

Your BERKS, BUCKS & OXON WEDDING

www.yourberksbucksoxon.wedding

A warm
WELCOME

Stunning waterside venues

GIVE IT
A GLOW

Big-day beauty
must-haves

*The beauty
of nature*

Sustainable styled shoot

ON THE
MENU

Delicious dishes
and sweet treats

Love actually

Romantic real-life weddings

WIN!

A two-night stay
in the Lake District,
worth £1,500

FROCK
STAR

Fun and
flirty dresses

From the
HEART

Expert local suppliers
reveal all

£3.55

AUG/SEPT 2022



FASHION, BEAUTY, GROOMS, HONEYMOONS, NEWS, OFFERS, VENUES AND MORE



HORWOOD HOUSE

HOTEL | SPA | ESTATE

ABOVE & BEYOND

The wedding venue that gives you memories to last
for anniversaries....



WWW.HORWOODHOUSE.CO.UK

01296 722100 | WEDDINGS@HORWOODHOUSE.CO.UK



REGULARS

6 EDITOR'S LETTER

A warm welcome from Claire

9 NEARLYWED NEWS

Catch up on news from around the regions

15 FREEBIES & OFFERS

Great giveaways and discounts up for grabs

61 HOT TOPIC

Local experts offer big-day advice

90 COMPETITION

Win a two-night stay in the Lake District

VENUES

21 DOWN BY THE WATER'S EDGE

Make a splash in one of these wedding venues

27 SPOTLIGHT ON EAST BERKSHIRE & READING

We reveal where to wed



On the cover...

Berkshire-based wedding photographer Joe Mallen took the stunning cover image this issue as part of Cheryl and Rob's wedding at Wasing (www.wasing.co.uk/weddings) revealed on page 37. To book Joe for your wedding, visit <https://joemallenphotography.co.uk>

FEATURES

49 THE BEAUTY OF NATURE

This rustic-inspired shoot at Bradwell Abbey in Milton Keynes showcases a sustainable, late-autumn wedding

53 CAMERA READY

Local wedding photographers reveal their favourite snaps

57 WHAT'S NEW

In the world of wedding catering



74

FASHION & BEAUTY

68 FASHION FOCUS

The latest bridal fashion news, buys and launches

69 STYLE DOWN THE AISLE

These boho-inspired dresses in luxe lace and flowing fabrics were made for fun and flirting

74 LEADING LADY

Mothers-of-the-bride will love these stylish dresses and accessories

75 PARTY PIECES

These glamorous gowns are worthy of the red carpet

78 BEAUTY BUZZ

Get the look with the must-haves for the bride-to-be

81 FASHION & BEAUTY Q&A

Our local professionals solve your problems



78

68



REAL WEDDINGS

30 A STYLISH AFFAIR

Daisy and Ed's big day followed a light pink and blue colour theme with delicate touches of gold

37 MAGIC MOMENTS

Cheryl and Rob's big day at Wasing in Berkshire was decorated with a dusky blue and blush pink theme

42 IT'S PARTY TIME!

Laura and Fraser's special day enjoyed a dusky pink and mauve colour theme with a nod to the various musicals that they enjoy

GROOMS

83 GROOMS' NEWS

Best buys and product launches

HONEYMOONS

84 HONEYMOON NEWS

The newest openings and honeymoon destinations

86 TRAVEL GOALS

An island country nestled in South Asia, Sri Lanka has always been a bucket-list destination for Louise Prance

98 CARIBBEAN VIBES

Enjoy breathtaking, tropical views whilst listening to turquoise waters rolling in with a glass of St. Lucia's famous rum punch in hand

86



RACKLEYS

Chiltern Hills



Classic elegance with a modern twist, Rackleys Barn
is Buckinghamshire's new secret wedding venue

rackleys.co.uk

EDITORIAL

01376 535 611
 Claire Ridley | **Editor**
 clairer@county.wedding
 Danielle Harvey | **Managing Editor,**
Grooms Editor and Travel Editor
 Kelly Andrews | **Senior Editor and**
Beauty Editor
 Claire Ridley | **Fashion Editor**

DESIGN

01376 535 616
 artwork@county.wedding
Graphic Designers | Stephanie Hodder
 | Vicky O'Connor
Production Assistant | Lorna Butcher
Digital Marketing Coordinator
 Katie Laley

Web Development Manager

Stuart Weatherley

ADVERTISING


Sales & Events Director
 Sarah Ellis | 01376 538 490
 sarahe@county.wedding
Account Manager
 Julia Owen | 01376 538 556
 julia.owen@county.wedding

Subscriptions


01376 514 000
 subscriptions@county.wedding

ACCOUNTS

01376 535 616
 accounts@county.wedding
Accounting Manager | Derrick James

 @YourBerksBucksOxonWedding

 @CWM_YBBOW

 @countyweddingmagazines

Visit us online at www.county.wedding and www.countyweddingevents.com

Your Berks Bucks & Oxon Wedding is solely owned, published and designed by KD Media Publishing. Whilst every effort was made to ensure the information in this magazine was correct at the time of going to press, the publishers cannot accept legal responsibility for any errors or omissions, nor can they accept responsibility for advert content, or of the standing of advertisers or by the editorial contributions. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher. *Your Berks Bucks & Oxon Wedding* is published six times a year. Subscription rates are £18.20 per annum (incl. p+p). Cheques should be made out to KD Media Publishing and sent to *Your Berks Bucks & Oxon Wedding*, c/o KD Media Publishing, Pantile House, Newlands Drive, Witham, Essex CM8 2AP.

ISSN 2049-4203

Summer in Santorini



Yes, you guessed it, I have been lucky enough to take a trip to the jewel of the Greek islands this year and it didn't disappoint! Santorini has always featured high on my travel wish-list and thanks to The Greek Villas, this trip became a reality (don't miss my review later this autumn!)

For those of you not braving the airport crowds this year and vacationing closer to home, our latest issue is packed with staycation ideas that double up as waterside wedding venues. Couples needing ideas should take inspiration from our real-life weddings, in particular, Cheryl and Rob's fabulous celebration at Berkshire-based wedding venue Wasing.

Check out www.yourberksbucksaxon.wedding and our social channels for fashion, beauty, and wedding styling ideas and we've recently created our very own County Wedding Magazines YouTube channel, providing our readers with plenty of wedspiration from venue tours to dream dresses. Catch up on beauty reviews and how-tos from our beauty editor and peek behind the scenes of styled shoots featured in our titles past and present. You can even be a fly on the wall at some real weddings and you'll also find local supplier interviews packed with tips and tricks.

We're adding more content all the time, so why not hit **SUBSCRIBE** so you never miss a thing? It's your one-stop-shop for wedding vid-spiration! Simply head to YouTube and search *County Wedding Magazines*.

Wishing you a very happy holiday and safe travels and I'll see you next issue!

Claire x

Claire Ridley,
Editor



Enjoying the views in the Insta-worthy town of Oia in Santorini,



Our exclusive shoot for this issue on page 49 took place at Bradwell Abbey in Milton Keynes.

How cute is this wedding dress candle from <https://noneofyourbeeswax.com> featured in our news section on page nine – I want one for my home even though I'm not getting married!



Being well looked after by our host Michael at the luxurious Villa Mellow located close to Oia in Santorini. Booked through The Greek Villas, this piece of paradise comes with 24-hour private service (<https://thegreekvillas.com>)



I love photography as a hobby, not just as part of my job, so it was wonderful seeing some of the finest local wedding photographers reveal their favourite big-day snaps, including Kevin at Potters Instinct Photography. Turn to page 53 to see more!



I love Oxfordshire wedding venue Tythe so it was fun writing about Laura and Fraser's big day on page 42. This beautiful bicycle used to display flowers outside the barn has inspired me to get back on my pink ladies' bike this summer!



Daisy and Ed's real wedding included some Insta-worthy touches that can be seen on page 30.

I'm learning to roller skate this summer! Read more about Impala Skate on page 68.



Bringing the outdoors in – turn to page 21 to see the latest from waterside wedding venues, including Buckinghamshire-based Horwood House.



It was a pleasure to compile the real wedding of Cheryl and Rob at Wasing in Berkshire. Turn to page 37 to read all about it.

Berkshire Wedding Fairs



2022 Wedding Fairs

Sunday 4th September

Easthampstead Park
Off Peacock Lane,
Wokingham RG40 3DF
11am - 3pm, free admission

Monday 5th September

Hillfields Farm Estate
Park Wall Lane,
Lower Basildon RG8 9PE
4.30pm - 8.30pm, free admission

Sunday 11th September

Crowne Plaza Reading
Richfield Avenue, Caversham,
Reading RG1 8BD
11am - 3pm, free admission

Sunday 18th September

Trunkwell House Hotel
Beech Hill Road, Beech Hill,
Reading RG7 2AT
11am - 3pm, free admission

Sunday 25th September

De Vere Wokefield Estate
Goodboys Lane, Mortimer,
Reading RG7 3AE
11am - 3pm, free admission

Sunday 2nd October

Coppid Beech Hotel
John Nike Way,
Bracknell RG12 8TF
11am - 3pm, free admission

Sunday 9th October

The Great House at Sonning
Thames Street, Sonning-on-Thames,
Reading RG4 6UT
11am - 3pm, free admission

Sunday 23rd October

Fredrick's Hotel & Spa
Shoppenhangers Road,
Maidenhead SL6 2PZ
11am - 3pm, free admission

www.berkshireweddingfairs.co.uk | info@berkshireweddingfairs.co.uk

[f berkshireweddingfairs](https://www.facebook.com/berkshireweddingfairs) | [@ berkshireweddingfairs](https://www.instagram.com/berkshireweddingfairs)

07708 249 440 | 07990 711 444

ASCOT TRAVEL HOUSE

We listen to YOUR needs and find a trip that's perfect for YOU. Take the stress out of booking your next getaway. Simply call us and let us do the legwork.

**WE SEARCH,
YOU TRAVEL.**

VILLA HOLIDAYS

WEDDINGS ABROAD

SKI & WINTER

CRUISE

CITY BREAKS

LONG HAUL GETAWAYS

HONEYMOONS

SAY HELLO!

SCAN TO
FIND US



Airport
Hotels



Car Hire



Airport
Parking



Transfers



Excursions



Lounge
Passes

+44 (0)1344 890400
sales@ascottravelhouse.co.uk

www.ascottravelhouse.co.uk

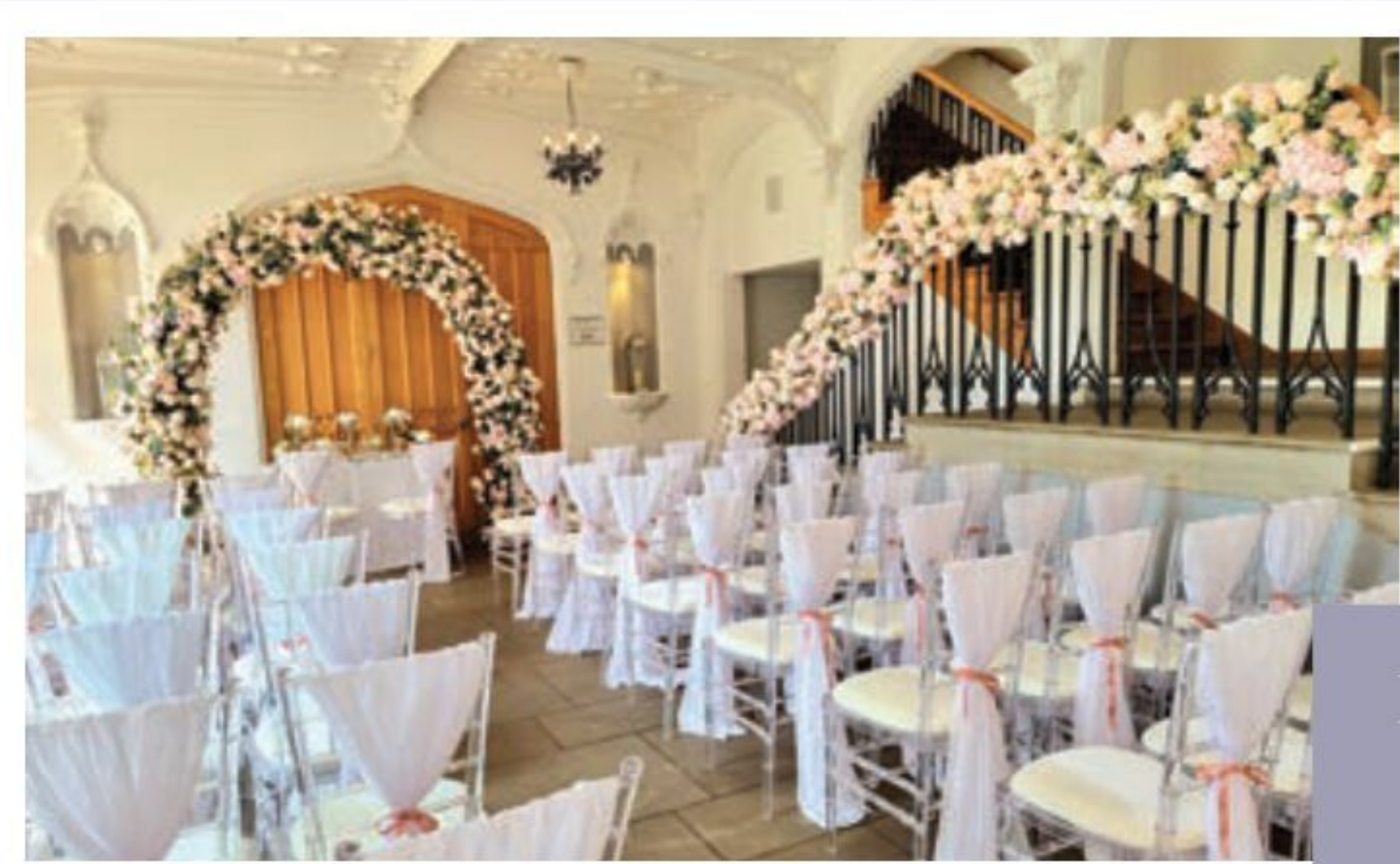
[@AscotTrav](https://www.facebook.com/AscotTrav) [@ascottravhouse](https://www.instagram.com/ascottravhouse)

[@ascot_travel_house](https://www.instagram.com/ascot_travel_house)

MISSENDEN ABBEY

Your Wedding

Set amidst 10 acres of picturesque grounds, this 12th Century medieval Abbey offers the perfect setting for your special day.



Wedding Fair

Sunday 25th September, 12pm - 4pm

Join us at the Missenden Abbey Wedding Fair, where you can see the Abbey beautifully set up for a wedding.

Enjoy a glass of fizz and meet a variety of local wedding suppliers as you walk around our magical venue featuring stained glass windows and high vaulted ceilings.

Head to our website to find out more.

Memorable weddings happen at Missenden Abbey



We'd love to show you our gorgeous venue. Call us to arrange a viewing with our wedding coordinators

Licensed for weddings and civil partnerships

Packages to suit all couples

Complimentary bridal suite

57 en-suite bedrooms on-site

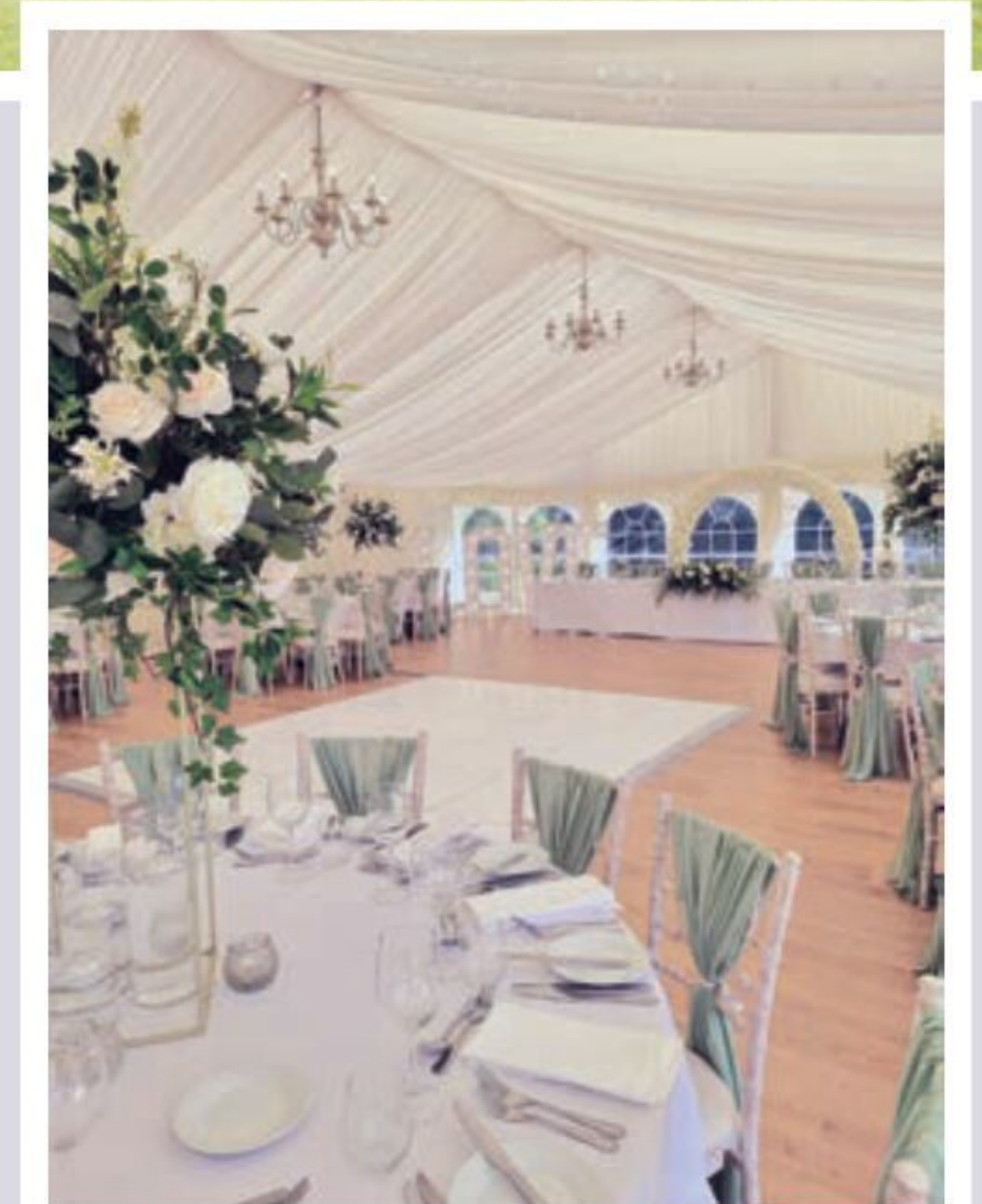
Marquee options available

Space for live music or DJ

For more information or to arrange a viewing, call us on 01494 867996 or email weddings@missendenabbey.ltd.uk

www.missendenabbey.co.uk

Great Missenden | Bucks | HP16 0BD





YOUR STORY BRIDAL BOUTIQUE OPENS IN MARLOW

Exclusive bridal boutique Your Story opens its doors in Liston Court, Marlow this August. A luxurious wedding dress destination, the showroom will provide a tailored experience for brides-to-be, offering a unique mix of prestige wedding dress designers not available anywhere else in the local area including Evie Young, Love & Liberty, Nicole Milano and Watters. The boutique is also the first to stock accessory designer Ophelia Ren, who offers beautiful, handmade floral accessories. Each piece is created from lightweight clay and can be designed to match any wedding colour palette, they're the perfect way to incorporate flowers into the day without them wilting or fading.

Founded by bridal expert Natalie Cameron, Your Story Bridal Boutique focuses solely on each bride's unique identity, appreciating that everyone's journey to the perfect dress is different. The team recognises that this experience is something that will be remembered forever. Natalie tells us, "I'm so excited to be opening Your Story Bridal Boutique in Marlow. The town creates the perfect backdrop for a bridal showroom and there's something special about Marlow, making it the perfect place to find the dream dress. We can't wait to welcome everyone and begin their journeys with them."

For more information, visit www.yourstorybridal.co.uk

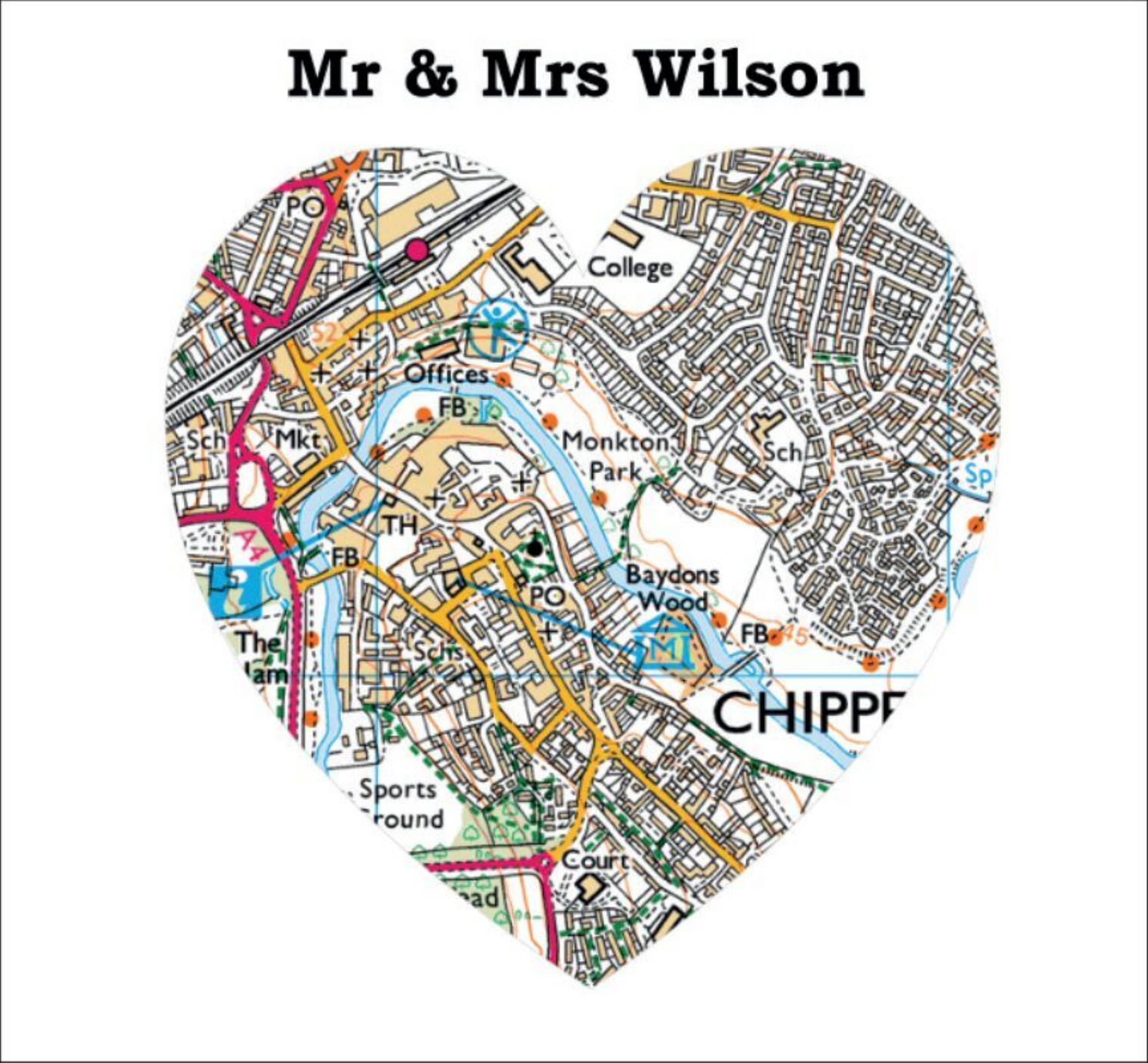
Nearlywed NEWS

The latest news from around both counties

EDITOR'S FAVOURITE

This wedding location frame by Marlow-based Map Gifts, Etc is just one of many personalised map gifts and home décor items.

To shop, visit www.mapgiftsetc.etsy.com



SCAMP & DUDE TO OPEN FLAGSHIP MARLOW STORE

Guests at weddings will love fashion brand Scamp & Dude which has launched its flagship store on Marlow High Street this summer, bringing further buzz to the already bustling high street. The famously colourful brand that's well-known for its bold offering of dresses and loungewear will be offering a stunning selection of womenswear and children's fashion.



Founded in 2016 by Jo Tutchener-Sharp following a lengthy stay in hospital undergoing brain surgery, the brand reaches far beyond fashion with a focus on giving back. For each Superhero Sleep Buddy sold, another is donated to a child who has lost a parent or is seriously ill themselves. Similarly, for every Super Scarf sold, another is donated to a woman with cancer or the mother of a child with cancer. So far, Scamp & Dude has donated over 5000 Superhero Sleep Buddies and 5500 Super Scarves.

The new Marlow store creates a space for the local community to come together and enjoy a range of events throughout the year. Marlow is local to Scamp & Dude's birthplace and is intended as the brand's new home for continued growth far into the future.

Jo tells us, "Marlow seemed like the perfect place to open our flagship store, partly because it's our local town, but also because it's such a vibrant place to be. The Scamp & Dude shop will be so much more than just a retail space, it will also be used to hold regular events too, bringing the community together. We can't wait to welcome customers into the world of Scamp & Dude."

To shop, visit <https://scampanddude.com>

CHESTERTON HOTEL BICESTER REOPENS

Newly refurbished and under new ownership, the Chesterton Hotel Bicester is a stunning boutique hotel set on the edge of the Cotswolds on the fringes of the picturesque village of Chesterton. From the outside, this picturesque 16th-century farmhouse is every inch the quintessential Cotswolds stone building. Inside, stunning new interiors seamlessly blend mid-century modern with urban industrial design elements in striking visual contrast to its classic 'cottage core' exterior.

It's home to 17 individually styled bedrooms with creature comforts including private Juliet balconies overlooking the garden, bathrooms with floor-to-ceiling black marble, plush carpet, king- or twin-sized beds, flat-screen televisions and Nespresso machines.

The elegant bar and brasserie boast on-trend black and white chequered flooring, an original fireplace and extensive menus. Mouth-watering dishes include classic beef tartare, lobster bisque, corn-fed chicken roulade and vegetarian and vegan options. The hotel is also known for its delicious cocktails and afternoon tea.

The public areas are comfortable and chic mixing smart leather with brass and touches of plush velvet, perfect for its fashion-forward clientele, many of whom check-in for the designer shopping experience at nearby Bicester Village located two miles away. World heritage site Blenheim Palace is also close, just 10 miles away. The informal grounds are home to a peaceful water garden, soft green meadows and coppices and the property provides a picturesque wedding venue for up to 260 guests.

To book, visit www.thechestertonhotel.com

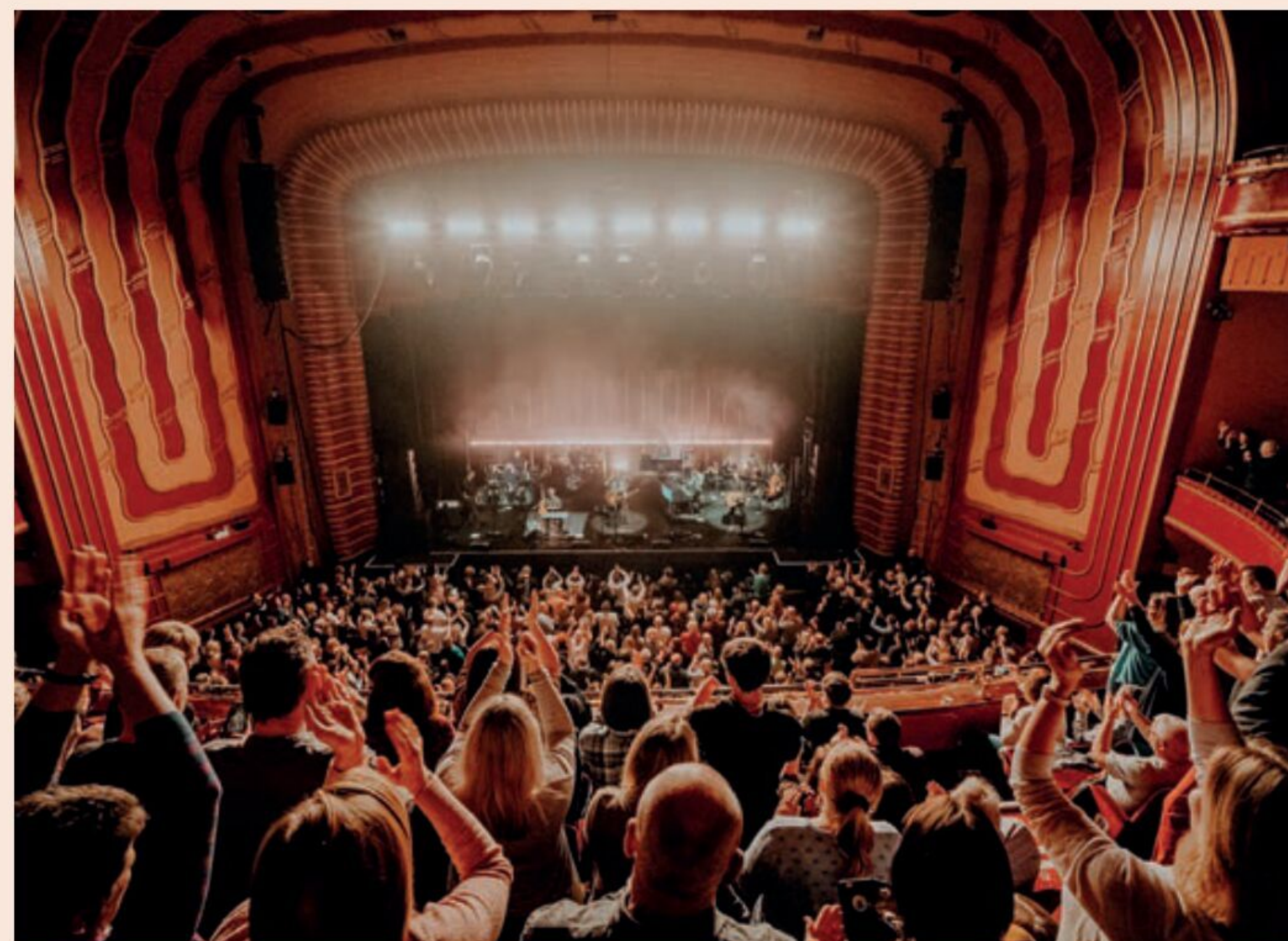
ESCAPE TO OXFORD CAMPAIGN INCLUDES AFFORDABLE THINGS TO DO

Experience Oxfordshire, the destination management organisation for Oxfordshire, is encouraging visitors to Escape to Oxford with the launch of a new campaign funded by VisitEngland. The local marketing initiative forms part of the National Tourist Board's 'Escape the Everyday' marketing campaign supporting England's tourism industry recovery. Visitors will be encouraged to book experiences including walking tours, River Thames cruises, open-top bus rides, theatre shows at New Theatre Oxford and hotel stays in a variety of properties including St Margaret's Hotel. A highlight is a luxury shopping experience in nearby Bicester Village.

Hayley Beer-Gamage, CEO of Experience Oxfordshire tells us, "We're excited to see Escape to Oxford showcasing the city, and county, alongside other destinations across England as part of the national VisitEngland campaign."

