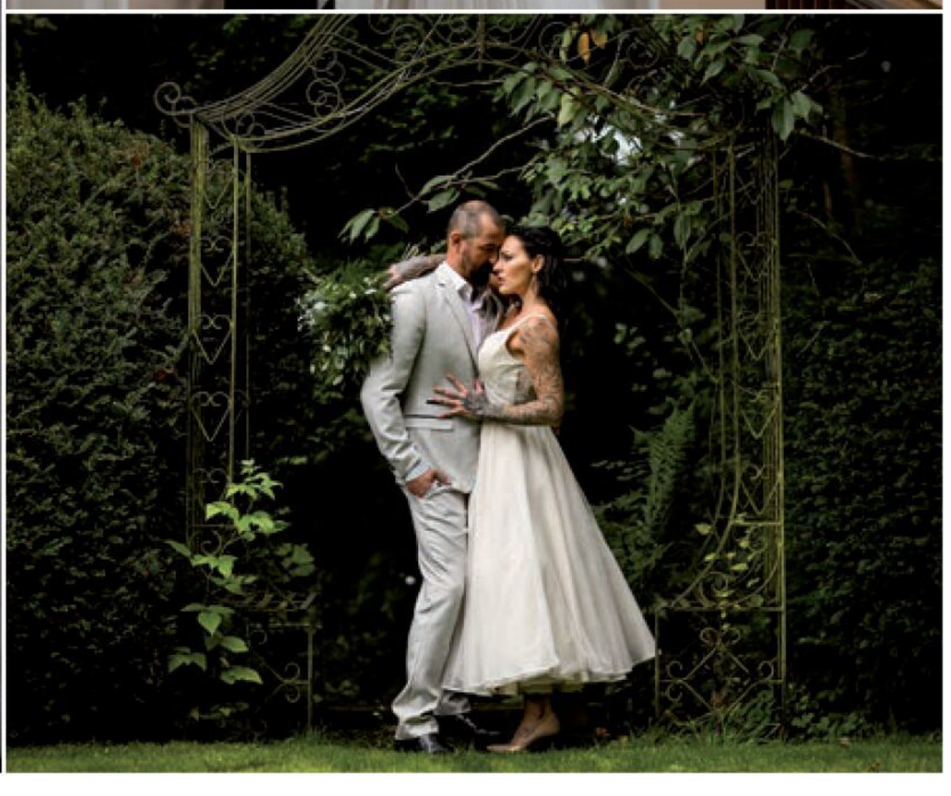

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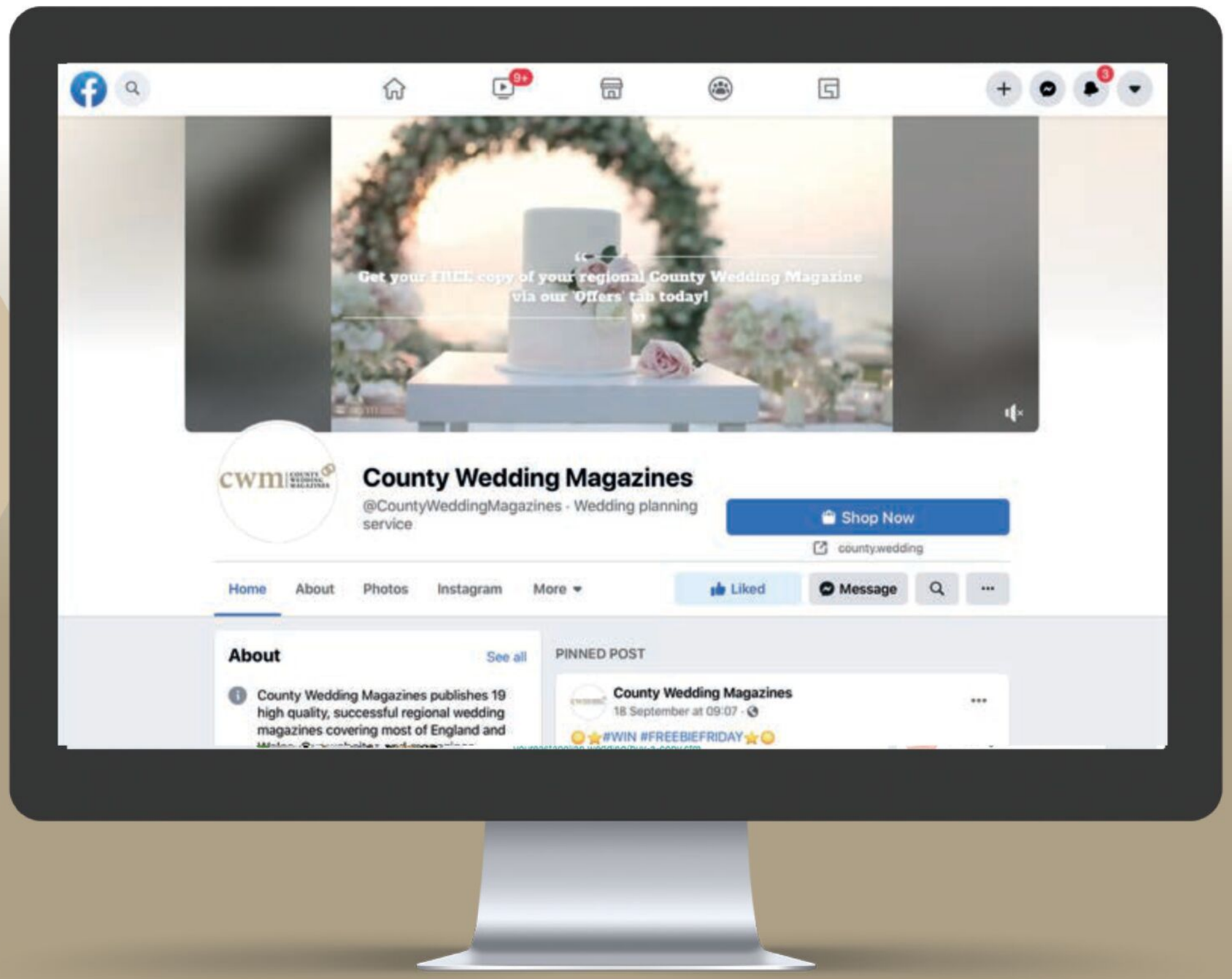

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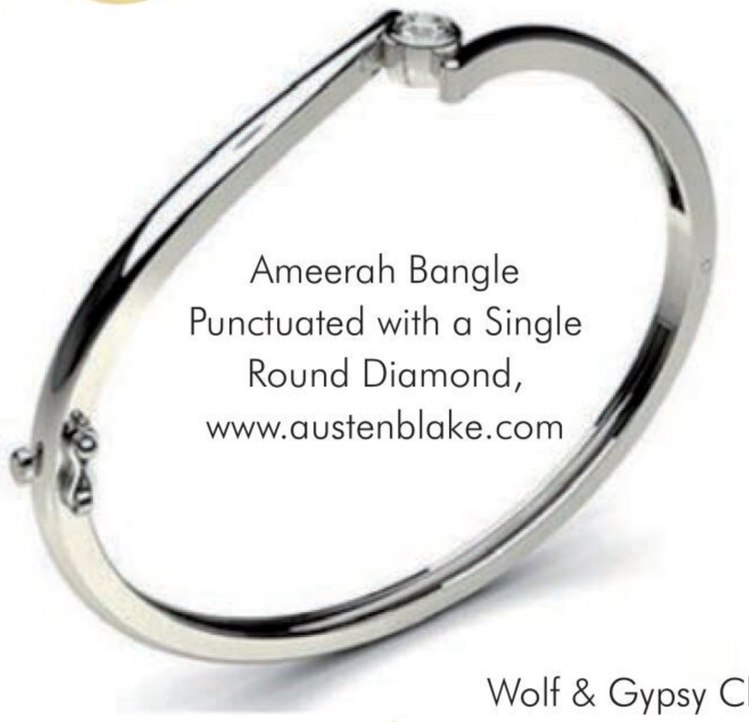

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Seol + Gold Rainbow CZ Tennis Bracelet, £57, www.seolgold.com

