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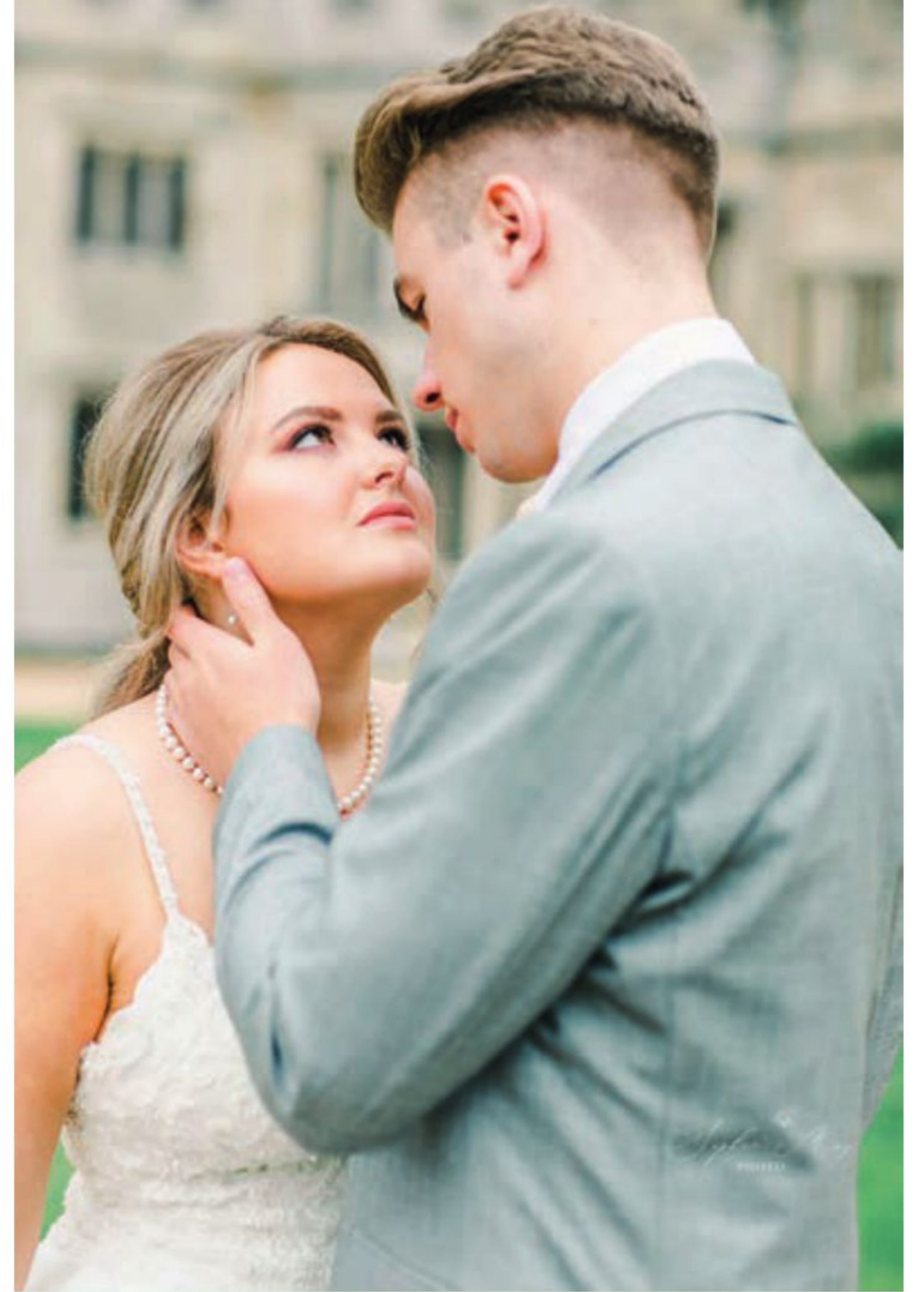
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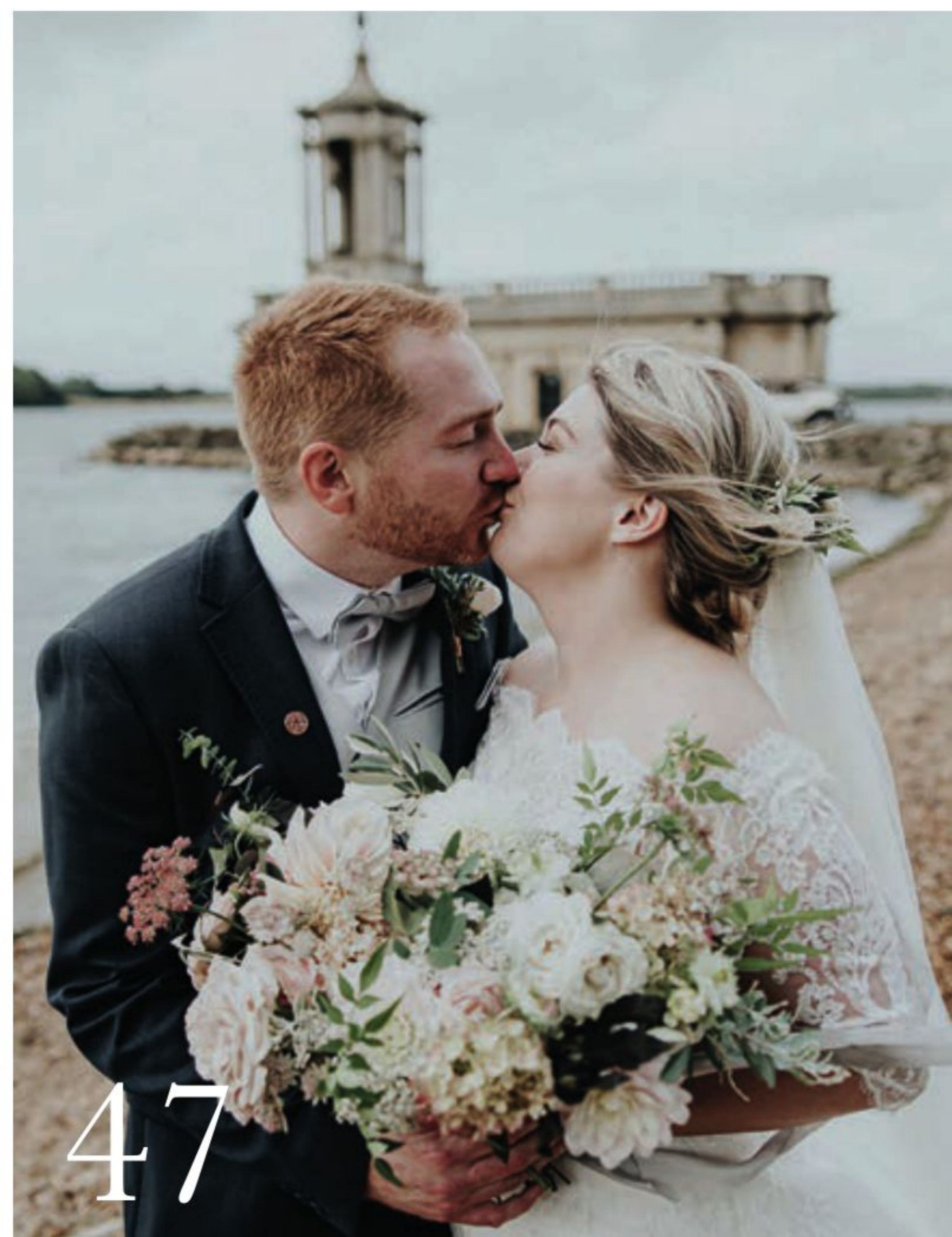
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Say 'I do' this spring



Goodbye winter, ice, and coats and hello spring – we've missed you so much! I'm so excited to see what our brides and lovely local suppliers do with the Pantone colour of the year, classic blue, which is said to bring calmness, confidence and connections for all.

We have some exciting features for this issue to make the planning of your big day much easier, and enjoyable.

Our transport feature's perfect for inspiration on how to arrive in style, while our mouth-watering catering feature gives you an insight into the companies that dish up the delectable delights.

Check out our honeymoon pages, which showcases beautiful destinations as well as all the latest news from around the region in our newlywed news feature.

And finally, don't forget to take a step back in time and discover venues with a story to tell in our historic venues feature and who knows, your dream big-day setting might be just a page turn away!

That's all from me, now sit back, relax and celebrate anything and everything wedding!

Olivia ✕

Olivia Gibson
Editor



The back detail on this dress looks incredible on this bride, turn to page 34 to read Richard and Beverley's story.



How gorgeous is this dress from Alexandra Anne? Simple but truly elegant. Turn to page 77 to read expert advice and find plenty of help and inspiration for the special day.



We're well and truly swooning over this reception space at Hemswell Court. Read about this venue on page 17.

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Check out this beautiful ceremony space decorated by Nuptia – luckily for you the company’s running an offer on page 13.

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EDITOR'S LETTER

I love this look created by Hannah Finn Make Up on page 75 – it emphasises the bride’s natural beauty and she looks happy and ready to say ‘I do’.