Andrew Stokes, director of VisitEngland adds, "With the slower return of international tourists, now is the time to visit our wonderful cities and remind ourselves why they are such a draw. The funding will also support local businesses who have been working so hard to welcome visitors back and provide a stand-out experience."

www.experienceoxfordshire.org



EDITOR LOVES

This cute wedding dress candle, £10, and couples wedding candle, £10, are from the latest collection from <https://noneofyourbeeswax.com>

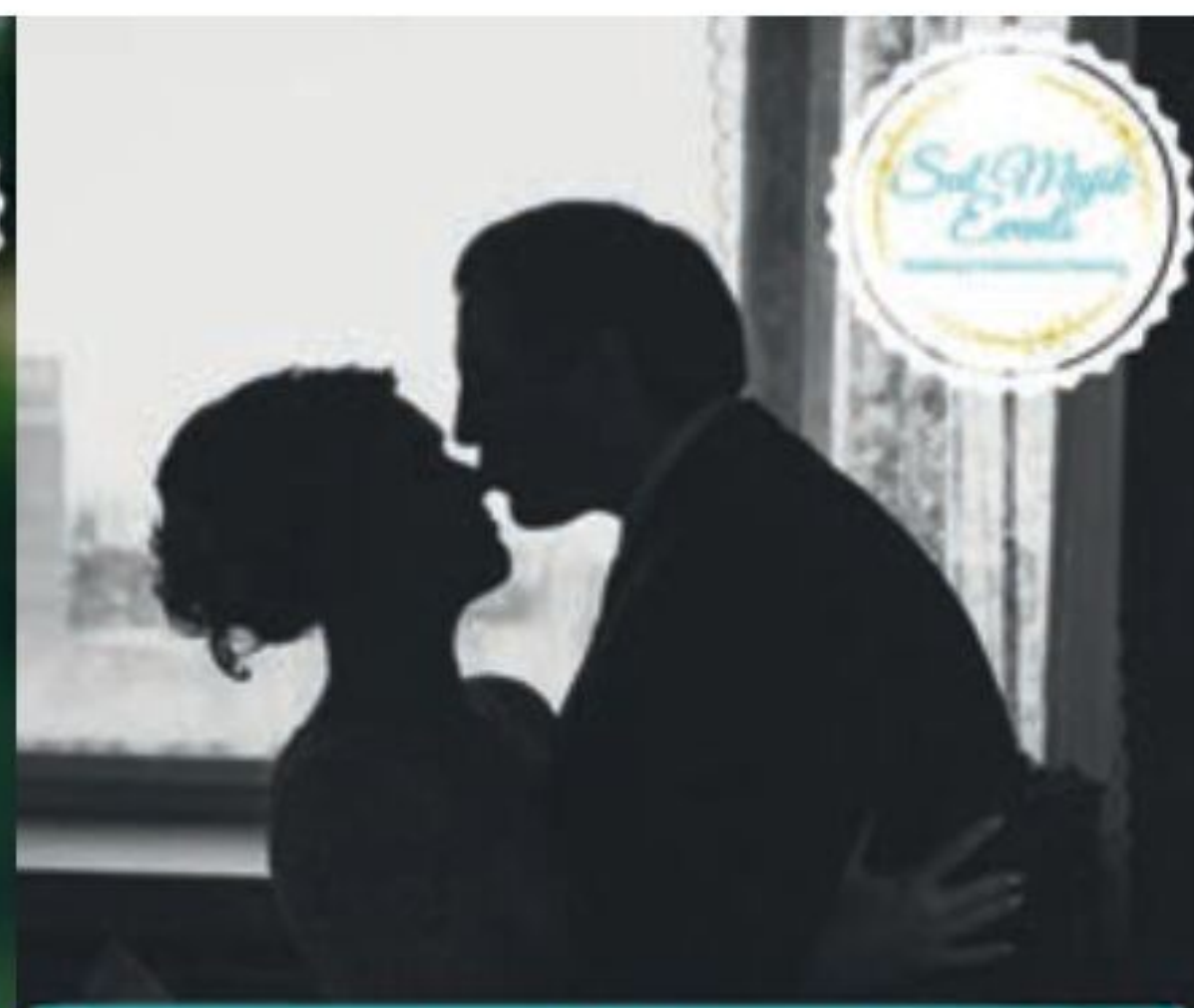




07484 216 730
info@salmajikevents.co.uk
www.salmajikevents.co.uk
www.facebook.co.uk/salmajikevents
www.instagram.co.uk/salmajikevents



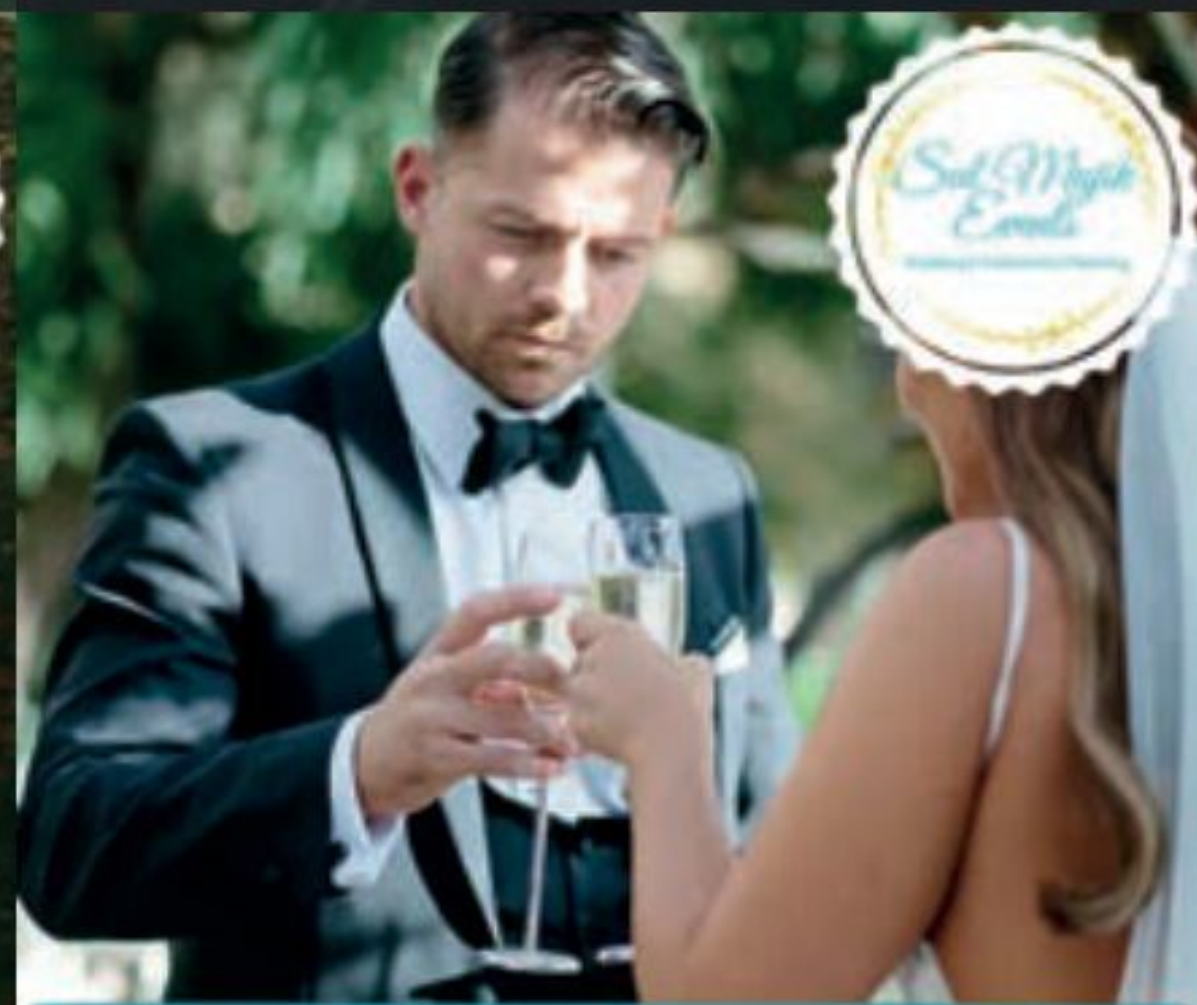
Experienced & Dedicated



Plan your Majikal event



Turn dreams into reality



Catering to all budgets

Sal Majik Events is a Wedding and Celebration Planning company in the Berkshire area. We strive to make planning the perfect event less stressful and draining of your time no matter the size! We are here to guide you through the process and look after every detail big and small. Our moto is 'Making Majikal Memories' and we hope to create this for you. We would like to start this by giving you a 10% discount to kick start your Majikal year.



The perfect soundtrack to any event



With over 25 years' experience, West End performer Hayley can cater for any event. Her versatile vocals can create either a soft, romantic atmosphere, or get the party started with pop classics for all generations.

Customer review: "Hayley has an incredible voice. I can't recommend her enough."

Contact Hayley on 07886 385799 or email: heotway@yahoo.co.uk

www.hayleyotway.com   @AlwaysWeddingSinger



MERCURE THAME LAMBERT HOTEL

Situated at the foot of the Chiltern Hills in an area of outstanding natural beauty, Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel is perfect as your wedding venue and offers exceptional value for money with its wedding packages.

Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel offers its own individual style and character, coupled with variety and flexibility for an unbeatable combination of quality, service and value for money and originality.

At Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel we provide that authentic wedding experience in a wonderful suite and surroundings with the capacity of up to 130 guests. At the hotel itself, you'll find beautiful gardens and a picturesque courtyard in the centre.

£4500 ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE DEAL

Valid any Friday in 2022. Deal can be honoured if you book before November 2022.

Package includes:

- Wedding breakfast room hire
- Table setup with white linen
- Drinks on arrival (Bucks Fizz or Orange Juice)
- 3 course wedding breakfast (Set menu)
- Glass of house wine with the wedding breakfast
- Tea/Coffee and chocolate to finish
- Glass of sparkling wine for the toast
- Cake knife and stand
- Evening reception room hire
- Evening finger buffet (6 Items)
- Dance floor
- Wedding night accommodation for wedding couple
- Complimentary wedding breakfast menu tasting for two

Please contact our dedicated Events team on 01844 351496 to arrange a personal visit to the hotel for a show around and discuss your requirements.

Mercure Thame Lambert Hotel, Aston Rowant, Watlington, Oxfordshire OX49 5SQ

www.mercurethame.com



Bibity Bobity Brides

07729 092 790
 bibitybobbybrides@gmail.com
 www.bibitybobbybrides.com

Crowne Plaza Marlow

Hotel & Spa

The stunning lakeside location of this exceptional new Hotel makes Crowne Plaza Marlow the perfect wedding venue in Buckinghamshire.

- Wedding packages from £70pp
- Licensed for Civil Ceremonies
- Set in 5 Acres of magical landscaped gardens
- Selection of superb function suites with lake view
- AA Rosette Awarded Modern British & Authentic Indian Menus

Up to 450 Guests

PLANNING YOUR SPECIAL DAY?
 Call our Wedding Co-ordinator on 01628 496 818
<https://www.cpmarlow.co.uk/weddings>

events1@cpmarlow.co.uk
 Crowne Plaza Marlow, Fieldhouse Lane, Marlow, Bucks, SL7 1GJ



WEDDINGS

The Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford

PRICING

Civil Ceremony Room Hire from £300	Barbeque £15
Three Course Meal from £40	Finger Buffet from £10.50
Afternoon Tea Wedding £22	Canapés £8
Drinks Package from £14	Hot Rolls £7
Savoury & Sweet Platters from £16	Resident DJ from £350
Hog Roast Buffet £15	

Prices per person, subject to change, minimum numbers may apply

OAK ROOM

- Formal Dining | **20**
 - Informal Dining | **35**
 - Civil Ceremony Licence | **50**
- Located on the First Floor*

MARQUEE SUITE

- Formal Dining | **90**
 - Informal Dining | **150**
 - Civil Ceremony Licence | **100**
- Ground Floor Access, Private Bar, Dancefloor*



Market town located near the New City of Milton Keynes

72-74 High Street, Stony Stratford, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK11 1AH | 01908 578393 | events.cockhotel@oldenglishinns.co.uk



THE SWAN AT STREATLEY OFFERS A BOATING EXPERIENCE

Coppa Club is delighted to announce that their popular Streatley-on-Thames clubhouse, The Swan at Streatley, has welcomed a collection of electric motor boats for guests to hire this summer. The picturesque hotel location is on one of the most beautiful stretches of the River Thames. These electric boats silently glide over the water providing a sustainable and unique way to take in the surrounding countryside.

In partnership with Pure Boating, guests can enjoy a peaceful and relaxing cruise surrounded by beautiful, unspoilt scenery, and even spot the occasional kingfisher or heron. The boats are elegantly simple and very easy to control, making them perfect for a self-drive, electric-powered boating adventure, even for a novice. The Derby is an open electric launch boat suitable for two or four people, costing £30 per half hour. For those that would like to be chauffeured and completely switch off, the Sapphire Rose seats up to 8 people, costing £295 for two hours, including an experienced skipper.

For a truly memorable day, guests can enhance the experience with a Coppa Club Picnic, turn to page 57 to read more and to book, visit www.theswanatstreatley.com/electric-boat-hire

Turn to page 21 to read all about weddings at The Swan at Streatley

ISHGA LAUNCHES SOUND THERAPY TREATMENTS AT THE SPA AT COWORTH PARK

Dorchester Collection's luxury country house hotel and spa, Coworth Park has introduced specialist sound therapy treatments by organic luxury seaweed skincare ishga (www.ishga.com). Located within 240 acres of Berkshire parkland, The Spa at Coworth Park provides a contemporary eco-luxury setting in which to enjoy the ishga sound therapy treatment, created in partnership with sound wellness brand Swell. This unique partnership aims to harness the power of sound, translating this into a range of therapeutic sound treatments to accompany ishga's award-winning products.

Guests at Coworth Park can enjoy relaxation and rejuvenation through sound therapy designed to be transportive, calming and relaxing. Swell's unique approach to therapeutic sound was founded by international DJ and music psychology specialist Brian d'Souza and uses a combination of sound therapy and music composition to ensure ishga Sound Treatments capture the essence of the ocean and its home in the Hebrides.

The 90-minute treatment is designed to work in harmony with the music as it takes the guest on a journey to the Hebrides. It begins with a seaweed foot bath, followed by the chimes of the Singing Bowl leading into a relaxing Balinese-inspired massage and concludes with a calming awakening at the end by the music of the Singing Bowl.

The unique sound compositions are based on the natural sounds of the ocean, the beaches and the seaweed habitat of the Isle of Lewis. The soundscapes also draw on the musical traditions and instruments found in the Hebrides played throughout the treatment.

Commenting on the partnership, the spa director at The Spa at Coworth Park, Teresa O'Farrell said; "We have built a strong relationship with ishga and are thrilled to be welcoming this unique sound therapy treatment to our wellness offering here at Coworth Park. Relaxation is at the forefront of everything we do here at The Spa at Coworth Park so we are excited to introduce this new bespoke experience to our guests."

To book, visit www.dorchestercollection.com/en/ascot/coworth-park



THE CLIVEDEN LITERARY FESTIVAL RETURNS

Hosted at Cliveden House in Berkshire, a luxurious privately owned five-star hotel and wedding venue, the Cliveden Literary Festival is renowned as a forum for lively discussion, innovative ideas, and political debate. Drawing on Cliveden's history as a literary salon, this year's festival will once again bring together a superlative international line-up of writers and thinkers.

Natalie Livingstone, chairman of the Cliveden Literary Festival said, "We are thrilled to be welcoming book lovers to the Cliveden Literary Festival, which is now in its fifth year. Cliveden House has been a sanctuary for lovers of literature and lively discussion for more than 350 years, and the Cliveden Literary Festival 2022 will continue that stellar cultural history."

To find out more about weddings at the property, visit www.clivedenhouse.co.uk



PRETTY IN PRELOVED *Bridal*

Preloved bridal studio in Wendover, allowing brides to try beautiful dresses from a large selection of pre-loved & sample gowns, which is kinder to your budget & the planet

Open by appointment allowing brides to come & try on in a relaxed environment.

Please visit our website to book
WWW.PRETTYINPRELOVEDBRIDAL.COM

Follow us on Instagram for new arrivals
@prettyinprelovedbridal



FAKE IT

HAIR & NAILS

Fake It is a fun, friendly professional salon offering Hair, Nails + Beauty in the heart of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Keratin Complex
blow dries

Bridal hair

Party Hair

Colour Specialists

Hair styling

Hair cutting

Hair Extensions

Acrylic &
Gel Nail

Enhancements

Luxury
Manicures &
Pedicures

Special occasion
Make Up

Waxing

Eye brow
shaping & tinting

Eyelash tinting

Lash lifting

Facials

Massage

Hen Parties

Children Parties

WWW.FAKEITHAIRANDNAILS.CO.UK

E: info@fakeithairandnails.co.uk | T: 01753 880099

13 MARKET PLACE, CHALFONT ST. PETER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE SL9 9EA

WASING

1759

WEDDINGS AT WASING

Exclusively yours, to
bring the wedding of
your dreams to life.

www.wasing.co.uk/weddings | wasingpark@wedding-venues.co.uk | 01189 070199



BLUSHING BRIDE

Sian McCauley is an experienced make-up artist and hair stylist for any occasion or event who specialises in weddings. Her career started when she trained at the prestigious Cinema Makeup School in Los Angeles, where she learnt from the very best in the industry. Sian has also worked extensively with premium cosmetics brand Bobbi Brown where her service and product knowledge expanded.

Brides can design their dream hairstyle and make-up look with Sian at their bridal trial, working together to find the perfect finish that suits them and brings out the best in them. Sian also offers other services including bridal lessons to learn her tips and tricks for those wishing to apply their own make-up for the big day which includes a chart of all products, tools and techniques used. Other beauty treatments offered include lash and brow services such as brow lamination and shaping, lash extensions, lash lift and lash or brow tinting. These can be combined, for example a lash tint with a brow shape and tint or lamination.

Sian's mobile service operates in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Surrey and the surrounding counties bringing beauty to the door.

Your Berks, Bucks & Oxon Wedding has teamed up with Sian to offer readers 5% off services booked with a minimum spend of £250 and for bookings with six people or more, customers receive a 10% discount. To find out more and to take advantage of our exclusive offer, visit www.sianmccauley.com or call 07960 563 937 quoting YBBOW96.

www.instagram.com/sianmccauley.cosmetics

Turn to page 65 to read our expert piece with Sian.

Freebies & OFFERS

Take advantage of these great giveaways

ACCESSORISE AND SHINE

Award-winning British contemporary jewellery designer and silversmith Lucy Quartermaine has had a passion for designing and creating jewellery from a young age, having been inspired by her grandmother's craft and skill.

Loved by A-list celebrities in the UK and around the world, Lucy's brand is renowned for stylish designs and luxury aesthetics. What's more, for every piece of jewellery purchased a tree is planted meaning eco-conscious consumers can rest assured their purchases are sustainable.

With elegant jewellery and accessories perfect for the big day, County Wedding Magazines has teamed up with Lucy Quartermaine to offer readers the chance to win an Art Deco Oval Pendant worth £95. The 925 sterling silver with rhodium overlay pendant is inset with white topaz gemstones and can be worn at a 16 or 20-inch length.

Visit www.lucyqdesigns.co.uk



FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN, ENTER VIA OUR WEBSITE.
Closing date 30th September, 2022, unless otherwise stated. Terms and conditions apply.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Here at County Wedding Magazines and Events HQ we're looking forward to kickstarting our Spring wedding show season. From must-visit local fairs in some of the region's best wedding venues, to our larger Signature Wedding Shows home to more than 100 exhibitors each, we can't wait to welcome back our couples and help plan their wedding days.

Here's what to expect when attending one of our events...

Whether you're joyous that restrictions have passed, or are still a little hesitant, couples can rest assured our venues are continuing to maintain some of the government guidelines and measures to ensure everyone can feel comfortable and enjoy the day:

- Attendees will need to pre-register to attend events
- There will be allocated time slots for visitors
- All venues will also have enhanced cleaning procedures, with hand washing and sanitising facilities still available
- Spaces between exhibition booths will be maintained to ease congestion
- Optional face masks
- Anyone with symptoms must refrain from visiting

Each event will boast a huge range of specialists who will be on hand to talk through your planning ideas and requirements; venues, bridal boutiques, photographers, florists, cake makers and more, there's everything you could need to plan your wedding under one roof.

On the day refreshments will be available to purchase from each of the venue's on-site restaurants, bars and cafés, and attending our exhibitions is free!

For more information on any of our exhibitions visit County Wedding Events' website.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events.

Sarah X

*Sarah Ellis, Sales and Events Director
County Wedding Events.*

Psst! Our pre-registered Signature Wedding Show visitors will have the chance to win a £250 gift voucher courtesy of Spabreaks.com

A date for your diary...

ASCOT RACECOURSE, 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2022
THE BRENTWOOD CENTRE, 2ND OCTOBER, 2022

MERCEDES-BENZ WORLD, 9TH OCTOBER, 2022
WEMBLEY STADIUM, 3TH MARCH, 2023

Pre-register for all of our events at www.countyweddingevents.com



SPABREAKS
.COM



One of the largest
wedding shows to
be held in the South
of England

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
cwm[®]
COUNTY WEDDING MAGAZINES

- Win a luxury honeymoon
- Huge number of wedding specialists including venues
- Bridal fashion shows
- Covid-19 secure
- Entertainment
- Refreshments

**FREE
ENTRY**

Pre-register
and attend the
show to have a
chance to win a £250
gift voucher courtesy of



A date for your diary...
SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2022

Hosted at Ascot Racecourse, High Street
Ascot, Berkshire SL5 7JX



Pre-register at countyweddingevents.com/registration

Follow us on  /CountyWeddingEvents  @CountyWedEvent  @countyweddingevents



WEDDING SHOWS AUTUMN 2022

ALL EVENTS 11AM – 3PM
unless otherwise stated

At County Wedding Events each show is professionally and meticulously run to ensure a variety of suppliers are on hand to help you plan your big day and are hosted by some of the loveliest premier venues in your area.

All our shows offer you **free entry** and **parking**, a **goody bag** each containing gifts, and useful local information to plan your wedding. You will also have the opportunity to enter prize draw **competitions** and take advantage of **exclusive offers** and **discounts** on the day.

ESSEX



SUN 25 SEPT
PONTLANDS PARK
West Hanningfield Road,
Great Baddow, CM2 8HR



SUN 23 OCT
HOUCHINS WEDDING VENUE
Houchin's Lane,
Coggeshall,
Colchester, CO6 1RT






SUN 16 OCT
BRAXTED PARK
Great Braxted,
Witham, CM8 3EN



SUN 30 OCT
LAYER MARNEY TOWER
Layer Marney,
Colchester, CO5 9US

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

 /CountyWeddingEvents  @CountyWedEvent  @countyweddingevents

ALL EVENTS 11AM – 3PM
unless otherwise stated

EAST ANGLIA



SUN 23 OCT
SMEETHAM HALL BARN
Smeetham Hall,
Sudbury, CO10 7EU

KENT



SUN 6 NOV
HYTHE IMPERIAL HOTEL & SPA
Princes Parade,
Hythe, CT21 6AE

BERKS, BUCKS & OXON



SUN 25 SEPT
RACKLEYS CHILTERN HILLS
Marlow Road,
Cadmore End,
Bucks, HP14 3PP



SUN 6 NOV
PENSHURST PLACE
Penshurst,
TN11 8DG

SURREY



SUN 4 SEPT
GUILDFORD MANOR HOTEL & SPA
Newlands Corner,
Guildford, GU4 8SE



SUN 4 SEPT
HAMPTON COURT PALACE GOLF CLUB
Home Park, Kingston
Upon Thames, KT1 4AD



SUN 11 SEPT
WARREN HOUSE
Warren Road, Kingston
Upon Thames, KT2 7HY

SUSSEX



SUN 18 SEPT
CASTLE GORING
Arundel Road,
Worthing, BN13 3UN



12PM-4PM

SUN 30 OCT
SELDEN BARNs
Selden Lane, Patching
Worthing, BN13 3UL

LONDON



SUN 13 NOV
MORDEN HALL
Morden Hall Road,
SM4 5JD

WORK WITH US

As part of KD Events and Publishing Ltd, County Wedding Events (CWE) is ideally placed to offer you a wealth of experience organising events in the wedding industry. If you would like more information about either holding a wedding show at your venue or exhibiting at any of our shows, please contact us at info@countyweddingevents.com, call 01376 514000 or visit countyweddingevents.com.

Signature WEDDING SHOWS

- Free entry
- First 100 couples receive a free wedding journal keepsake
- Goody bag for each couple
- Up to 200 stands
- Bridal fashion shows
- Huge number of wedding specialists including venues
- Demonstration areas
- Competitions
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- And more...



ASCOT RACECOURSE

High Street, Berkshire, SL5 7JX
SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 | 11AM – 3.30PM



THE BRENTWOOD CENTRE

Doddington Road, Brentwood, CM15 9NN
SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022 | 11AM – 3.30PM



MERCEDES-BENZ WORLD

Brooklands Drive, Weybridge, KT13 0SL
SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER 2022 | 11AM – 3.30PM

Pre-register and attend the show to have a chance to win a fabulous spa break worth £250 courtesy of



WEMBLEY STADIUM

London, HA9 0WS
SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023 | 11AM – 4PM



SPABREAKS
.COM

Pre-register at www.countyweddingevents.com/registration

Down by the water's edge

Make a splash in one of these waterside wedding venues

CHERWELL BOATHOUSE, OXFORD

Couples searching for a quintessentially English venue will enjoy all that this family-run restaurant, Oxford's largest punting station and riverside marquee, has to offer. It's perched on the banks of the idyllic River Cherwell, close to the centre of Oxford, allowing newlyweds to arrive at their reception in a chauffeured punt.

The Lower Boathouse located adjacent to the river is open from April to October, providing a rustic-inspired space for a reception. Alternatively, the Conservatory is open all year round for groups of up to 50 people with the advantage of underfloor heating during the colder months. The Boathouse Restaurant can accommodate parties of up to 75 guests in the converted Victorian space, and the new gazebo, open from May to September is a new spot predominately used as a chill-out area for guests.

Ceremony licence? No, but blessings can be enjoyed

Contact: 01865 552 746, <http://cherwellboathouse.co.uk>



♥ **We love...** that couples and their guests can enjoy some self-drive or chauffeured punting on the river in hand-crafted punts.



COMPLEAT ANGLER, MARLOW, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

This stylish hotel showcases a classic English style dating back to 1653. The light and welcoming interior is decorated with touches of gold and it's an ideal wedding venue for an intimate gathering of 30 guests or a much larger celebration of up to 120 loved ones.

Compleat Angler commands the perfect location on the banks of the River Thames overlooking the suspended Grade I listed Marlow Bridge. The hotel overlooks the All Saints Marlow church which provides a stunning photographic backdrop.

Ceremonies take place outside on the front lawn adjacent to the riverbank during the summer months for up to 100 loved ones and in a



variety of rooms inside the hotel including the Thames Suite for up to 30 people, the River Room for up to 40 and the Regency Room for up to 120 guests. Reception drinks and canapés can be enjoyed on the front lawn during the warmer months while the Regency Terrace and River Room are perfect all year round, hosting receptions for up to 120 guests.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01628 484 444, www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk

♥ **We love...** that within the selection of wedding packages, the hotel offers menu tastings and accommodation for the night of the wedding for the happy couple.



THE SWAN AT STREATLEY, BERKSHIRE

Coppa Club's Streatley-on-Thames location, The Swan at Streatley, is a tranquil countryside getaway set in the Berkshire village of Streatley, upon the River Thames and roughly an hour's drive from London. It's nestled in 17 acres of beautiful riverside grounds and with its prime location, guests can sail up to the hotel!

It has been recently refurbished with 47 bedrooms, some of which open on to the garden lawn overlooking the river, making it a great option for a dog-friendly getaway. The grounds include the property's private island providing scenic walks for guests and their four-legged companions.

Ceremonies take place for up to 130 loved ones in The Aviary room overlooking the hotel gardens and riverside setting. A total of 200 loved

ones can gather here for the evening party and catering is provided by the Coppa Club Event Team.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01491 878 800, www.theswanatstreatley.com

♥ **We love...** that the hotel offers complimentary menu tasting and an overnight stay included in the wedding package for the couple.

Turn to page nine to read all about the summer Boating Experience available at the property.



THE GREAT HOUSE SONNING, BERKSHIRE

Sister property to The Swan at Streatley, Coppa Club's stylish Sonning-On-Thames boutique hotel, home to 49 bedrooms, was the first Coppa Club property to open its doors six years ago. It's home to a café, bar, restaurant and lounge with an informal, relaxed private members club feel without the fees.

It's an ideal location for a wedding with beautifully designed party spaces that can host ceremonies for up to 120 guests overlooking the gardens and river. Couples wanting a church wedding can do so in one of the nearby villages and then head back to the hotel for the celebrations.

The Private Dining room is a light-filled space that can seat up to 120 guests for the wedding breakfast and hold up to 200 party-goers for the evening reception. The room is also adaptable for a more intimate

celebration, and a selection of other private rooms are also on offer, accommodating between 10 and 120 loved ones. These spaces are also the perfect spot for a pre-wedding family dinner or a morning-after breakfast.

The Coppa Club chefs have created a collection of menus for the wedding breakfast with a fresh, modern approach and a complimentary tasting is included in the wedding packages.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 0118 969 2277, www.greathouseatsonning.co.uk

♥ **We love...** the picnic hampers designed in partnership with the independent brand The Colourful Garden Company – turn to page 57 to read more.



Cherwell Boathouse

The Cherwell Boathouse is an iconic Oxford punt station and restaurant on the banks of the river Cherwell, in an idyllic water meadow setting but close to the centre of Oxford. Both the Restaurant and the Marquee on the terrace overlooking the river are wonderful venues to celebrate all types of Weddings. The Marquee can accommodate weddings with up to 125 guests in a variety of formats from informal to 3 course sit down meals and incorporating music and dancing with the option of punting alongside. The restaurant can accommodate parties of up to 75 guests throughout the year offering a fine dining experience, with an award winning wine list and friendly tentative service.



Cherwell Boathouse, Bardwell Rd, Oxford OX2 6ST
Marquee / restaurant 01865 552746

www.cherwellboathouse.co.uk | info@cherwellboathouse.co.uk



It's here! Holiday Inn Aylesbury's new wedding brochure is NOW available

For your copy please contact our events team today on events@hinnaylesbury.com

Packages available for all sizes up to 110 people.



LAST MINUTE AVAILABILITY LATE 2022 – EARLY 2023

New Road, Weston Turville, Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire HP22 5QT | 01296 734031
@holidayinnaylesbury @HolidayInnAylesbury



Bearwood Lakes Golf Club

Bearwood Road, Sindlesham,
Wokingham, Berkshire, RG41 4SJ
weddings@bearwoodlakes.co.uk
www.bearwoodlakes.co.uk/celebrations 01183048200



Your Wedding, Your Day
Contact us for a brochure
and for more information

photo credit Bearwood Lakes Golf Club & JMC-photography





• Magic 'Selfie' Mirrors • Photo Booths • Wedding DJ's • Stunning Dance Floors • Light up letters



admin@j23events.co.uk



07515 422 360

www.J23events.co.uk

Weddings at Compleat Angler



Your Journey Begins Here

Compleat Angler is the perfect riverside venue for your wedding celebration.

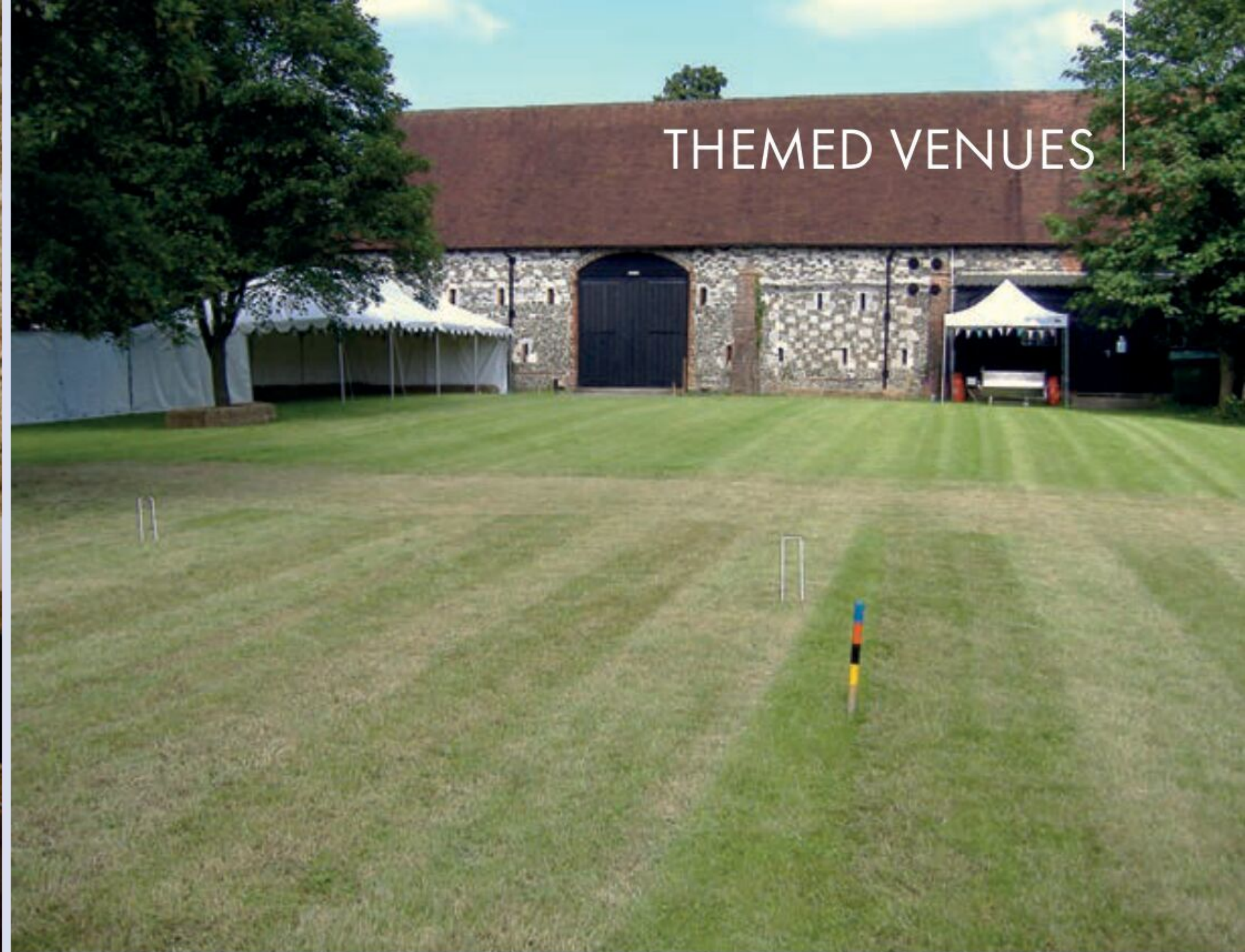
We can offer you our new Waterside package for those smaller more intimate weddings, or our exclusive use package for a grand affair, we are on hand to help create your dream day.

Located on the banks of the River Thames, Compleat Angler provides an idyllic setting for your wedding.