Dune London Clarette Ivory Shoes, £165, www.dunelondon.com

SHOE-LOVER

These rose gold sandals decorated with pink and white pom poms, £295, are from the new-season bridal collection by shoe designer Diane Hassall. They can be customised to feature pom-poms in an array of fun colours. To shop, visit https://dianehassall.com

www.instagram.com/di_hassall

Editor's favourite

How cute is this 9-carat recycled yellow gold *Marry Me* Love Hearts ring? £590, http://shop.jewellerycut.com

www.instagram.com/thejewellerycut

TO THE MOON AND BACK

This multi-way lariat necklace, £150, is the latest addition to the iconic Celestial collection by jeweller Astley Clarke. Inspired by stars and sunrise motifs, the hexagonal charm is set with a shining white sapphire in 18-carat, gold-plated sterling silver. To shop, visit www.astleyclarke.com/uk

www.instagram.com/astleyclarke

FASHION *focus*

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

Crowning glory

The new collection from high street favourites Accessorize is inspired by historical drama *The Crown*. This pearly queen headband is a steal at just £18. To shop, visit www.accessorize.com/uk

www.instagram.com/accessorize

Dresses in the latest collection by fashion brand Sister Jane are also inspired by a Netflix series, *Bridgerton*. Perfect for brides, maids and mums, the period drama-style gowns feature statement puff sleeves, layered hems and come in sumptuous fabrics and a variety of soft colours. To shop, visit https://sisterjane.com

MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN

These *Deco Love* earrings are from the Freya Rose Hakuro collection, the first capsule one from the bridal shoe designer. Sterling silver and gold-plated pieces include Freya's signature freshwater and Tahitian pearls, as well as sparkling crystals, that can be found adorning her shoe designs. To shop, visit https://freyarose.com

www.instagram.com/freyaroselondon

Love story

British brand Temperley London, known for their ethereal, bohemian-style embellished bridal dresses, has just launched the Wedding Wardrobe edit. It's a selection of styles suitable for brides, bridesmaids and guests taken from the Temperley London mainline and heritage collections for those who are searching for an understated look, perfect for a micro wedding. To shop, visit www.temperleylondon.com

www.instagram.com/temperleylondon

Editor Loves

These cute *Bride* hair slides, £4.99 each, are from the Insta-worthy new collection by https://teamhen.co.uk

www.instagram.com/teamhen

THE NEW NORMAL

With some brides wishing to wear a face covering at their wedding, this fun floral design from Claire Louise Creative Studio also adds the traditional *something blue*. To shop, visit https://claire-louise.co.uk

www.instagram.com/clairelouise_artist

The frill of it

Cascading layers of ruffled tulle, silk organza and soft chiffon combine to create shapely, voluminous gowns

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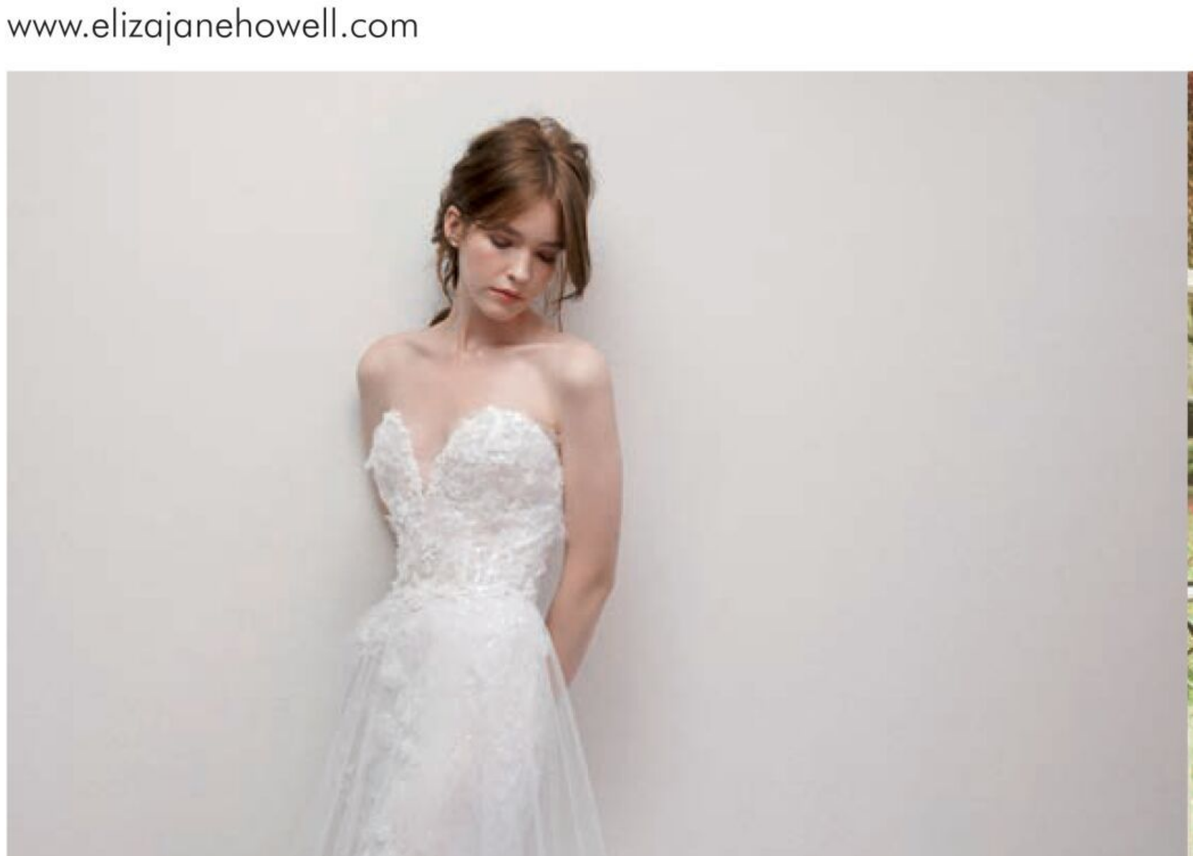

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www.modeca.com

On point

With the return of *Sex and the City* beginning filming late-spring, these Carrie Bradshaw-inspired shoes and clutch bags are worthy of the big screen

Ivory glitter leather sandals with marabou feather detail, £265, https://charlottemills.com

Ivory satin and shimmer court shoes, £95, www.rainbowclub.co.uk

Ivory court shoes with ankle strap, £75, Pink by Paradox, www.paradoxlondon.com

Beaded bag, £45, www.accessorize.com/uk

White mules, £39.99, https://ego.co.uk

Silver sandals, £19, Carvela at www.shoeaholics.com

Crystal-encrusted clutch bag, £165, www.dunelondon.com

Ivory satin and silver crystal bag, £29, www.paradoxlondon.com

Ivory satin T-bar sandals, £24.99, www.deichmann.com

Ivory court shoes decorated with rosette shoe clips, £295, https://freyarose.com

White court shoes with crystal ankle strap, £99.99, Lulipa London at www.zalando.co.uk/women-home

Pink glitter purse, £125, www.furla.com

Crystal and pearl-encrusted court shoes, from a selection, www.jimmychoo.com

Ivory satin and blush suede floral shoes personalised with mint ribbon, £315, https://dianehassall.com

Ivory sandals with embroidered butterfly wing, £595, www.sophiawebster.com

Aruna Seth's signature *Farfalla* court shoes embellished with crystal butterflies are available in a wide range of colours and materials and also come in this comfy flat alternative, from a selection, https://arunaseth.com

Photography of mint tulle dress featuring Diane Hassall shoes courtesy of www.paulinawalsh.com

Lovely in lace

Choose an all-over lace dress or one accented or trimmed with this delicate material that never goes out of style

https://clairepettibone.com

This *Yael* gown showcases long, lace sleeves at www.lunanovias.com/en

Amora is a stunning design with delicate lace scalloped sleeves, www.miamiabridal.co.uk

Noah marries Chantilly lace with a beautiful off-the-shoulder scalloped trim at https://graceloveslace.com

Adeline dress by www.elbethgillis.com

Ulam features fluted, mid-length lace sleeves and an illusion back at www.rosaclara.com

This white lace *Chelsea* shirt dress is from the new ready-to-wear collection by British bridal designer Sassi Holford – it's a great choice for a chic micro wedding, https://sassiholford.com

Charisma features a floral lace sweetheart neckline decorated with paillettes from the Romance 2021 White Collection by https://wonaconcept.com

An elegant lace bodice looks super-feminine teamed with a plain skirt, like this *Valberg* style by www.herveparis.com

Brides wanting a vintage-style gown will adore this *Nicky* beaded lace dress with puff sleeves from www.monsoon.co.uk

Lisbon dress by Le Papillion by www.modeca.com

Another way to wear lace is just a subtle touch of it, like this beautiful *Enni* dress from the Less is More collection by https://evalendel.com shows.

Pronovias never disappoint and are on-trend with this Bardot-inspired, off-the-shoulder gown trimmed with lace called *Winters*, www.pronovias.com

CLEAN AND CLEAR

We all know about the barrage of environmental abuse our facial skin battles on a daily basis, but what about our scalps? They too are faced with the impact of sweat, pollution, and various styling products. Centred creative director Kieran Tudor says, "Good scalp health is crucial for strong, healthy, beautiful hair, yet it's often overlooked when it comes to hair care regimes."