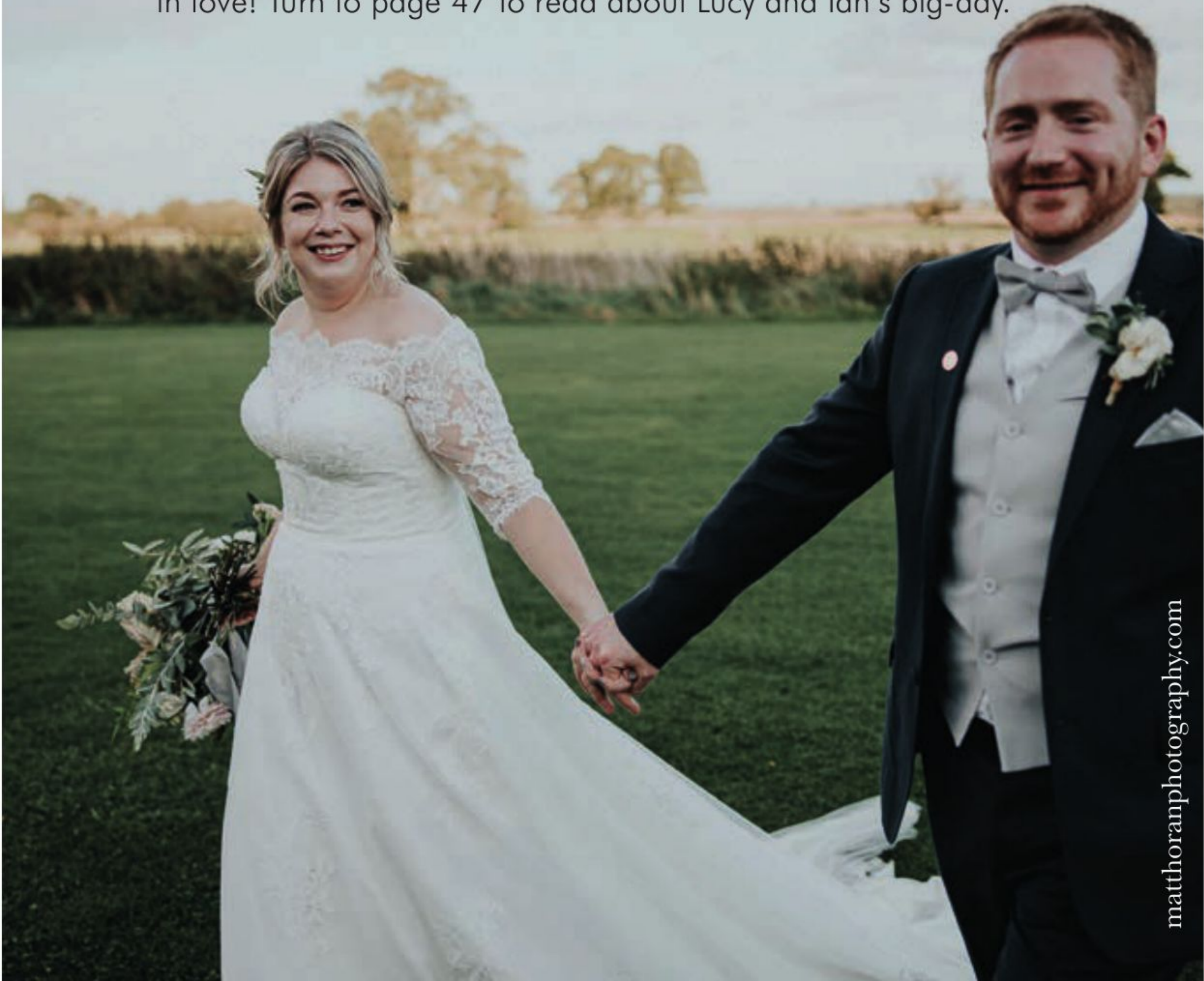
Find the hot news from around the region on page nine.



You have to check out this shoot on page 60!

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Look at how this bride looks at her new husband, you can tell they’re so in love! Turn to page 47 to read about Lucy and Ian’s big-day.



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I love the whole theme of this shoot on page 52.



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CALLING ALL ADVENTUROUS COUPLES

Local wedding celebrants Stand Out Ceremonies has launched a package for adventurous couples wanting a break away from convention completely. The Wed Wild package takes couples into the Peak District for an intimate, outdoor micro-wedding against the stunning backdrop of this National Park.

Wedding celebrants already work at a number of local venues to write and deliver truly personalised ceremonies. This package actually gives couples a wedding experience without a formal venue and allows them to be at one with nature.

No compromise is made on luxury or impact as top-class local suppliers provide everything from chauffeured transport in a gorgeous campervan through to enjoying a luxury banquet along with professional photographers throughout the day.

Karen Faulkner from Stand Out Ceremonies says, "This package is for couples looking for something really different with the focus completely on each other, but still having a memorable day. The desire to cut back on the months of planning and cost has resulted in a big trend on outdoor elopements and micro-weddings in the USA. There's no reason why the same can't be done here against the dramatic, breathtaking setting of the Derbyshire Peak District.

Find out more at standoutceremonies.co.uk

BRIDAL BEAUTY

Following a very successful 2019, Enchanted Hair Up & Beauty wanted to do more for clients and decided to introduce a brides beauty guide within consultations. Learn how to manage and get the best results when it comes to hair, make-up, skin and brows including tips and advice to look the very best. The company has also introduced a beauty package which includes lash lifts, beautiful brows, and the new brow lamination – designed to give a uniform, full eyebrow shape. This is the ultimate solution for eyebrows where the hairs follow a different pattern and realigns the brows in such a way to give them a desired look.

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Nearlywed NEWS

All the latest from around the region

HOTEL TRANSFORMATION

Located in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, Van Dyk by Wildes has unveiled a six-million-pound refurbishment, which extends the company's total investment to 10 million.

The renovation means there's a further 54 bedrooms, luxurious spa, brasserie, three walled-gardens and a lavish reception, which has become the main entrance to the hotel.

A refined country aesthetic is displayed across all three stories of the venue by award-winning interior designers, SpacInvador. Alongside the extensive refurbishment, Van Dyk by Wildes has undergone a full rebrand.

This go-to space is perfect for hosting weddings and events thanks to it's amazing food and great accommodation – couples won't have

to worry about guests getting home.

Paul Wildes, CEO of the WILDES Group, says, "The Van Dyk is positioned at the corner of three prominent counties, as such, it has not only attracted people from miles around for a number of years, it's also well and truly cemented in the local community. It was therefore vital for us that we maintained the essence of the hotel that has comforted people for so long, but also bring it into the 21st-century. Whether this is the quality of the spa, restaurants and events spaces or the fact that we are going above and beyond to make the hotel as environmentally friendly as possible.

"We hope that the stylish contemporary designs will be welcomed by our loyal customers as well as attracting new people to the area."

For more information visit vandykbywildes.co.uk





WATCH THIS SPACE

Sartorial suit expert Master Debonair has unveiled plans to open up to six high street shops in the next six months after announcing a new opening in Derbyshire.

The South Tyneside fashion firm was first opened by Simon and Eve Whitaker a few years ago and has become a favourite with customers looking for stylish suits and gentlemen's accessories.

Simon says, "We were approached by the current owner of Nora Eve Bridalwear who owns a very successful bridal store on the ground floor, which will stay there, and menswear on the first floor.

"Her passion is bridal not menswear and she wanted the men's store to go to someone who would put some magic into it and she had been a follower of Master Debonair for years. We're also delighted to keep the current staff and hire more from the local area.

"We now have two stores and a separate private showroom, our plan is to open between three to six more in the next six months. We're already searching for multiple new locations for 2020 across the whole country."

To find out more visit the website masterdebonair.com



WEDDING ESCAPE ROOM

At the Brampton Grange Spring Wedding Fair, the company will be revealing something really special. With the rise in popularity of escape rooms, escape chain Deadlocked has created the ultimate way to wow guests with its bespoke wedding escape room service called Wedlocked.

The company says, "Fully customised with puzzles relating to you, our matrimony-themed rooms are designed to make you the centre of the adventure, which all guests must work together to achieve your mission of becoming blissfully locked in love forever!

"Our wedding specialists go to town to incorporate any aspects from your lives to make the wedding escape room truly personalised, including your pets, Hogwarts houses, favourite football team, any theme and desired colours."

After completing the mini-escape experience, the room becomes an automated photo booth, and escape times will get added to the leaderboard. Try this out at Brampton Grange Spring Wedding Fair on Sunday 29th March, it's sure to be popular and bookings may be required!

Find out more at weddingescaperooms.com, bramptongrange.co.uk



MERCURE NOTTINGHAM SHERWOOD HOTEL REOPENS FOLLOWING REFURBISHMENT

Mercure Nottingham Sherwood Hotel is now officially open! The hotel previously operated under the Park Inn brand but has had an extensive redesign and been fully refurbished to align with the Mercure standards. The venue's owned by Danish real estate group Proark and managed by Mercure. All the hotels get their inspiration from the features, traditions and history of its individual location, each one featuring locally-inspired artwork, design, décor and even textures encompassing elements of its area's cultural and historic past. The Hotel takes inspiration from the city's lace making heritage, having been the world centre for the industry for more than 100 years.

The hotel offers 172 guest rooms and provides a lively eating and drinking experience with a 42-cover restaurant, alongside a bar and meeting lounge spaces.

Perfectly located for sightseeing, it's just a stone's throw from Sherwood Forest, Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery.

For more information visit all.accor.com

WINNER!

Whittlebury Park's wedding team has been announced as East Midlands regional winners for the category of Best Event Team at The Wedding Industry Awards 2020. Whittlebury has been welcoming couples since 1992 and the team host more than 70 weddings per year in one or more of the company's four self-contained venues, all of which are located within the 700-acre estate. The team work with each couple from initial enquiry to the day itself and gives outstanding effort and attention to detail to ensure each wedding's unforgettable.