Join us for our Summer wedding showcase on the 4th of September from 11am to 3pm

Appointments essential

To book Contact: 01628 405 446 or email: specialevents.compleat@macdonald-hotels.co.uk



THEMED VENUES

MONKS' BARN, HURLEY, BERKSHIRE

Set in the riverside village of Hurley between Marlow and Henley, this 13th-century, Grade II listed medieval barn offers a special venue for ceremonies, wedding receptions and parties. It's licensed for ceremonies, that can take place anywhere in the building, with the added option of saying 'I do' under the stunning archway leading to the lawn.

The Great Hall in the barn can seat up to 120 people on long tables or up to 150 at round tables for the wedding breakfast. Adjacent to the Great Hall is Monks' Bar and The Dance Hall which has ample room for a DJ. Guests can be received on the Monks' Barn Lawn, where there's plenty of room for a marquee plus secure overnight parking.

This versatile venue allows receptions to take place anywhere inside the building too and couples can create a bespoke day with their choice of caterer, florist and furnishings.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01628 823 501,

<https://hurleyriversidepark.co.uk/about-us/monks-barn>

♥ **We love...** the many activities for guests staying nearby to take part in, from nature trail walks to paddle boarding and canoeing.



HORWOOD HOUSE, MILTON KEYNES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Nestled in the rural tranquillity of the Buckinghamshire countryside sits this Grade II listed manor house, accessed via a tree-lined approach surrounded by perfectly manicured gardens. Designed in a Jacobethan style, the manor building incorporates tall brick chimneys, bay windows and Bath stone surfaces with handmade red brick walls and original stone steps leading up to it.

The H Spa is home to a 15-metre swimming pool complete with tranquillity beds, a thermal sauna and a steam room. They're currently offering a selection of packages including Bring A Friend For Free where both will enjoy a blissful day of rest and rejuvenation from 9 am until 5 pm, with access to the hotel's facilities plus a 25-minute treatment. Choose between an express facial, a back, neck and shoulder massage, a cranial massage or a foot and ankle treatment.

Enjoy lunch in the spa lounge with two delicious courses showcasing seasonal British ingredients. The day package is priced at £225 for two on weekdays, and £240 from Friday to Sunday.

If a quick pamper is in order, then the Tea & Treat package also offers use of the facilities from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm plus a 50-minute manicure or pedicure, with other optional treatment upgrades available. A delicious afternoon tea includes savoury treats, finger sandwiches, freshly baked cherry scones and delicious desserts such as rhubarb and custard choux

buns. Priced at £80 per person from Monday until Thursday and £90 per person on weekends, the package is available for groups of three to six people.

The newly refurbished Wedding Ceremony Room seating up to 80 guests is brimming with grand features and provides a neutral and ethereal-inspired space. High ceilings are decorated with magnificent detailing, there's an impressive stone fireplace and a stunning bay window providing plenty of natural daylight and subtly glistening wall coverings and soft botanical prints complete the romantic décor.

For a picturesque outdoor backdrop, a white wedding pavilion is situated in the historical gardens to be enjoyed throughout the summer months, with a capacity of 190 guests and couples can also choose to use the grounds for a drink reception and photography.

The neutral and spacious settings of the Eyre and Cook Suites can be decorated to any chosen theme, seating up to 190 guests for the wedding breakfast, with the option to add a dancefloor.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01296 722 100, www.horwoodhouse.co.uk

♥ **We love...** the partnership with leading local attraction Silverstone Interactive Museum, visit the website to find out more.

Monks' Barn

Looking for something different?

Beautiful Grade II* listed medieval barn
Available for wedding receptions and civil ceremonies



We currently have two dates available in 2022
and a limited number in 2023

www.monksbarn.co.uk

01628 823501 • info@monksbarn.co.uk

Crowne Plaza Reading East

Hotel & Spa

Our beautiful New Hotel is the perfect
Venue for your Wedding Celebrations.
Located close to Reading, we have a number of function suites to
hold up to 220 guests.

New, fully refurbished 4 Silver Star 2 AA Rosette
Luxury Hotel & Spa

Licensed for Civil Wedding Ceremonies

Special Accommodation Rates

2AA Rosette awarded modern British & authentic
Indian Menus

Wedding Packages from £60pp

Set in beautiful landscaped grounds

PLANNING YOUR SPECIAL DAY?

Call our Wedding Co-ordinator on 011189 444 231



Crowne Plaza Reading East

events@cpreading.co.uk | Wharfedale Road, Winnersh Triangle, RG41
5TS

<https://www.cpreading.co.uk/wedding-venue-in-wokingham>



UFTON



Ufton Court is a charming and historic Tithe
Barn and Grade 1 Listed Manor House wedding
venue. Set within 16 acres of grounds on the
Berkshire/Hampshire border

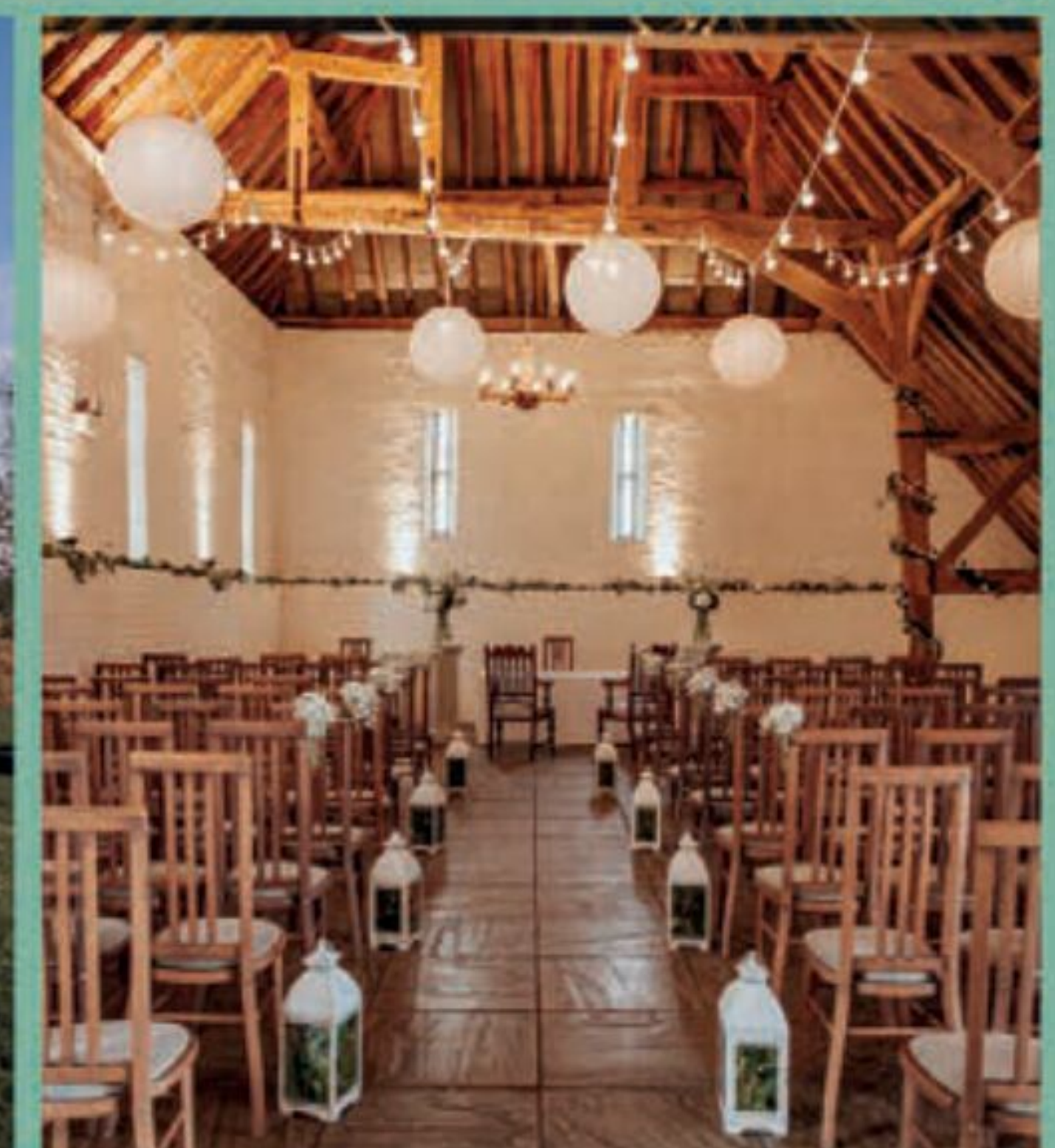


Contact us to arrange a viewing:

weddings@uftoncourt.co.uk

0118 983 2099

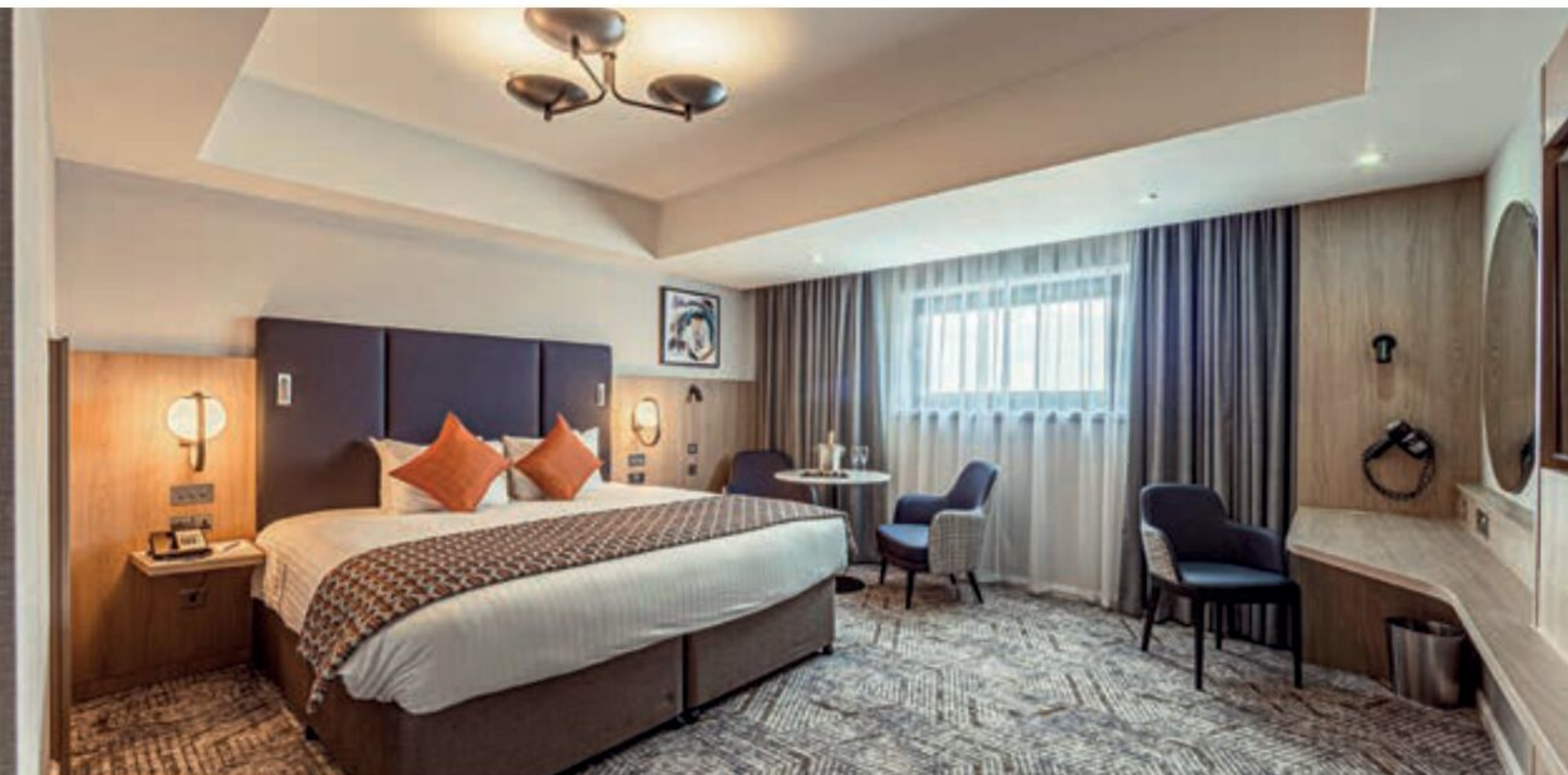
By choosing Ufton Court for your wedding you will
be helping support our onsite charity Ufton
Adventure. Raising the aspirations of
disadvantaged children through developing
personal & behavioural skills in the wild outdoors.



www.uftonweddings.co.uk

Spotlight on... EAST BERKSHIRE AND READING

From luxury hotels to member's clubs, we reveal where to wed



CROWNE PLAZA READING EAST

The sister property to Crowne Plaza Marlow in Buckinghamshire, this luxurious new 4 Silver Star, 2AA Rosette-awarded hotel is set in picturesque landscaped grounds in Berkshire. The property has been awarded 2AA Rosettes for outstanding culinary talent in its Caprice Restaurant serving modern British cuisine, and there's also Monty's Lounge Bar serving authentic Indian dishes.

Guests can enjoy the hotel's exceptional facilities including Esprit Spa & Wellness, home to a 19-metre indoor heated pool with loungers, a large gym, five treatment rooms, a sauna and a steam room. There's complimentary secure parking and accommodation available in a choice of 174 spacious bedrooms and suites complete with air-conditioning,



50-inch flat-screen televisions with Chromecast and HDMI and indulgent Gilchrist & Soames toiletries.

Ceremonies and receptions take place in a choice of stylish function suites including the Buckingham Suite, accommodating up to 220 guests, and the Frogmore Suite, hosting up to 110 loved ones.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01189 444 231 or visit www.cpreading.co.uk

♥ **We love...** the selection of Dermalogica spa treatments available for some pre-wedding pampering.



BEARWOOD LAKES, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE

The clubhouse at Bearwood Lakes golf club is a sophisticated wedding venue located within 200 acres of countryside. Accessed via gates that lead to a rhododendron-lined driveway, the property offers lakeside photo opportunities as well as a beautiful backdrop by the new waterfall and bridge. There's also a pond filled with Koi fish and the view of the immaculately presented golf course is spectacular from the long glass balcony.

The interior is decorated in neutral tones and filled with natural daylight through the large windows and doors overlooking the expansive course, providing a blank canvas for different wedding themes. A statement chandelier takes centre stage and during the evening, the carpet is rolled



back to reveal the dancefloor.

Ceremonies take place for up to 70 loved ones in the lounge area of the clubhouse while the wedding breakfast and reception are hosted in the contemporary restaurant and lounge. Both rooms flow from one to the other and can accommodate up to 110 people seated, or up to 160 loved ones for a buffet.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01183 048 200, www.bearwoodlakes.co.uk

♥ **We love...** that a complimentary one-year social membership is offered to the happy couple following their big day.



WASING PARK WEDDINGS, ALDERMASTON

This award-winning exclusive-use barn wedding venue is home to the picturesque parish Church of St. Nicholas, an idyllic Victorian Summerhouse embellished with a pretty hand-painted mural and the contemporary Garden Room with bi-fold doors allowing the outdoors in. With 4,000 acres of land and more than 250 years of history, the family-owned Wasing Estate houses historic buildings, glistening lakes and a walled garden. Wasing Park sits at the heart of the estate, the perfect pick for a romantic barn wedding.

There's a choice of 26 luxury bedrooms sleeping up to 64 guests with each one boasting bespoke design within an elegant historical setting, from the unique Grade II listed Granary sat proudly on its staddle stones to the fairytale-inspired Dovecote and a Honeymoon Suite featuring the largest bed in Berkshire.

Ceremonies take place in the Garden Room, outside in the Victorian

Summerhouse or in the parish church situated within the grounds. The magnificent Castle Barn offers a blank canvas for wedding receptions that can be decked in fairy lights and decorated with candles and floral displays. Guests can relax and enjoy the delicious food beneath the adjacent stretch tent floating over the terrace at the back of the Castle Barn. Filled with comfortable seating, cosy blankets, twinkling lights and firepits, this area provides outdoor space that can be used all year round.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 0118 907 0199, www.wasing.co.uk/weddings

♥ **We love...** that the estate regularly hosts a variety of well-being activities.

Turn to page 37 to see the real wedding of Cheryl and Rob at Wasing.

COWORTH PARK, ASCOT

This Michelin-star country house hotel and spa is part of the Dorchester Collection set in 240 acres of Berkshire parkland. It's home to 71 luxurious rooms and suites as well as a three-bedroom gatehouse cottage, North Lodge, which is the second cottage on-site alongside the Dower House.

North Lodge is the nearest accommodation to The Spa at Coworth Park, a contemporary eco-luxury setting home to eight treatment rooms including two doubles, a manicure and pedicure suite, a relaxation room, The Spatisserie, gym, indoor pool and outdoor sun terrace with loungers. The spa has just introduced ishga sound therapy treatments, turn to page nine to read more.

Coworth Park's Mansion House is just a short walk for guests to enjoy Michelin-starred Restaurant Coworth Park under the culinary guidance of executive chef Adam Smith, considered one of the UK's most talented executive chefs with a reputation for accomplished, classically based cooking with modern presentation. A field-to-fork philosophy is followed at the hotel where the kitchen team are proud to grow many of their herbs and seasonal vegetables on the grounds and the chefs are passionate about local produce, carefully selecting the finest British ingredients for every dish. In addition to Restaurant Coworth Park, the hotel offers

relaxed dining in The Barn and award-winning afternoon tea in the Drawing Room.

After dinner, cocktails can be enjoyed in The Bar.

Coworth Park is the only UK hotel to feature its own polo fields and a full programme of polo tournaments, managed by Guards Polo Club.

Ceremonies take place outside under the picturesque pagoda accessed via a wildflower-clad aisle (why not consider trotting down the aisle on horseback?) The Tower House offers an elegant indoor option and the wedding breakfast also takes place here, or in the Garden Room which features an al fresco terrace. The light and airy Oak Room, the upper-level bar and dining area of The Barn and the Restaurant Coworth Park's conservatory are other all-season options.

Ceremony licence? Yes

Contact: 01344 630 539, www.dorchestercollection.com/en/ascot/coworth-park

♥ **We love...** that The Spa at Coworth Park was voted the Best UK & Ireland Hotel Spa 2021 at the Condé Nast Johansens awards. It also ranked 5th in Condé Nast Traveller's World's Top 30 spas.



Discover weddings

AT DONNINGTON GROVE

The Emerald

All inclusive package

- Arrival drink of red, white or sparkling wine
- Set 3 course meal
- Glass of sparkling wine with the speeches
- Half a bottle of house wine per person
- Evening room hire with set finger buffet and resident disco
- Complimentary suite for the bride and groom on the wedding night.

£120 per person

Available November to March

The Diamond

All inclusive package

- Arrival drink of Pimms or champagne
- Canapés on arrival
- Set 3 course meal
- Glass of champagne with the speeches
- Half a bottle of house wine per person
- Evening room hire with buffet or hog roast and resident disco
- Complimentary suite for the bride and groom on the wedding night and their first anniversary.

£140 per person

Available April to October

All suites in the manor are licensed for civil ceremonies and marriages, including the Japanese pagoda in the secret garden.

Call to arrange a look around and discover your dream wedding at Donnington Grove...



DONNINGTON GROVE

Tel: 01635 581000

Email: weddings@donnington-grove.com

Grove Road, Newbury RG14 2LA

www.donnington-grove.com



DE VERE

WOKEFIELD ESTATE

Wedding Fair
Sunday 25th September
11am - 3pm

A beautiful backdrop to say "I do" in Berkshire

Set in 250 acres of gorgeous countryside, the Mansion House is the perfect setting for your dream day. Choose to get married inside this stunning Grade II listed building, or take your vows outside under the eaves of our Wedding Pavilion.

For information about our packages, please contact us on the details below.

www.devere.co.uk/wokefield-estate | 0118 933 4019 | wokefieldweddings@devere.com
Goodboys Lane, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3AE

A stylish AFFAIR

Daisy and Ed's big day followed a light pink and blue colour theme with delicate touches of gold

Images courtesy of Sian Weatherhead Photography



Daisy Blake and Edward (Ed) Yorke-Saville married on 26th March 2022 at Danesfield House Hotel and Spa in Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Daisy and Ed met in their final year at Loughborough University in 2016. "During our time at university, we had lived close by to one another and had heard of each other through mutual friends but did not meet properly until our final year," Daisy tells us. "When we did meet, we instantly hit it off as friends first, and then we started dating a few months later."

Ed proposed to Daisy on 25th September 2022 at Durdle Door in Dorset. "I'd always wanted to visit the iconic Durdle Door for the beautiful views of the Jurassic Coast and Ed knew that I wanted to be proposed to somewhere picturesque," Daisy explains. "We visited one morning and even though it was foggy and we could hardly see the view, Ed persevered to find a secluded space to pop the question. He stood behind me and said can I ask you a question to which I turned around and saw the ring. It was a complete surprise and I said 'yes' through my happy tears!"

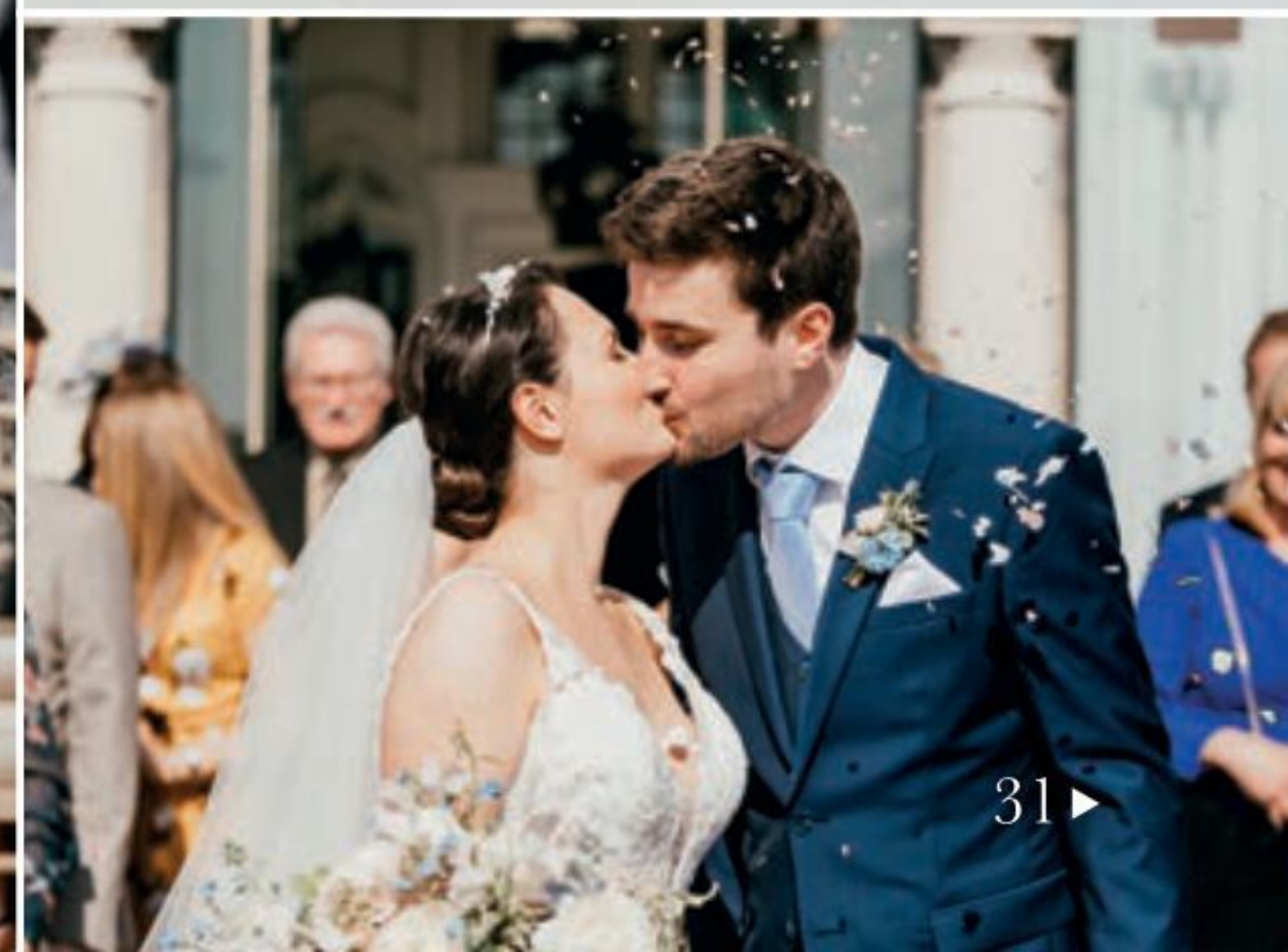
SETTING THE SCENE

Daisy had previously visited Danesfield House Hotel and Spa for work Christmas parties and knew it would be the venue for her wedding one day. "It's so beautiful and every part of the hotel offers a photo opportunity," Daisy tells us. "Having hotel rooms on-site for our guests was important to us and we loved the fact that the property has such a good reputation. The outside terrace and grounds are so pretty and we loved the Grand Hall and the romantic Versailles Suite, with its chandeliers and pale pink walls, where our ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception were held." Daisy arrived at the hotel in a silver-grey Jaguar Mk2 decorated with white ribbons which were then used for the couple's photographs after the ceremony.

The couple's flowers set their blush pink and powder blue colour theme. "Our beautiful bouquets, buttonholes and corsages included ranunculus, forget-me-not, muscari, delphinium, spirea, lilac, sweet pea, tulip, narcissi, anemone, viburnum and plenty of textured foliage," Daisy says. "Our centrepieces were gold urns filled with these flower varieties placed alongside gold candlesticks with long powder blue tapered dinner candles that we also styled on the fireplace in the Versailles Suite during the day."

Daisy designed the light pink and blue watercolour table plan, place names and table names that featured speckles of gold, and the couple gifted their guests gingerbread biscuits as favours handmade by Ed's mother, Alison. "They were iced in light pink, blue and

"The part that stood out the most for me was when the doors opened to the ceremony room and I saw Ed standing at the end of the aisle with a huge grin on his face. I couldn't stop smiling." – Daisy



Cogges Manor Farm

The perfect venue for your beautiful
Cotswold barn wedding



Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney OX28 3LA
01993 772602 / weddings@cogges.org.uk
See virtual tour at cogges.org.uk/wedding-venue

 **COGGES**

 **YELLOW DOOR**
PHOTOGRAPHY



07734 292100 | hello@yellowdoorphotography.co.uk | yellowdoorphotography.co.uk

gold," Daisy tells us. "We chose a three-tier Victoria sponge cake covered with buttercream and decorated with a light pink and blue watercolour effect. Gold leaf was added to the buttercream and the design was finished with fresh flowers so that everything tied together."

Daisy and Ed enjoyed a menu tasting at the hotel before their wedding. "The food options were delicious and we finally decided on some mouth-watering choices including smoked haddock fish cake to start followed by rosemary marinated lamb rump as the main course and a classic lemon meringue pie for dessert."

LOOKING THE PART

Daisy chose a dress by Allure Bridals from the Allure Romance range. "I loved the lace detail, sparkling tulle and the full skirt with a fitted bodice," she tells us. "I accessorised it with a two-tiered veil with lace trim and crystal droplets, a handmade tiara with natural freshwater pearls and crystal leaf detail and a freshwater pearl back-drop necklace."

Ed chose a blue suit with a matching waistcoat teamed with a light blue tie to match the couple's colour scheme. "His white shirt had D&E embroidered on the cuff," Daisy describes. "Our best man wore the same suit and both he and Ed had a buttonhole featuring a pale blue flower and fresh herbs. Our beautiful bridesmaids wore matching soft blue halterneck chiffon maxi dresses. Their hair was styled half-up-half-down and I bought them personalised pearl bracelets with their first name as an initial."

"The speeches from my father, Jamie, and Ed and his best man, Ben were so special, along with the two readings during the ceremony from my brother Edward and Ed's mother Alison." – Daisy

TIME TO CELEBRATE

"During our ceremony, Charlie Davies (nee Grimsey) who is a friend from secondary school played the harp," Daisy tells us. "She's incredibly talented and performed a range of classical songs, including Canon in D for the entrance procession."

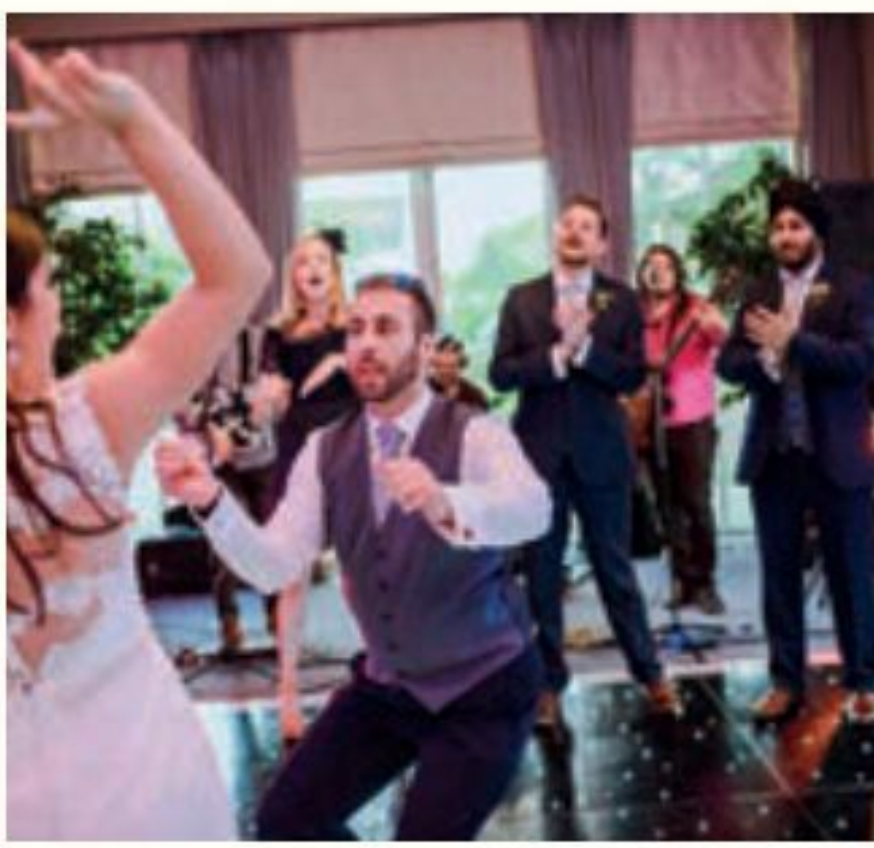
The evening reception started at 6 pm and the couple hired the seven-piece band The UnSwung Heroes which came with a DJ as part of the band. "They started with a cover of *How Long Will I Love You* for our first dance which was fantastic," Daisy tells us. "They specialise as a dance band and play a mix of pop, soul and funk covers in a vintage style. The guests were dancing all night long and they were a big hit!"





THE DREAM TEAM

Photographer, Sian Weatherhead Photography, 07732 122 224, www.sianweatherheadphotography.com | **Venue and catering**, Danesfield House Hotel and Spa, 01628 891 010, <https://danesfieldhouse.co.uk> | **Bride's dress and veil**, Sarah Jane Bridal, 01202 735 070, www.sarahjaynebridal.com | **Shoes**, Paradox London, 020 8885 8000, www.paradoxlondon.com | **Tiara**, Queenie and Lily, www.queenieandlily.co.uk | **Necklace**, Britten Weddings, 01225 985 711, www.brittenweddings.com | **Hair stylist and make-up artist**, Lorraine Milligan, 07976 806 099, www.lorrainemilligan.co.uk | **Bridesmaids' dresses**, Goddiva London, <https://goddiva.co.uk> | **Groom's suit**, Slater Menswear, 01256 300 400, www.slaters.co.uk | **Wedding cake**, Fashionably Cake, www.fashionablycake.co.uk | **Flowers**, Verity & Thyme, 07966 830 319, www.verityandthyme.co.uk | **Transport**, Henley Classic Car Hire, 07776 071 781, www.henleyclassicarhire.co.uk | **Entertainment**, The UnSwung Heroes Dance Band, www.unswungheroes.co.uk | **Ceremony Harpist**, Charlie Davies



HENLEY GREENLANDS The Perfect Riverside Venue.

Grand white house, gorgeous grounds, stunning views of the river, inclusive & bespoke packages, menus created from the finest produce, dedicated & professional team, licensed civil ceremony rooms and 100 en-suite bedrooms - Greenlands, memorable for all the right reasons.

Telephone: **01491 418 810** or **01491 414 550**
Email: info@venuehenley.com



hospitalityuor.co.uk/venue-henley-weddings
Venue Henley, Greenlands, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 3AU

LAVENDER GREEN FLOWERS

Trusted by the UK's finest venues and planners to deliver bespoke floral perfection.

Book a design consultation with our specialist Weddings team.

020 7127 5303
info@lavendergreen.co.uk
www.lavendergreen.co.uk





Emma Lucy Photography



NOTLEY TYTHE BARN

LONG CRENDON

Notley Tythe Barn is a beautiful, fully restored 12th-century barn set in picturesque gardens within 500 acres of pasture land at the foot of the Chiltern Hills. It is an elegant and unique venue for weddings, receptions, parties, celebrations and other special events.



www.notleyfarm.co.uk

Telephone 01844 201226 | Email weddings@notleyfarm.co.uk

Notley Farm, Chearsley Road, Long Crendon,
Nr. Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP18 9ER

BE OUR GUEST - THE FEATHERED NEST



Our picturesque and unique location mean we're a sought after Cotswolds event venue.