A deeply nourishing blend of olive, argan and hemp oils, Centred En-Root Scalp Treatment replenishes moisture to dry brittle hair, while exfoliating the scalp and removing product build up and dead skin cells. What's more, the blend of rosemary and peppermint essential oils stimulates blood flow to the hair follicles maximising hair growth potential.

Priced at £36 from www.wearecentred.com

BERRY NICE

Natura Siberica has launched an affordable vegan-certified range of beauty products based exclusively on altai oblepikha berries, a rich source of vitamin C. From face masks to serums, the C-Berrica collection has it all. I like the sound of the Renewal Foaming Face Powder (£8.49), which foams gently when it meets water and cleanses your skin, helping to remove impurities and make-up residue. Plus, its BHA acids improve skin texture speeding up cell renewal and deep cleans pores.

Discover the full collection at www.naturasiberica.co.uk

No need for needles!

Self-tanning fave Skinny Tan has unveiled its latest product – Notox Beauty Elixir. It's a smoothing, plumping facial serum specifically formulated to supply your skin with instant anti-aging effects and a glowing gradual self-tan. Using stoechiol naturally derived from butterfly lavender, it immobilises wrinkles and re-densifies the epidermis leading to a rapid and lasting reduction in the depth of express lines. So, say "no" to Botox, and "yes" to Notox! Getting Zoom-ready and embracing the minimal make-up look has never been easier.

Notox Beauty Elixir is available at www.skinnytan.co.uk, priced at £19.99.

Beauty BUZZ

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

Flawless and fabulous

Cover, Conceal & Correct from Gary Cockerill Make Up Intelligence, offers a flawless face in one bottle. "Where do I sign up?" I find myself wondering! A multipurpose two-in-one liquid foundation and concealer, it's easy to apply and melts into the skin for a soft dewy finish. It contains natural lime extract – an antioxidant that heals, protects and reduces stress, while stimulating and maintaining healthy skin.

What's more, it boasts colour-correcting pigments to balance out uneven skin tones, help discolouration and disguise unwanted blemishes and dark spots. Sounds like a bride's make-up bag must-have to me.

Priced at £42 it's available at www.makeupintelligencegc.com

BLUSH AND BLEND

Illamasqua is celebrating 2021 with the launch of 18 new vegan and cruelty-free professional brushes and three essential brush kits. The collection has been created from high-performing ultra-soft 100 per cent vegan materials designed to help you apply, smooth, shape and blend like a pro.

The brand's director of artistry, Pablo Rodriguez says, "My favourite is the Highlighter Brush – its fan shape beautifully blends the product into the skin and creates an otherworldly glow."

Prices start from £16.50 to £28 for individual brushes, and from £89 to £99 for kits. Check out www.illamasqua.com

GIMME THAT ZING!

When life gives you lemons, simply say "thanks" and put them to work! Introducing Ole Henriksen's new Lemonade Smoothing Scrub, the miracle skin slushie that instantly polishes and retexturizes skin. Inspired by deconstructed lemonade, this satisfying scrub combines high-potency AHAs, lemon peel, and sugar exfoliants to instantly give you refreshed and polished skin, leaving you ready to shine on your big day!

Priced at £25, it's available at www.boots.com

BRIGHT EYES

Treat your face to a healthy cocktail of skin-vitamins and potent ingredients, revealing hydrated, smoothed and rejuvenated skin with Lady Showbiz's new skincare line. Check out the Pro-Age Eye Cream, which treats tired eyes and the appearance of wrinkles as well as dark circles. Moisture hero hyaluronic acid soothes the area and green tea extract helps skin appear fuller and tighter. Say hello to bright eyes on your wedding day.

Priced at £17.95 it's available at www.ladyshowbiz.com

Scent with love

Jo Loves Fragrance Paintbrush was the first of its kind when it launched in 2017. Now, reimagined it will take its innovative concept to the next level while putting the environment at the forefront. The slimmer, silver design uses less packaging and the refillable fragranced gel cartridges deliver fragrance swiftly with every pump. The gel formula holds the heavenly scent and dries in seconds. Perfect for slipping into your bridal clutch bag to freshen up throughout the big day.

The Fragrance Paintbrush with one refill is priced at £40, and refills are priced at £35. Check out www.joloves.com

Hard as nails

Winter weather can leave nails and cuticles dry and scaly. So, if this is where you find yourself now as we head into the spring and you're wishing for shiny, healthy nails, Cienna Rose Vita Therapy could be for you. This nourishing nail treatment is packed with ginseng, aloe vera, lemongrass, pomengranate and grape. Paint onto nails before you turn in and this botanical blend will infuse them while you sleep, boosting keratin for stong, healthy growth.

Priced at £11 and available from www.ciennarose.com

LOVELY LIPPY

If like me you find lipstick in general a bit uncomfortable, then allow me to introduce you to the latest members of the Burt's Bees Tinted Lip Balm family, Magnolia and Daisy. These rich berry hues offer a hint of sheer coverage paired with Burt's Bees hydrating beeswax balm for softly tinted and hydrated lips in one easy swipe, perfect for your wedding day and beyond. Plus, 100 per cent natural origin moisture-rich ingredients, such as shea butter and vitamin E, help reveal smooth, healthy-looking lips.

Priced at £5.99 and available at www.burtsbees.co.uk

Calm amidst the chaos

If planning your wedding in the midst of the pandemic has left you feeling frazzled it may be time for a benefit-infused bath. Enjoy a moment of escapism as you drift off in waters of green and pink with Lush's new 4:20pm CBD Bath Bomb. An afternoon soak in the bath can aid rest, elevate mood and help focus. Add this smoky sandalwood, patchouli and cannabidiol bath bomb into the mix and you're sure to discover the reset button.

£6.95 from www.lush.co.uk

Absolutely FLAWLESS

Our beauty editor caught up with Jess Wright to discuss wedding plans and just how she achieves that perfect complexion

Famed for her flawless skin, popular TV personality Jess Wright is a busy, go-getting woman. Whether she's on a shoot, busy filming, hosting her podcast – Girls #NoFilter, planning next year's wedding to William Lee-Kemp, or hard at work in her role as Crystal Clear's first celebrity ambassador, her perfect skin is the envy of all. Keen to know her secret, CWM beauty editor Kelly Andrews sat down for a chat with the reality star to get the lowdown, just for you!

Jess, thanks for making time in your hectic schedule to talk to us and huge congratulations on your forthcoming wedding. How do you imagine your big day?

Thank you! I imagine it to be beautiful, full of love and hopefully classy. As long as I'm surrounded by my family and loved ones, that's the most important thing.

How did William propose?

He did it on the balcony of our beautiful hotel room in the mountains in Courchevel. It was both spectacular and amazing.

What's your vision for your bridal beauty look?

Good skin is the perfect base so I'll be prepping with some fab Crystal Clear COMCIT facials in the run up to the big day for sure. Then I'll want my make-up to be slightly natural, with that dewy glow and some wispy lashes.

Do you have a picture of your dream dress in mind?

I've tried on so many dresses, but I definitely have a vision. I think I've chosen *the one*.

Completely understand you playing the cards close to your chest there! We look forward to the surprise. As the voice of experience, can you share with us your top wedding planning tips?

I'd say, make sure you have a good wedding planner. Also, do the guest list, but don't send the invitations out until later, as it'll definitely alter as time goes on!

So many couples have been forced to re-plan their weddings as a result of the pandemic. Have you encountered any such difficulties and do you have any advice for other couples facing the same challenges?

We've considered moving the wedding, but

at the minute it's a day-by-day update, so we're going to make the final decision in the spring. If you're not time restricted, I'd say move yours to 2022 if possible, so you can really enjoy the process rather than struggling through the pandemic.

Leading a jam-packed celebrity lifestyle while planning a wedding must make you an extremely busy lady! How do you juggle it all while still looking fabulous and flawless?

I love keeping busy, so I was really excited about planning a wedding on top of my already hectic lifestyle, but unfortunately that hasn't happened as the pandemic and various lockdowns have slowed me down. It has meant though that I've had plenty of time on my hands to plan the wedding!

What are your make-up bag must haves?

I love Chanel foundation for a quick matte bronze. Also, a good eyebrow pencil and a nourishing lip balm. I always keep the Crystal Clear Beach Glow Tanning Drops in my kit too. They're amazing for adding a subtle glow to your skin and you can dial it up depending on the depth of colour you're looking for.

Which is your favourite product from the range?

I'd have to say The Lifting Wand, one of the brand's beauty tools. It comes with its pharma-grade product, which is packed with hyaluronic acid. You use it for 60 seconds every day and it gives you deep hydration, depuffs eyes, plumps skin and lifts it. It's really easy to use and fits into your daily routine.