The Wedding Industry Awards are the only regional and national client voted awards in the wedding industry and the East Midlands Regional Finals were held on Tuesday 19th November at the Pumping House, Newark.

Head of event sales, Emma Hayes, was thrilled with the result saying, "Every Whittlebury wedding is a team effort. We strive to understand and bring to life each couple's vision – it's always exciting and rewarding! Part of the process for the award submission was providing testimonials from our couples and so many mentioned that everyone went above and beyond. This is a credit to our entire team from Head of Weddings to the Food & Beverage staff."

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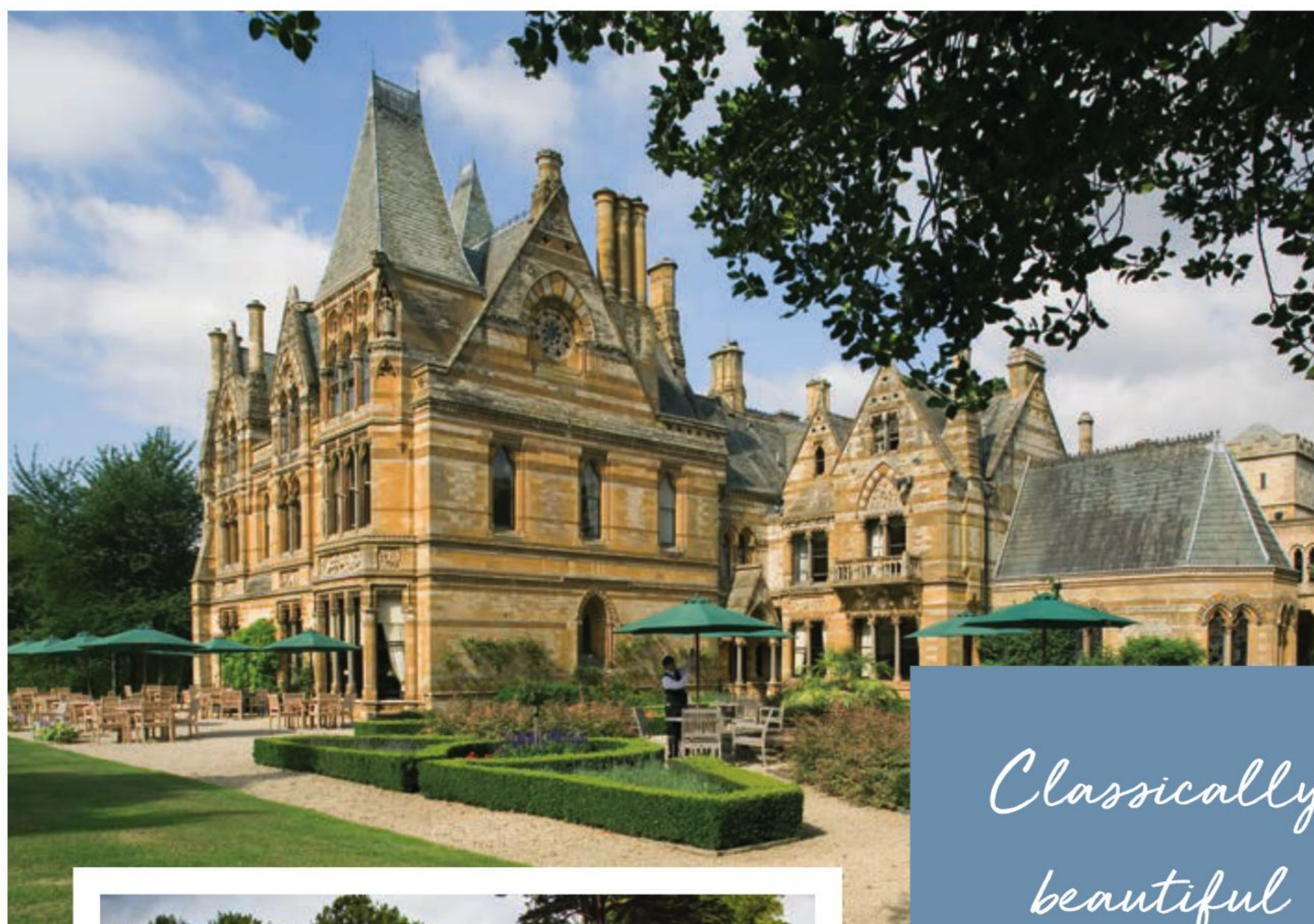
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The company's delighted to have a showroom which has been beautifully created to inspire couples and also offer an opportunity to create a bespoke set up to visualise any colour and theme.

Nuptia is offering 10 per cent off styling when couples quote 'Your East Midlands Wedding' before the 26th of March.

To find out more or book a complimentary consultation at the showroom call 07853 119 514 or visit nuptia.org.uk

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The business pride themselves in taking what's available and making it better, not only in the vehicle selection and customer service but by delivering the unexpected. Clients are blown away with the décor details inside the limos with tasteful lighting and perfect interiors.

Premier Limos & Wedding Car Hire offer a range of vehicles special to the wedding industry in the form of the eight passenger presidential limousine and matching Lincoln Town Car (baby limo) and the unbeatable classic style of the Rolls-Royce silver spirit.

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The venue has a wonderful Georgian-style façade with a stunning arched entranceway and front portico covered with wisteria. The grounds boast formal landscaped gardens with manicured lawns and beautiful flower-filled borders, as well as narrow paths and shaded woodland areas. All of which provides stunning scenes for wedding photographs.

Great for reception drinks and canapés, The Grand Hall is bright and welcoming with its arched windows and portico – there's even a baby grand piano that can be played to entertain guests.

Ceremonies take place in three different spaces at the venue. The Primrose Room can hold up to 175 guests

with beautiful large picture windows providing views over the gardens.

The focal point of the room is the grand fireplace, in front of which couples say their vows and the length of the room provides a long aisle for grand entrances.

The Drawing Room is perfect for a more intimate ceremony with up to 90 guests. For a truly romantic ambience, the ceremony can be conducted by candlelight and the fireplaces can be lit.

If the couple wishes to be at one with nature, this venue has The Bandstand, an outdoor ceremony space surrounded by manicured lawns with borders and topiary hedging.

It provides a picture-perfect natural setting for happy couples to unite and can also be dressed to coordinate with the wedding style.

The celebrations continue with the wedding breakfast taking place in either

The Primrose Room for 120 guests or The Ballroom, which has a high-ceiling, chandeliers and tapestry wall hangings. This room is the perfect setting for evening receptions as it has plenty of space for dancing, a band or disco for 150 loved ones to enjoy.

There's even a well-stocked bar for guests to enjoy!

If couples wish for a more intimate dining experience for the wedding breakfast, the beautiful Formal Dining Room hosts 32 guests.

Hemswell Court is exclusively the couples' from arrival on the day of the wedding until breakfast the following morning – perfect for any couple.

The venue's experienced front of house manager will act as the master of ceremonies, guiding them through every aspect along with the rest of the dedicated team.



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The award-winning gardens of Petwood Hotel make the perfect backdrop for wedding photography.

From the splendour of the Long Walk and colourful rhododendron tunnels to the peaceful sanctuary of the walled garden and temple of Atalanta, every corner boasts a picture-perfect view.

This Grade II listed hotel is great for exchanging vows, with the Woodland

Suite being the perfect choice for up to 140 guests. With its private bar, terrace area and easy access to the gardens, the Woodland Suite becomes the perfect location for a wedding.

Alternatively, why not opt for The Garden Room, which is full of character and has fine views of the grounds?