Host a summer wedding in the garden; bring friends and family for a birthday meal; or stop over for an hour or two during a tour of the Cotswolds.

Whatever event you've got in mind, we'd love to hear from you.

OUR VENUE - YOUR MEMORIES



An exclusive Cotswold wedding. It's the first day of the rest of your lives. There can be few better places to spend it than at The Feathered Nest. With a full wedding licence and space for up to 65 guests (seated), the Nest makes the perfect, exclusive use, Cotswold wedding venue.

MAGIC moments

Cheryl and Rob's big day at Wasing in Berkshire was decorated with a dusky blue and blush pink theme

Images courtesy of Joe Mallen Photography

Cheryl and Rob met online in July 2017. "Our first date was at a cocktail bar in Soho, London followed by an impromptu dinner afterwards," Cheryl tells us. "We got on so well and enjoyed spending time together. We quickly discovered that we shared many common interests, including a passion for travel."

The couple became engaged during a trip to Bruges, Belgium for their second anniversary. "Rob suggested the idea a couple of months in advance so I knew we were going away but I only found out where we were going about a week beforehand," Cheryl tells us. "He kept me guessing by leaving me envelopes around the house containing clues about the location! During a sightseeing trip, Rob found a secluded spot along a canal and, when there was a break in the tourist boats passing by, he got down on one knee and proposed."

Here, Cheryl tells us all about their wedding at Wasing which enjoyed a dusky blue and blush pink theme and plenty of eucalyptus.



Scan to
view video



Cheryl Wood and Rob Johnson married on 9th April 2022 at St Nicholas' Church, Wasing followed by a reception in the Castle Barn at Wasing in Aldermaston, Berkshire.



Wasing is stunning, from the long driveway and the beautiful church on-site to the manicured lawns and immaculate landscaping



The converted barn oozes character and allowed us to hold the ceremony and celebrations in one location.



Wasing is home to plenty of bedrooms on-site allowing our guests to stay overnight and join us for breakfast the following morning. Some of the bedrooms are very quirky, such as the Granary and the Dovecote which features a triangular bed!



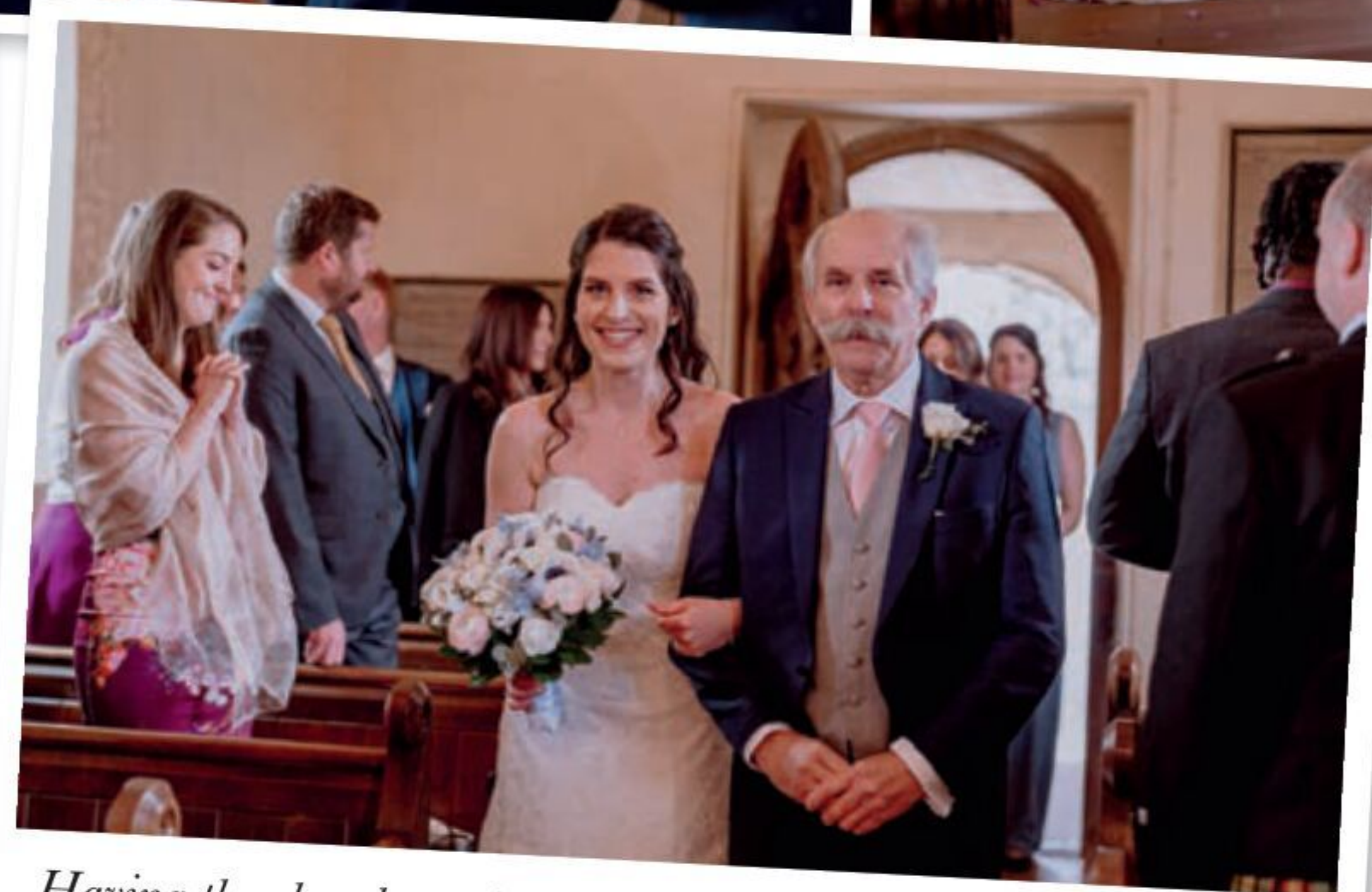
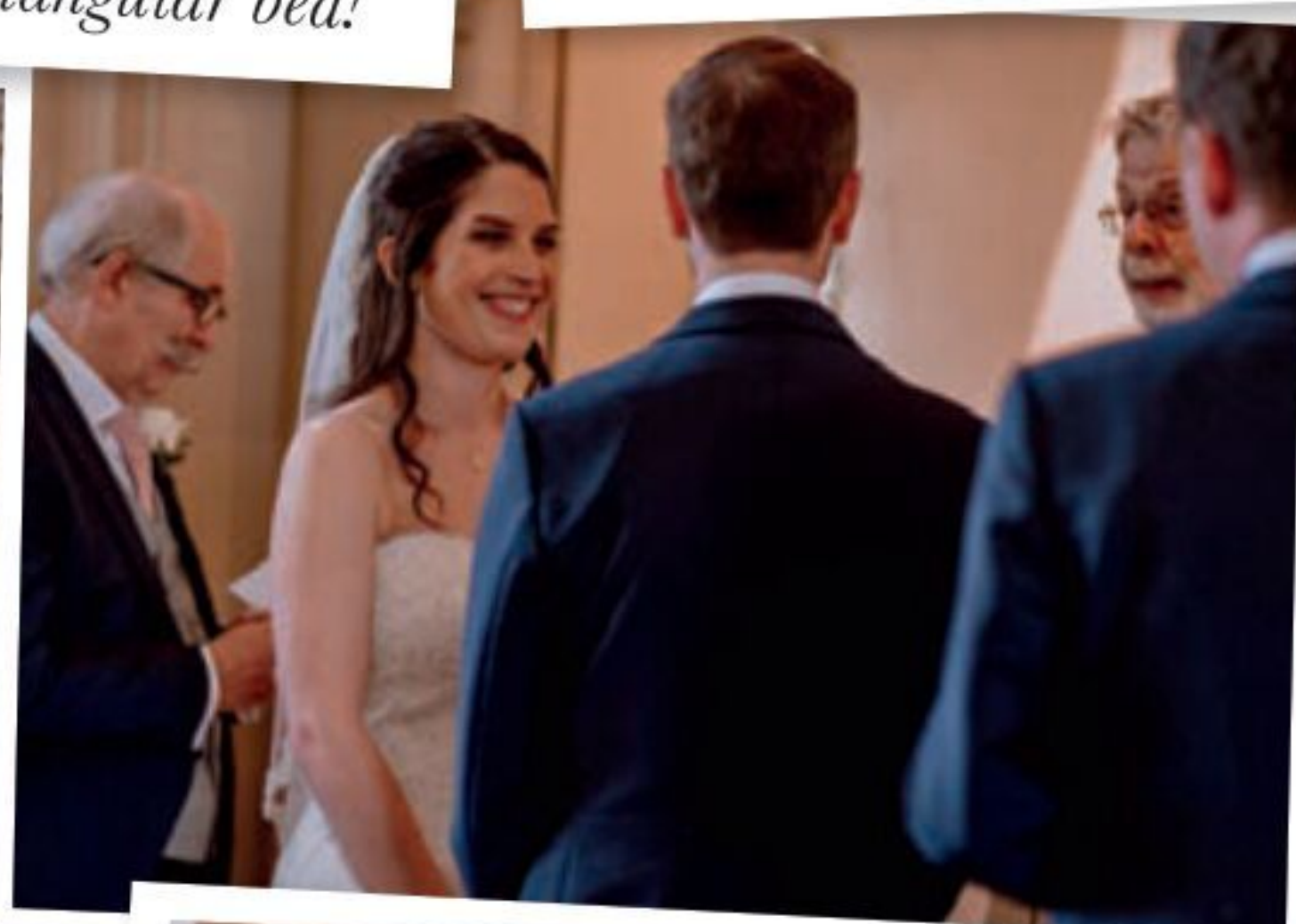
The private, relaxed environment that Wasing offers was important to us, it was great knowing we were the only ones there. When we first visited, we instantly felt comfortable and knew it was the venue for us. We wanted to find somewhere that we knew our friends and family would enjoy and the team went above and beyond



St Nicholas' Church, Wasing is located on the estate. We went to church for seven months leading up to our wedding to qualify for marrying in the parish and during this time, we got to know the church community who were always so welcoming



We were incredibly lucky to benefit from the blossom on the cherry tree outside the church and several across the estate. We hoped the trees might be in bloom, but it wasn't guaranteed!



Having the church service surrounded by our loved ones felt really special. Walking in and realising that all of our friends and family were gathered together waiting to see us get married and knowing they were there to support us felt amazing



Rob said that seeing me walk up the aisle in my dress was a memorable moment for him. Our vicar was entertaining and made us all feel comfortable during the ceremony.





We had a timeline of events provided by wedding stationery and styling company Lulabee which included artwork illustrating each of the main elements of the day.



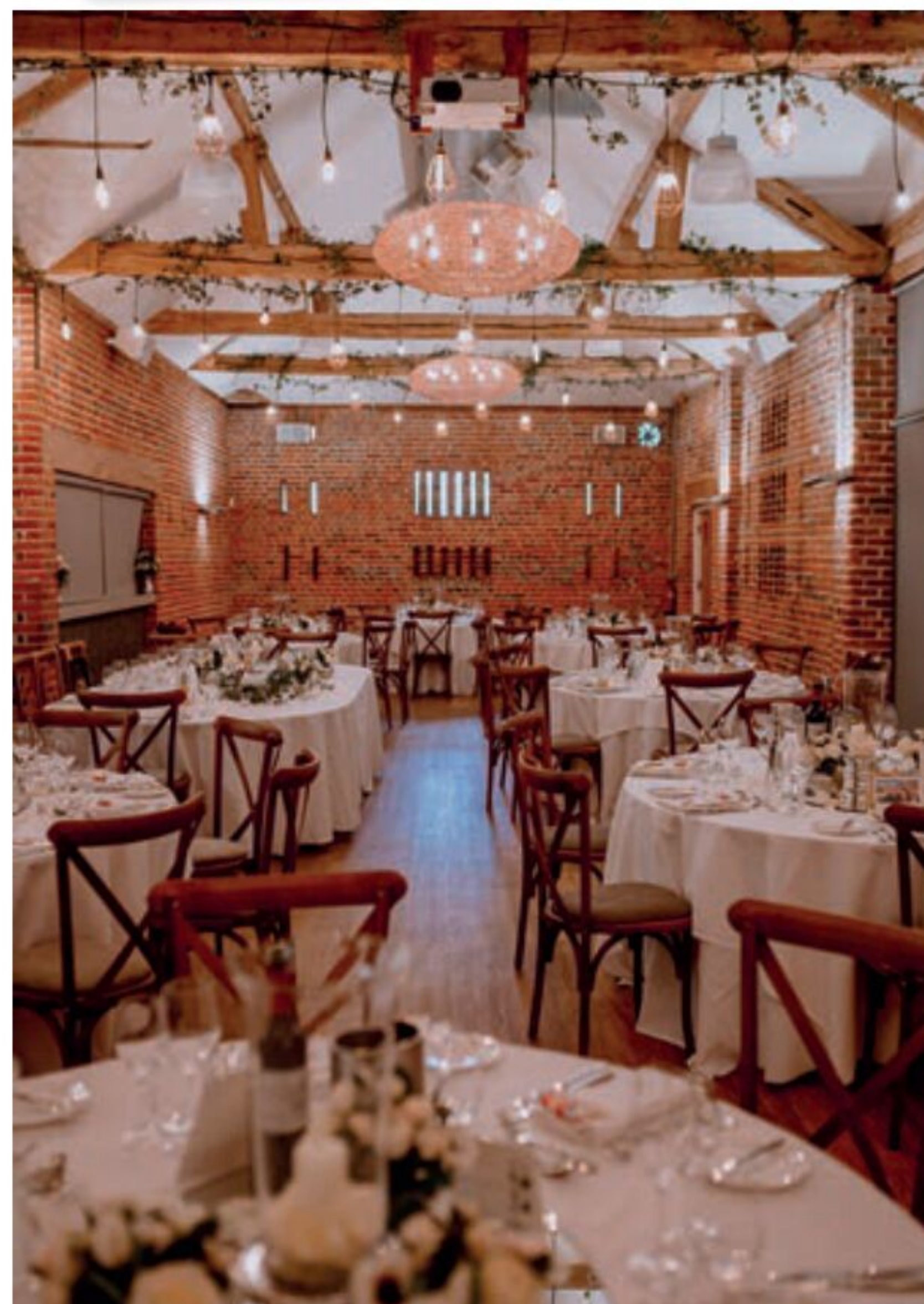
The table plan, along with the place name cards were decorated with a eucalyptus pattern. We decided on eight tables, including an oval-shaped top table.



We love to travel so named the tables after some of the places we have visited together. We displayed a photograph of us on each table which had been taken in the named location.



As favours, we gave each of our guests Belgian Neuhaus Carré chocolates wrapped with white ribbon as a nod to our engagement in Bruges. We also gave guests a 'words of wisdom' card each asking for their advice on marriage and their recommendations for cities or countries that we should visit.



We created a romantic ambience by filling lanterns with candles and placing them on the large pebble pots outside. We strung fairy lights from the railings on the terrace and decorated the exposed beams in the Castle Barn with copper-caged festoon lighting and foliage. We also lit the arrow slits in the Castle Barn with votive candles to make the barn feel cosy and warm during the evening.



Our centrepieces were provided by Cherubs Floral Design and consisted of several small vases on each table holding posies of blue, white and blush pink flowers in keeping with our colour theme. We also had tea lights in small votive candle holders placed on a mirror base with loose petals scattered around. We wanted to have low centrepieces so that everyone could see each other across the table and talk.



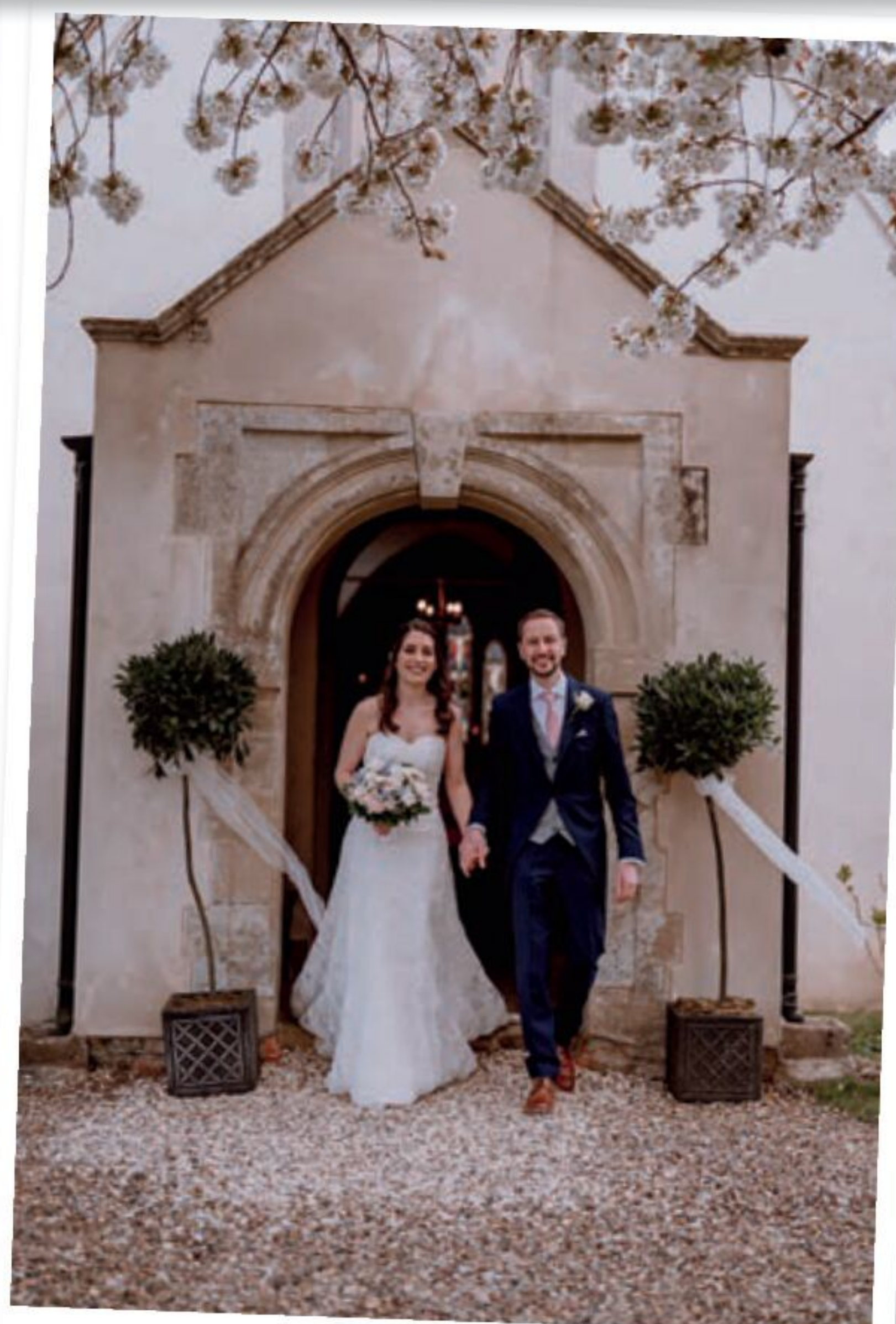
Cherubs Floral Design also created our fabulous flower arrangements. My bridal bouquet consisted of black-eyed anemones, powder blue delphiniums, white tulips, white and blush ranunculus, ivory and blush spray roses with eucalyptus and senecio foliage all tied with a satin ribbon.



We reused our flowers throughout the day placing some of the vases and the candles from our centrepieces on the church window ledges. The bay trees were moved to the Castle Barn and the flowers that were tied to the church gates were moved to the bar area in the Castle Barn.



The confetti cones were handmade with the musical score of our first dance printed on the outside. No one knew what our first dance song was going to be, so this was a subtle hint early in the day!



We had topiary bay trees displayed on either side of the church entrance which looked beautiful.



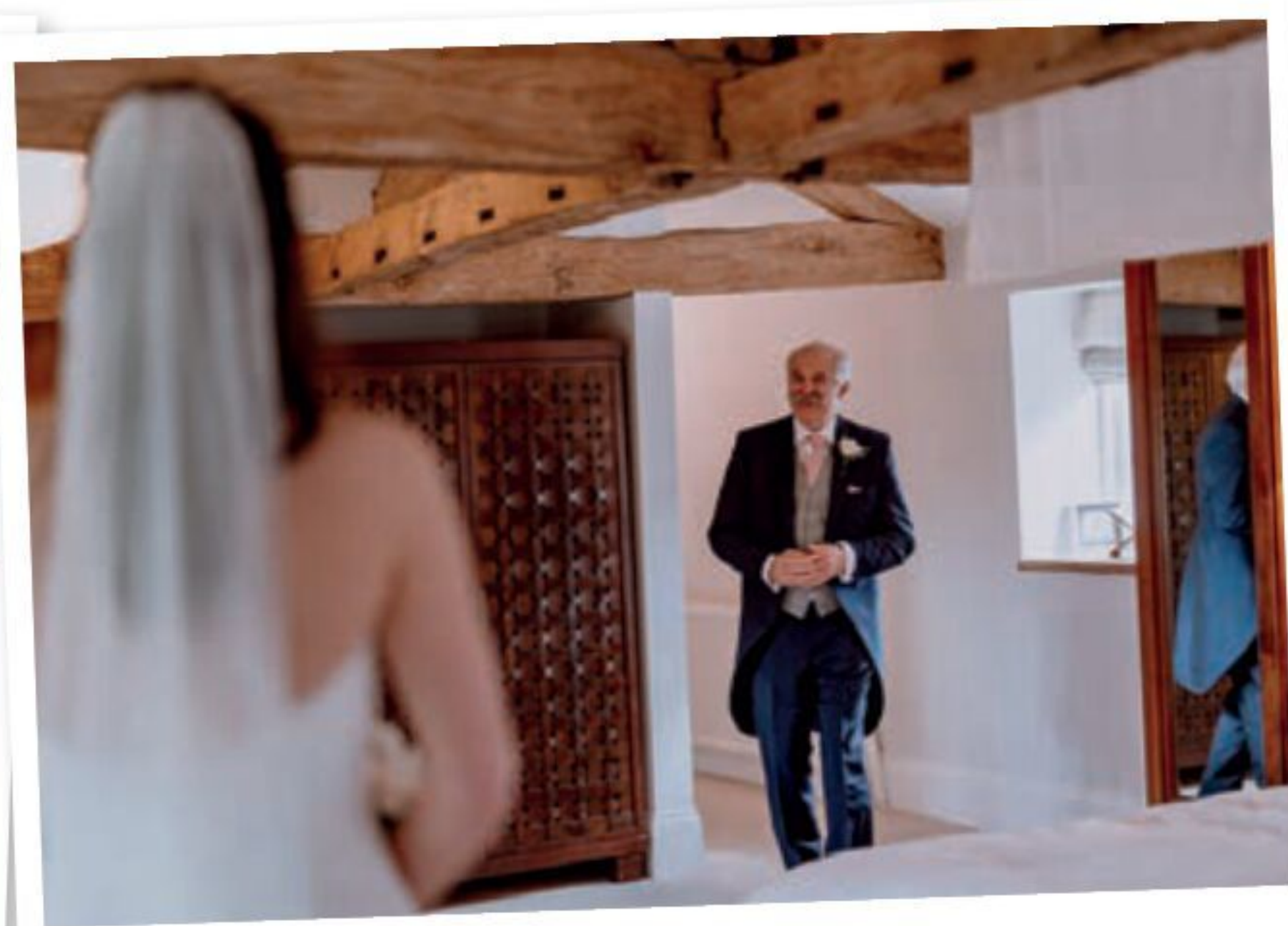
We chose a three-tier cake decorated with sugar flowers to match the floral decorations. It had a lemon sponge layer filled with elderflower buttercream, a chocolate sponge tier filled with chocolate buttercream and a Cherry Bakewell layer.



The catering at Wasing tasted incredible! The wedding breakfast was a starter of filo tart with feta cheese, spinach, courgette and pine nuts followed by the main course of beef Wellington served with celeriac and potato purée, roast shallots and parsnip crisps, red wine and port jus. We also served our guests a selection of canapés during the drinks reception with prosecco mixed with elderflower liqueur, apple julep and some local craft beers.



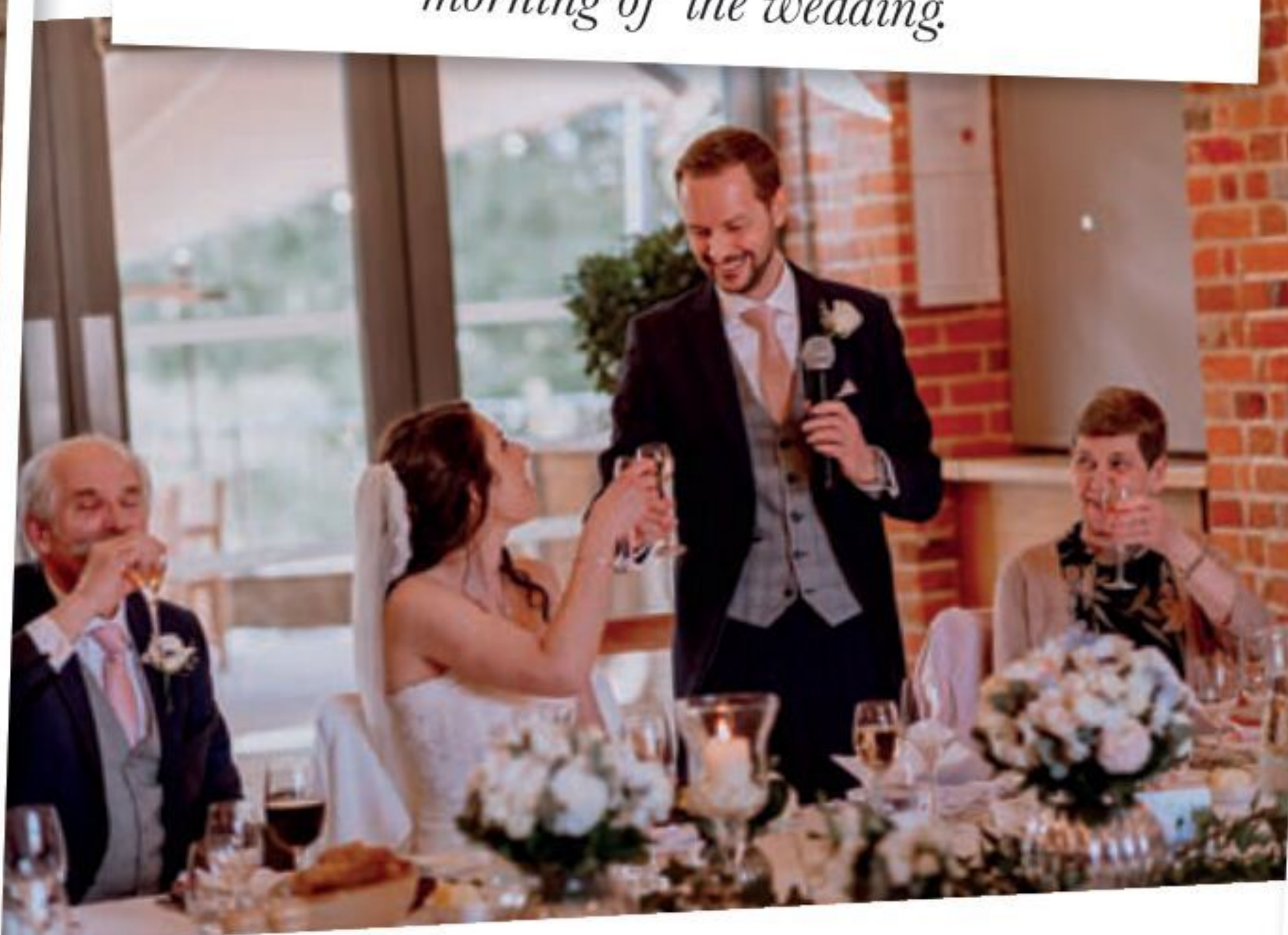
I loved my personalised robe that I wore on the morning of the wedding.



I wore a strapless lace A-line dress with a sweetheart neckline. I visited a few bridal boutiques to try on styles and this was the first dress that I felt comfortable in.



I teamed my dress with a lace-trimmed veil, a pair of lace bridal shoes, a pearl hair clip, a pair of pearl stud earrings, a pearl drop necklace and a beautiful diamond bracelet that Rob gifted me on the morning of our wedding.



Rob wore a navy tailcoat suit with a blush tie, pocket square and grey, checked waistcoat.



The groomsmen all wore the same suit as Rob with a slightly different waistcoat in a silvery grey colour so that Rob stood out. They all wore the same tan-coloured brogues.



Our two beautiful bridesmaids wore dusky blue floor-length, V-neck strappy dresses. I wanted something that they would both like and feel comfortable in.



We had some stunning couple portraits taken at sunset.



We had an acoustic guitarist perform during the drinks reception and in the evening, we hired a live band who were brilliant. They got everyone up on the dancefloor and also learnt a song, especially for us.

THE DREAM TEAM

Photographer, Joe Mallen Photography, 07737 186 311, <https://joemallenphotography.co.uk> | **Church**, St Nicholas' Church, Wasing, www.awb.org.uk/churches/st-nicholas-wasing | **Venue and catering**, Wasing, 0118 907 0199, www.wasing.co.uk/weddings | **Bride's dress**, Allure Bridals, <https://allurebridals.com> | **Bride's shoes**, Rainbow Club | **Bride's necklace**, Tiffany & Co | **Bridesmaids' dresses**, Veromia at <https://nabbd.co.uk> | **Flowergirl outfit**, Monsoon | **Make-up and hair**, Makeup by Maya Lewis, <https://mayalewis.co.uk/bridal-makeup-hair> | **Suits**, Dapper, 020 8399 2090, <https://dapper.co.uk> | **Men's shoes**, Dune | **Wedding rings**, Taylor & Hart, 0203 126 4915, <https://taylorandhart.com> | **Cake**, Celebration Cakes by Catherine Scott, 0118 946 1112, www.catherines-cakes.co.uk | **Flowers**, Cherubs Floral Design Ltd, 0118 947 8779, www.cherubsfloraldesign.com | **Stationery**, Papier, www.papier.com | **Invitations and order-of-service**, Norma & Dorothy, www.normadorothy.com | **Timeline schedule, words of wisdom and children's colouring books**, Lulabee, 07590 481 614, www.lulabee.co.uk | **Acoustic guitarist, drinks reception and evening band**, Tailored Entertainment, 0800 564 2240, www.tailored-entertainment.com



MAKING YOUR MEMORIES MAGICAL

BREATHTAKING PROFESSIONAL FIREWORK DISPLAYS FOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY



Whether you are organising wedding fireworks or a display for a national event, the team are on hand to listen and deliver a focused, personalised approach to a fireworks display that will blow your mind!



LET US PLAN YOUR FIREWORK DISPLAY

Speak to our experienced and friendly team today and we will help you Fill the Sky with Magic
CALL: 01491 825 809 **EMAIL:** hello@illusionfireworks.com **VISIT:** www.illusionfireworks.com

UNITS 1-4, 49 WHITECROSS, WOOTTON, OX13 6BS



As seen at
**SIGNATURE WEDDING SHOW
AT ASCOT RACECOURSE**

WWW.PORTABLEPUBCOMPANY.COM
BOOKINGS@PORTABLEPUBCOMPANY.COM
020 3581 2202



IT'S *party* TIME

Laura and Fraser's special day enjoyed a dusky pink and mauve colour theme with a nod to the various musicals that they enjoy

Images courtesy of Sally Forder for Binky Nixon Photography



Laura Belardo and Fraser Kay married on 12th March 2022 at Tythe in Launton in Oxfordshire.

Laura and Fraser met at school where they knew one another from year 12 onwards. "Just before sitting our A-Levels and leaving for university, we kissed at one of the many 18th birthday parties that year and we've been together ever since," Laura tells us.

Fraser proposed in the summer of 2018 while the couple were on holiday in Barcelona. "After a delicious dinner, he suggested we should take a walk along the beach," Laura explains. Before I knew it, he was down on one knee in the sand and I said 'yes' after about 10 minutes of crying!"

SETTING THE SCENE

The minute the couple arrived at the wedding venue Tythe in Launton, Oxfordshire, they were in love with the place. "Will, the owner, showed us around and his passion and care for the venue was evident," Laura tells us. "It's centred around the main barn and even the smallest of details have been considered. It had everything we were looking for – a rustic feel with romantic fairylights everywhere!"