For a quick skin fix, I'd also highly recommend the 10 Minute Glow Mask, which literally does what it says on the tin and gives you glowing skin in just 10 minutes. It's incredibly satisfying to peel off as well!

Tell us why you love Crystal Clear.

I'm so excited to be chosen as the first ever ambassador for Crystal Clear Skincare. Their products are my holy grail and having tried so many different brands over the years, I just love the results you get with Crystal Clear, so it's amazing to be working with the brand. The range is extensive with something to suit all skin types and concerns. The Ionic Sonic2 Microdermabrasion Kit is my ultimate secret to Insta-ready, super-cleansed skin. I'm also a big fan of the salon treatments, especially the COMCIT facial. It really is the most fantastic treatment for softer, firmer and hydrated skin.

What's your number one beauty tip for brides?

Focus on your skin. Glowing skin is the best thing on your wedding day in terms of beauty, so do whatever you need to make it feel its best.

Finally, what's next for you?

Hopefully my wedding! Also, *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, the musical I'm in. This is all dependant on the pandemic though. Sending my love to everyone at this time.

To find out more about Crystal Clear head over to www.crystalclear.co.uk

Fashion & Beauty Q&A

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

DRESSED TO PERFECTION

Q – I've recently got engaged and am planning to go wedding dress shopping. What can I expect from my first appointment?

First of all, congratulations and welcome to your planning journey! You're bound to feel a little nervous attending your first bridal appointment, after all, it's not every day you get to try on a wedding dress. I can't talk for all bridal boutiques, but here at The Bridal House, we offer a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. We like to think that we put our brides and her guests at ease minutes after they walk through the door.

At the start of your appointment, your consultant will ask about your ideas and plans for the big day. Be descriptive as this will help paint a picture of how you envisage your special day and don't be afraid to ask questions.

My advice is to dress to your taste for the appointment, this will help the boutique recognise your style. White/nude underwear will also help with the overall look of the gown.

In my boutique, we encourage our brides to look through our collections and choose the designs that stand out to them. Take advantage of the bridal consultant's knowledge, as dresses can look completely different on a hanger to on a bride, they will know instantly what will suit your shape.

Once you have found *the one*, and trust me, you really will know when you have, your consultant will add a veil and hair accessory to give you the full bridal look.

Kirsty Hadwin | Wedding dress expert
www.thebridal-house.co.uk

PLANNING SOS

Q – There are so many make-up artists out there. How do I find the perfect supplier for my wedding?

Your bridal make-up should enhance your natural beauty, not change it. There are lots of artists out there, but each will have a different style. Are you looking for a natural glow, soft glam or full-blown glitz?

Google is a great place to start your search, especially if you're not from the area. Most brides like to choose someone local to the venue, as an early start may be needed depending on the size of your bridal party. Look through artists' portfolios to see what their usual style is and how much experience they have.

Your make-up artist should know that an early arrival is essential to calm any nerves, deal with last-minute blemishes and most importantly to ensure your make-up remains flawless throughout the day. We would also encourage you to have a trial that allows your supplier to understand your expectations, acknowledge any skin concerns and have a good chat over a cup of tea.

Your wedding venue will have a selection of suppliers that they will be happy to recommend. Alternatively, try looking at other options like Bridebook, which has portfolios and reviews of suppliers.

Amy Brown | Make-up artist
www.amybrown-makeup.co.uk

NATURAL BEAUTY

Q – I don't normally wear much make-up, but I want to for my wedding. How do I know what colours and products to use?

For a bride who doesn't usually wear a lot of make-up, I would always recommend a light application of tinted moisturiser or BB cream to keep the look fresh and dewy. There are some light foundations that will give you a very natural look while still staying in place throughout the day.

Make-up doesn't need to be heavy to even out your skin tone and imperfections. Stick to neutral tones on the eyes with just a pop of colour on the cheeks and lips to create a beautiful, natural look.

Sarah Mattinson | Make-up artist
www.sarahmattinson.com

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Dermaplaning as a salon treatment has been around for a while, and quite frankly the very thought of it has always terrified me. So, I wasn't too sure what to expect of this tool. I did my research on the benefits, genned up on this super-useful tutorial and I was ready to go. Wow, I don't know what I was so worried about. It was easy to do and took no more than five to 10 minutes. Probably 10 for me as I got a bit addicted and couldn't stop – I don't recommend that though. It's an incredibly satisfying process seeing all of that peach fuzz and dead skin disappear. I couldn't believe how smooth my skin felt afterwards. Leave your skin to rest for around eight hours afterwards before you apply any skin products or make-up as it's quite an intense exfoliation process, then repeat every two to four weeks. I can't wait to see how regular use improves my skin further. I'm definitely sold on dermaplaning!

Eve Lom Radiance Transforming Mask, £65
www.spacenk.com

I was surprised to find a balm texture when I first removed the lid, so was interested to see how this would go. Using the supplied spatula to remove the required amount of mask from the tub, I opted for generous dollop and began to massage it into my face as instructed. Its thick formula felt incredibly luxurious and I could already tell it was going to provide a pampering experience. I was particularly delighted by the advice to leave for a minimum of 30 minutes, which gave me an excuse to relax for a decent amount of time – none of this 10 minutes rubbish! When it was time to remove with warm water, I was delighted to find my skin looking renewed, beautifully supple and glowing.

PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

CWM's beauty editor puts this season's best buys to the test creating a head-to-toe makeover session you'll love

Kevyn Aucoin Kaleidochrome All-Over Highlight Palette, £39
www.lookfantastic.com

This multi-tasking palette offers four shades of highlight suitable whatever the look you're going for. I particularly loved the darker rose Space Party, which I used on my cheeks over my blusher for a radiant glow and Super Cosmic, which I added to the arch of my eyebrows and very top of my cheekbones. It really brought a multi-dimensional look to my make-up that can be tailored for day or night.

Sculpted by Aimee Connolly Lip Duo, £18
www.sculptedbyaimee.com

I'm a huge advocate for lip liners and their myriad benefits, but I do struggle to know which shade goes with which lipstick, find the two become separated and will admit to resenting buying both in the first place. So, these Lip Duos are a blessing! Not only are they perfectly colour matched offering you two products for the average price of one, but if your make-up bag is already packed, like mine, they offer a smart solution. I tried Mauve Match, which is a versatile neutral shade, ideal for everyday wear.

Margaret Dabbs Cracked Heel Treatment, £18
www.margaretdabbs.co.uk

Let me start by confessing that my heels are horrendous, always cracked and dry and nothing I try makes a difference. Until now that is. This product was well and truly put through its paces by my horrible hooves and the results were instant. After just one application the sandpaper effect was gone and with continued use it really is a miracle worker. It's my new beauty essential, and I can't wait to get the flip flops on!

No Secrets One Body Jelly, £49
www.nosecretsbeauty.com

This jellied body oil smells absolutely incredible with No Secrets' signature blend of essential oils – bergamot, juniper, petitgrain, eucalyptus and lavender. Less messy than a traditional body oil, you just need to massage a little in at a time for smooth and beautifully soft skin. Plus, the amazing fragrance lasts. Perfect for a pamper.

QUINTESSENTIALLY BRITISH

This season, British Independent brand Favourbrook has a multitude of classic menswear pieces that will elevate your big-day look. The velvet jacket collection features a number of different styles of varying formality, each one a great investment in itself and a beautiful introduction to elegant formalwear. Lovers of tradition will adore the traditional double-breasted styles with a contrasting black velvet shawl lapel edged with black braid and black velvet covered buttons. With wedding season and Royal Ascot hopefully returning this year, its perennial morning coats and waistcoats boast double-breasted shawl lapel styles in linen, single-breasted options in cotton corduroy and you won't find a larger collection of luxury waistcoats anywhere else.

Check out: www.favourbrook.com

Step out in style

Designed and made in Britain, new from Percy Stride the Paddington Oxfords are classic yet contemporary in a warm buttery shade for the ultimate style statement. The debossed timepiece motif at the back of the shoe is a standout design feature, while the shock reducing stacked leather heel ensures a comfortable fit for the wedding day – which notoriously can be long, all-day affairs!

Priced at £225, visit www.percystride.com

Grooms' NEWS

All the latest best buys and product launches

Beauty and the beard

Suitable for stubble, goatees, lamb-chops and full beards alike, these Nourishing Beard Oils (£12-£44) offer three gorgeous scents to choose from, Frankincense & Petitgrain, Cedarwood & Pink Pepper and Mandarin & Bergamot.

Seeing as beards are completely acceptable at modern nuptials it's essential yours is in tip-top condition. These oils are a hand-blended recipe combining natural carrier oils with pure essential oils, presented in a glass dropper-bottle. Within two to three weeks, you'll notice supple skin and hydrated, healthy facial hair.