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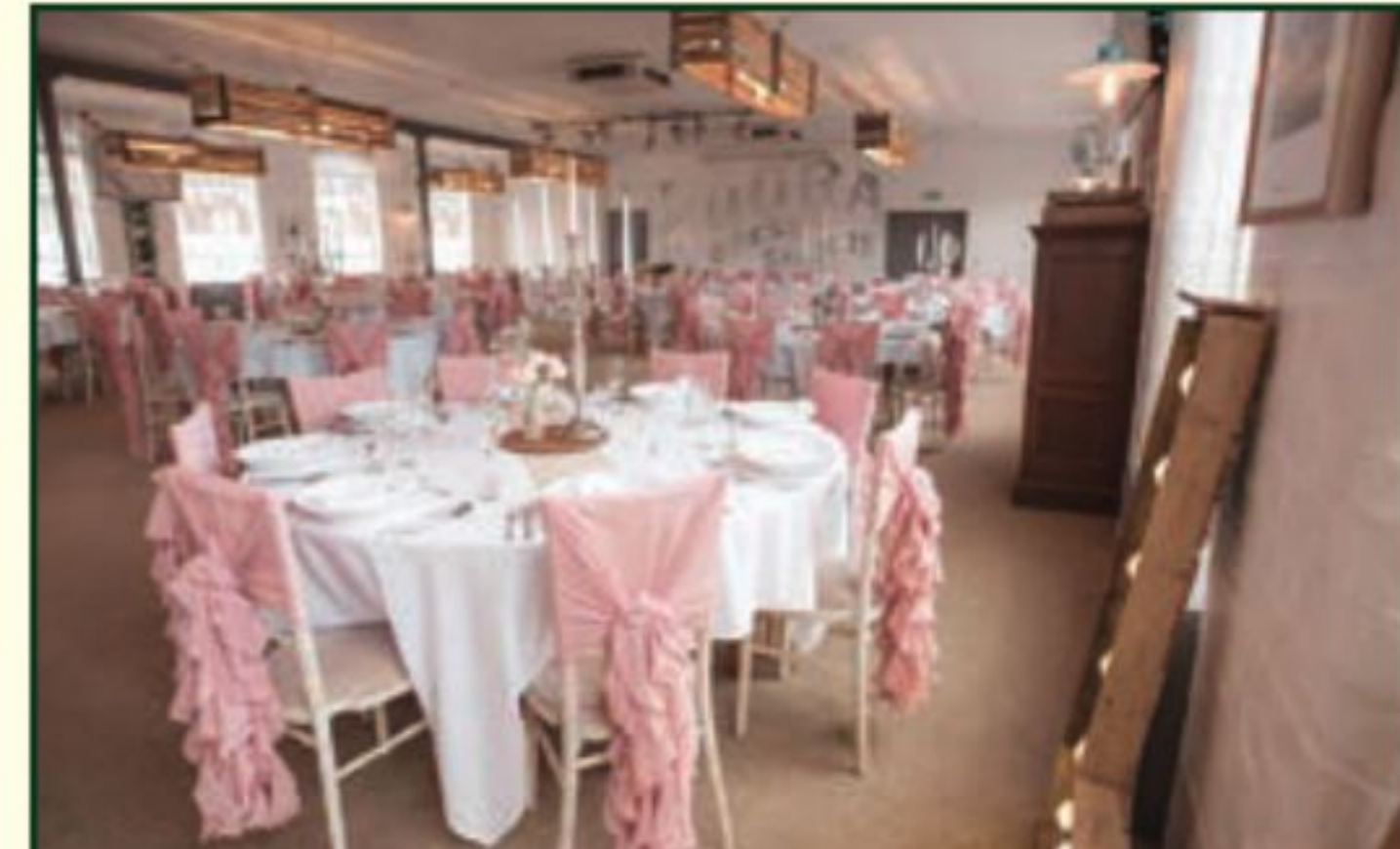
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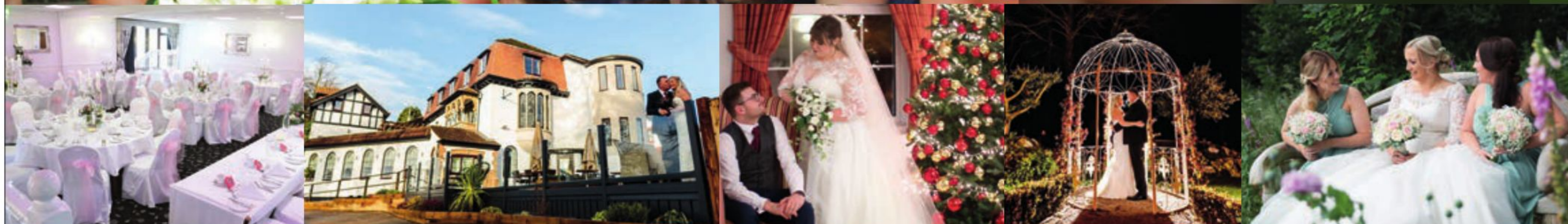
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IRNHAM HALL

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If it's beautiful grounds desired, Irnham Hall is the perfect place. With flowerbeds and undulating lawns down to the pond, this venue is nestled in lovely rolling countryside and farmland. Upon passing through the inviting gates and heading down the drive, couples will find the stunning architecture of the hall itself waiting for their arrival.

The Grade I listed building includes the new Victorian veranda and boasts a wonderfully airy and bright summer house for the main reception with a vaulted beamed ceiling that allows plenty of light, muted grey floors, white walls, and floor-to-ceiling windows. The room seats up to 130 on round tables and there is a separate bar

area and plenty of room to dance the night away.

Ceremonies can take place in multiple spaces in the venue with the capacity ranging from 100 to 150.

As the day progresses, guests are ushered through into the Summer House for the tasty main reception meal.



GREETHAM VALLEY

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Greetham Valley is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. It offers great facilities, stunning views and great service, perfect for couples looking to have the whole day under one roof, there's a ceremony, reception and accommodation.

Located in a rural setting, the gardens and lake offer some fantastic photo opportunities.

The venue is contemporary modern and has recently been refurbished throughout both function suites, all

bedrooms, lodges and public areas. The venue offers 35 bedrooms and eight self-catering lodges – excellent accommodation options for groups.

Ceremonies and receptions take place in the same two spaces. Say 'I do' in The Lakeview Suite on the ground floor with up to 104 guests, which is also ideal for a smaller more intimate reception of up to 50 and includes bespoke lighting. Those with a larger guest list will enjoy The Rutland Suite, which caters to 200 loved ones and includes a private bar,

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STUBTON HALL

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Stubton Hall is surrounded by 23 acres of parkland and set in a quiet corner of Lincolnshire which overlooks a small lake, majestic trees and fields. The south side has an enormous terrace and a long, canal-shaped fountain. The view from the Orangery changes with the seasons as it opens to Stubton's ample lawns and many trees.

The 19th-century country house provides a stunning backdrop for photos – the main block of the Hall was designed by Sir Jeffrey Wyattville, architect to George IV in 1814. In 2009, the venue added the magnificent Orangery with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the park.

The historic rooms of Stubton Hall are only available on an exclusive-use basis, so couples will never be

sharing the venue with another event. The lovebirds, as well as guests, will have free reign of the stylish reception rooms, which are tastefully decorated with antiques and old paintings to reflect the grandeur of the house but are also intentionally comfortable and welcoming. In winter, roaring fires in the hall and the Chocolate Bar greet guests and in the summer months the terrace and gardens are private, so a reception on the sunny terrace is the couples to enjoy. The venue even has 25 stunning and comfortable en suite bedrooms available.

Ceremonies at Stubton Hall normally take place in the light-filled Music Room, which can seat up to 100 guests – or why not opt for the Bow Room for 40 guests, the sunny

Conservatory for 50 guests or the expansive Orangery for up to 200.

Receptions take place inside the sumptuous Bow Room, Hall and Chocolate Bar or, if the sun is shining, on the sprawling terrace at the south side of the house. For the wedding breakfast, guests progress to the Orangery, which can seat from 50 to 200 guests.

Of course, the friendly events staff are on hand to help with all aspects of planning a bespoke wedding at Stubton Hall. Also, the venue regularly hosts wine tastings, wedding fairs and Valentine's Day overnight stays.

Later in 2020, three new bedrooms including a spectacular changing room for the bride and her entourage will be added. Making the day even better.



DODDINGTON HALL & GARDENS

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The Coach House is a beautiful and tranquil setting with mature gardens providing the perfect backdrop for stunning wedding photos. Cottage garden planting and stylish lanterns adorn the exterior making it a welcome entrance for all guests.

The Coach House is a sensitive mix of old and new, boasting the original beamed interior with modern yet neutral paint colours, plain flooring and

comfortable soft furnishings. The modern, airy dining room has glass doors running the length of the room, which really brings the outside in.

Say 'I do' in The Long Gallery in the Hall itself, which seats up to 120 guests or The Garden Room, which seats up to 70 loved ones.

Receptions take place in The Coach House, which can seat up to 120 for dining and 150 for an evening reception.

Couples will love the private, pretty walled garden attached to the venue, for exclusive use on the day of their wedding, and stunning views.

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PRESTWOLD HALL

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Situated in Leicestershire, Prestwold Hall is noted for its remarkable marbled plasterwork in Italian style. Within the house, there's a notable collection of 20th-century portraiture and 18th-century English and European furniture.

Neoclassical in style with an Italian influence throughout, it includes a portico that provides a welcome rain cover for couples on wet days that leads to a grand entrance with four pillars.

The venue has beautifully landscaped gardens full of flowers and a bronze horse sculpture is elegantly placed in the gardens surrounded by the countryside of Prestwold Park.

Depending on the season, guests arrive

to drinks, canapés and music in either the beautiful gardens or are welcomed by the roaring fires in winter.

Couples have the choice of ceremony spaces; outside in the Georgian Gazebo, the church or in the house.

Inside the house is an elegant and light-filled library with windows from floor level that open onto the vibrant gardens, making it the perfect room in which to tie the knot, watched by 140 guests.

The Georgian gazebo is set amid the manicured gardens with sweeping views of the park, which creates a relaxed and romantic summertime wedding location.

The 13th-century Church of St Andrew is located just more than 100 yards from the

house and is accessible via a picturesque walk through the gardens. Steeped in history, this ancient church is a magical and romantic place to exchange vows, with the reception party afterwards taking place for 160 guests, which is just a short stroll through the churchyard.

Guests party the night away in the library with wooden floors and an orangery, which has twinkly lights leading to the outside where fireworks give the most romantic ending to the most perfect day.

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Brampton Grange is a fabulous period property that's perfect for weddings. The country house is exquisite; dating back to the 18th-century it exudes character and charm but has also been lovingly restored by an Italian architect and is filled with modern touches.

This venue's history is varied, with the Estate once belonging to the Spencer family of the Althorp Estate but has been privately owned for the past 15 years. With more than 400 years of history, there are many period features within Brampton Grange House whilst the interior of the venue offers a modern and contemporary decorated barn.

The venue stands out with its sand-coloured natural stone, imposing

arched porch framing the front door and attractive bay windows, not forgetting the sweeping driveway. The house is striking, instantly inviting and provides a fantastic backdrop for wedding photographs.