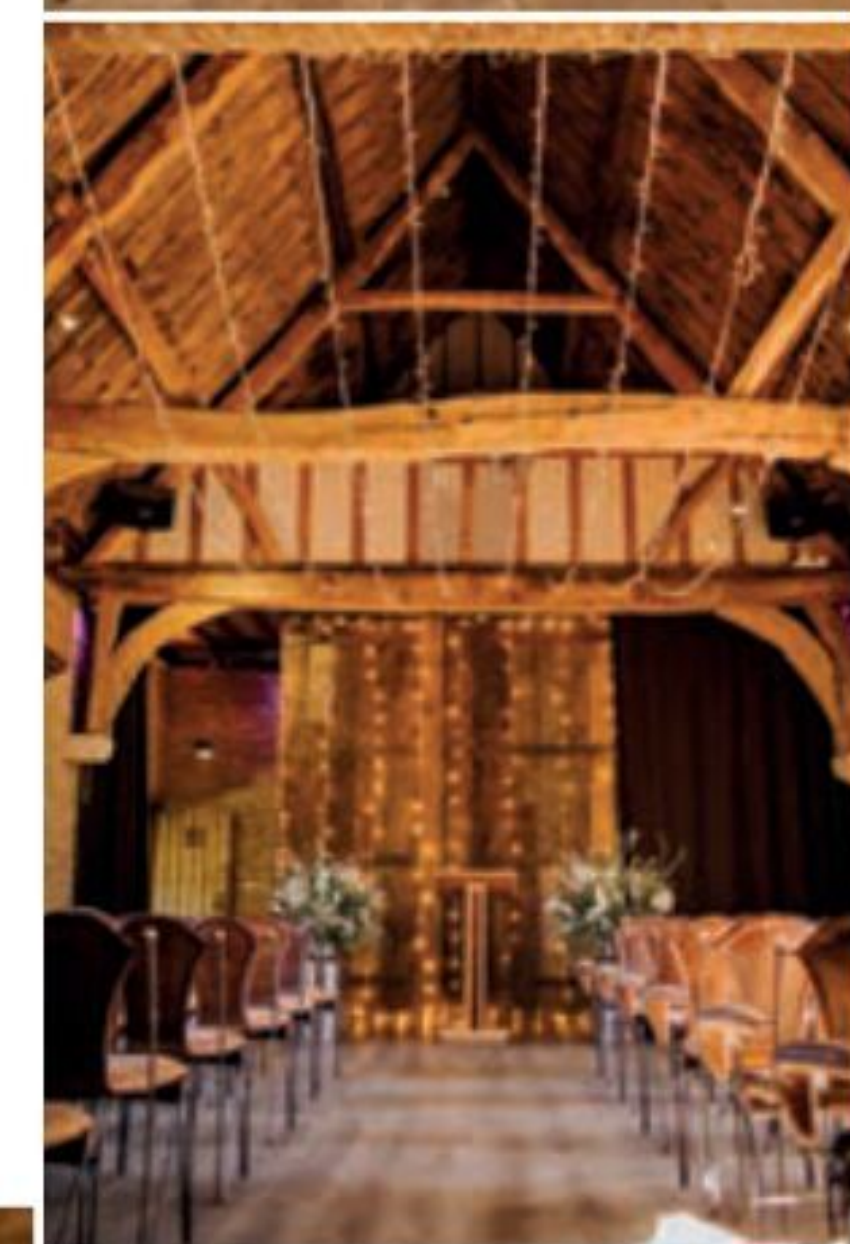
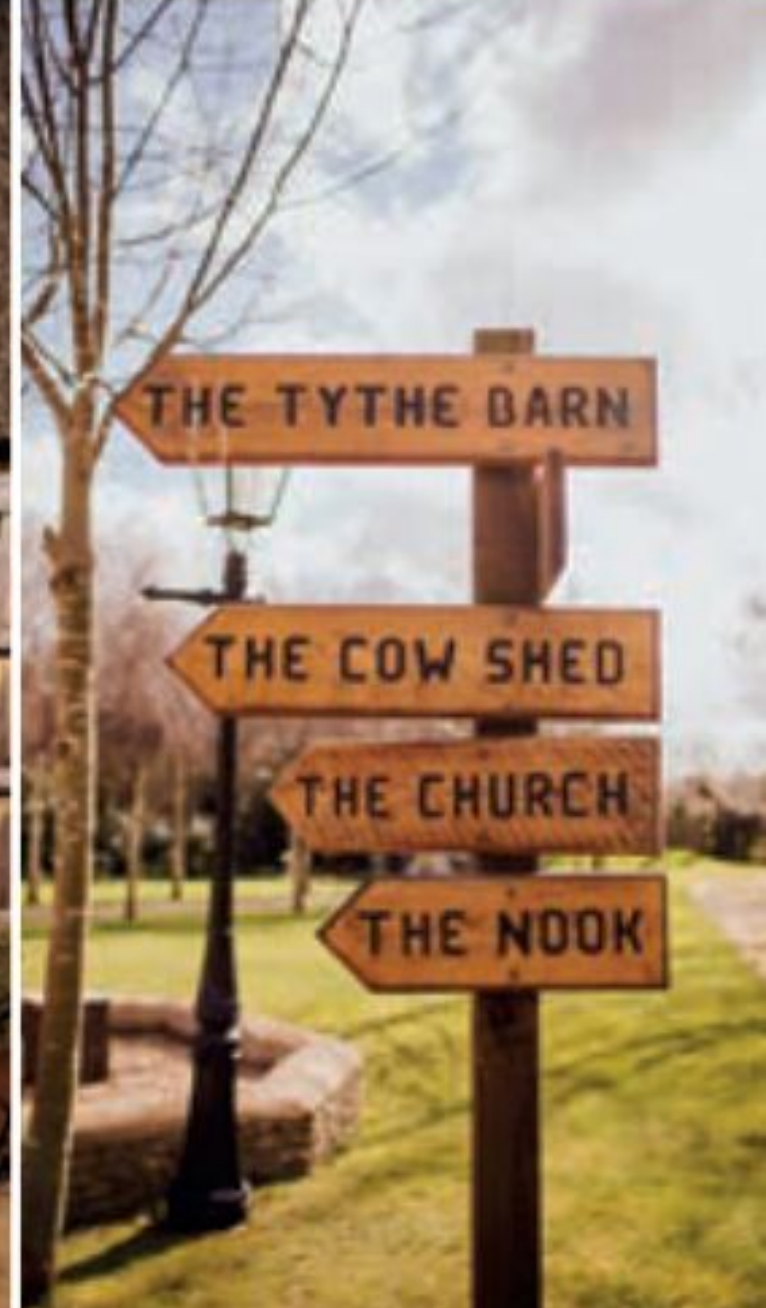
The couple hired a rustic ladder and placed empty wine bottles on each rung with guests' names written on them which formed their table plan. "For our table names, we placed gin bottles filled with fairy lights and a small chalkboard sign on the top of each one displaying the names that were after musicals we had watched together or that I (Laura) had performed in. We both love gin, and so do all of our loved ones, so we also had a gin station during the reception."

Laura and Fraser's centrepieces were pearl vases filled with flowers surrounded by smaller bud vases and candles. "Our florist couldn't have done a better job," Laura tells us. "We requested roses, ranunculus and sweet peas and had four large milk churns filled with arrangements. The basket on the bicycle displayed at the front of the barn was also filled with flowers." The couple finished their table set-up with personalised Swizzels Love Hearts as favours. "We had a sweetie cart during the evening that everybody loved!"

Fraser's aunt, who is a wedding cake designer, created their three-tier pink ombre cake. "We chose chocolate, lemon and salted caramel as the flavours and it was decorated with fresh flowers," Laura tells us.

For their catering, the couple chose canapés with a Mediterranean and Italian influence followed by a delicious three-course dinner that included risotto, lamb and lemon tart for dessert. "During the evening, we had pizzas made by the chefs in the wood-fired oven that tasted delicious!" Laura says.

"After waiting an extra two years for our day to arrive (we were originally meant to get married in April 2020, three weeks after the first lockdown was imposed), the anticipation of the day was overwhelming. I couldn't wait to finally say 'I do!' Fraser was calm until he saw me walk down the aisle - he had to fight back the tears!" – Laura





THOMAS WILLIAM JEWELLERY

BESPOKE AND FITTED
WEDDING RING SPECIALIST



MASTER GOLDSMITHS ONSITE WORKSHOP
REPAIRS & ALTERATIONS

HOLME GRANGE CRAFT VILLAGE, WOKINGHAM
01189788833 | ENQUIRIES@THOMASWILLIAMJEWELLERY.COM
WWW.THOMASWILLIAMJEWELLERY.COM



LOOKING THE PART

Laura wore a fit-and-flare lace dress by Stella York (style no 6569) that featured an illusion back. "Because I fell pregnant before our wedding, this had to be altered significantly to fit my ever-growing bump!" Laura tells us. "The dress had the most beautiful train and the hem and neckline were adorned with scalloped lace detail. I added a belt for an extra bit of sparkle. I chose this style because I felt that it accentuated my curves."

Fraser and his groomsmen wore three-piece navy suits with dusky pink ties and matching pocket squares. "Our bridesmaids all wore long, pleated halterneck dresses in a dusky pink colour to tie in with our theme," Laura explains.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

The couple had a string quartet perform during the guests' arrival, ceremony and reception. "During the evening, we had a DJ called Frank who created a great atmosphere playing all the classics and disco music that we had asked for," Laura says. "The dancefloor was never empty! We also had a photo booth that everyone loved!"



“Fraser’s speech was fantastic – he spoke in Italian for a part of it for the benefit of my family which was very special.” – Laura



TOP TIP:

“On the day, there’s nothing more that you can do, so sit back and enjoy every single part of it.” – Laura and Fraser

THE DREAM TEAM

Venue, Tythe, 01869 321 442, www.thetythebarn.co.uk | **Photographer**, Sally Forder for Binky Nixon Photography, <https://binkynixon.com>
Bride’s dresses, Brides of Berkhamsted, 01442 874 006, www.bridesofberkhamsted.com | **Bridesmaids’ dresses**, TFNC London, www.tfnclondon.com | **Hair**, Tangled Hair Oxfordshire, www.tangledhairoxfordshire.com | **Make-up artist**, Bobbi Brown UK, www.instagram.com/jennifer_makeup | **Suits**, Cookham Formal Hire, 01628 526 222, www.windsorformalhire.com | **Flowers**, The Flower Fairies, 07983 441 588, <https://theflowerfairies.com> | **Stationery**, Atelier Rosemood, www.rosemood.co.uk | **Catering**, Absolute Taste, 01869 226 670, www.absolutetaste.com | **Wedding rings**, Blue Nile Diamonds, www.bluenile.com/uk | **Photo booth**, BoothFairy, 07970 180 826, <https://booth-fairy.co.uk> | **DJ**, Gigz Management, 0800 0329 844, www.gigzmanagement.com | **String Quartet**, Oxford String Quartet, www.oxfordstringquartet.com | **Prop hire**, White Horse Prop Rental, 07830 355 501, <https://whitehorseprorental.com>



Bespoke, Cinematic,
Wedding Films



scott@hc-visuals.com
www.hc-visuals.com
IG: @hcvisualsfilm



Wedding & Event Venue

Situated in the grounds of a 17th Century Farmhouse, Winters Tale Country Barn can seat up to 120 guests for your wedding breakfast and an additional 80 guests in the evening.

Licensed for Civil Ceremonies with a choice of locations in the main hall or in the quiet country gardens. The barn has many features including twinkling fairy lights, a high vaulted and heavily beamed ceiling, a well stocked bar on the ground floor and a cocktail bar on the gallery above.

Adjacent to the barn, and included, is a large silk-lined marquee with festoon lighting and chandeliers. New for 2022/2023 is a Secret Garden for photo shoots with a water feature, bridal swing and more...

Also included on the night of your wedding is on-site accommodation just across the courtyard in Harvest Moon Barn and Ember Eve Barn.
Please call for further details.



info@winterstalecountrybarn.co.uk

01296 738040

WHAT IS AVAXHOME?

AVAXHOME-

the biggest Internet portal,
providing you various content:
brand new books, trending movies,
fresh magazines, hot games,
recent software, latest music releases.

Unlimited satisfaction one low price

Cheap constant access to piping hot media

Protect your downloadings from Big brother

Safer, than torrent-trackers

18 years of seamless operation and our users' satisfaction

All languages

Brand new content

One site



AVXLIVE **ICU**

AvaxHome - Your End Place

We have everything for all of your needs. Just open <https://avxlive.icu>


JESSICA
GHANSAH
WEDDINGS

Wedding Planning & Coordination Service

Planning beautiful countryside
weddings for busy couples



To book a consultation

www.jessicaghansahweddings.com 07970615530 



PAPER PROFILES OF YOUR GUESTS

cut in minutes using nothing more than scissors!

Rare • Entertainment • Personalised Art • Unique favour



FREE Couples Silhouette Emblem to be used on stationery
with every Live Wedding Booking with code **#ASCOTOFFER**

 @silhouettesarah1

www.silhouetteartist.co.uk

Phone: 07949133390

silhouettesarah@gmail.com



Scan
to view
video



Personalised, Detailed, Rustic Wedding Stationery

From your save the dates to your on the day
stationery I can help you set the tone and wow
your guests bringing all the details throughout.

Get in touch:

www.laurendaisy.co.uk

 Lauren_Daisy_

 Lauren Daisy

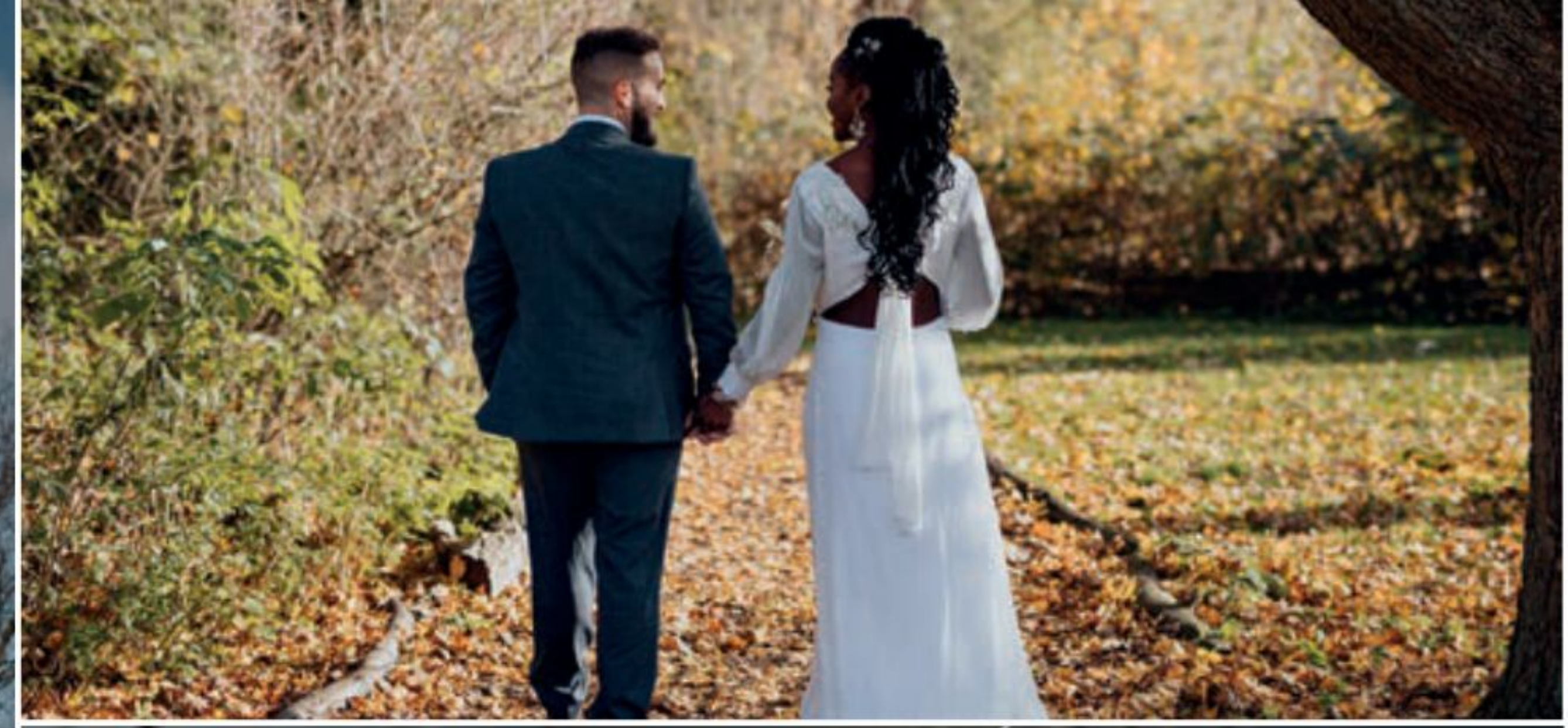


The beauty of nature

This rustic-inspired shoot at Bradwell Abbey in Milton Keynes showcases a sustainable, late-autumn wedding. The dried flowers, locally grown within four miles of the venue added sage green and gold accents and the wedding dress was made using eco-friendly materials

*Images courtesy of czerminski.com
Photography & Film*







THE DREAM TEAM

Planner, Jessica Ghansah Weddings, 07970 615 530, www.jessicaghansahweddings.com | **Venue**, Bradwell Abbey Weddings, 01908 227 229, www.bradwellabbeyweddings.com | **Photographer**, czerminski.com Photography & Film, www.czerminski.com | **Venue styling**, Miss Carlisle and Co, 07789 086 362, www.misscarlysleandco.com | **Florist**, floridamaria, 07710 262 536, www.floridamaria.co.uk | **Eco dress**, Jessica Turner Designs, 07511 818 923, www.jessicaturnerdesigns.com | **Celebrant**, Celebrant Louise, 07889 464 752, <https://celebrantlouise.com> | **Cake**, Deliciously Devine Wedding Cakes, 07739 006 967, www.deliciouslydivine.co.uk | **Hair**, DMA Wedding & Event Hair, www.facebook.com/dma.wedding.hair | **MUA**, Kirsty Louise Makeup Artist, www.kirstylouisemua.co.uk | **Stationery**, Lauren Daisy, www.laurendaisy.co.uk | **Bridal jewellery**, Bish Bosh Becca, 07974 069 245, www.bishboshbecca.co.uk | **Catering**, Gourmand Pierre private dining, 07704 998 001, www.gourmandpierre.com | **Model couple**, Lumbe and Josh, www.instagram.com/thisislumbe; @jlynham_



Wedding Photography & Film

www.czerminski.com

czerminski.com
PHOTOGRAPHY & FILM



Wallingford Portraits & Weddings

Personalised Photography for People and Pets



www.wallingfordportraits.co.uk

Tel: 07876 293377



TELLING YOUR TRUE LOVE STORY

Natural, Personal and Creative
Wedding Photography



MATTHEW ELLACOTT
PHOTOGRAPHY



www.matthewellacottphotography.co.uk

matt@matthewellacott.co.uk

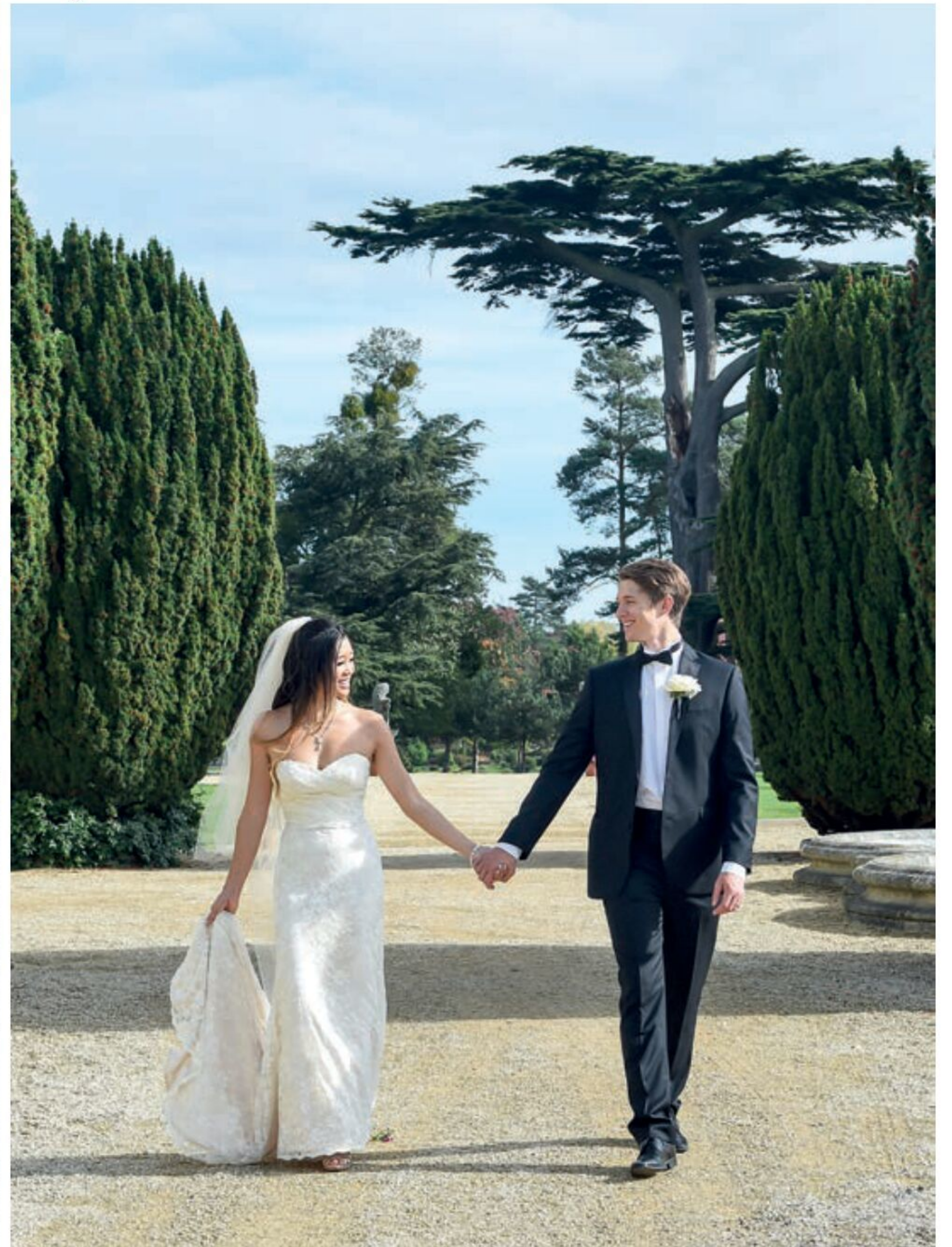
Tel: 07879 406 759

Camera-ready

Local wedding photographers reveal their favourite snaps

ABIGAIL'S STUDIO, BLEDLOW RIDGE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Say hi: 01494 481 137, www.abigailstudio.co.uk



MATTHEW ELLACOTT PHOTOGRAPHY, OXFORD

Say hi: www.matthewellacott.co.uk





JENNIE COLBOURNE PHOTOGRAPHY, BERKSHIRE

Say hi: 07884 312 927, <https://jennicolbourne.co.uk>

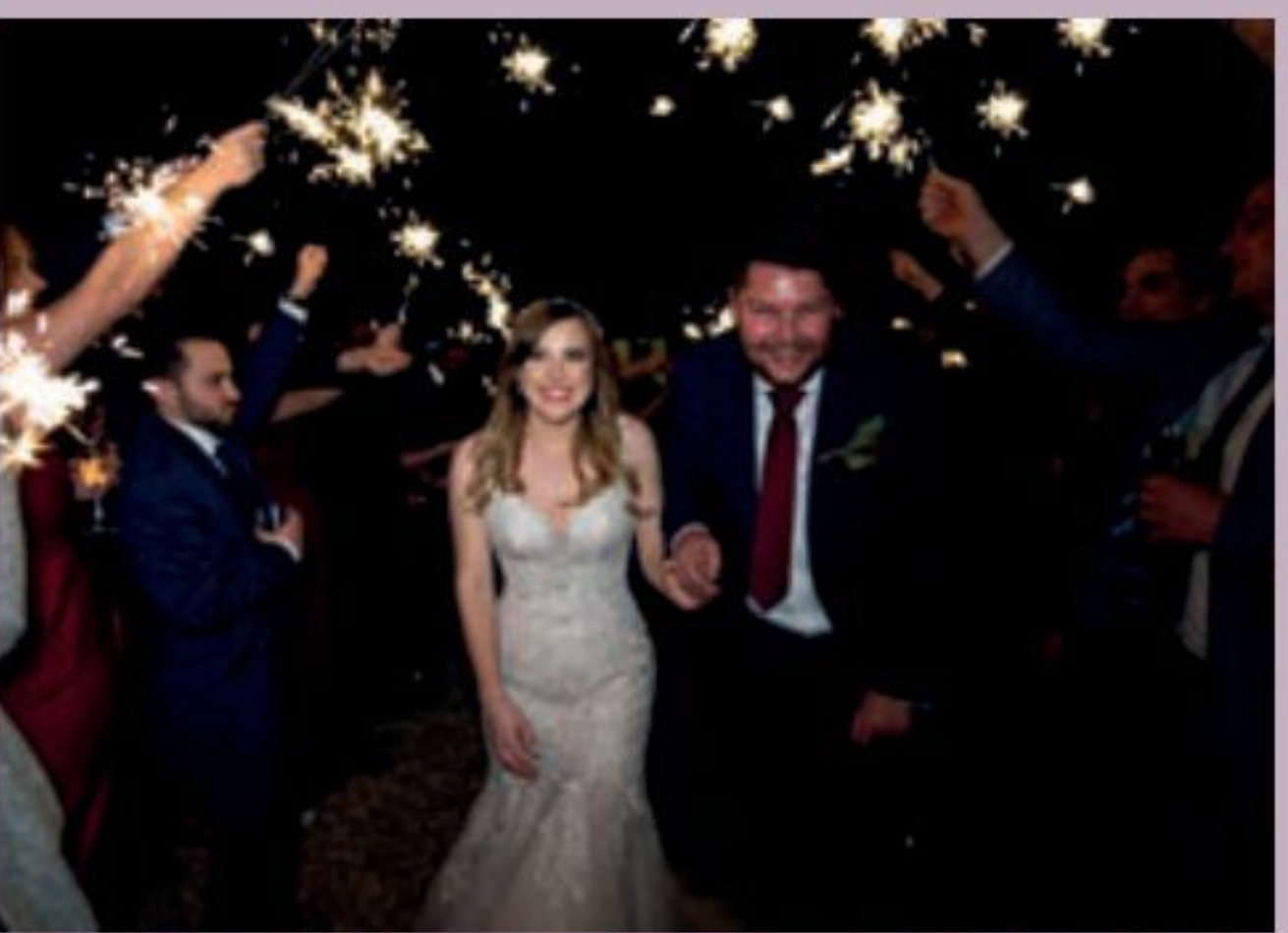


STONE PHOTOS, MAIDENHEAD, BERKSHIRE

Say hi: 07956 393 844, www.stonephotos.co.uk

POTTERS INSTINCT PHOTOGRAPHY, OXFORD

Say hi: 07725 335 766, <https://pottersinstinctphotography.co.uk>





MADY URSU
photography

*The wedding day is
all about YOU...*

The laughs, the goosebumps, the tears are a part of your unique wedding story. Capturing authentic emotions is my main goal. For much of the day you won't even notice me (even though I'm a tall gal) because I believe the best photos are taken when you're relaxed and having fun.

Let me tell you one story

—
YOUR STORY!

**Scan the QR code
to Get your Quote**



Stone Photos
Relaxed Wedding Photography by Loren



www.stonephotos.co.uk | loren@stonephotos.co.uk | 07956 393844

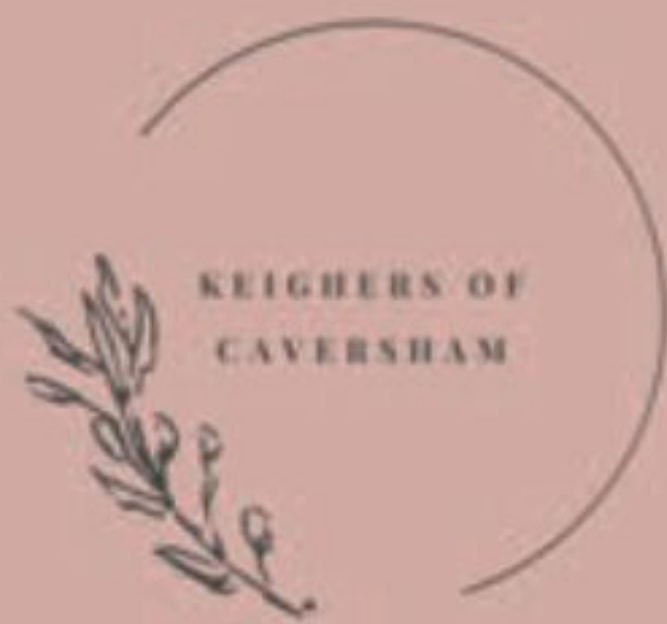
WEDDING CAKE

As unique as you



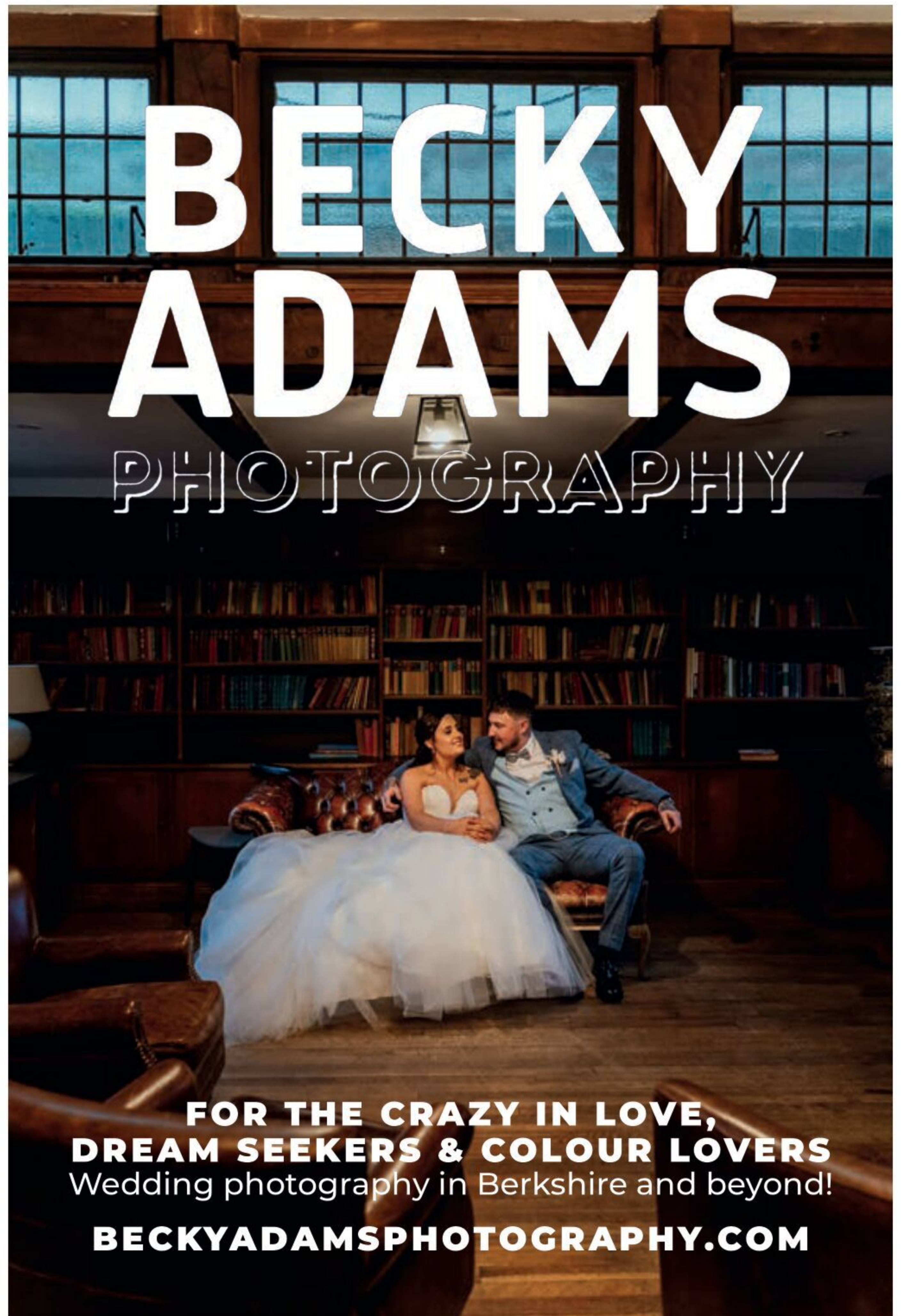
TO BOOK
A CONSULTATION

www.keighersofcaversham.com
keighersofcaversham@gmail.com



  @keighers_of_caversham

BECKY ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY



**FOR THE CRAZY IN LOVE,
DREAM SEEKERS & COLOUR LOVERS**
Wedding photography in Berkshire and beyond!

BECKYADAMSPHOTOGRAPHY.COM



**ONE OF THE LARGEST
WEDDING SHOWS
TO BE HELD IN THE
SOUTH OF ENGLAND**

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH, 2023
WEMBLEY STADIUM, LONDON

- Free entry
- Win a luxury honeymoon
- Huge number of wedding specialists including venues
- Bridal fashion shows
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Covid-19 secure

Pre-register and attend the show to have a chance to win a fabulous spa break worth £250 courtesy of  **SPABREAKS**.com

SPONSORED BY



IN ASSOCIATION WITH
cwm
COUNTY WEDDING MAGAZINES

Pre-register at www.countyweddingevents.com/registration

Follow us on:  /CountyWeddingEvents  @CountyWedEvent  @countyweddingevents



WHAT'S NEW...

Updates from the world of wedding catering

HEDSOR HOUSE LAUNCHES PLANET-POSITIVE WEDDING

Award-winning and quintessentially English wedding venue, Hedsor House located in Taplow, Buckinghamshire has launched an industry-first, planet-positive wedding for eco-conscious couples. The UK's first carbon-neutral, curated wedding for up to 60 guests called The Alexander promises to make this once-in-a-lifetime event less wasteful.