Check out www.chilliwinter.co.uk

BLUE FOR YOU

The latest fragrances from Tiffany & Co., Tiffany & Love Eau de Toilette for Him and Tiffany & Love Eau de Parfum for Her, were created as a tribute to modern love.

The male scent is a citrusy, aromatic fragrance with a wood-infused base. The scent begins with oils of ginger, mandarin and cardamon, at the heart is a juniper-cypress blend and base notes of sandalwood, vetiver and the common ingredient of the duo Blue Sequoia note which features in both the his and hers pairing.

Priced at £54(50ml) or £75(90ml) check out www.theperfumeshop.com

Psst! Turn to page 13 to win a Tiffany & Love Eau de Toilette for Him and Tiffany & Love Eau de Parfum for Her set now!

Discerning designs

The Camden Watch Company, an independent British brand based in the heart of Camden, has released the No.29 Type II Automatic timepiece.

Based on its recently launched No.29 Type II, the new automatic is a different design featuring Arabic numerals on the black two-layer sunray dial, a date window and the company's signature "Camden Lock" blue seconds hand. The front of the case has a domed sapphire anti-reflection crystal and the back also features a sapphire anti-reflection crystal for viewing the inner workings.

All four limited edition colours oxblood, tan, brown and black are priced at £375 each, visit www.camdenwatchcompany.com

A ROYAL FLUSH

Be inspired by these regal colours, patterns and accessories

https://favourbrook.com

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£119, https://shop.westminster-abbey.org

£95, www.farrar-tanner.co.uk

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£690, https://favourbrook.com

£149, www.socosy.co.uk

£95, https://heating-and-plumbing.com

£35, https://foxandchave.com

£199, www.jeanjacob.com

£42.50, https://shop.westminster-abbey.org

£105, www.dunelondon.com

TIME TO EXPLORE

With a vast number of hotels in stunning locations across Europe, Middle East, Eurasia and Africa, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts recognises the benefits of taking the time to appreciate a destination. The company has revealed five of its best European hotels to visit for a longer stay, where guests can maximise their time spent connecting with their surroundings by taking part in a host of mindful activities.

Ramada by Wyndham Podgorica, Montenegro: Launched in 2020, Discovering Red Programme provides a series of experiences designed to give guests an insight into local culture and cuisine. It's perfectly situated for exploring all that the region has to offer including Skadar Lake National Park and the historical fishing settlement of Rijeka Crnojevica, whilst being within walking distance of all the city's attractions.

Wyndham Grand Crete Mirabello Bay, Greece: Located on the eastern side of Crete, the hotel offers magnificent views of the mountains meeting the Mediterranean Sea and a plethora of activities on its doorstep. Guests can explore Agios Nikolaos, charming villages and stunning beaches. The hotel is also a short boat ride away from abandoned Greek island Spinalonga.

Ramada Resort by Wyndham Kranjska Gora, Slovenia: Located at the foot of The Julian Alps, guests staying here can visit small alpine Lake Jasna (just a 20-minute walk from the hotel) with incredible mountain views and wild swimming in the spring and summer months. After a day of swimming, guests can explore the area on two wheels with a variety of cycling trails easily accessible from the lake.

Ramada by Wyndham Madrid Getafe, Spain: Guests staying here can visit the natural geological feature of La Pedriza, located in Sierra de Guadarrama National Park just north of Madrid, known for its striking rock formations and vast network of hiking trails and climbing routes. The area offers plenty of bird spotting opportunities with the griffon vulture, black vulture, Iberian magpie and the Spanish eagle known to soar above its dramatic landscape. Check out www.wyndhamhotels.com for more honeymoon inspiration.

HONEYMOON *News*

We've picked some UK minimoon destinations for those that want to stay close to home, and a couple of beauties further afield for a bit of dreamy, armchair-travelling until the day we can finally hop on a plane and fly again.

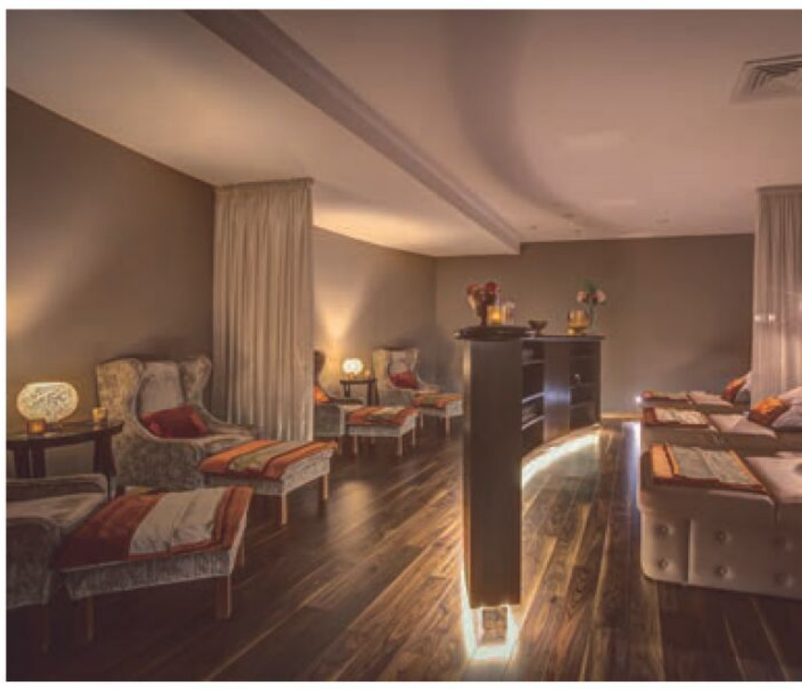
DREAM OF DISTANT SHORES

The five-star Kagi Maldives Spa Island has officially opened in North Male Atoll. The boutique 50-villa property provides couples, friends and solo travellers with a 360° wellness experience, just a 15-minute seaplane or 60-minute speedboat ride from Velana International Airport.

At the heart of the island sits Kagi's 1500-square-meter spa and wellness hub, complete with an open-air, teardrop-shaped sky roof at its core. Kagi also houses a state-of-the-art gym, two restaurants, three bars, a dive centre and a house reef.

Guests can choose from three room types: Beach Pool Villa, Lagoon Pool Villa or Ocean Pool Villa. Distinguished by their unique locations, they house a private pool, a sun deck and an expansive indoor-outdoor bathroom. The health and safety of its guests is of utmost importance to the team at Kagi Maldives Spa Island. The resort's innovative mobile app will allow guests to reduce contact and maintain social distancing through functions such as self-check in, restaurant reservation and menu pre-selection, housekeeping requests and more, while doubling up as a room key. This, alongside the strictest adherence to international hygiene and cleanliness standards, ensures a safe stay without compromising on guests' luxurious holiday experience. Visit the website www.kagimaldives.com for more information.

AWARD WIN CELEBRATIONS



Belfast's five-star Culloden Estate & Spa, which has entertained A-list couples such as Victoria and David Beckham and Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas, has won Best Hotel for Romance in the UK by *Luxury Lifestyle Magazine*.

To celebrate the hotel has launched two new packages:

Five Star Romance from £175pp includes: luxurious overnight stay in an Executive Room, mini bottle of prosecco each in room, romantic breakfast in bed the following morning, candlelit three-course dinner in Vespers Restaurant, sensuous ESPA bath oils for a dreamy bath experience, and a Hastings Love Duck.

The Just the Two of Us from £575pp includes: two-nights' accommodation in a beautiful suite overlooking the Estate or Belfast Lough, romantic breakfast in bed on the first morning and in Vespers on the second morning, bottle of champagne in your suite on arrival, candlelit three-course dinner in Vespers on the first night of your stay, sensuous ESPA bath oils for a sumptuous bathing experience, one 50-minute treatment each in the newly opened Couples Treatment Suite, and a Hastings Love Duck. Check out the following website www.hastingshotels.com for more details.

ONE FOR FOODIES

New for the year ahead, dazzling Victorian country house hotel Beaverbrook launches an assortment of interactive Stay & Cook packages at The School of Cookery, where guests will learn tricks of the trade from the in-house team of professional chefs.

Whether it's the Okawari Japanese experience, a sushi-making masterclass, or the Hearty and Homegrown experience, a sustainable cooking class, or perhaps the Plant-based & Nutritious experience for eco-conscious guests looking to improve their plant-based repertoire; guests are guaranteed to leave The School of Cookery with new skills sure to impress.

The experiences will be overseen by The School of Cookery manager, Gerard Molloy, who has more than 15 years' experience working in prestigious kitchens across the UK, including Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons, Soho Farmhouse and L'Ecrivain Dublin.