Combining the grandeur of a country house and the rustic charm of a delightful barn, this stunning venue offers the best of both worlds for couples' special day. The grounds are glorious with extensive manicured lawns, traditional courtyard and romantic walled garden – all of which have many hidden spots, which are perfect for photos.

The main entrance of the venue is a stunning orangery with original exposed

brickwork. The orangery leads on to a courtyard and to the main barns, all with high-ceilings, timber-beams and stunning chandeliers.

Anyone wishing to hold a wedding at Brampton Grange can choose either the Verona barn, which works well for intimate ceremonies, or the Venice barn, with its floor-to-ceiling drapes and fairy lights. Both are licensed for ceremonies and there's only one wedding per day.

The Florence Barn is a superb space typically used for the wedding breakfast and evening entertainment. Spacious, sophisticated and it boasts a glass balcony overlooking the dancefloor. Guests can relax and enjoy some drinks.



BREEDON HALL

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Breedon Hall is best described as a classic and traditional country house with brick decorative elements. The Georgian manor house is surrounded by beautiful grounds enclosed by a Georgian period wall, in places up-to 20 feet high. Within the walls are a range of lawns,

herbaceous borders and flowerbeds.

Wedding ceremonies take place in the Drawing Room, which is traditionally decorated with paintings and antiques, with a capacity of 44 family members.

The reception spaces are perfect, it takes place in the front hall or the

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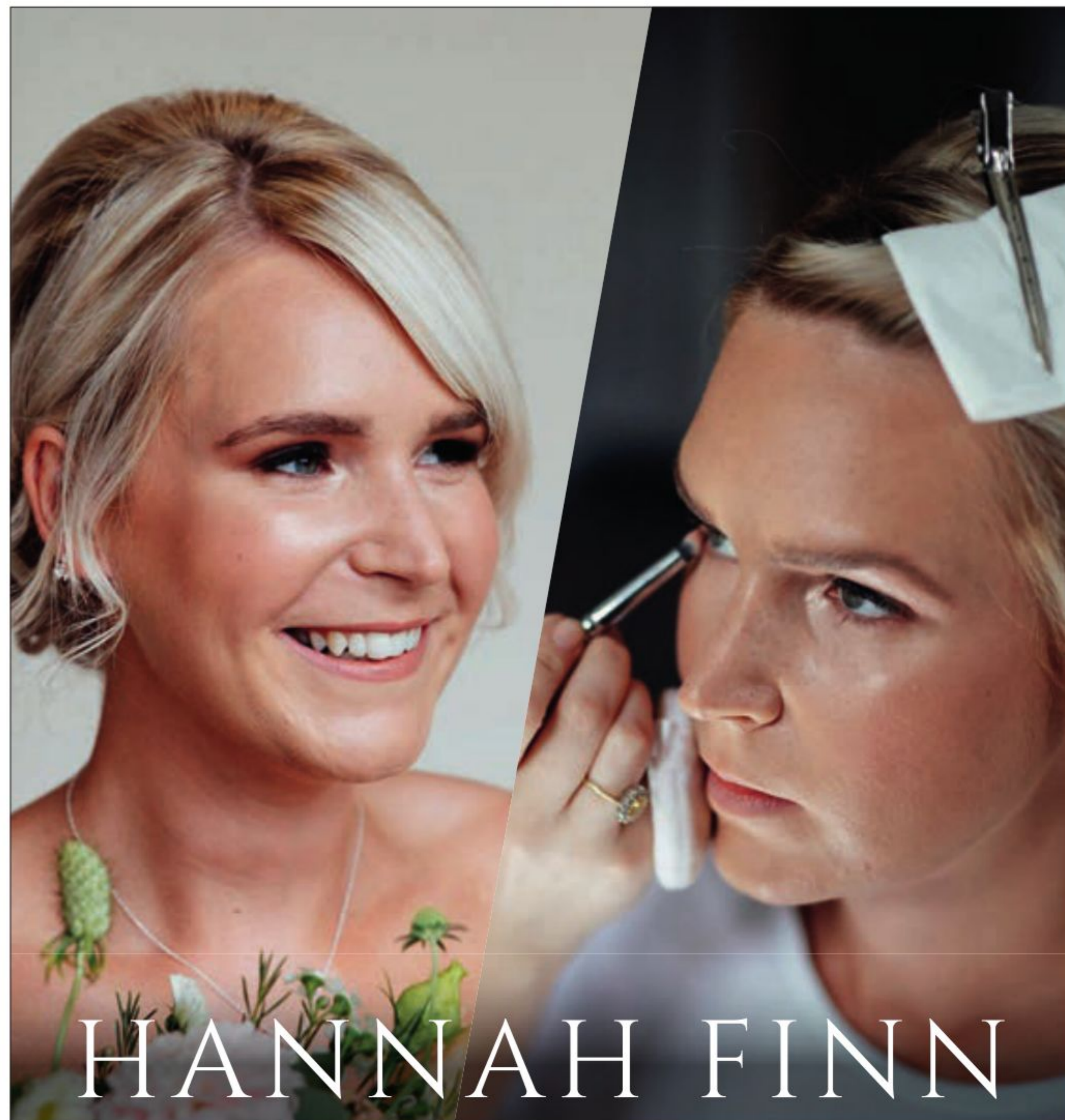


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Party people

Jasmine and Robert met at a festival,
with their friendship soon developing
into a fairytale romance
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Jasmine and Robert first met in 2014 at a Derbyshire festival through mutual friends where they created amazing memories as a group, spending their time laughing and having fun. After the trip, the pair got talking on social media. Jasmine says, "We talked for a few days then he asked me if I fancied going out some time, to be honest, I wasn't overly interested but my mum persuaded me to give it a chance."

For their first date, the pair set off to the cinema and afterwards grabbed some drinks, where they spoke for hours about shared interests such as music, history and travel.

Four years later on a family holiday in Benalmadena, Rob decided to surprise Jasmine during a walk when he got down on one knee. Jasmine recalls this moment saying, "I couldn't speak or breathe! I was going to say 'no' as a joke but realised it was not the time. He asked me if it was a 'yes', which I nodded my head to as I couldn't find the words!"

SETTING THE SCENE

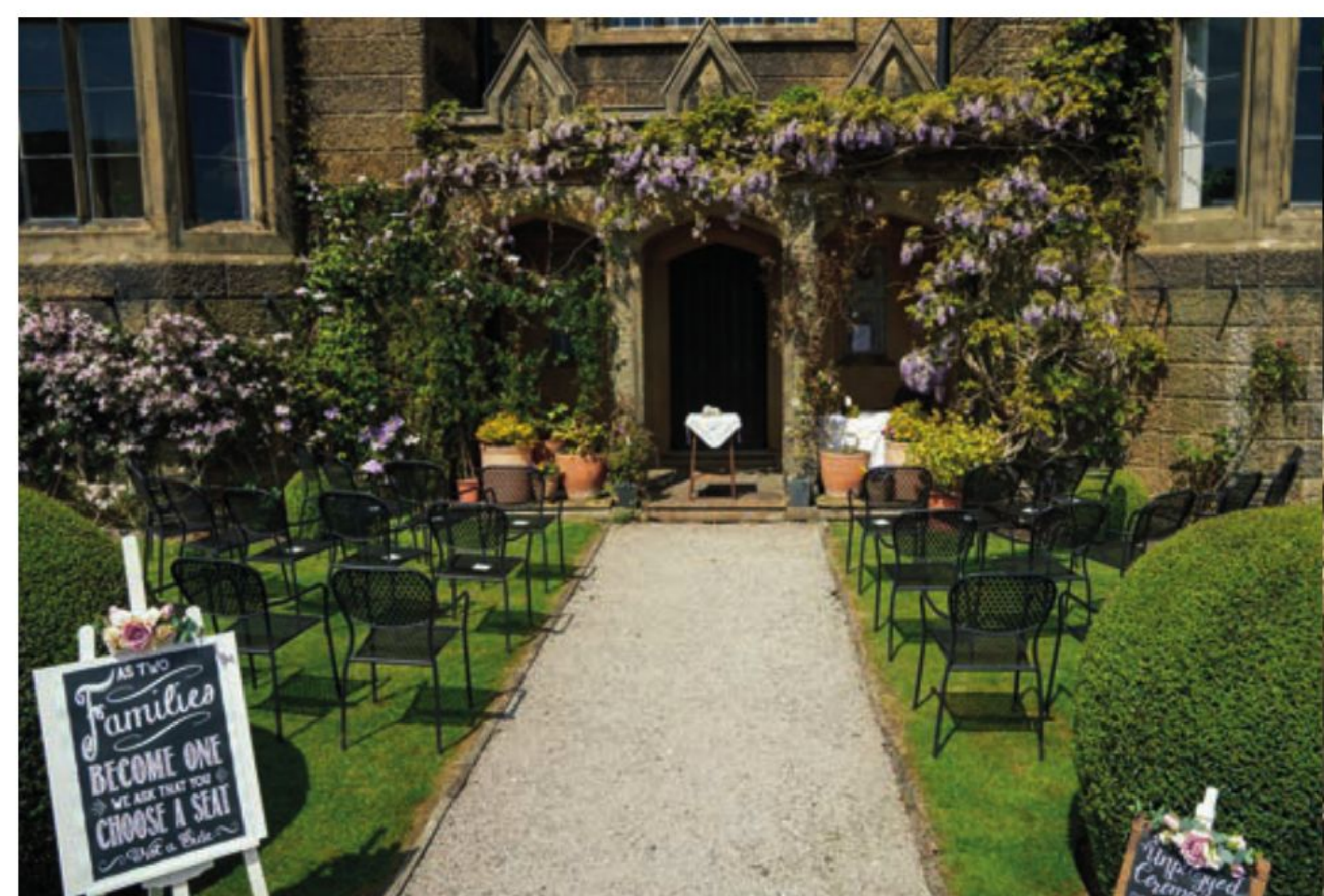
After such an amazing holiday the pair set off to a wedding fayre at Cressbrook Hall and discovered the venue was perfect for them. Jasmine says, "We stepped outside and the views were the selling point as it was breathtaking. Set in the middle of a valley all you could see was greenery. We did have some doubts about whether it would be big enough or not but on the day it was perfect and felt like a second home."