Hedsor's ambition to do this has been achieved through collaborations with sustainably minded suppliers in an endeavour to keep sustainability at the forefront of all operations, reducing the venue's carbon footprint by an impressive 55% (compared to a normal wedding at Hedsor).

Hedsor has partnered with Lettice Events, a high-end sustainable events caterer driven by environmentally conscious decisions. Their seasonal, three-course vegan menu packs the same gourmet punch as the typical wedding feast, though with each guest reducing their carbon footprint by 63%. A series of zero-waste canapés are created from the offcuts of the chosen menu, and the entirety of the plant-first fare can be washed down with Three Choirs English wine and Harrow & Hope British fizz.

Eco-forward foodies will relish Love from Lila's two-tier sustainable wedding cake, which is baked from organic, seasonal and fair-trade ingredients and creates almost zero waste, offsetting any remaining carbon footprint with tree planting.

Couples can create yet more ambience by adding reusable artificial trees (including stunning blossoms, autumn maples and Christmas trees) from Twilight Trees, with solar-powered lighting and pretty star-clothed DJ-booths from Glo Productions. The seasoned Hedsor wedding specialist team will also be ever-present throughout the planning, working to ensure the couples and their guests have a seamless, memorable day from start to finish.

Environmental concerns have been close to the hearts of the Shephard

family members for generations, particularly for the patriarch, Alexander, who has diligently cared for and conserved the 100 acres of parkland he played

in as a child (and whose eco-efforts are honoured in the name of the wedding package). Mark Shephard, son of Alexander Shephard and Hedsor House managing director comments: "This launch is an important milestone, both for Hedsor and for the wedding industry since it offers a fully curated, authentic, sustainable option to couples who want a luxury wedding that doesn't compromise on quality or the environment. We're hugely proud to be able to offer this planet-positive initiative and will be supporting the Heart of Bucks 'Green Fund' each time we deliver an Alexander wedding."

Holly Congdon, head of events at Lettice Events comments: "We are thrilled to be working with Hedsor and a group of like-minded and passionate suppliers to offer the first planet-positive, carbon-neutral wedding. Sustainability and luxury are at the heart of what we offer at Lettice, so the partnership felt like a natural fit. We hope carbon neutral and planet-positive weddings will continue to grow and develop, both at Hedsor House and beyond, especially within an industry where waste is so high to protect our planet for generations to come."

To find out more, visit www.hedsor.com



IN OTHER NEWS

Sticks'n'Sushi, the Danish restaurant group known for its high-quality, fresh food based on a unique combination of traditional sushi and yakitori sticks from the grill, offers diners a welcoming combination of Danish hygge and Japanese Noren. The terrace at the Oxford-based restaurant (pictured) has been designed to enhance this blend of cultures and boasts incredible views of the historic university town providing the perfect spot for a stylish hen (or stag) gathering.

Menu highlights include the tasty Summer House roll made with fresh Norway lobster and the delicious Hiramasa Aka, made with beetroot-cured Hiramasa with miso mustard and topped with kizami wasabi. To drink, the Suika Cooler made with Haku Japanese vodka and shaken with watermelon, Aperol, citrus and pink grapefruit soda is the perfect refreshing summer tippie.

Takeaway is available for delivery through Deliveroo and UberEats, along with canned cocktails produced exclusively for Sticks'n'Sushi for those wanting to celebrate at home.

To book, visit <https://sticksnsushi.com/en/restaurants/london/oxford>



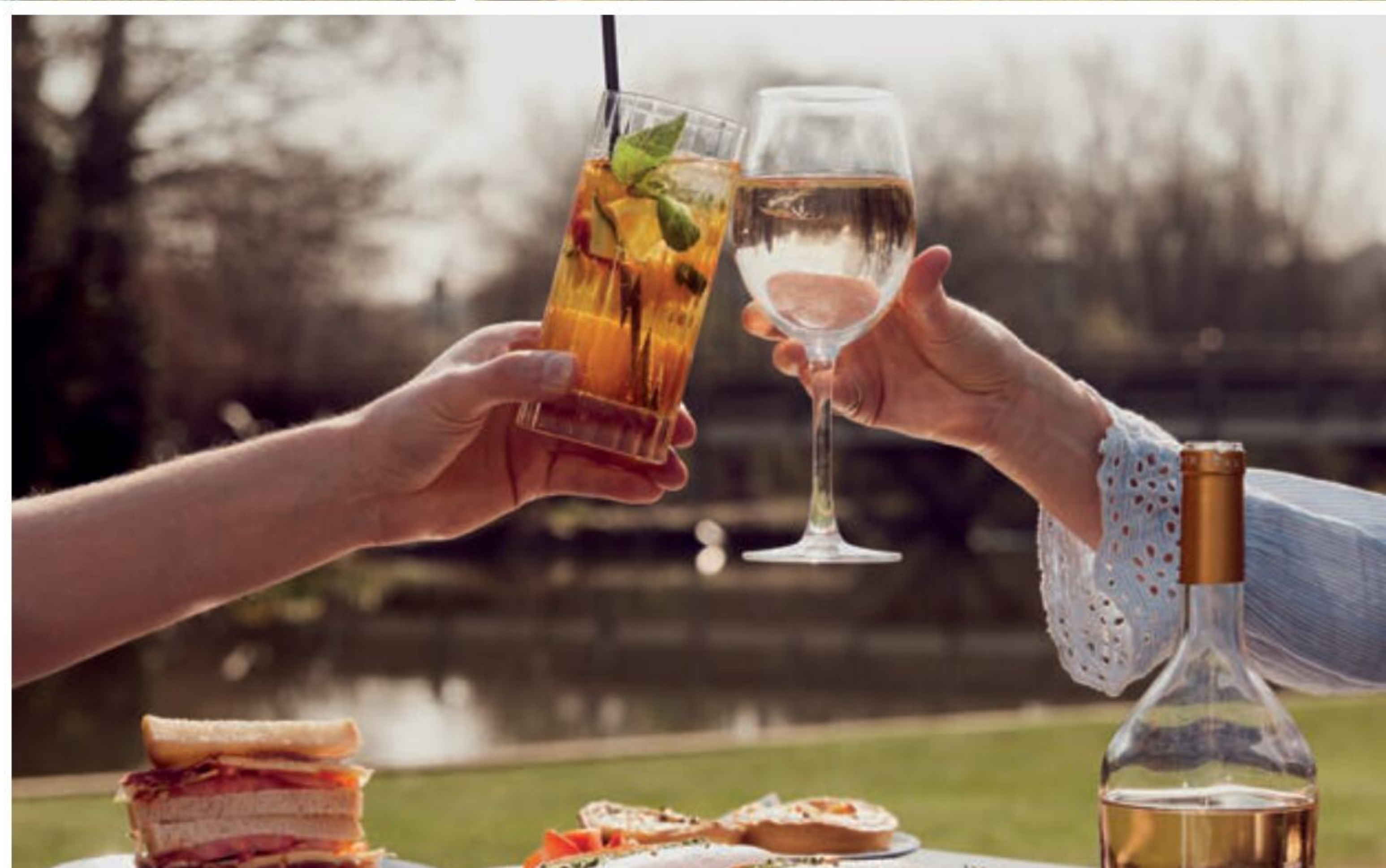


COPPA CLUB OFFERS PICNIC HAMPERS

Coppa Club is well known for providing the very best elements of a café, bar, restaurant and lounge all combined into one setting to offer the best of a private members club feel, without the fee. The Great House at Sonning and The Swan at Streatley have launched picnic hampers ready for guests to enjoy outside in the gardens or on the riverside. These picnic baskets are designed in partnership with the independent brand, The Colourful Garden Company and are available to pre-order.

Each hamper is packed full of quintessentially British fare including indulgent lobster brioche rolls, freshly made seasonal quiches, the classic British ploughman's lunch and sandwiches filled with prosciutto or smoked salmon. Those with a sweet tooth can enjoy strawberries and cream for dessert, washed down with a refreshing Pimm's or Aperol Spritz.

Picnics start from £20 per person. To find out more, visit www.coppaclub.co.uk



SEARCYS LAUNCH LIMITED-EDITION 175TH-ANNIVERSARY CUVÉE BLANC DE BLANCS BRUT NV

Toasting to 175 years, British restaurateur and event caterer Searcys has launched its new, limited-edition Searcys Selected Cuvée Blanc de Blancs Brut NV. Experts in all things fizz, Searcys is synonymous with champagne, with its very first own Cuvée dating back to 1893. Now, 129 years later, the restaurateur is marking its milestone birthday with a special Blanc de Blancs champagne, produced in the ECOCERT-certified vineyard in Épernay.

Made with 100% Chardonnay grapes and aged in the chalk cellars for over twenty-four months, this elegant beverage is yellow-gold with notes of white flower, citrus and biscuity aromas, and hints of fresh almond and lemon. It's the ideal celebratory tippie and pairs perfectly with seafood and grilled fish.

The 175th anniversary Blanc de Blancs joins the range of Searcys Selected Cuvée alongside the recently released English Sparkling Wine. Priced at £50 per bottle and with only 5000 being produced, the new serve is available to purchase from Searcys online Gift Shop with nationwide delivery at <https://searcys.giftpro.co.uk>





One of the largest wedding shows to be held in the South of England

IN ASSOCIATION WITH
cwm[®]
COUNTY WEDDING MAGAZINES

- Win a luxury honeymoon
- Huge number of wedding specialists including venues
- Bridal fashion shows
- Covid-19 secure
- Entertainment
- Refreshments

FREE ENTRY

Pre-register and attend the show to have a chance to win a £250 gift voucher courtesy of



Hosted at
 Mercedes-Benz World
at Brooklands

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER | 11AM TO 4PM

Hosted at Mercedes-Benz World
Brooklands Drive, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 0SL



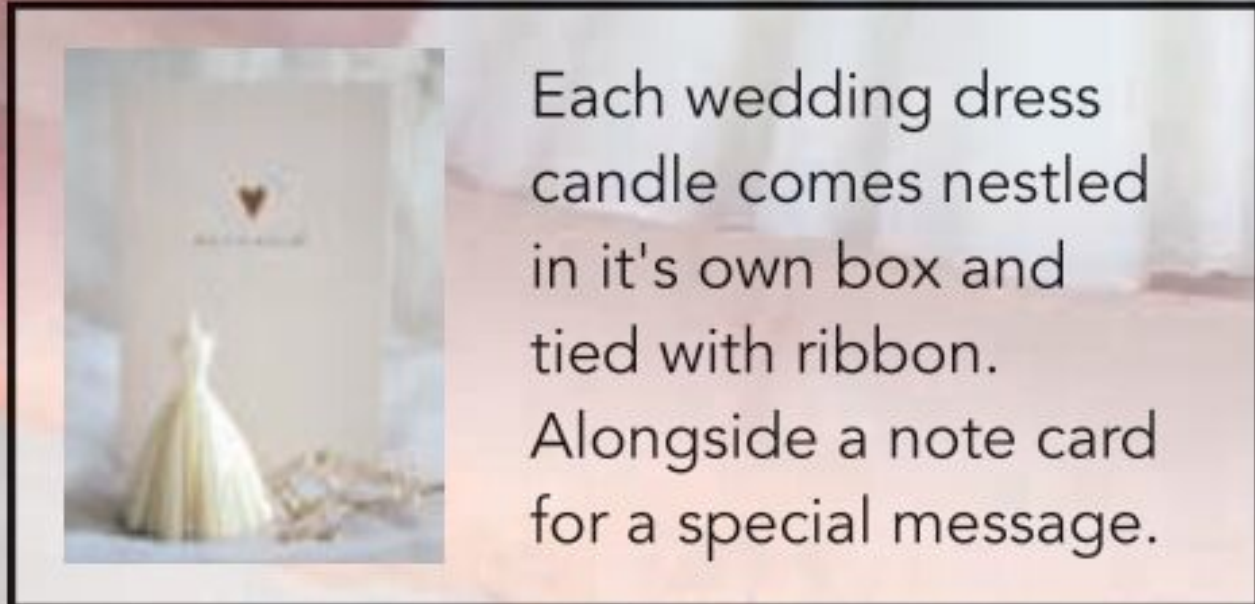
Pre-register at www.countyweddingevents.com/registration

Follow us on  /CountyWeddingEvents  @CountyWedEvent  @countyweddingevents

NONE OF YOUR BEE SWAX

- **LOCALLY SOURCED BEE SWAX**
- **HAND-POURED**
- **FREE SHIPPING**

- **10% OFF** when you spend £20 or more
- **ONE TREE** planted for every order received



Each wedding dress candle comes nestled in its own box and tied with ribbon. Alongside a note card for a special message.

WWW.NONEOFYOURBEE SWAX.COM
noneofyourbeeswax@gmail.com

TUKING GOOD TIMES



Tuk Tuk for hire for weddings and events. Scan to visit our facebook page



07775 764417

30-Day Returns | Lifetime Warranty | Price Match

Lover's Rock



Discover unique and bespoke hand-crafted rings, of the finest quality at up to **75% off** high street prices. Specialising in custom made, shaped to fit, wedding rings.



ENGAGEMENT



WEDDING



SHAPED-TO-FIT

SIAN MCCAULEY
COSMETICS

BESPOKE MAKE-UP & HAIR



SPECIALISING IN BRIDAL, SPECIAL OCCASION AND EVENTS

ENQUIRE WITH SIAN TODAY
www.sianmccauley.com info@sianmccauley.com



Tel: 03330 064 411
www.loversonrockdiamonds.co.uk



HOT TOPIC

Our experts answer your questions

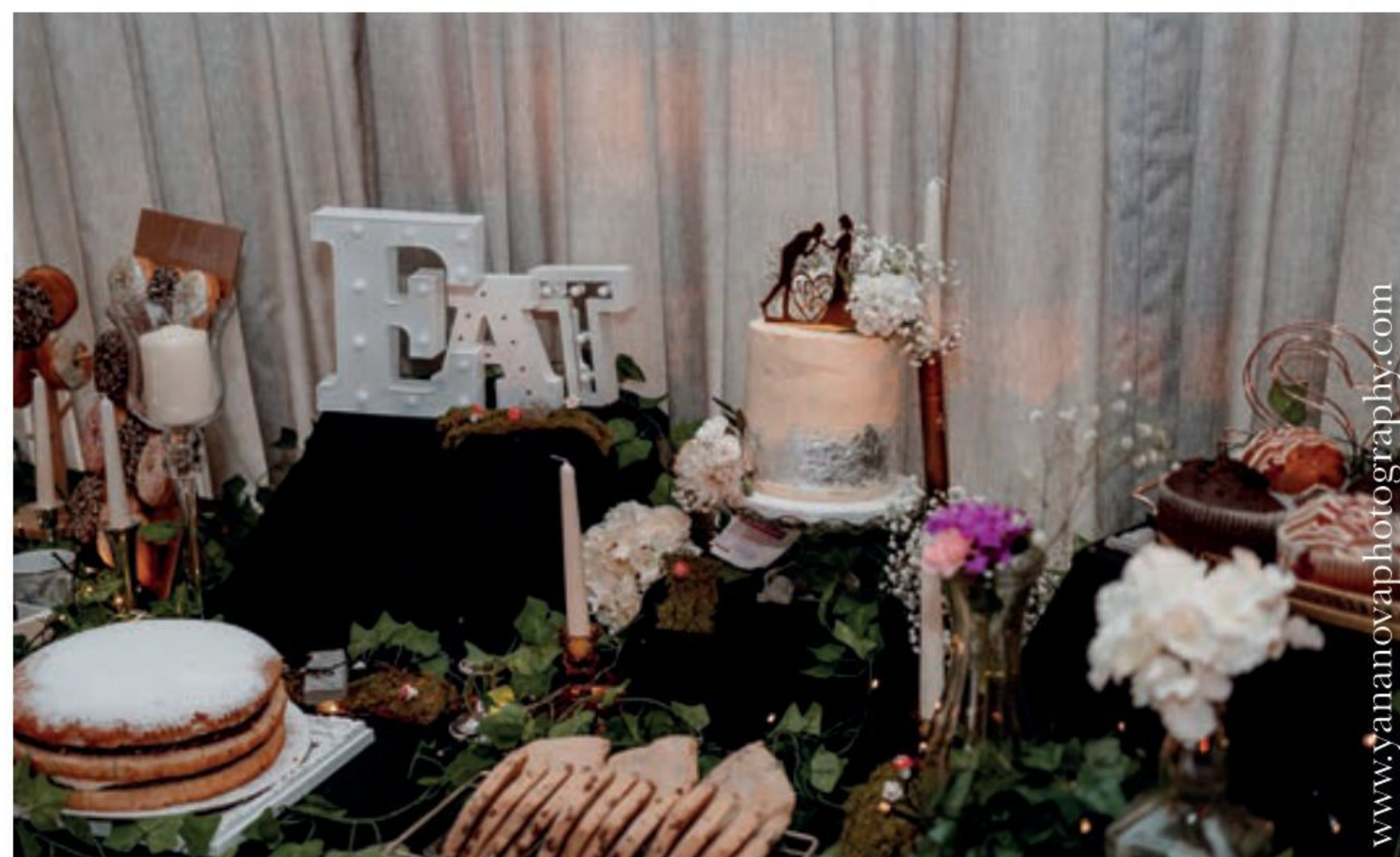
HAPPY PLANNING

We're newly engaged and both work full-time, should we hire a wedding planner?

Meet the expert: Charlotte Thackeray is the founder of Charlotte Suzanne Weddings based in Oxfordshire. She has been managing, planning and organising events for more than 10 years and specialises in DIY weddings.

Charlotte says: Getting engaged is a whirlwind! It's such a special time, but couples suddenly find that people will have advice and opinions about what you should do. Sometimes, after booking a few suppliers, you might think 'what next' because, after all, planning a wedding isn't something you do every day. For me, providing experience and advice is where a wedding planner is important, picking trusted suppliers, managing budgets and providing guidance based on experience.

There are many different types of wedding planners and coordinators so it's important to find one that works for you and who you get along with. As a planner who specialises in DIY weddings, I know that I'm not going to be the planner or coordinator for everyone. My couples tend to



want to do a lot of it themselves, but want my advice and for me to check things over. Other planners will do everything if you're particularly short on time and some will work with you over a condensed period.

**Charlotte Suzanne Weddings, 07398 930 766,
www.charlottesuzanneweddings.co.uk**

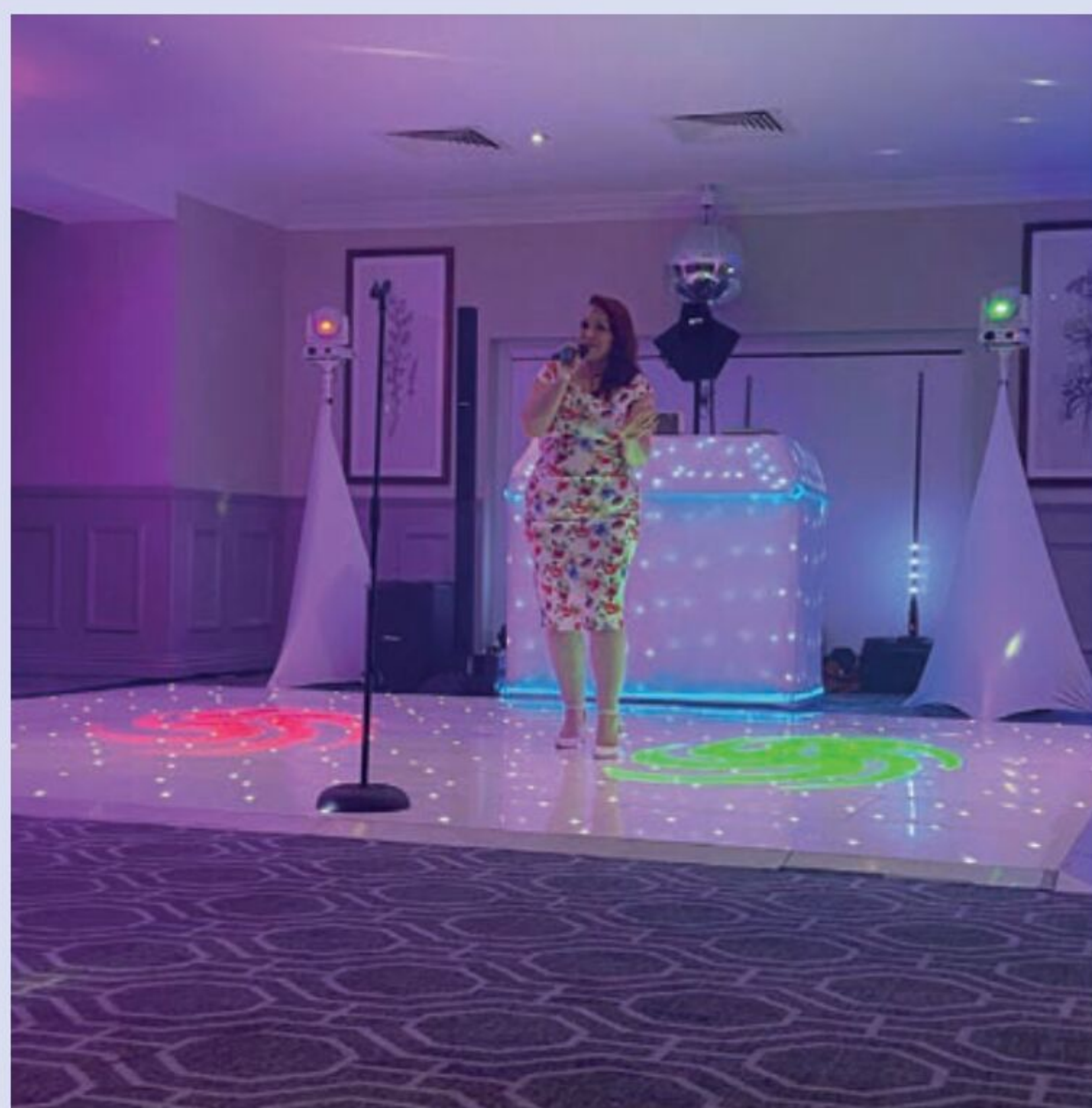
ALWAYS AND FOREVER

We want to book a wedding singer to entertain our guests, who do you suggest?

Meet the expert: Hayley Emma Otway is the singer and actor known as the Always & Forever Wedding Singer operating in the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, London and Bedfordshire areas. Highlights in her career have seen her perform on stage in London's West End and at the Edinburgh Festival.

Hayley says: I'm a soprano singer with the ability to sing alto and harmonies and I'm a considerate group performer, blending well with others to provide memorable, heartfelt and honest interpretations of songs. I can perform pop and disco hits, jazz and musical-inspired tracks, ballads and also classical music which is popular for weddings. I'm open to couples adding their own song choices and I guarantee the smooth booking and tailoring of your event.

**Always & Forever Wedding Singer – Hayley Emma Otway, 07886 385 799,
www.hayleyotway.com**



SUPPORT BRITISH

I want to support British designers with my choice of wedding dress. Can you help?

Meet the expert: Vicky Angell is the Owner of Love & Loved Bridal Boutique based in Swanbourne, Buckinghamshire. It's a relaxed and modern bridal boutique for the eco-conscious bride stocking a curated edit of dresses, separates and jumpsuits.

Vicky says: The bridal scene is an eclectic mix of brands spanning the globe with designers from Australia to California coming to the forefront of bridal fashion. But should we be looking closer to home when it comes to getting our bridal fix? In this article, we delve into the benefits of shopping local when searching for *the one* and why supporting British, indie bridal brands and designers can make us feel as good as we look.

With localism surging in popularity, supercharged by the global pandemic, the trend for shopping local is not slowing. The current global challenges and the shift towards independent makers and creatives have given bridal boutiques the perfect opportunity to hone their customer service skills, ensuring each bride that crosses their threshold has a memorable experience while ensuring the product they are offering meets the same high expectations. What better time to showcase British independent designers who create dresses here in the UK which brings many benefits. Firstly, the designer is in charge because they're present and hands-on. They have full control over their supply chain and manufacturing processes. With small but perfectly formed teams of local craftspeople, they can ensure quality is never compromised on every gown sent out. Talking of teams, many indie British designers support their local economy by employing people from the region, often young people, allowing them to learn a craft and perfect specialist skills so often lost in our fast-paced, demanding society. It's as if you know the person who has made your dress, it doesn't feel more personal than that.

Another upside of being the champion of British design is that you have an opportunity to customise your bridal look. With British designers working closely with their stockists, boutiques are well supported in helping a bride make tweaks and changes to perfect the finished dress. They are also a great solution for the laidback bride who hasn't started



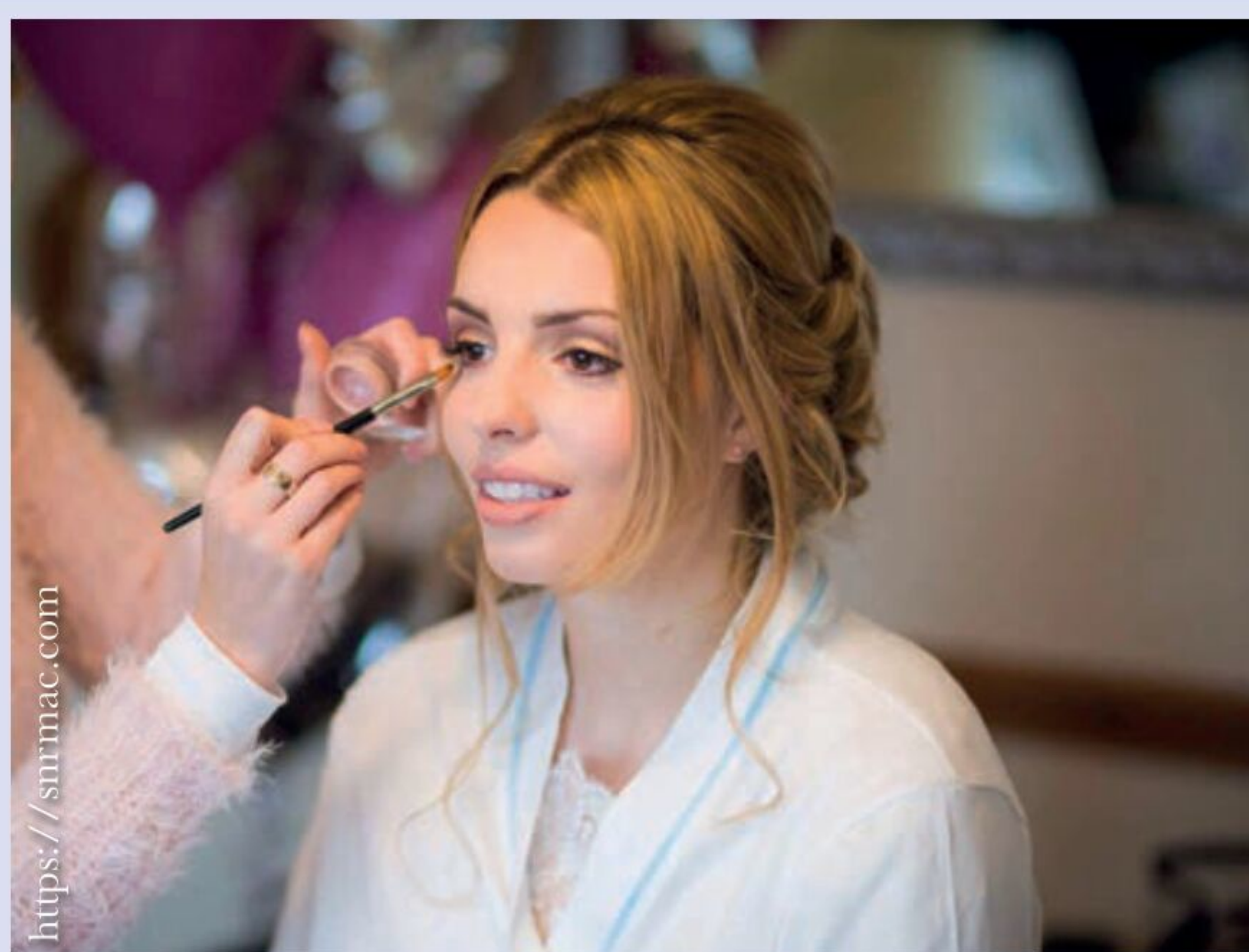
shopping 18 months before her wedding date. Since every piece is made in the UK, customers won't need to factor in extensive shipping times which buys a little more time to make such an important decision.

With shorter shipping time comes fewer air miles. Choosing a wedding dress or bridal outfit designed and made in the UK minimalises the environmental impact. Many British designers will source their fabrics within the UK and while they cut each pattern to reduce waste, any waste fabric often gets donated to local schools and colleges to be made into something new.

Finally, a British designer knows British brides best. They are experienced to understand and reinterpret fashion trends and enduring British style creating gowns that speak to women. They cut and create silhouettes that enhance the way brides look, making them feel amazing in each piece.

By being a champion of British bridal designers, you're making a positive impact on the environment, supporting local economies that provide employment and getting a dress that's designed with you in mind.

Love & Loved Bridal Boutique, www.loveandloved.co.uk



BLUSHING BRIDE

What bridal make-up looks and shades will be trending for weddings this autumn?

Meet the expert: Poppy Wilson is a fully qualified make-up artist and hair stylist with more than seven years' of experience. She freelances in fashion, television, editorial and celebrity and has extensive experience working with brides.

Poppy says: My philosophy is to create flawless but lightweight wedding make-up that will last all day. Trends have shifted from ultra-glamorous and extravagant styles to a more subtle, softer kind of 'no make-up' look which means no more harsh liner, heavy foundation and strong contouring which was popular before the pandemic. This is replaced with natural, glowing make-up (and hair) that looks effortless which is set to be the trend moving forward.

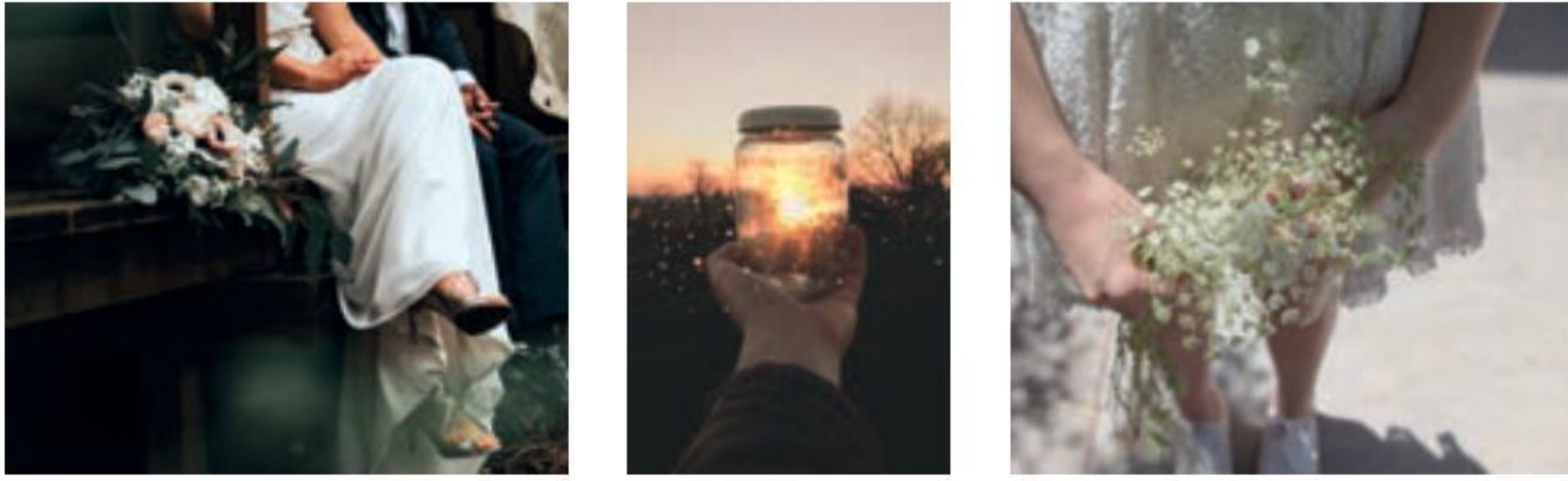
More and more brides that I work with want to look like an enhanced version of themselves rather than a drastic transformation. They show me photographs of themselves with make-up on (instead of pictures of a celebrity like Kim Kardashian) requesting to look like they did in the photo but the best version of it.

Glowing skin with a natural rosy cheek and an enhanced neutral lip colour is the classic bridal look for 2022. I recommend the Beauty Light Wand in the shade Pinkgasm, £29, by www.charlottetilbury.com as a great choice for skin. It's important that on the wedding day, enough make-up is worn to show up in the photographs so finding the right blend is key.