The Stay & Cook experiences start from £835 for two adults including overnight accommodation, daily breakfast, a two-hour cookery class and dinner. Check out www.beaverbrook.co.uk

FROM LONDON WITH LOVE

Ruby Hotels, has launched its first UK property in London's Southbank. The new 76-room hotel, Ruby Lucy, enjoys a prime position on the Southbank's Lower Marsh, while the interior design is inspired by the area's bustling fairs, markets, entertainment and theatre scene, with a carnival theme running throughout the hotel. Rich, dark tones meet bright brass accents and subtle stripes, accessorised with playful props including circus drums and juggling pins.

All guest rooms showcase Ruby Hotels' sleep-scientist-approved formula, including full soundproofing and blackout curtains, quirky touches and cutting-edge technology such as a Marshall guitar amp and a personal tablet pre-loaded with a carefully-curated London city guide.

Nightly rates at Ruby Lucy start from £119 per night. Check out www.ruby-hotels.com

EDITOR'S PICK: THE FAB FOUR

Cary Arms & Spa, South Devon: This award-winning "Inn on the Beach" has a spectacular coastal location, boutique spa, fabulous local food, warm atmosphere and exceptional service. A much-loved and firm fixture on the South Devon coastline, it also boasts dog-friendly rooms and has a sustainability manifesto. Check out www.caryarms.co.uk

Merry Harriers, Surrey: This refurbished country inn with llama trekking is an hour from London but feels a world away. The five Shepherds Huts surround a pond with views of the Surrey Hills and each has a firepit and indoor log burner. There's also six Garden Rooms each with its own entrance and views of the llamas, and four inn rooms. Visit https://merryharriers.com

The Eastbury, Dorset: Recently refurbished, this 17th-century 26-bedroom country house hotel has a 2AA Rosette restaurant, spa and gardens. Accomodation includes a self-catering cottage, and also an array of beautiful traditional rooms, garden rooms and Victorian Garden Potting Shed Suites which have their own entrances for added privacy and private firepit - perfect for cold nights relaxing under the stars. The cottage is full of character with a large inglenook wood-burning fireplace, wooden beams and modern facilities. Check out https://theeastburyhotel.co.uk

Beach Hut Suites at The Beachcroft, West Sussex: Situated on a seven-mile coastal footpath, Beachcroft Beach Hut Suites make the ideal bolthole for couples, families, friends and not forgetting four-legged companions. The huts have a private entrance for contact-free travel, overlook Falpham pebble beach and accommodate up to two adults and two children in a mezzanine master bedroom and a second bedroom with bunk beds. There's a stylish lounge area with corner sofa, Netflix-enabled smart TV and amenities. Visit https://beachcroftbeachhuts.co.uk

Back to nature

Cosy cabins, lush lodges and quirky shepherds huts are our top picks this issue covering Suffolk, Dorset and Norfolk – true escapism, enjoy!

The Scrumpy Shepherd, Suffolk

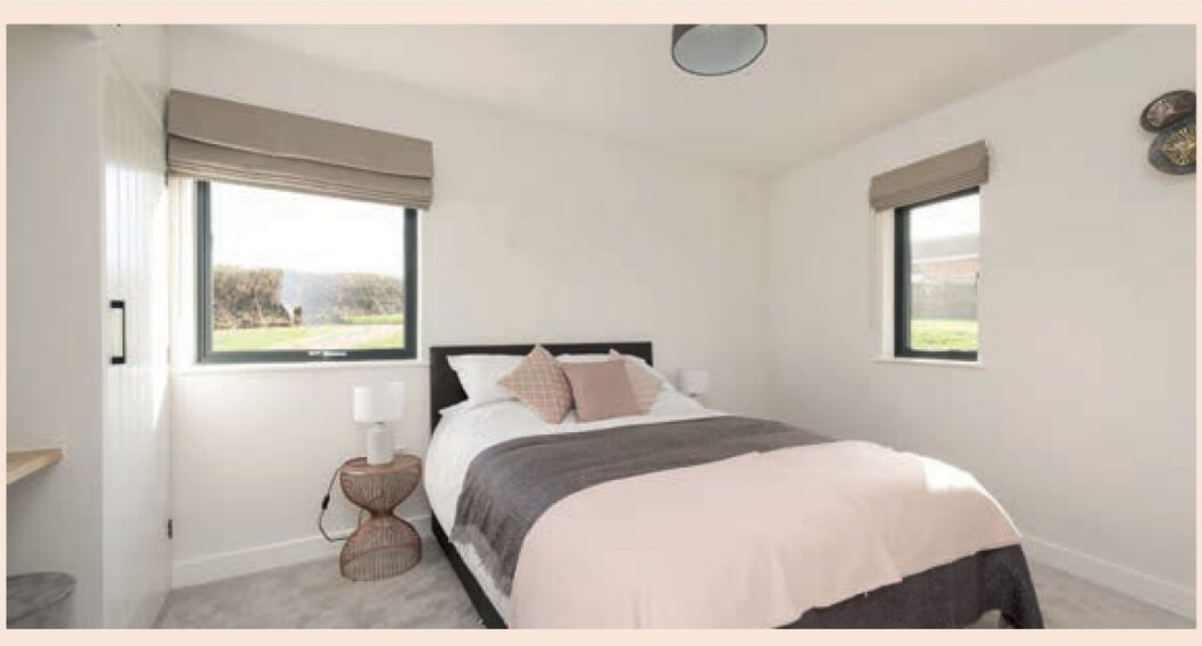
The Scrumpy Shepherd is totally magical for a romantic break for two. Handcrafted, the owners wanted The Scrumpy Shepherd to feel like a luxury private hotel so have gone the extra mile to include some extra treats to delight you. Everything you need for your relaxing break is provided; inside there's a small bespoke oak kitchen with Emma Bridgewater crockery and seating area with wood burning stove, a luxury double bed with storage, a fabulous en suite bathroom with copper shower-head, WC, fluffy towels, hairdryer and complimentary luxury toiletries. The Scrumpy Shepherd is located in a private orchard and can be reached by walking over a meadow of new and ancient fruit trees. A firepit, barbecue and oak table and chairs with lighting in the orchard trees allows you to choose to cook outside, wrapped up in cosy blankets, gazing at the vast Suffolk sunsets or famous dark starry skies! The views from the orchard, over the surrounding fields and meadows banking the Deben Valley are outstanding.

Sleeps 2. From £poa for 3 nights travelling April 2021.

Bramble, Dorset

Bramble is the smallest of three eco retreats constructed in 2020 and boasts a ground source heat pump, underfloor heating, bi-folding doors and cosy wood burning stove. The light and spacious, open-plan accommodation is all on the ground floor which leads out via the bi-folding doors to a sunny terrace and garden including your very own wood-fired hot tub. Sleeping four guests in two king-size bedrooms, both have an en suite with luxury features such as a copper bath and large copper shower tray. Outside, the terrace and garden enjoy breathtaking, far-reaching rural views of Bulbarrow and The Blackmore Vale, which can be enjoyed from the warmth of the hot tub. With the Wessex Ridgeway on your doorstep, walking opportunities are endless. If you feel inclined, wander into the village of Ansty via a quiet lane and across a bridleway, where you'll find a charming farm shop, post office and good local pub.

Sleeps 4. From £684 for 4 nights travelling April 2021.



The Railway Carriage, Norfolk

Step back in time to the golden age of steam, dust off your carpet bag, pack an Agatha Christie or two, and let your imagination run wild as you take an adventure aboard your very own Victorian railway carriage. Set in a large south facing paddock backed by woodland, this sympathetically restored comfortable accommodation boasts original flooring and brass fittings, a late Victorian walnut double bed and Tiffany style lamps. Although fully authentic in nearly every way, this railway carriage now has electric lighting and all the creature comforts you'll need. A compact fitted kitchen sits at the front end of the carriage, and the bedroom and en suite shower room are reached at the far end in the guard's van, with the living space running in between.

Sleeps 2. From £467 for 3 nights travelling April 2021.

The Lodge, Suffolk

This unique, Finnish log cabin has been built to the highest standard and is comfortably furnished throughout. The spacious living area has a fabulous homely feel with a contemporary wood burning stove for cosy nights. There are two good sized bedrooms – one double and one twin – with the double having an en suite bathroom with modern shower. The family bathroom has a freestanding bath and stunning Moroccan basin. Highly eco-friendly, the cabin is well insulated so cool in summer and warm in winter – it's heated throughout with underfloor heating. Set in a mature garden with a terraced area for outside dining, The Lodge has wonderful views from the garden and main bedroom over rolling Suffolk farmland.

Sleeps 4. From £527 for 3 nights travelling April 2021.