It was important to the couple that Rob's dad and friend Jen Lynn Davies, who both lost their battle to cancer, were remembered. Jasmine says, "Instead of favours we had pin badges from Nottingham Hospitals Charity, which we donated to on our guests' behalf." Both were treated at this hospital and on the back of the table names, guests found a paragraph explaining this lovely gesture.

The table plan was attached to an old-fashioned mirror with flowers, ribbon and lovebirds on one side to match, which created a beautiful look. Each table was named after places the couple had visited together such as Shanghai, Beijing and Jamaica and the place names matched the colour.

Talking about her stunning bouquet, Jasmine says, "It mimicked a similar style to what my mum and my grandma had when they got married – I had pink and white roses with gypsophila and white calla lilies with mint green ribbon. This trailed into a teardrop-shape bouquet."

For food, guests had the choice of either prawn cocktail or tomato soup for starters and either roast chicken or roast lamb for main, with a hog roast on offer in the evening. The four-tier cake was made up of flavours including chocolate and Baileys, red velvet and strawberry and prosecco.





An outdoor pod provided hot homemade waffles with a mixture of sauces and candy floss on sticks, which was a surprise from Jasmine's dad.

LOOKING THE PART

Jasmine found the perfect gown by Stella York in style 6586, a lightweight dress that matched the style of the venue with its vintage flair. To match the dress, a long veil was added as well as a beautiful necklace Rob bought her for the big day and her grandma's watch, which finished off the look beautifully.

Jasmine says, "Rob is known for wearing a bow tie, he had a calla lily for a buttonhole. He wore the same suit as the groomsmen, which was a grey/blue vintage-style tweed along with braces underneath." The bridesmaids wore a mint-green maxi-style dress with a sheer overlay and satin belt with blush-pink shoes and matching handbags.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

For the entertainment, the DJ was perfect for getting the party started and guests loved the photo booth with all of the props and double prints that were placed into a guest book with a message that the couple could cherish forever.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Speaking about the big day Jasmine says, "I'm normally a very nervous person but on the day I was so high on life and so calm. I also couldn't believe the weather, it was glorious sunshine which meant we could get married outside as we wanted."

Robert, on the other hand, was the complete opposite. He says, "I was so nervous, they started playing the song for Jasmine to walk down the aisle and she didn't come for ages, I started to panic but the moment I saw her I started to cry with joy. I have never felt as happy as I did on the day, everything was perfect from start to finish."

Jasmine continues, "Our photographer was amazing and allowed us to enjoy our day but captured so many beautiful shots at the same time – he stayed later in the evening when we had run over on timings just to make sure he got all the photos we wanted." Another person that helped with the couple's journey was Emily who works at Cressbrook Hall, Jasmine says, "She couldn't do enough for us in the run-up to the wedding, and on the day she was amazing."

HONEYMOON

The day after the wedding the couple visited a log cabin in Cropton, which was perfect to relax and spend time together as a newlywed couple. The lovebirds are saving up for a honeymoon to the Dominican Republic. Jasmine says, "I cannot wait for two weeks just us two! We didn't want all of our holidays to be in one chunk of the year so we thought it would work best."



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The night before their daughter's first birthday, Richard knew it was the perfect opportunity to propose at the Corinthia Hotel. Beverley recalls the moment saying, "It was such a surprise and after a relaxing day at the hotel's spa and a nice meal, Rich popped the question under a chandelier in the crystal moon lounge."

Here Beverley tells us more about their special day...



A thousand MILES

Richard and Beverley enjoyed a travel-themed wedding at Belvoir Castle

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We loved the view from any part of the grand but relaxed castle, which offered space for all the children. We could utilise different parts of the venue to create a different ambience for every part of the day and we loved the mixture of formal and fun we could create there.



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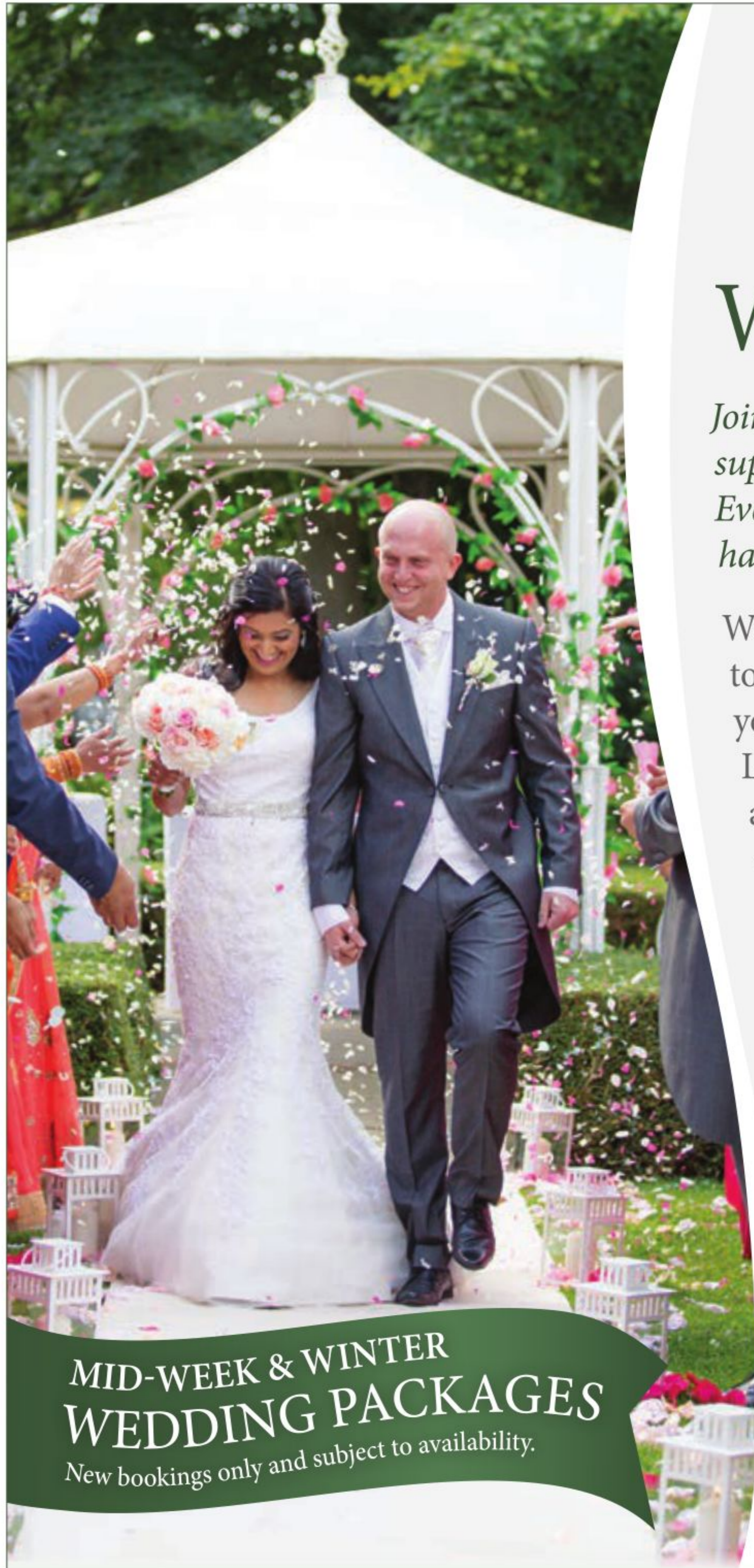
The atmosphere and love on the day from everyone felt very special!



A moment that stood out was when we saw each other at the end of the aisle and Rich looked at me and said 'wow'.



The castle provided tall candelabras, which we then decorated with flowers. The state dining room didn't need any more dressing due to its lovely views and mirrors.



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My friend Katie created handmade candles from beeswax and we put them into miniature suitcases for the adults, with luggage tag place names attached. We had activities inside for the children.



On each table we had ivory flowers and peacock feathers stood in the napkins and tied in with the castle logo and added a pop of colour.



Our three-tiered cake was ivory with a map on one tier, bringing our theme together perfectly. At the castle you get to cut the cake with the duke's sword, so we did this in front of all of our guests in the evening.