Poppy Wilson, 07739 479 109, <http://poppy-wilson.com/weddings>

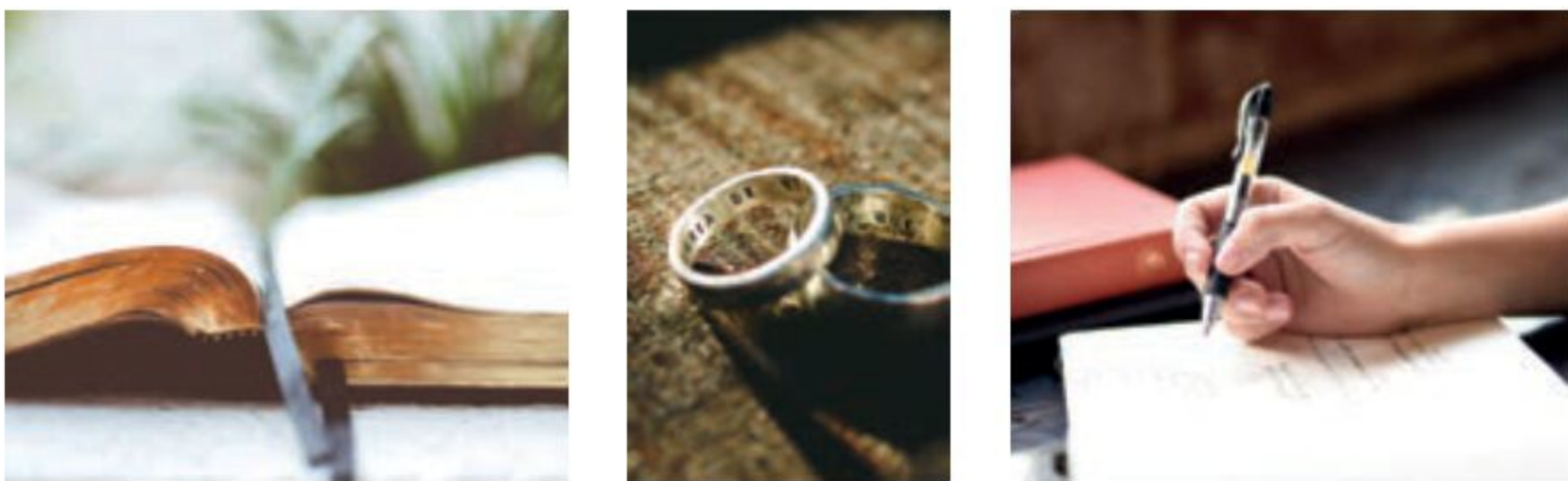


Springwood Ceremonies



Helping you say it from the heart

When you want to show the world just how much you love someone, you want a ceremony that tells a truly personal story. Wherever you are getting married or if you're planning a wedding celebration, Springwood Ceremonies will help you create a memorable and unique ceremony.



For further information please call or visit:
www.springwoodceremonies.co.uk

hello@springwoodceremonies.co.uk | 07766 750 446 |



White Swan Wedding Cars

Feelgood individual style with our beautiful wedding campervan



www.rideawhiteswan.com

T: 01494 926252

Willow & Blooms Florist



Simply beautiful wedding flowers

01635 528 900
sales@willowandblooms.co.uk
www.willowandblooms.co.uk

36 Bartholomew Street, Newbury,
Berkshire RG14 5LL



Want a wedding ceremony with sparkle?

Bespoke Wedding Ceremonies filled with laughter and happy tears!



Multi award-winning celebrant
Celebrant of the Year 2022, South East England



COLETTE ASHBY
C E L E B R A N T

www.coletteashby.com
07774 780072



Railway Weddings!



Photo by Drew Webb Photography & Film

- Wedding Ceremony Licence
- Stunning glass-roofed railway venue
- Amazing grounds for your photographs
- Exclusive use all day and your own choice of suppliers
- Sit down meal for 150, with large separate dance floor
- Offer guests a steam train ride!
- Large on-site car park

For info and appointments, email Emma: functions@bucksrailcentre.org
 Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Station Road, Quainton HP22 4BY



SPECIALISTS IN MENSWEAR WEDDING ATTIRE



WWW.ANTHONYBLAY.CO.UK
 0118 9781861 enquiries@anthonyblay.co.uk

@katantolewis / www.katantolewisphotography.com

YOUR Perfect Invite

YOU NEVER GET A SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION!

Stunning Wedding Stationery for Your Special Day

Over 60 Wedding Stationery Collections to choose from, or opt for our face-to-face bespoke design service



ONLY DEDICATED The wedding stationery showroom in the region

VISIT OUR DEDICATED WEDDING STATIONERY SHOWROOM

20 Carters Yard ♥ Carters Lane ♥ Kiln Farm ♥ Milton Keynes ♥ MK11 3HL

www.yourperfectinvite.co.uk • 01908 262890

WITH THIS RING

We're newly engaged, what's the process for choosing a sustainable engagement ring and wedding bands?

Meet the expert: Tom Reid is a diamond and jewellery consultant at Lover's Rock Ltd with a showroom in Watlington, South Oxfordshire. Lover's Rock Ltd specialise in custom-made wedding, engagement and eternity rings. They also sell vintage pieces and their collection uses only the finest natural diamonds and gemstones with up to 75% off the high street prices.

Tom says: With regards to timings of when to buy a wedding ring, I usually recommend six months before the big day. However, since the pandemic and now with the conflict in Ukraine, which has pushed the price of precious metals and diamonds and gemstones up dramatically, customers are making purchases up to 18 months in advance to avoid future increases, and in some cases, they choose to pay through interest-free finance which I offer.

There has also been a trend towards lab-grown diamonds due to the ethical aspect and the savings involved. The larger the diamond and the higher quality of the stone, the bigger the saving. Lab-grown diamonds allow you to opt for an exceptionally high-quality choice that wouldn't be achievable for most people. For example, a 1-carat lab-grown diamond engagement ring for £4,000 would see the natural version costing in the region of £20,000. The greater the carat weight, the higher quality of the diamond and the bigger the saving. Appearance-wise, there's no difference between natural and lab-grown stones, they're real diamonds made by man rather than naturally through the earth.

Lover's Rock Ltd, 03330 064 411, www.loversrockdiamonds.co.uk



ALL MADE UP

Which make-up and hair looks will be popular for autumnal weddings?

Meet the expert: Sian McCauley is a professional make-up artist and hair stylist based in Berkshire with more than 13 years of experience working in weddings, special events, television and media. She also offers aesthetics and beauty services including lashes and brows.

Sian says: This summer has seen an explosion of pink and rose gold make-up shades teamed with natural-looking glowing skin, blush cheeks, and half-up, half-down hairstyles. As autumn closes in, many of my bridal trials have transitioned to using more earthy tones with softly smoked eye make-up or a minimal and natural feel. Brows are also back, where naturally defined and fluffy have been the go-to trend.

The half-up, half-down hairstyle has been a big hit for autumn brides consisting of braids, twists or an elegant ponytail. A trial is the best time to experiment with any of these hair and make-up styles to find what works best for your features.

Sian McCauley Cosmetics, 07960 563 937, www.sianmccauley.com

Turn to page 15 to take advantage of our exclusive offer with Sian.

Poppy Wilson

MAKEUP ARTIST & HAIR STYLIST



@poppywilsonmua

07739479109

www.poppy-wilson.com

EYELASHES FOR THE
ULTIMATELY
INDIVIDUAL LOOK



You are *unique*, so must be your lashes!

We are a home for professional lash and brow services individually styled to you. Get in touch for a detailed consultation!

📍 67 London street Reading, Berkshire



www.lashesbyjuli.co.uk

📷 juli_lashstudio 📞 (+44)750 890 0160



ONE OF THE LARGEST WEDDING SHOWS TO BE HELD IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND

SPONSORED BY



SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER – 11AM TO 3:30PM
THE BRENTWOOD CENTRE, ESSEX

- Free entry
- Win a luxury honeymoon
- Huge number of wedding specialists including venues
- Bridal fashion shows
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Covid-19 secure

Pre-register and attend the show to have a chance to win a fabulous spa break worth £250 courtesy of



SPABREAKS.com



IN ASSOCIATION WITH
cwm
COUNTY WEDDING MAGAZINE

Pre-register at www.countyweddingevents.com/registration

Follow us on: /CountyWeddingEvents @CountyWedEvent @countyweddingevents

Next Issue

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022
AVAILABLE FROM 8TH OCTOBER

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Berks Bucks & Oxon Wedding is just one of our many County Wedding titles – find out more on our website
www.yourberksbucksoxon.wedding

We love featuring local couples and companies. If you want to get in touch email editor@county.wedding for your chance to grace the pages of next issue

LOOK OUT FOR...

HOT OFF THE PRESS
Catch up on all the latest wedding news from around the local areas

DON'T FORGET

Check out our website for more wonderful wed-spiration

Need help organising your special day?
Take a look at our free online planning tool

GET YOUR FREE COPY NOW

All 19 of our County Wedding Magazines titles are FREE to read online as eMagazines at www.county.wedding - suitable for smartphones and tablets too!



WHAT'S NEW?

The latest updates from around both regions



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Venues in North Bucks & North Oxon



LIVING THE DREAM

Fairytale-inspired venues



YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY

Dreamy venue dressing ideas



WIN, WIN, WIN!

Competitions, freebies and offers



PARTY PEOPLE

Fun music and entertainment ideas

 @YourBerksBucksOxonWedding

 @CWM_YBBOW

 @countyweddingmagazines

Visit us online at www.yourberksbucksoxon.wedding,
www.county.wedding and www.countyweddingevents.com

Crown jewels

Renowned British jewellery designer Kiki McDonough is proud to unveil the *Kiki Tiara*, combining her love of classic jewellery and elegant modern craftsmanship. After featuring in a prominent tiara exhibition at Sotheby's in celebration of the Jubilee this summer, the one-of-a-kind piece will be available to buy or rent for weddings and special events, with a percentage of the proceeds going to the Starlight Foundation. To find out more, visit www.kiki.co.uk



WHAT LIES BENEATH

Lingerie experts Eberjey has launched The Wedding Shop, an edit of timeless bridal pieces designed with the wedding day and honeymoon in mind. The collection is created from eco-friendly fabrics including lace bralettes teamed with bikini bottoms, silk pyjamas and this romantic *Modal* robe, £145, perfect for the wedding morning. <https://eberjey.com/pages/the-wedding-shop>



FASHION

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

focus



Beauty sleep

This rose-pink French lace and silk eye mask will ensure a good night's sleep before the wedding, £75, www.coco-de-mer.com

SHINE BRIGHT

Astley Clarke has launched a new fine diamond collection called *Asteri* consisting of 10 delicate pieces including two diamond lockets, dainty pendants and stacking rings. Prices start from £375, www.astleyclarke.com/jewellery-collections/asteri



HERO BAG

This ivory patent croc clutch is the perfect pick for brides, maids and mums. It's from Aspinal of London's luxury latest wedding edit, www.aspinaloflondon.com



Editor loves

Fashion meets fitness this summer with these retro-inspired pink and yellow roller boots from Impala skates. Other Insta-worthy styles from this vegan-friendly brand include a rose gold pair with a hologram finish and a fashionable plum patent pair. Whether you're a complete beginner, or regularly enjoy this favourite pastime, check out these tips and tricks!

To shop, visit <https://impalaskate.eu> and enjoy special offers of up to 50% off selected styles this summer.



Scan to view video



Style DOWN THE aisle

These boho-inspired dresses in luxe lace and flowing fabrics were made for fun and flirting



www.mirkabridal.com



www.andreahawkes.co.uk



www.annageorgina.co.za



www.pronovias.com/gb



www.little-mistress.com



<https://graceloveslace.com>



www.janeatelier.com/the-wedding-suite



<https://wearmywardrobeout.com>



<https://loveandlibertybridal.com>



www.savinlondon.com



www.sabinamotasem.com



www.jjshouse.co.uk



www.whistles.com/wedding/dresses



www.temperleylondon.com



www.truedecadence.com



www.watters.com



<https://uk.morilee.com>

White off-the-shoulder dress, from a selection, <https://piagladysperey.com>



Strappy sandals, £24.99, www.deichmann.com/en-gb



this little flower is just to say
thank you for helping us tie the knot today



Bracelets, £17.99 each, <https://jomajewellery.com>

LEADING lady

Mothers-of-the-bridle will love these stylish dresses and accessories



Silver-plated pink crystal brooch, £20, www.jonrichard.com

Blue pouch. £22.99, <https://katieloxton.com>



Dress, from a selection, <https://liveunlimitedlondon.com>



Blue topaz necklace, £150, www.emilymortimer.co.uk



Blue dress and fascinator, from a selection, www.quizclothing.co.uk

Gold charm necklace, £105, <https://flutterbyonline.co.uk>



Beaded necklace, £129, www.coeur-de-lion.org

Pink beaded dress, £290, Adrianna Papell at www.johnlewis.com



Blue pillbox hat with silk organza flowers, £645, <https://mervebayindir.com>

Party pieces

These glamorous gowns are worthy of the red carpet



Bespoke dress, www.benvenisteaccessories.co.uk



Karolina by www.annageorgina.co.za



Feather dress by <https://clublondon.com/collections/special-occasion>



Amelia by <https://gaala.com>



Hadley by www.elbethgillis.com/bridal-collections



Misty by www.pronovias.com/gb/wedding-dresses/collections/atelier



Lagos by www.lolatara.com



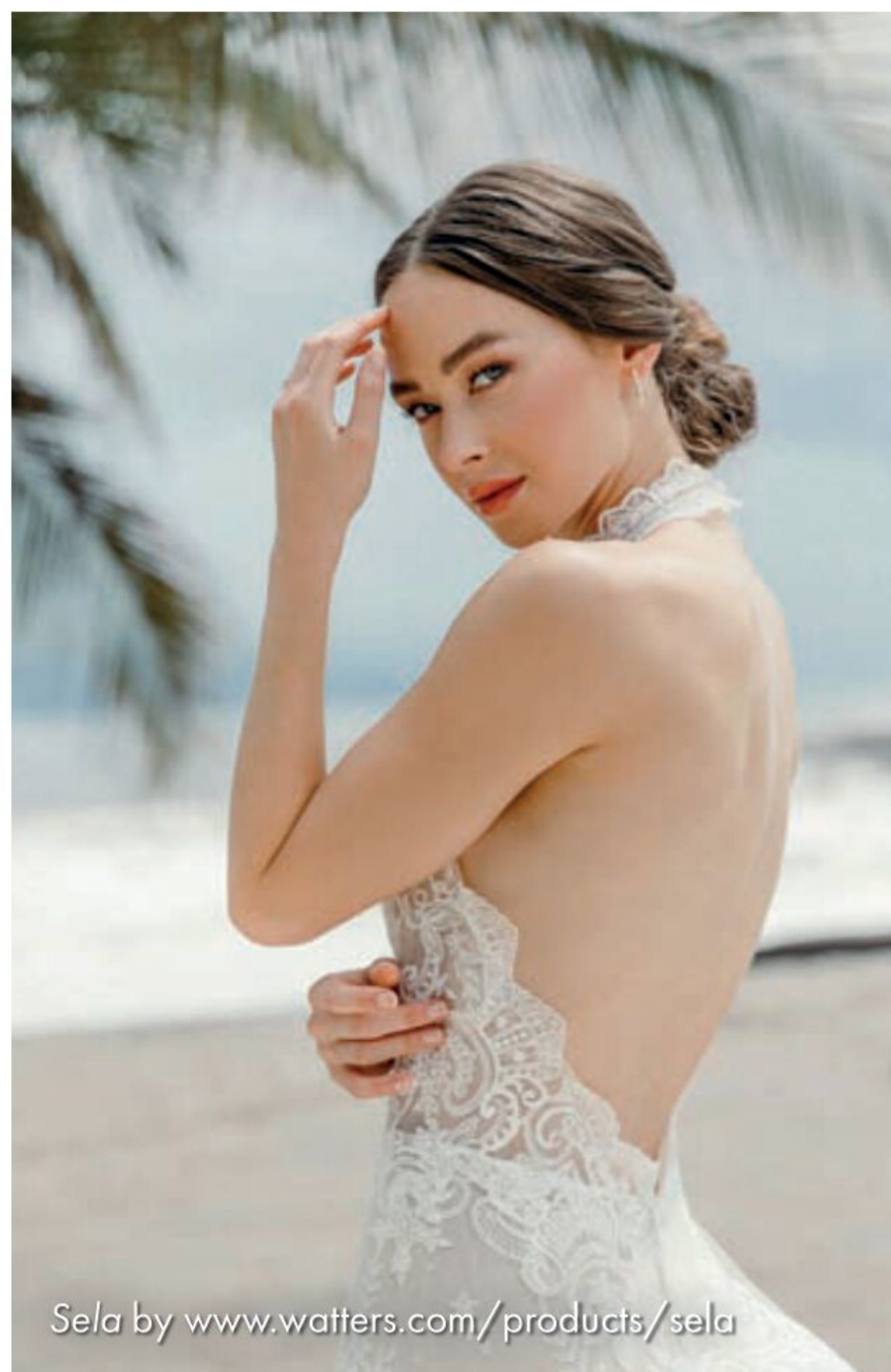
Dream Land by <https://jennypackham.com>



Brooklyn by <https://loveandlibertybridal.com>



Chania by www.thereformation.com



Sela by www.watters.com/products/sela

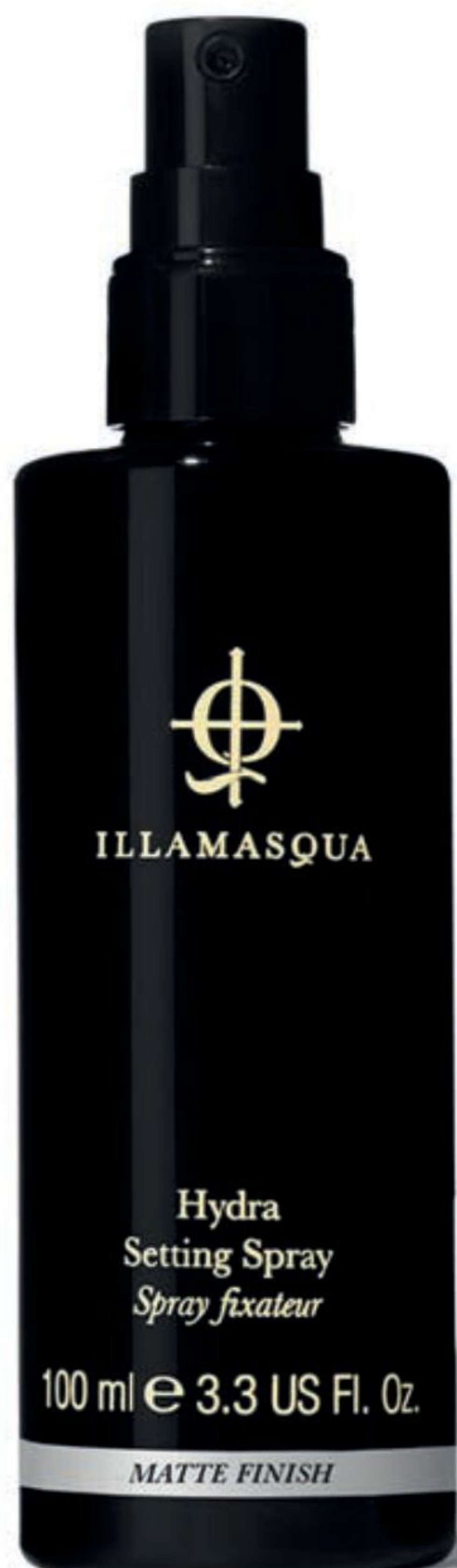


Okotan corset and Foxglove skirt by www.halfpennylondon.com



WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS

The new Lemon Balm Body Gloss from Andrea Garland is a shimmering, lightweight, citrusy gloss reformulated with lashings of lustre-loving squalene, shea butter and lemon seed oils to wonderfully hydrate, smooth and soothe. What's more, the zesty lemon balm and flowery geranium essential oils also help to ward off those pesky summertime bugs. Plant-based and cruelty-free, it's hand formulated in Hackney. I'm obsessed with the Art Deco-inspired package design! **£24, www.andreagarland.co.uk**



Beauty BUZZ

Beauty editor Kelly Andrews rounds up the latest must-haves

EYE-EYE!

TikTok is raving about eye patches (not the kind pirates wear I hasten to add), so Pixi is here with a collection to suit you whether your eyes show signs of puffiness, dark circles or other effects of stress and strain. It's time to find a way to revive them and these specially formulated under-eye gel patches may well provide the solution. There's Detoxif-Eye for depuffing, Dream-y Eye for calming and Beauif-Eye for brightening. **£22, <https://pixibeauty.co.uk>**



REFILL AND REUSE

Concerned with the global plastic crisis, British natural beauty brand milly&sissey is committed to making us more conscious about the way we buy essentials with an innovative new, zero-waste line of just-add-water self-care products.

The Shower Crème Starter Set contains an oh-so chic aluminium bottle in blush with a bronzed metal pump offering years of use with no need to have plastic in your shower ever again. Plus, the delicately fragranced Shea Tree and Passion Fruit Shower Creme is made from 99 per cent natural ingredients and once water is added will make 500ml leaving your skin, and your conscience, clear.

£26, <https://millyandsissy.co.uk>



READY, SET, GO

Joining the much-loved Hydra Setting Spray Dewy from Illamasqua is the new mattifying setting spray providing up to 10 hours of lasting hold to keep your make-up artist's hard work in place from ceremony to celebrations. The new Hydra Setting Spray Matte locks in make-up and absorbs excess oil, leaving you with a flawless complexion – no shine, just a gorgeous velvet-matte finish.

£20, www.illamasqua.com



SIMPLY BE-YOU-TIFUL

Author'd is a vegan and sustainable make-up brand offering a range of go-to beauty products with a minimal approach – they're designed to let your natural beauty shine through. Ideal for achieving that lit-from-within look for your wedding day, the Author'd's Push Kit houses the brand's four essentials: a tinted moisturiser, mascara, brow gel and lip balm. **£70, <https://theauthor'd.com>**

WORTH THE WAIT

Having taken Huda and the team over three years to develop #FAUXFILTER Luminous Matte Liquid Concealer is finally here! A medium to full, buildable, full-coverage, creamy concealer, it moves with you for a matte yet luminous, skin-like finish that lasts all day. Infused with conditioning sweet almond oil and vitamin E to care for the delicate under-eye skin, this make-up bag must-have boasts a lightweight formula that melts into the skin, but doesn't compromise on coverage or staying power. It's the one I've been looking for!

£23, www.feelunique.com



KIND TO HAIR AND PLANET

Silicone and sulphate free, L'Occitane Intensive Repair Solid Conditioner has been formulated with all the haircare expertise of its much-loved liquid version in a solid, more environmentally-friendly, format. Containing a botanical complex of five essential oils, it has an ultra-soothing and anti-breakage patented formula perfect for damaged hair. With this little bar you're sure to see your tresses in tip top wedding-day shape in no time.

£12.50, <https://uk.loccitane.com>



TOTALLY KISSABLE

Sann means true, real and genuine in Swedish and so the name of this new beauty brand is quite fitting. Sann's edit of modern, multi-functional, make-up essentials designed to be simultaneously natural, genuine, chic, timeless and effortless. It launches with the Nourish + Care Solid Lip Serum, a balm and serum to hydrate and deliver soft glowing lips. Add a hint of colour with the Nourish + Tint Solid Lip Serum in Morning Dew, Sunset or Wild and you're good to go for that "you may now kiss the bride" moment!

£22 and £24 respectively, <https://sannbeauty.com>



LIFE IS ROSY

Fresh Beauty's new Rose Instant Hydration Mist has been created to instantly reduce the look of pores, while soothing, softening and immediately replenishing the skin. Key ingredients include moisture-retaining damask rose, sourced from Rose Valley, Bulgaria; and soothing rosewater, used since antiquity for its cooling and astringent properties.

This multi-purpose mist can be used whenever you need a refreshing pick-me-up, whether that be pre or post make-up. It's a summer handbag essential, so if you don't plan on carrying a clutch on your big-day find someone to look after this for you! It'll keep you feeling fresh as a daisy throughout your summer nuptials.

£20, www.cultbeauty.co.uk

CARE, PROTECT, RESPECT

For more than 15 years, Germaine de Capuccini has been caring for and protecting the skin before, during and after sun exposure, and now the brand is launching Timexpert Sun. A completely reformulated sunscreen range featuring Ocean Respect formulas, the products care for your skin, protect it from sun damage and respect the environment. In fact, these broad-spectrum sunscreens offer so much more than the norm, as they're also designed to target wrinkles and dark spots.

Check out the full range at

<https://germaine-de-capuccini.co.uk>



HERE COMES THE SUN

Bridging the gap between sun care and skincare, Dear Dahlia Skin Paradise Tone-Up Sun Cushion with SPF35 boasts plant-derived ingredients providing a hydrating veil, naturally brightening the skin and giving it a soft glow. Perfect for wearing under make-up this little gem offers a seamless base for flawless application and safeguards the skin against harmful environmental aggressors such as blue light and pollution. Handy sun care on the go!

£35, www.lookfantastic.com



THE *bridal dress* COMPANY

AN AWARD-WINNING BRIDAL BOUTIQUE
IN THE HEART OF NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE



WWW.THEBRIDALDRESSCOMPANY.COM

E: enquiries@thebridaldresscompany.com

@thebridaldresscompany



BRIDE ^{to} Be
of Reading

Berkshires Award Winning Bridal Boutique
Over 30 Years of making your bridal dreams come true.

www.bridetobe.co.uk - tel:0118 957 5115 - info@bridetobe.co.uk

 BridetobeBerkshire  Bridetobegowns

DIY Wedding Flower Course

Immerse yourself in the creative process of creating your own wedding flowers. Discover our online course to learn how to confidently design, plan, construct and carry your very own flower arrangements for an unforgettable day!



JUST
£49.00

What's included?

- Step by step clear instruction videos on preparation, conditioning and construction of different wedding arrangements including a bridal bouquet, a top table and table arrangements, a foliage garland and buttonholes.
- Downloadable 30-page PDF resource & shopping lists with insider tips and tricks from industry experts to support your learning
- Lifetime access to the course
- Suitable for all levels
- Bonus discount with *Triangle Nursery flower wholesalers* online

Visit www.trianglenurseryacademy.com/shop

Fashion & Beauty Q&A

Berkshire-based businesses The Bridal Dress Company and De Vere Wokefield Estate collaborated with other talented suppliers to showcase this fashionable shoot

We speak to the make-up artist, Rowenna who worked on this shoot. She tells us, "The look created was a timeless classic style with a modern twist focusing, and drawing attention to the model's eyes. I wanted them to stand out, keeping the other elements of the make-up natural and soft."

Rowenna continues, "To achieve a darker eye that naturally compliments your features, blend a smokey dark shade into the crease of your eyelids and under your bottom lashes which will give a wider and brighter look, making them pop. Use an eye pencil along the bottom lash line, blending it to create a soft-focused look without appearing too overdone."

Often, wedding photography is captured outside to benefit from the natural light which means that sometimes a heavy base can cause the make-up to appear too obvious. Rowenna suggests, "To create glowing skin without the flash reflecting from the camera, apply fine translucent powder along the T-zone and avoid layering too much make-up to the face."





THE DREAM TEAM

Make-up artist, Makeup By Rowenna, 07548 037 262, www.instagram.com/makeupbyrowenna

Bridal dresses, The Bridal Dress Company, 07833 126 758, www.thebridaldresscompany.com

Venue, De Vere Wokefield Estate, 01182 077 471, www.devere.co.uk/wokefield-estate

Photography, Gabriela Seweryn Photography, www.instagram.com/gabrielasewerynphotography

Hairstylist, Rachael Smith Hairdressing, 07950 444 568, www.rachaelsmithhairdressing.com

Florals, www.instagram.com/thedriedflowercollection21 Etsy

Model couple, @ellenalouise

@raithe_standen_pt

@the_standenwaites



Seiko Watches has released a new men's watch. The Presage Sharp Edged GMT Zero Halliburton is an exclusive collaboration with Zero Halliburton, American luggage experts, and the first brand to introduce the concept of aluminium luggage.

Iconic design elements from Zero Halliburton feature on the dial. Showcasing its signature double-rib pattern and clearly recognisable elegant yet functional style, this is complemented with the traditional Japanese hemp print from the Seiko Presage Sharp Edged Series. The caseback features the Zero Halliburton logo, the GMT hand and high visibility hour markers, along with a clear 24-hour bezel, meaning multiple time zone calculations can be made at a glance, quickly and easily.

Available at www.seikoboutique.co.uk

Discover the new Gentleman Reserve Privee Eau de Parfum, a whisky-inspired fragrance, where floral sophistication meets woody depths. Co-created by master distillers and perfumers, two olfactory worlds are combined to create an intense men's cologne for a strong, sophisticated gentleman. The scent is expressed through a contrast of ethereal iris and amber woods. Infused with whisky absolute and crafted in Grasse using barley from a refined Scottish distillery, this fragrance embodies timeless elegance and refinement.

Available in-store and online at www.theperfumeshop.com



Men's footwear brand, Percy Stride has launched a new collection. These colourful designs are available in UK sizes seven to 12 with the option to pre-order sizes four to 16.

Danielle Wathes, the founder, tells us: "We are proud to announce the release of our Men's Derby range which consists of four innovative colours. Here at Percy Stride, we're waging a war against the walls of blacks and browns, challenging conventional footwear choices, adding colour, vibrancy, and a sense of confidence into the market. Our shoes are handmade, lined with leather and Goodyear welt."

To find out more and see the full collection, visit www.percystride.com



Grooms' NEWS

Grooms' editor Melissa Barker reveals the latest best buys and product launches



Grooms and wedding guests looking to do a good deed whilst stepping out in style can hire a bespoke suit package, with proceeds going towards Marie Curie's end of life charity.

The Marie Curie Blue Slim Fit Package, featuring a blue suit with a lemon tie and handkerchief – the charity's corporate colours – and is available online and through 250+ Cameron Ross Formal Hire stockists across the UK. With prices starting at £110, £5 of each hire will go to Marie Curie, which provides care and support to terminally ill people and their families across the UK, either at home, or in one of its nine hospices.

Georgina Bushell, the partnership's manager of Marie Curie, said: "We are so grateful to be receiving a portion of the suit hire. Not only is it a beautiful choice, but the people who are hiring it are helping Marie Curie to continue being there for terminally ill people and their loved ones throughout the country."

To find out more, visit www.mariecurie.org.uk

Terence Clack is selling a range of stylish limited edition watches that are perfect for the groom-to-be. This midnight blue limited edition watch is one of the most popular designs from The Stonebridge collection. It's a timeless classic design that is as versatile as it is effortless.

Visit www.terenceclack.com to see more and apply the code 'TCW20' at checkout to receive a 20 per cent discount.

Offer ends 30th September, 2022.



HONEYMOON

News

Editorial assistant Gracie Leader shares the latest openings and honeymoon destinations for couples post-vows

SCOTLAND

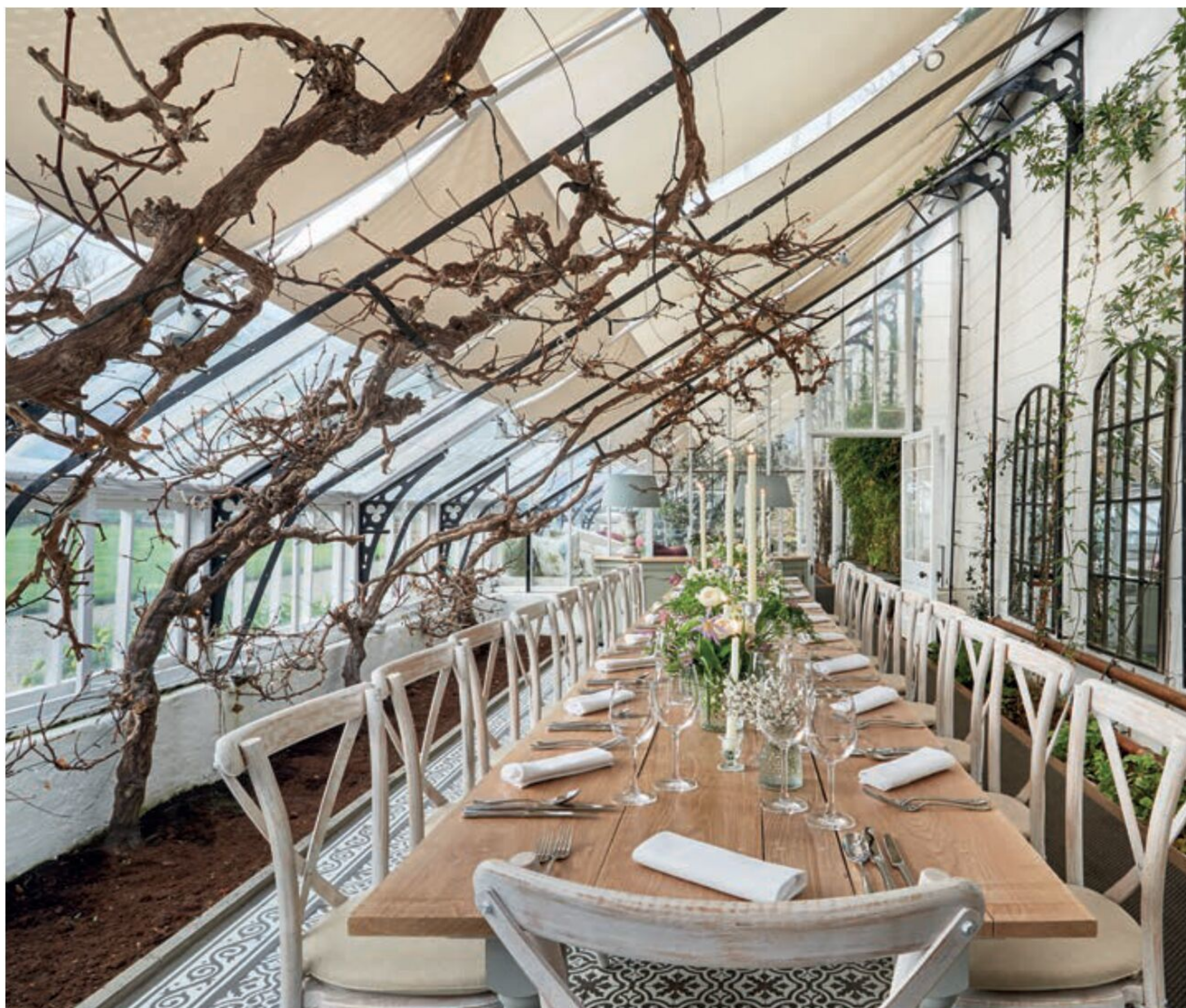
Glenapp Castle, a 21-bedroom Relais & Chateaux Hotel in Ayrshire, Scotland, is a leading destination for delicious cuisine. With the introduction of the new The Azalea, Glasshouse & Bothy Restaurant which opened in May 2022, the hotel plans to take its dining experience to new levels with this informal venue.