Woodland Retreat Lodge, Suffolk

A perfect hideaway for two situated in a peaceful and picturesque part of the countryside within easy reach of both the coast and Framlingham. Tucked away off a quiet lane, the charming Woodland Retreat Lodge is a first floor cosy hideaway, which has been furnished for comfortable living for those wishing to escape for some peace and tranquillity. The living space is open-plan with a king-size bed in the bedroom, an en suite shower room and a small kitchen. There is parking available, and also livery available for two horses.

Sleeps 2. From £240 for 3 nights travelling April 2021.

Everdene Lodge, Dorset

This beautiful, timber-clad property comprises of an open-plan sitting, dining and kitchen area. Adjoining the open-plan living area is a bedroom with super-king size bed and en suite shower room. The light filled, airy rooms with exposed beams are beautifully decorated throughout. The sitting area has a stunning floor to ceiling window offering magnificent views of the Dorset countryside and a wood burning stove to keep you cosy on a winter's day. Well situated for exploring towns such as Sherborne and Shaftesbury but still within reach of Dorset's magnificent Jurassic Coast, this unique property in the village of Totnell near Leigh is perfect for couples who wish to enjoy this beautiful part of Dorset.

Sleeps 2. From £564 for 3 nights travelling April 2021.

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Retreat to the city

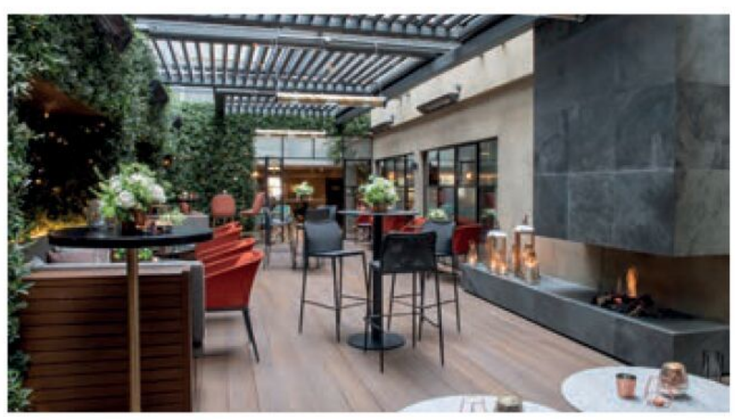
Hannah Faulder visits The Marylebone, and finds out that it offers the best of both worlds for a minimoon in the capital

As the country prepared for Lockdown Part II, my husband and I managed to sneak in a last-minute escape to the city to enjoy a much-needed retreat at The Marylebone. Nestled in the hotel's super-trendy namesake neighbourhood, between the Georgian Welbeck Street and the part-pedestrianised Marylebone Lane, you're just a short walk from London's most famous Monopoly locations, from Bond Street to Mayfair.

Stepping out for a stroll from the hotel, you'd be forgiven for thinking you're in a bustling Cotswolds village – that is until you happen upon Oxford Street. But this is what makes it such a wonderful destination for a minimoon or post-wedding break: it's close to the action, but it provides a tranquil retreat from it too.

STAY

Cross the threshold, and you'll find a neutral palette offsets the pops of colour and modern paintings on the walls perfectly. Look carefully, and you'll notice a subtle design scheme reflecting the four seasons as you walk through the hotel. Following an extensive refurbishment, the striking decor extends throughout, and no luxurious touch has been spared. Classic timber flooring, marble-topped counters and wood panelling blend seamlessly with curated artwork and designer furniture. There's a whole host of event spaces too for weddings and celebrations with real character; I particularly loved the verdant Palm Room and the sociable al fresco terraces.



Our corner suite was chic and fresh, its spacious circular layout houses a small kitchen area, complete with Nespresso machine, a sumptuous living area, dining table and huge marshmallowy bed. "We could live here," my husband and I kept saying to each other. We sat, champagne in hand, and gazed out of the window over the pretty streets of Marylebone with the city lights glittering in the distance; it had a distinct *Mary Poppins* vibe. The striking marble bathroom boasted a huge bath, walk-in shower and trendy Malin+Goetz toiletries. The welcome pack with COVID-safe goodies like hand sanitiser was gratefully received, and the hotel clearly states all the measures it has taken to look after guests' wellbeing.

Looking to really treat yourself and your loved one? The super-stylish Marylebone Suite has a showstopping cedar-clad terrace, with a retractable roof, awesome vistas and an outdoor TV and fireplace – it's certainly memorable! While you're here, why not treat yourself to some R&R in the Third Space Health Club, with its gym and 18m pool.

EAT

We dragged ourselves away from the champagne and fluffy robes long enough to enjoy the hotel's restaurant, 108 Brasserie. This is not a typical hotel restaurant, more a fabulous eatery for locals and tourists alike that just happens to be attached. Set on the cobbles of Marylebone Lane, the outdoor seating with patio heaters makes it look so inviting. Inside, you'll find traditional style with a modern edge, from rich upholstery and parquet flooring to antique mirrors and decadent florals. The meals on the globally inspired menu feature fresh ingredients with a focus on seasonality. Yummy burrata, salads and decadent desserts were the order of the day, making the restaurant a must-visit for guests.

EXPLORE

The next morning, we treated ourselves to a full English breakfast (one vegetarian) in bed, with hearty portions served under silver cloches, before heading out on foot to explore the neighbourhood. This soon turned into a wonderful day strolling through the nearby Royal Parks, spotting parrots and pelicans before ducking into a café for a takeaway coffee as we meandered up The Mall to take in Buckingham Palace. Next up was a stroll through Hyde Park and into the shopping mecca that is Oxford Street before heading back for a quiet drink at the hotel's bar – perfection! If you don't get the best weather, though, the capital's attractions are within easy reach on public transport – or you could just hunker down in your room and luxuriate in your newly wedded bliss.

For more information, and to book your stay at The Marylebone, visit www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-marylebone-hotel or call 020 7486 6600

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Kymani will remove the stress normally involved with organising a large group by allowing guests to pre-order all food and beverages in advance, meaning the time away can be spent just being together rather than worrying about cooking, or endless trips to the supermarket. The process will be made even easier by the Kymani Concierge app. Each member will have access to the app meaning they can pre-book and pre-pay for all their additional activities.

An onsite guest relations team will be on hand at all times to ensure everything runs completely to plan, and that guests have everything they need.

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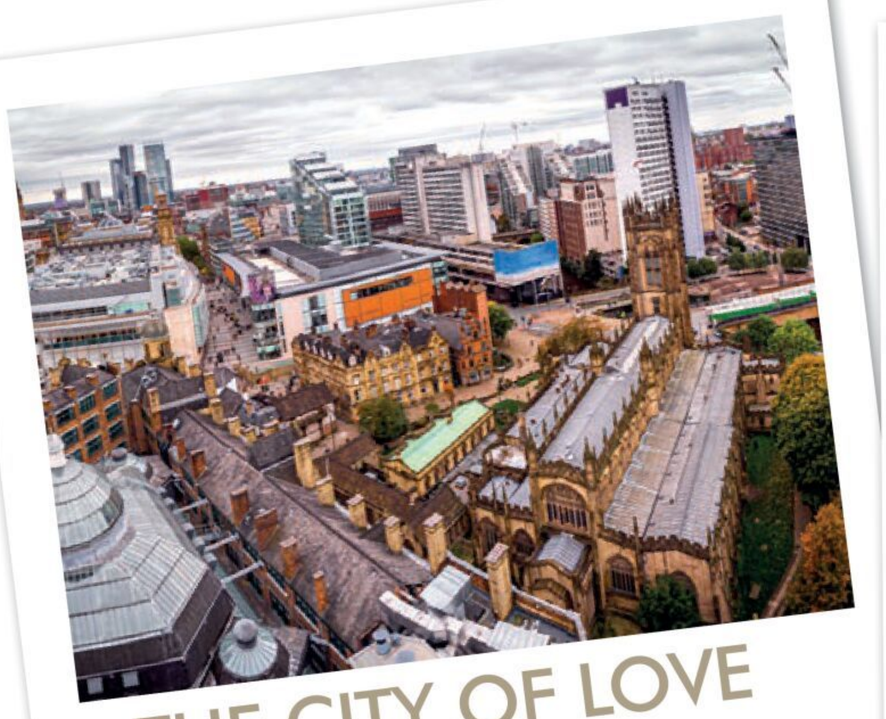