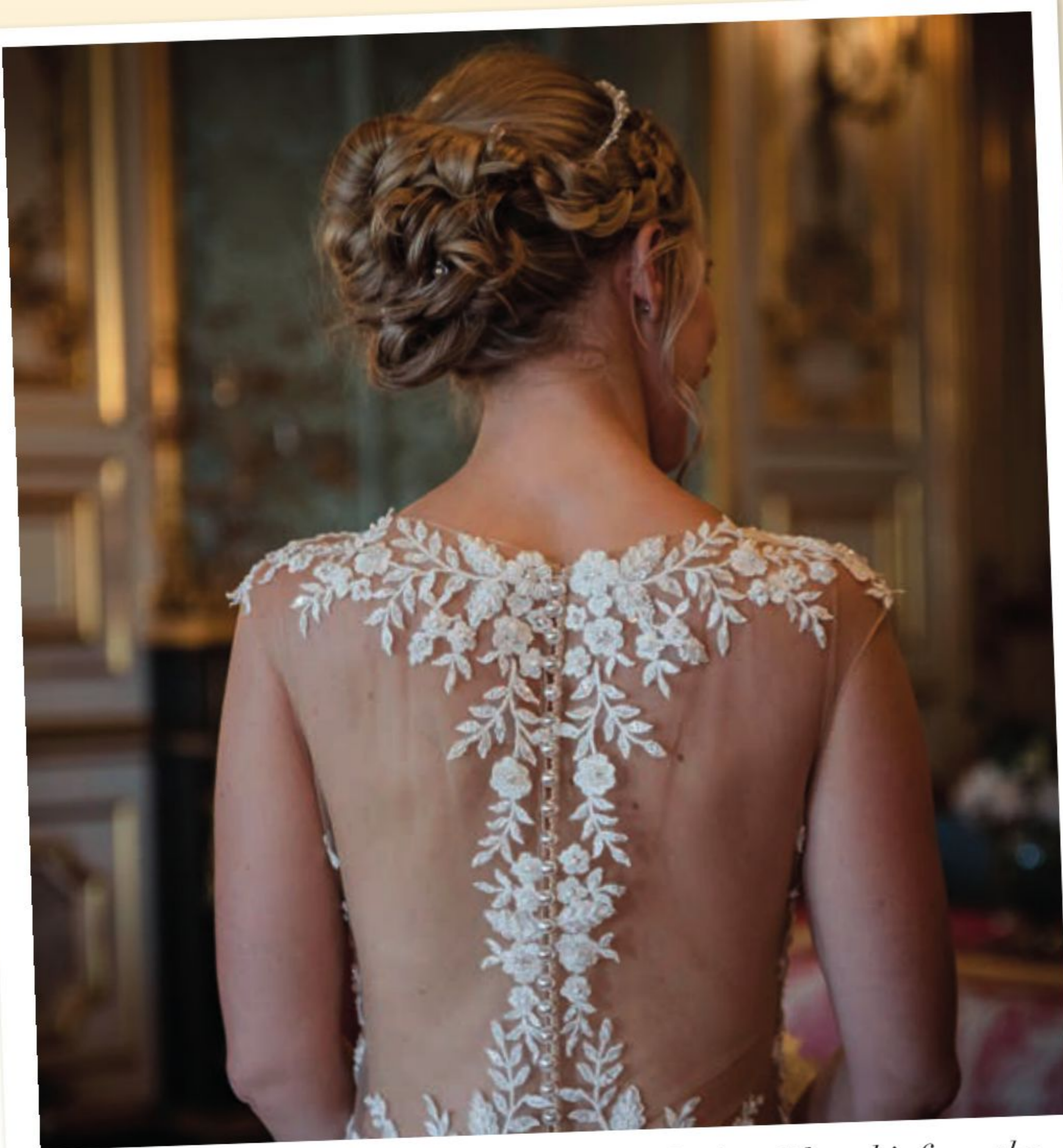
We named each table after a destination we'd been to together and a photo with a short note about the holiday.



We created a chilled Ibiza feel with music. We had garden games to keep the children entertained along with paper aeroplanes and balloons.



To tie in with my London roots and the travel theme, we hired a London bus to transport our guests from the hotel to the castle. The bus even had destinations displayed from where I grew up!



I wore a Dando London dress called Bakerloo, I loved it from the moment I saw it and it had a large detachable veil train. I accessorised it with a tiara by Arianna's tiaras, which felt like it was meant for me given our daughter's name.



The groomsmen wore a royal navy blue suit and ivory cravat with brown shoes.



We had an organist for the service and then a DJ and photo booth in the evening. Cannons at the castle were let off in the evening – our guests loved it.



My only official bridesmaid was our daughter Ariana who wore a customised flowergirl dress from Pink Confetti – it was ivory and tied in with my wedding gown.



On the day we both felt excited, loved, and fortunate. It was perfect from start to finish and I feel like words can't describe how wonderful it was.



Our top tip would be to have a copy of the timings given to someone so you can spend the day just having fun, as it goes so quickly. Enjoy and savour every minute!

RICHARD AND BEVERLEY'S LITTLE WHITE BOOK

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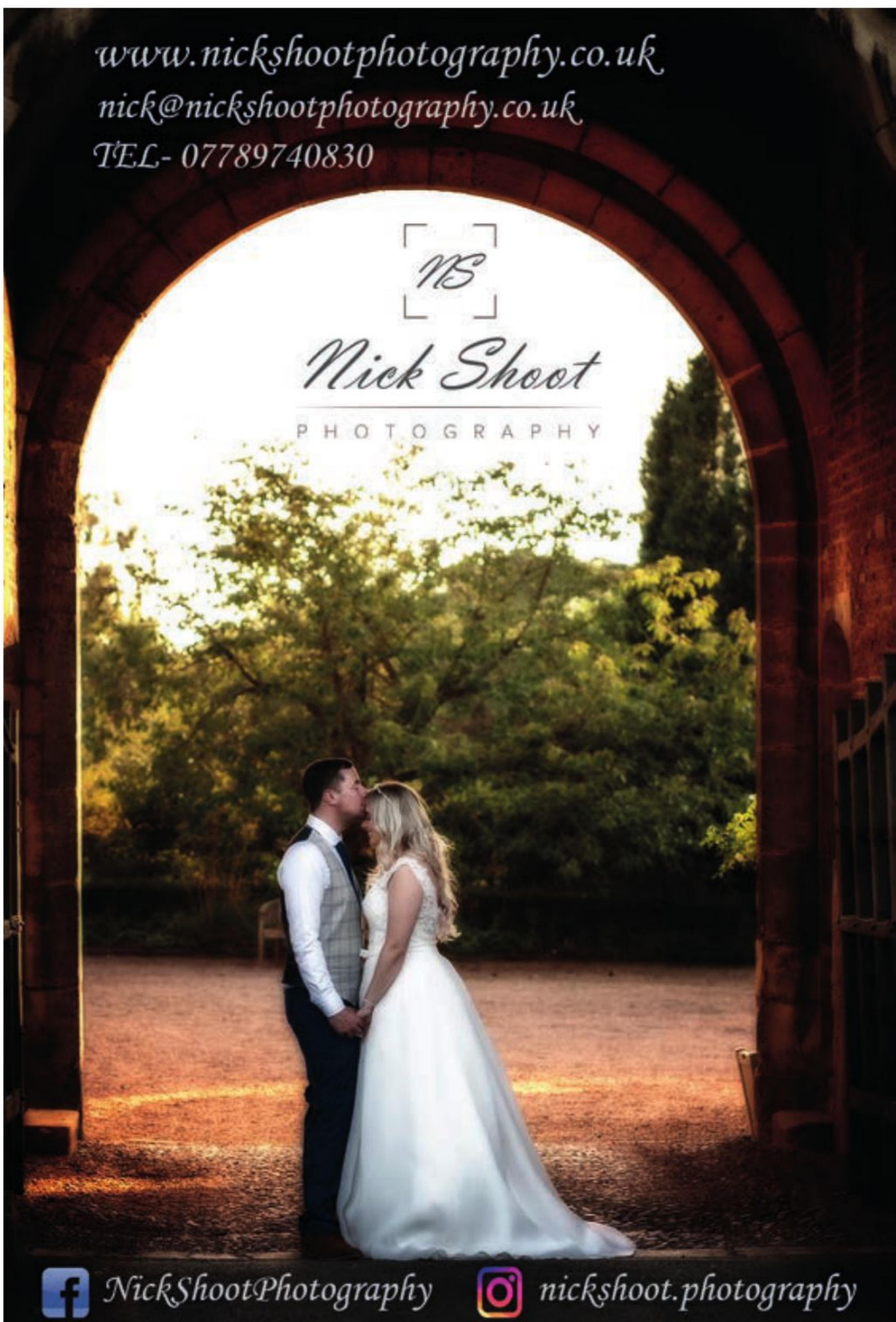


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NATURALLY *beautiful*



*Jill and Adam spent their big day surrounded by loved ones
Images courtesy of Yvonne Lishman Photography*



Jill and Adam's story started back in 2013 at a teacher training course at Nottingham Trent University. Jill says, "We first started talking in a science lecture where we argued about who had created the better poster on volcanoes – this debate is still ongoing." The couple bonded over multiple hobbies including music, with Adam introducing Jill to King Blues, a British punk rock band who at the time had split but later on reformed. It was during the performance of Jill's favourite song *I Want You* that Adam proposed. Jill says, "Adam had worn the ring around his neck all day at work, checking every couple of minutes that it hadn't fallen off the string. As that song began, he placed it around my neck. He didn't say anything or get down on one knee, we just kept dancing!"

SETTING THE SCENE

When it came to the perfect venue the couple fell for The Walled Garden at Beeston Fields natural beauty, which allowed the lovebirds to not only get married outside but have a small intimate wedding. The décor was kept to a minimum as they wanted to celebrate in natural surroundings, so flowers were used for the centrepieces and displayed in alcohol bottles and mason jars.