Situated in the centre of the castle's Walled Garden, The Azalea, Glasshouse & Bothy Restaurant are adjoining, giving guests the choice of the surrounding gardens or picturesque views of the Azalea Pond.

These two spaces can be kept separate for private dining experiences and more intimate celebrations, or they can be combined and offered exclusively for private events and weddings with space for up to 100 guests.

The Bothy Restaurant overlooks a Monet-style landscape, with bi-folding glass doors, and outdoor seating, providing a peaceful spot for guests to spend time, surrounded by stunning nature.

Check out www.glenappcastle.com



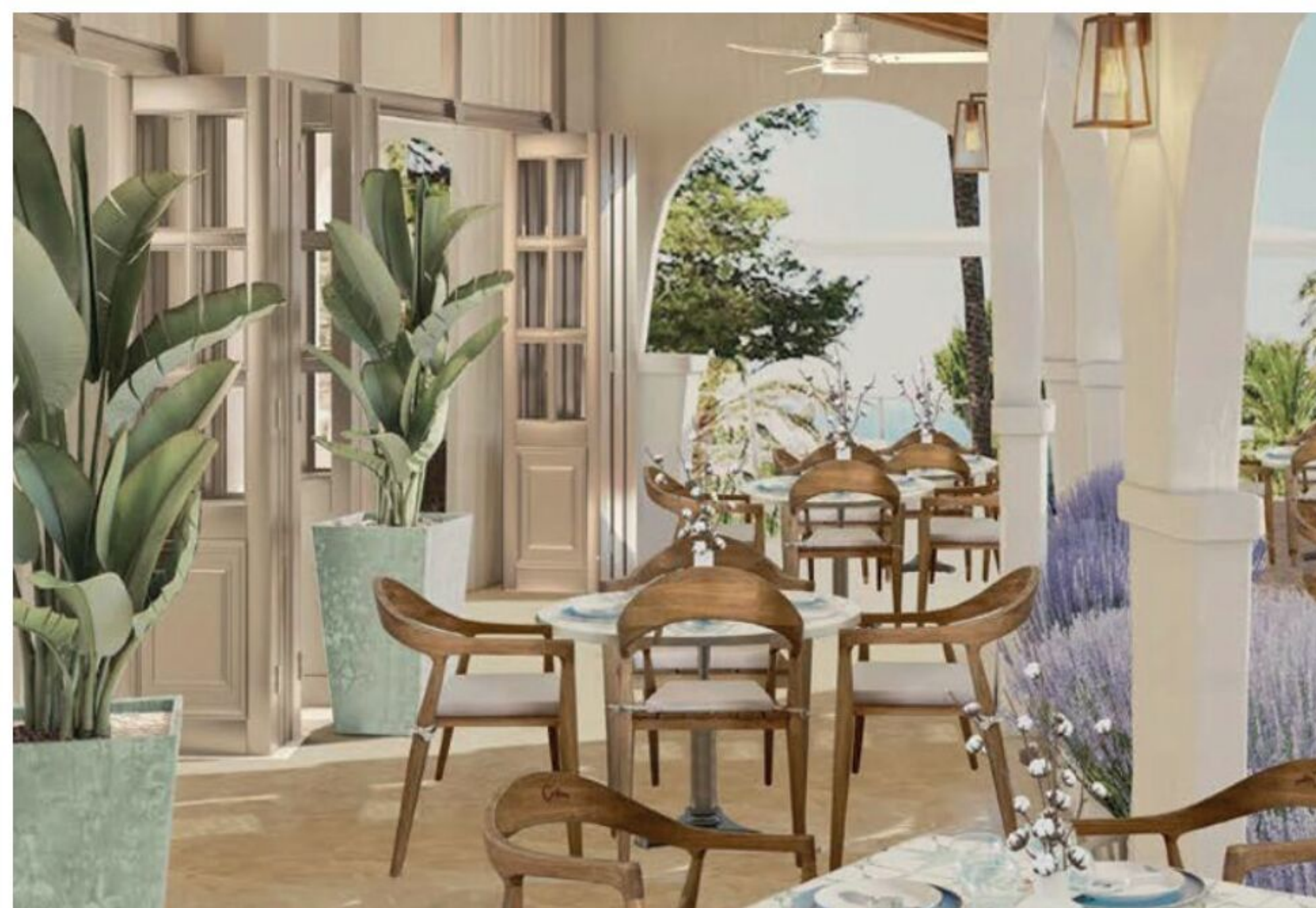
GREECE

Kanava Hotels & Resort's new Luxury Collection Resort in Paros, Cosme, is opening on the 15th June, 2022.

This luxury escape, moments from the island's lively harbour village of Naoussa, will feature an outdoor living spa and private beach club overlooking the turquoise Aegean Sea.

Cosme promises to be a spirited, cosmopolitan home, exuberantly celebrating the enjoyment of life. The natural-chic décor elegantly blends rare elements from around the world, which can be experienced throughout the resort's 40 suites and the beachfront Mediterranean restaurant where guests can revel at the uninterrupted panoramic vistas.

Check out www.kanavahotels.com



MALLORCA

Located on Balearic Island's pristine Costa de la Calma, on a hillside above the spectacular Cala de Santa Ponça, is Cotton Club Mallorca.

This new beach club offers breathtaking sea views, a stylish restaurant and bar area with a 70-sunbed deck surrounding a grand pool.

Like the Cotton Clubs in Ibiza and Zakynthos, Cotton Club Mallorca delivers an authentic, welcoming albeit exclusive atmosphere with a sense of place that makes guests feel at home and wanting to return, again and again.

Cotton Club Mallorca at Galatzo Hilton Mallorca is less than a five-minute drive from the hugely popular beaches of Paguera, with world-class golf courses such as Santa Ponsa and T Golf, and Mallorca's capital city Palma and Palma de Mallorca Airport is a short drive away.

Check out www.cottonlifestyle.com

ATHENS

The Lighthouse Athens, by Browns Hotel, brings contemporary urban glamour to the city of Athens. The 220 room hotel is the latest to open in Greece and boasts two restaurants, a nightclub, and a rooftop complete with a pool, open-air bar and panoramic views.

The property has an elegant yet eccentric design aesthetic with superb amenities to serve the needs of travellers and locals alike.

The Lighthouse Athens will host weekly DJ parties, weekend brunches, art exhibitions and special events on the first floor bar and restaurant.

The sprawling roof terrace, which will officially open on 1st June, 2022, is a standout feature at The Lighthouse Athens, offering 360-degree views that sweep across the Athenian cityscape and ancient archaeological ruins.

One of the largest and most impressive rooftops in the Greek capital, the rooftop at The Lighthouse Athens is the perfect place to relax and soak up the city with its open-air bar and restaurant, pool, sun loungers, Jacuzzi hot tubs and outdoor showers.

Check out www.brownhotels.com



NORWAY

Hotel Union Øye is delighted to be re-opening its doors this June, following an extensive transformation. A hidden jewel, located by the remote and beautiful Norangsfjord in the Sunnmøre region on the North West coast of Norway, it has been a firm favourite with mountaineers, artists, writers and royals since its origin.

The remote location in which the hotel resides makes it a wonderful, limitless playground for guests. With a plethora of hiking trails and cycling routes directly from the front door, couples can spend their days exploring this mountainous region either solo or accompanied by an expert local guide.

Those looking for some R&R can retire to The Library, which is home to a thoughtfully curated collection of antique Alpine Journals and contemporary coffee table books, in addition, The Game Room serves as a space to relax and unwind or to enjoy a glass of bubbly from the bar after an active day in the mountains.

Check out www.unionoye.no



ITALY

Masseria Calderisi, Puglia, has reopened its doors to welcome guests for its first full season. Launched in Spring 2021 as a newly-revived, charming boutique hotel set amongst eight hectares of secluded olive and citrus groves in the Puglian countryside, this is the region's latest farmhouse stay for couples looking for a laid-back, authentic Italian escape, a stone's throw from the Adriatic.

Guests will have exclusive access to Calderisi Beach, a private strip of sand equipped with sun loungers and parasols, offering drinks and light bites.

Back at the hotel, a dry-stone wall shelters an 18-metre pool, surrounded by tufa stone, chequered strips of grass, and sun loungers under the dappled shade of lemon and orange trees.

Check out www.masseriocalderisi.com

SEYCHELLES

DoubleTree by Hilton Seychelles – Allamanda Resort and Spa is welcoming new visitors to the Seychelles by offering exciting, bespoke itineraries that can satisfy even the most adventurous traveller.

Discover an underwater paradise with Allamanda's array of water activities such as an unforgettable reef safari adventure on Moyenne Island to catch a glimpse of the Seychelles' exotic marine life.

Those looking to explore Mahé on land can choose from a range of adventurous guided hiking trails that offer guests the chance to explore the natural wonders of the Seychelles.

This boutique hotel is perfectly placed as a jumping off point for those looking to explore Mahé Island and relax at the end of a busy day on one of the most beautiful beaches in the region.

Check out www.seychelles.hilton.com



Travel goals

An island country nestled in South Asia, Sri Lanka has always been a bucket-list destination for Louise Prance, with her recent trip living up to her expectations and then some...

There were countless reasons why Sri Lanka was my number one bucket list destination – with the tropical island pipping New Zealand, the Maldives and Vietnam to the top spot – but the one that stood out to me is the fact it is a Buddhist country, with a culture based on peace and family.

While the unstable social climate was garnering news coverage at the time of my trip, there is not one point during my stay that I felt any unrest. From the second the tropical heat hit me as I arrived, to the moment I stepped back on the plane with a heavy heart upon my departure, I felt totally secure.

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES

The flight time may be long, however, it was comfortable, and oh boy, does Sri Lanka make up for the time spent in the air.

Upon arrival at the airport, we were whisked away at a rate of knots towards our destination of Cinnamon Bentota Beach hotel. My advice? Save the jet lag slumber for a little while longer, as you'd be mistaken to not fully immerse yourself in the changing landscape you'll experience on the journey there.

The hustle and bustle of Colombo is an assault to the senses – albeit an exciting one. Arriving in the morning, we watched as parents took their children to school on TukTuks and workers started their day. However, soon enough, the city rolled away and we were treated to the lush green landscape Sri Lanka is so famous for.

Arriving at the Cinnamon Beach Hotel was an altogether memorable experience. A luxurious property nestled in the mesmerising Indian Ocean

along the southern coast of Sri Lanka, it has a heritage dating back to the 60's and was designed by one of Asia's most influential architects, Geoffrey Bawa. It is the ultimate tropical destination perfect for an art and architecture enthusiast or a lover of exquisite oceans.

A GASTRONOMIC DELIGHT

While tired and hungry from our journey, these emotions were soon replaced with appreciation of the traditional welcome we received. Heading into the hotel we were given a quick tour of the awe-inspiring grounds and facilities, and it was straight down to breakfast. With many restaurants on site, Ottimo and Zest are used as a buffet option for all three meals, suffice to say, there's something for everyone. However, when in Rome and all that – we immediately tucked into curry for breakfast, a habit we all continued throughout the stay.

If you're looking for something ala carte, the beachside Sea-Meats-Spice Seafood restaurant is the place to be. With the Head Chef looking after the menu, be prepared for a gastronomical sensation, before retiring to the plush sofas for a sundowner with the sand between your toes. The Fuze bar is perfect for a nightcap, and with dramatic ceilings and art aplenty, it oozes luxury.

Other highlights for fellow foodies included high tea looking out over the ocean, plus the authentic Sri Lankan cooking lesson and Chef's Table Experience and dinner – all of which are able to be booked directly through the hotel. If you're looking for a special honeymoon treat – I'd recommend all of the above!

ART AND CULTURE

Well known for its jungles, Sri Lanka certainly didn't disappoint on this front. Tearing ourselves away from the array of calming pools – and pool bar – we headed to the Lunuganga Geoffrey Bawa's Country Estate, where we were treated to a tour. If art and culture is your thing – this is one excursion not to be missed.

The country house of the renowned Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa, the estate is just a short distance from the hotel, and had been used as a cinnamon estate during the Dutch era and then a rubber plantation under the British. In 1949, the estate was bought by Bawa and was converted into a weekend house where he created a tropical version of a European Renaissance Garden. It took the architect 40 years to complete the house.

OUT ON THE WATER

However, for me, the highlight was most definitely the boat ride on the Madu Ganga and visit to the Mangrove Forest. With an excellent tour guide, we jetted down the river doing our best to spot all the animals that were highlighted as making the river their home. From bear monkeys to water monitors to jellyfish, to kingfisher's – it was a veritable treat for an animal lover like me. The jury is still out on whether I'm happy or disappointed that the crocodiles kept themselves at bay.

And with Mangrove forests stabilising the coastline, reducing erosion from storm surges, currents, waves, and tides, the intricate root system of mangroves also makes these forests attractive to fish and other organisms seeking food and shelter from predators.

With little stops along the way, it was truly special to see cinnamon being made amidst the forest – and I'd recommend bringing some pocket change as it'll be a feat to walk away empty handed.

If you're one for a spot of shopping combined with a walking tour of a beautiful town, make sure you head to Galle. We combined this with the river tour, and it was well worth the hour's drive.

A stunning town steeped in history there are views for miles and it would be well worth booking with Walkers Tours, and in particular Ashoka Dissanayke, to learn more about this beautifully resplendent town's heritage. If you do head to Galle, don't forget to leave space in your luggage for your journey home. With boutique shops and traditional stores alike, I'd challenge anyone to leave empty handed. If you're looking for souvenirs or mementos of your trip – this is the place to get them.

TOURISM SUPPORT

Sri Lanka has had its fair share of upheaval, from the 2004 Tsunami, the terrorist attacks in 2019 and now the national crisis. However, in my opinion this is all the more reason to go and visit this wonderful country, and give its tourism industry the boost it so desperately needs. Not only did I feel safe wherever I travelled in Sri Lanka, I am already planning my next trip back, and this time I may buy an open-ended ticket home...

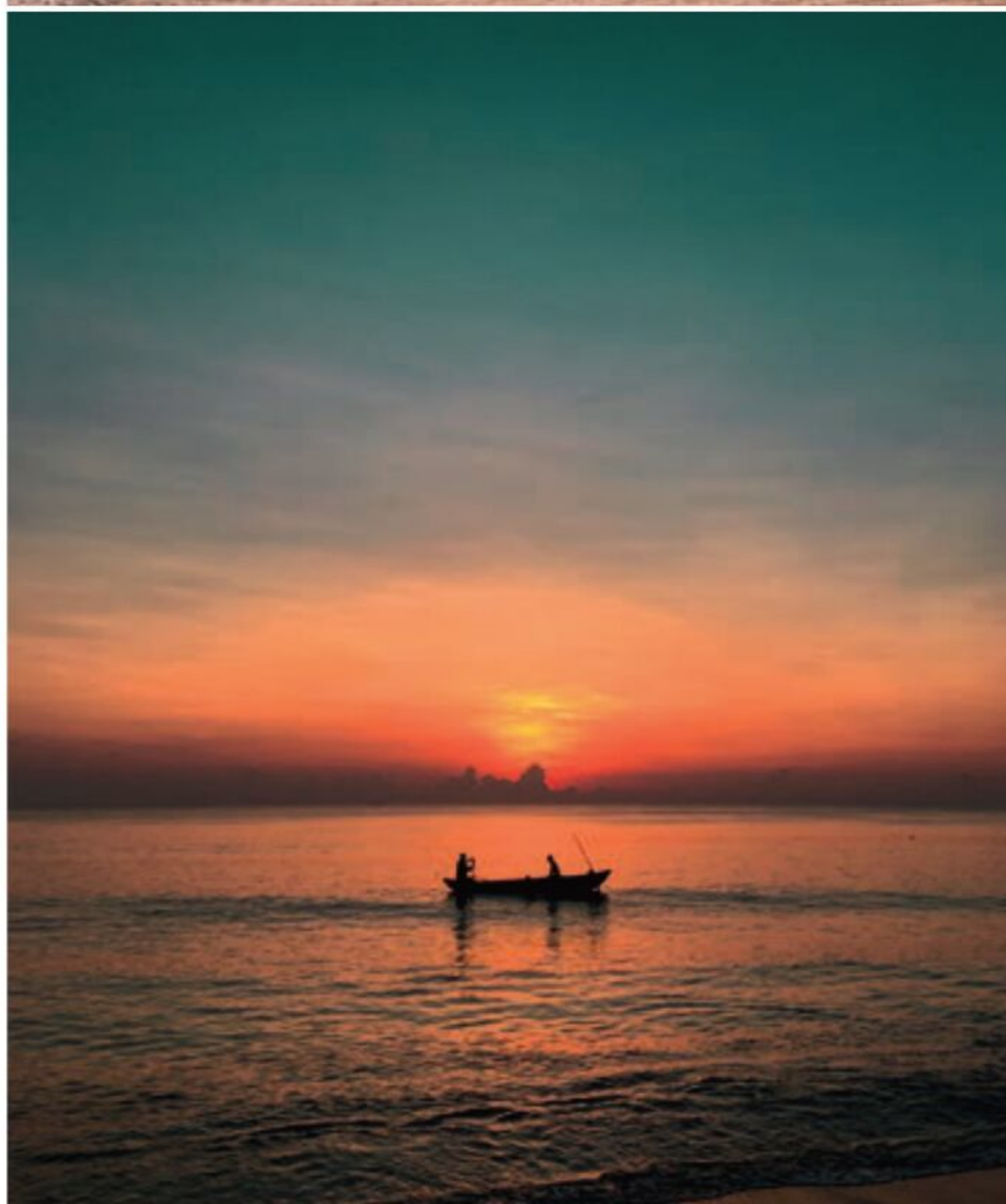


A PEACEFUL NIGHT'S SLEEP

Cinnamon Bentota Beach offers 16 Suites with unique sets of artworks that were commissioned from Sri Lankan artists as part of Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts' pledge to support the local arts and crafts. Eight artists were commissioned to depict a theme and record what they felt the name of the suite meant to them - resulting in each suite telling a story of the people and languages of Sri Lanka.

ADRENALINE JUNKIE

If watersports are your thing, you won't be disappointed at Cinnamon Bentota Beach. Taking place on the Bentota river, there are endless options from water skiing, to jet skis, banana boats and doughnuts. While first trying my hand at the doughnuts, the jet ski was a definite front runner. With the water so calm and the river so vast, it was the perfect opportunity to open up and let rip!



GET THERE

Sri Lankan Airlines:
T: +94117771979
E: reservations@srilankan.com
www.srilankan.com/en_uk/uk

TOUR GUIDE

Walkers Tours
www.walkerstours.com



Caribbean vibes

Enjoy breathtaking, tropical views whilst listening to turquoise waters rolling in with a glass of St. Lucia's famous rum punch in hand



As the St. Lucians say, "No pressure, no problem!" So many tropical islands provide luxury, but only St. Lucia offers this alongside the feeling of joy and laughter courtesy of the amazing people. Such a friendly country, I was so warmly welcomed – and laughed a lot! This is the ultimate location to unwind after planning your big day.

If you don't know much about St. Lucia, it's an eastern Caribbean Island with a pair of dramatically tapered mountains, known as the Pitons. These volcanic mounds are a spectacular landmark of the island, lush and green and ready for the adventurer in you to explore. St. Lucia's tropical climate makes it a prime spot for year-round sunshine and warm weather. Prepare for short downpours as those surrounding rainforests bursting with colour need watering.

THE LANDINGS RESORT

The Landings Resort & Spa is a beachfront hotel with a private marina, positioned on Rodney Bay. The Resort invites you to enhance your stay with its all-inclusive package, allowing you not only to sample their extensive food and beverage offerings but full access to the quality fitness centre, unlimited use of the sea kayaks, stand-up paddleboards and snorkelling gear.

During my stay, I enjoyed the resort's entertainment. Taking in the Caribbean vibes, we enjoyed a delicious barbecue feast on the beach while watching fire throwers and limbo dancers doing their thing on the stage... and did I mention there was rum punch?!

If your honeymoon is more of a familymoon, the resort has you covered with its awesome Kids Club and babysitting service. What more could you ask for?



ACCOMMODATION

Whatever your accommodation preference: marina view, beachfront or ocean view, you'll be blown away. My marina view suite was equipped with a state-of-the-art kitchen and private plunge pool. Listening to the birds with a cup of tea in hand in my plunge pool is a memory I'll never forget.

THE LANDINGS SPA

The revamped, luxurious 7,000-square-foot spa at The Landings features serene therapy rooms, some with outdoor hydrotherapy terraces so you can relax and take in the views after your treatment. As well as enjoying massages, manis and pedis, you can request a hair stylist to ensure your locks have full attention during your fabulous stay. There's also a state-of-the-art fitness centre with on-site staff and personal trainers to keep you in shape.

ST. LUCIAN CUISINE

You can't go to the Caribbean without enjoying the freshest seafood. However, the local specialties are a must try from curried goat to breadfruit (similar to potatoes but sweeter and starchier), and saltfish (stewed fish, which is usually sold dried and salted, with boiled green bananas, locally referred to as green fig).

EXCURSIONS

If you like to do more than lay on a sun lounger, then St. Lucia has much to offer whether that's zip-lining through the rainforest or taking a guided hike up St. Lucia's signature Pitons.

During my stay, I enjoyed a visit to Project Chocolat from the well-known Hotel Chocolat. I was blown away by the luscious rainforest location, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home to the cacao groves. I was then invited to make my very own chocolate bar and tasted some amazing foods from their cacao inspired menu which included cacao mac 'n cheese and even cacao burgers!

FIVE STAR LUXURY

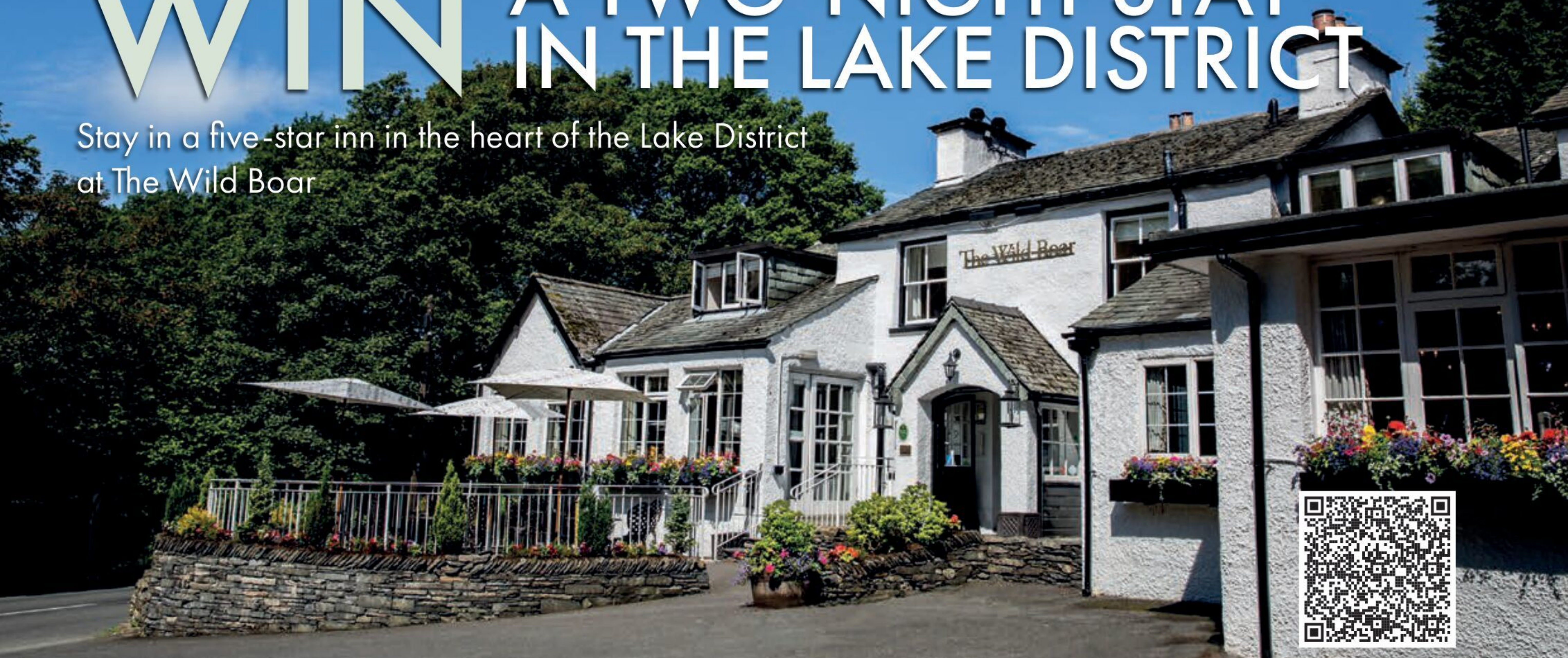
If you really want to push the boat out for your once-in-a-lifetime honeymoon, then take the transfer from Hewanorra International Airport to the resort via private helicopter. Just let The Landings know and they'll arrange it all! Furthermore, to extend the luxe package, you can request a butler service to make your stay as carefree and relaxing as possible. Go on, treat yourself!



HOW TO BOOK
 The Landings Resort Hotel & Spa
 0800 066 8099
www.landingsstlucia.com

WIN A TWO-NIGHT STAY IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Stay in a five-star inn in the heart of the Lake District at The Wild Boar



The Wild Boar Inn is set adjacent to 72 acres of beautiful woodland with its own tarn and some beautiful wild settings. A traditional Lakeland inn with oak beams, log fires, an in-house microbrewery and smokehouse all in the rolling countryside of the Gilpin Valley. For the discerning foodie, when it comes to food there's an extensive choice: from sharing plates to succulent steaks, traditional British to Mediterranean, its Alternative Afternoon Tea and Wild Afternoon Tea Picnic – there's certainly something for everyone!

WILD WEDDINGS AT THE WILD BOAR

One of the best things on offer is... choice! There are indoor-outdoor options of where to exchange vows, home-brewed beer and a library of single malt whiskies, outdoor activities in its stunning woodland, as well as a choice of individually designed rooms and suites for the couple and their wedding party.

Nearlyweds can also choose: a Lake District Falconry Hawk Walk in the woods – perfect for stunning photographs – Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery or even Axe Throwing on the day! For those who want to embrace the outdoors completely, why not opt for a tipi wedding?

From the first enquiry, the dedicated wedding coordinator will ensure that you have all the information needed to create a dream day. After a show round of the inn, grounds and woodland you'll be offered support right up to the wedding and beyond. The team are happy to introduce to you to a great selection of local wedding suppliers hand-picked for their quality and expertise.

When it comes to the all-important wedding breakfast, with the

mentioned culinary options on offer, the chef is also happy to discuss your bespoke ideas. The Wild Boar can comfortably accommodate between 70 to 90 guests for the wedding breakfast, and between 70 to 130 guests for the evening buffet.

Creating the picture-perfect backdrop for a stunning wedding album is easy here both within the inn and in the beautiful woodland. Some of the most popular shots are beside the secluded tarn in the woods, or surrounded by a variety of trees – or for fun photographs head to the shooting range! The venue's Wild Boar Land Rover also features in quite a lot in images as couples are driven to their chosen backdrop.

LOCATION: The Wild Boar is located close to Bowness-on-Windermere, in the south of the Lake District. Situated next to the B5284, part way between Windermere Golf Club and the small Lake District hamlet of Crook. The hotel has parking to the rear, next to the inn's own private woodland.

For more information visit: englishlakes.co.uk/the-wild-boar

Instagram @thewildboar **Facebook** @thewildboar **Twitter** @englishlakes

THE PRIZE: County Wedding Magazines has teamed up with English Lakes Hotels Resorts & Venues, to give the readers a chance to win a two-night stay at The Wild Boar with bed and breakfast, and dinner on the first night.

To enter: Answer the following question via our website.

Q: Which lake is nearest to The Wild Boar?



Closing date is 14th October, 2022. Terms and conditions.

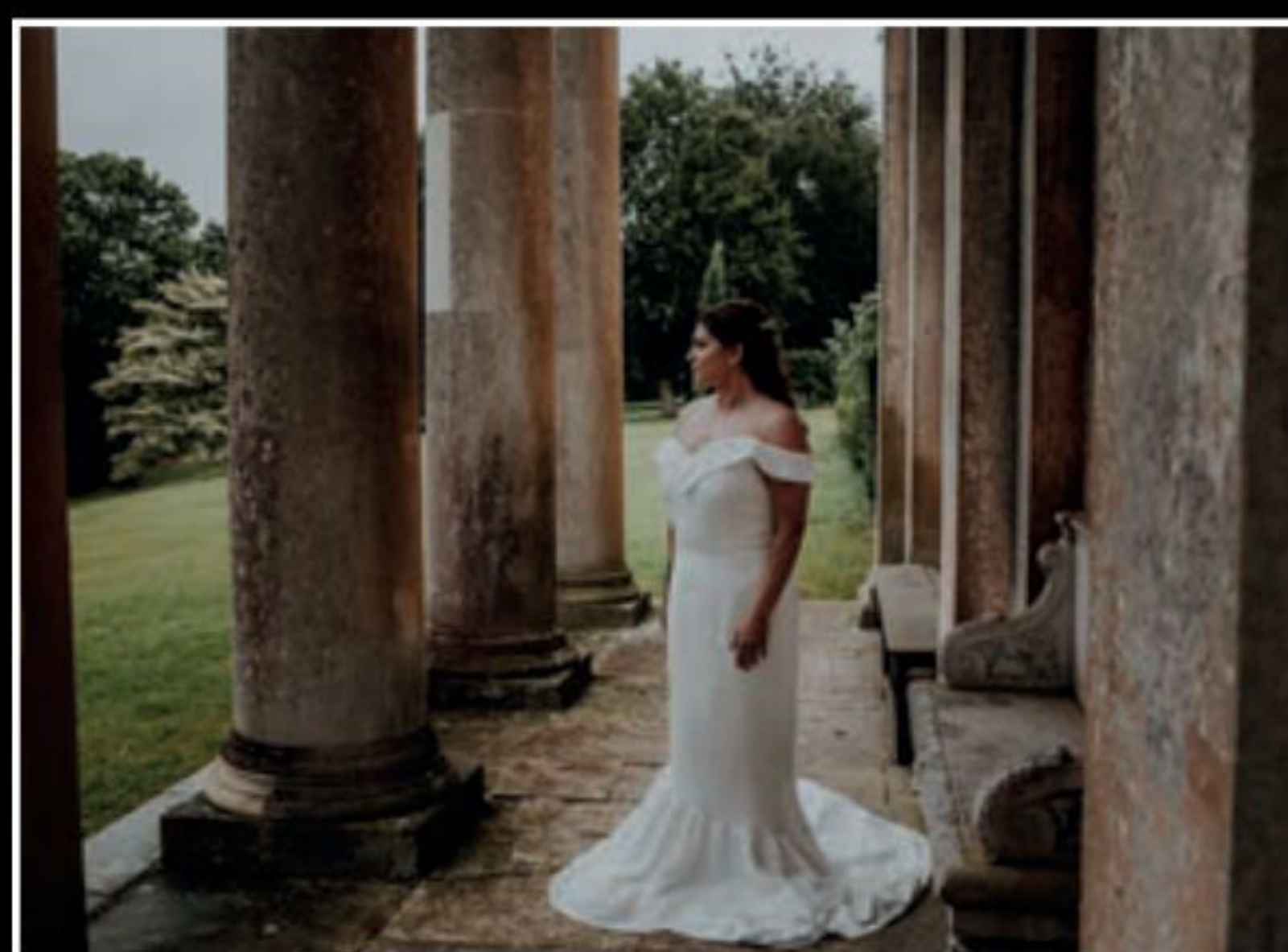
NUNEHAM ESTATE

Beautiful. Secluded. Exclusive.

Nuneham Estate is nestled in the Oxfordshire countryside and reached by a private road. Offering beautiful secluded outside spaces for wedding receptions that will be both unique and memorable.

With fields, woodland, quirky buildings and nothing but the sound of birdsong, there will be a space to suit all wedding dreams.

In 2023 the fabulously refurbished walled gardens will be available for weddings, along with luxurious self-contained accommodation, making Nuneham Estate a one-stop wedding reception destination.



Wedding Planner Tracy Hammond, who has extensive experience in weddings and events, armed with her 'black book' of local wedding suppliers, will be on hand to assist with all you will require from booking through to your wedding.

WWW.NUNEHAM.COM



THE DAIRY

Exclusively Yours

A WONDERFULLY ROMANTIC BACKDROP FOR THE
PERFECT WEDDING AT ANY TIME OF YEAR.



We have two exclusive use dry hire wedding venues on the Waddesdon estate. The Dairy, a tranquil waterside setting amidst glorious gardens and The Manor, a historic Rothschild house and gardens.



WADDESDON ENTERPRISES

WWW.WADDESDONENTERPRISES.CO.UK