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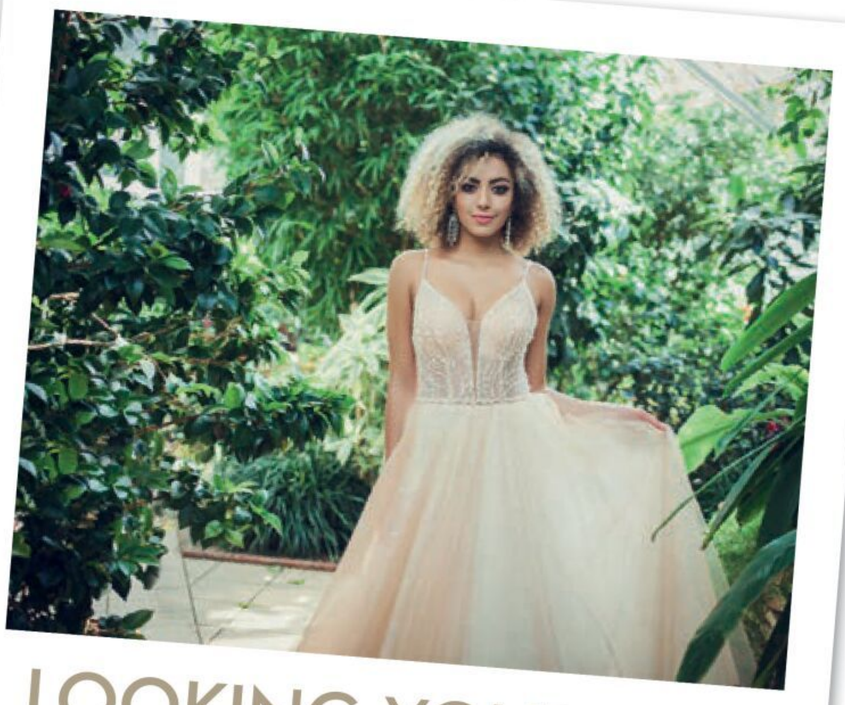

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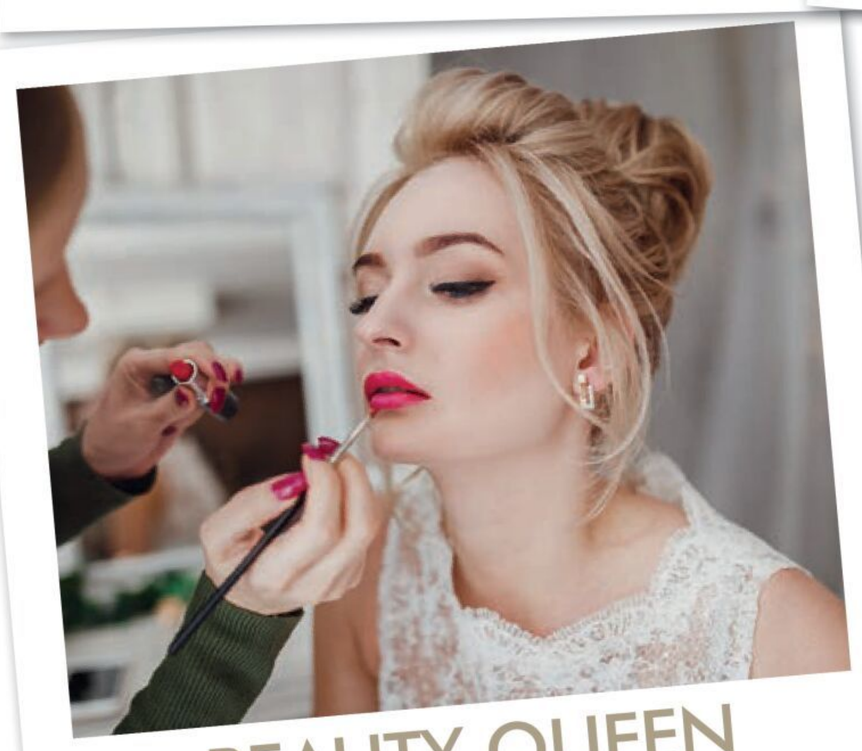

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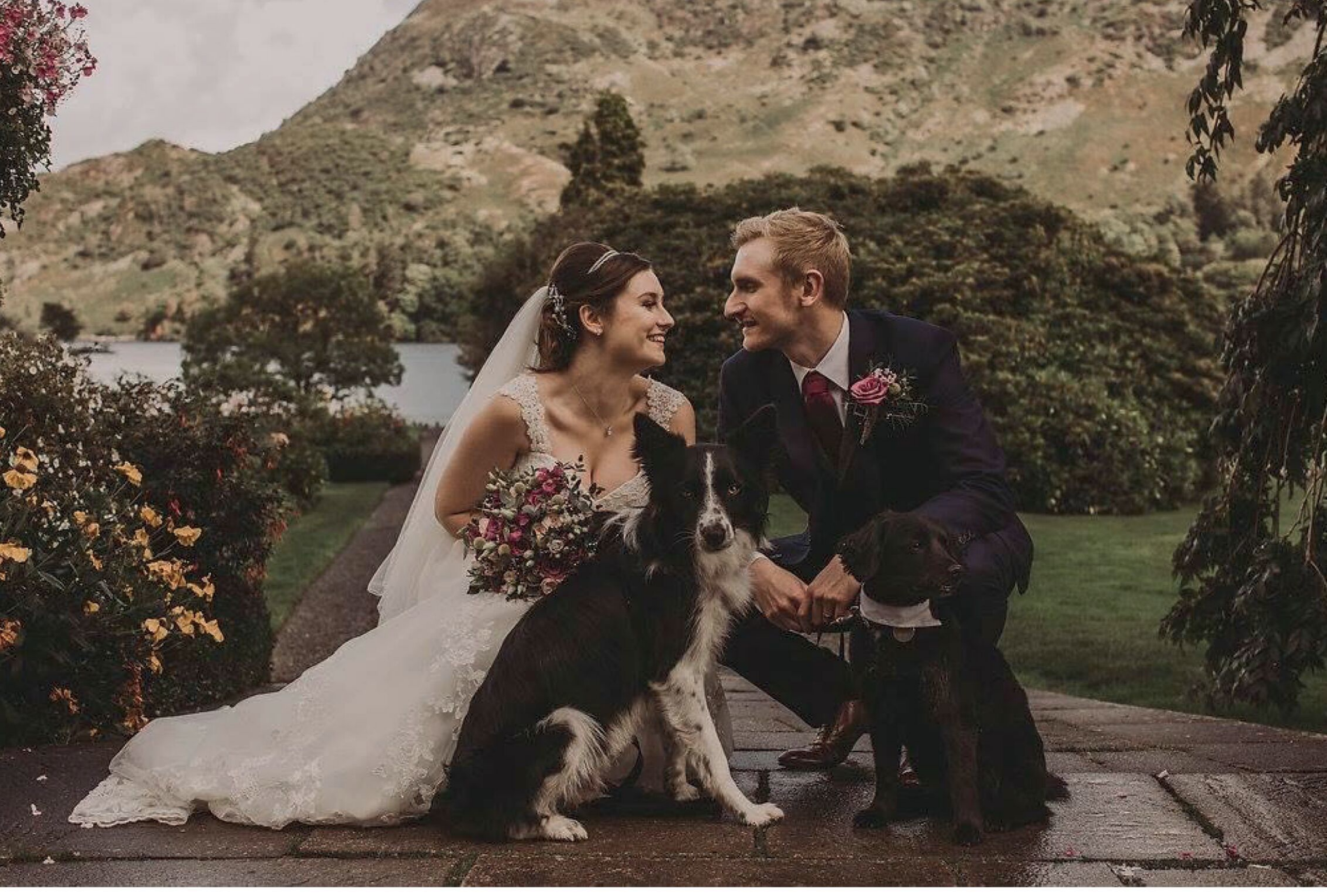

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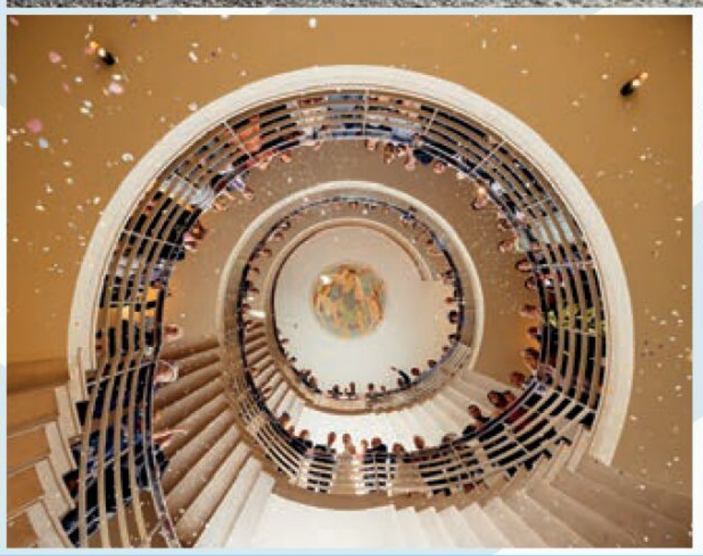

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