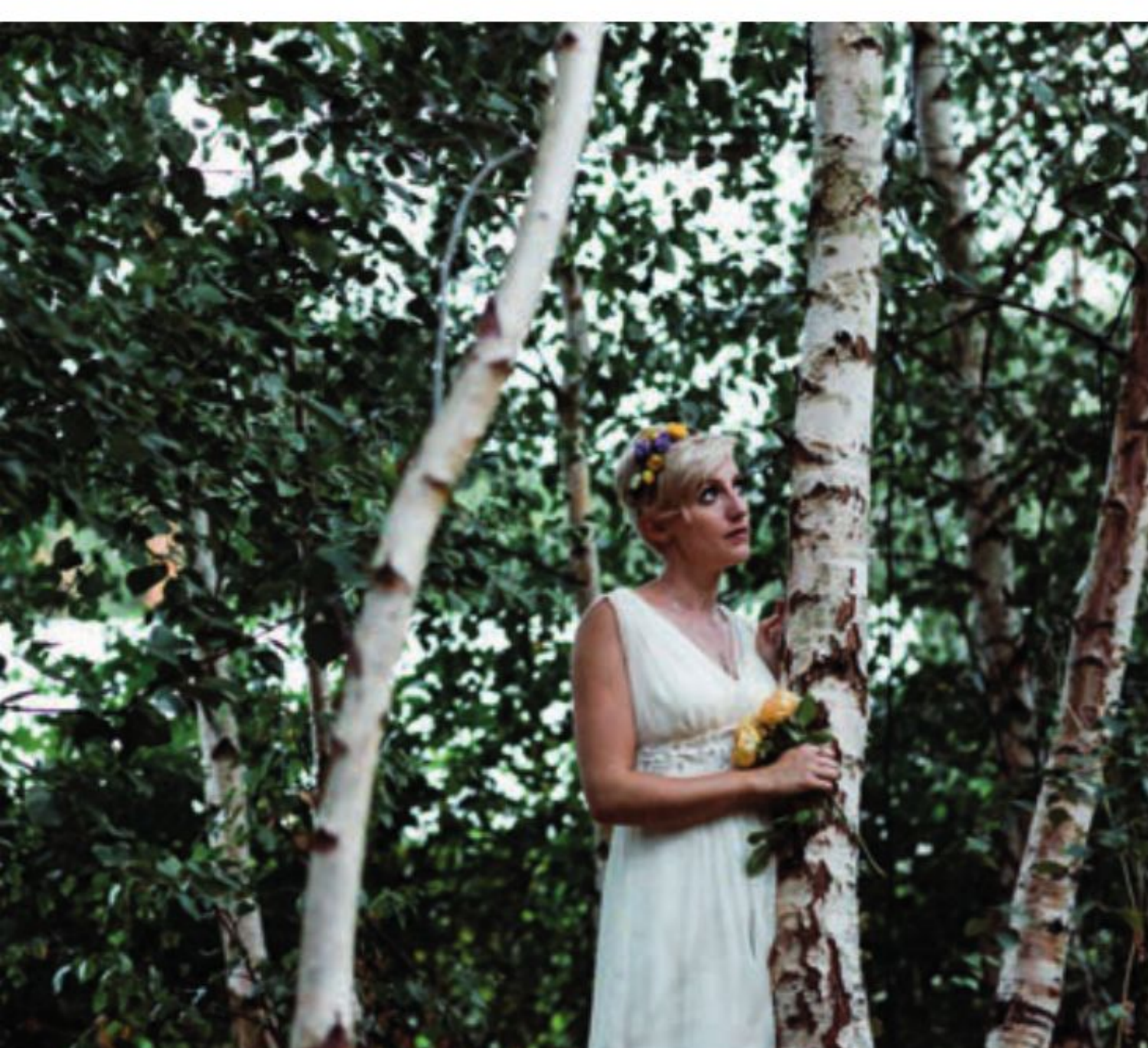
The bride's bouquet was simple with yellow and purple flowers that had a wild appearance and for favours, a homemade chilli jam created by the bride's dad was given, which became extremely popular with the guests.

The cake was created by the same company that made the couple's best friends and bridesmaid's wedding cake. Jill says, "When we tried it at Laura's big day, I'd never eaten a tastier cake – it was incredible! We got the chance to try lots of different flavours but settled on chocolate, carrot cake and rum and ginger – I always knew the biggest layer would be chocolate."

LOOKING THE PART

After trying on four dresses on their first shopping trip, Jill tried on a beautiful gown and knew it was the one. She says, "I had initially thought that I wanted a knee-length dress but after trying on a different style with my mum, I knew that it was the right choice."

With both her parents being geologists, when it came down to finding jewellery the bride-to-be visited the shop at the British Geological Survey



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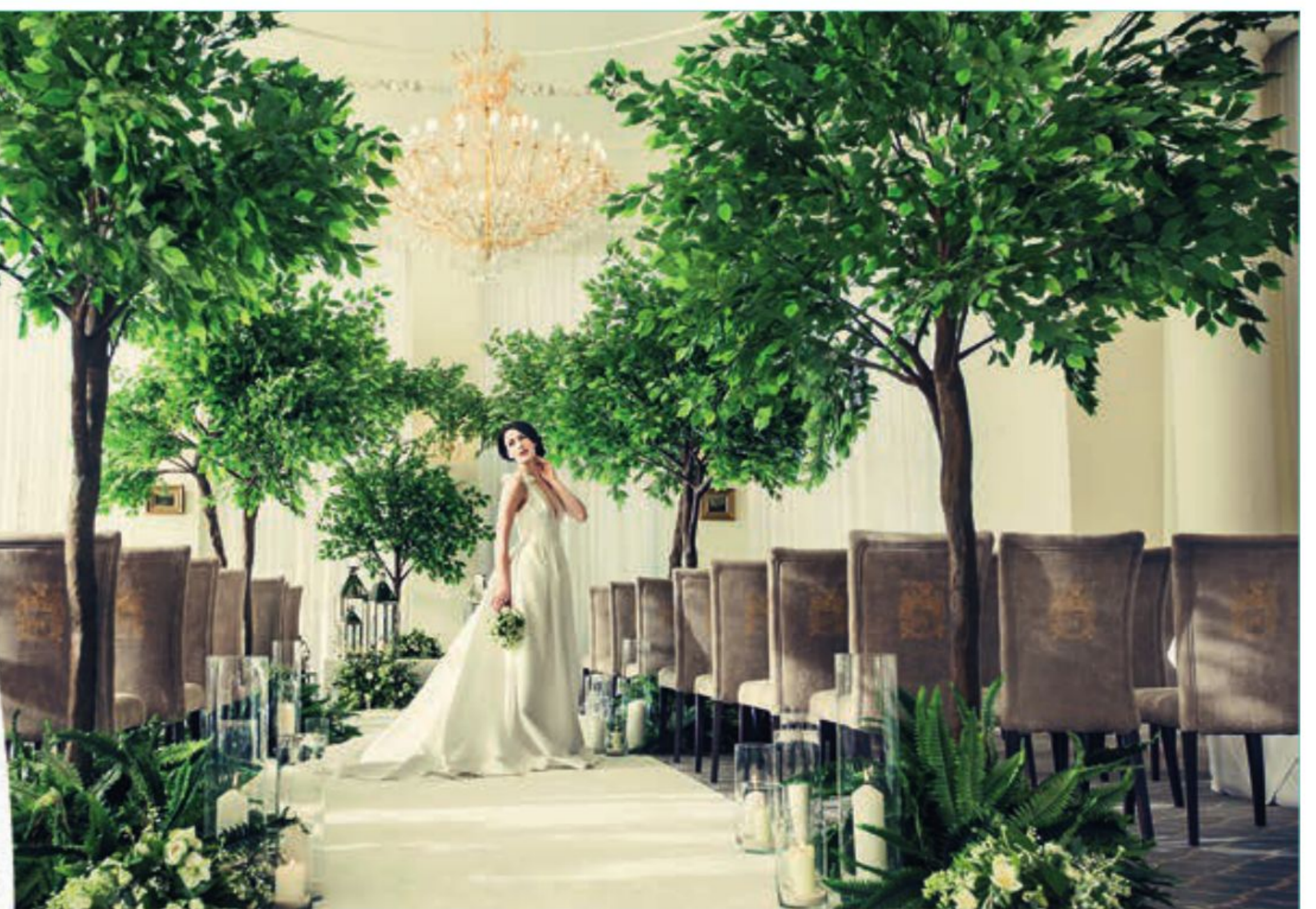
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where they worked and chose a lovely necklace with amethyst in.

The groomsmen picked their own suit with the only requirement being that it had to be grey in order to complement Adam's grey Ted Baker suit, which he wore with a waistcoat. The bridesmaids wore stunning floor-length dresses in pale pink adorned with embroidered flowers.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Lawn games were played throughout the day and in the evening the couple had a live band, which had everyone up on their feet, dancing the night away. Jill says, "They were brilliant and allowed me to take the guitar off them and show off my skills – which are non-existent!"

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Feeling initial nerves before the ceremony, Jill was calmed down by her two bridesmaids. She adds, "Just before walking down the aisle, I saw my dad stood in his kilt. He didn't even wear one for his own wedding, so I was happy he wore one for mine! The rest of the day was easily one of the best days of our lives. Everyone we loved was there and in a great mood and the weather was scorching. People were all dancing, laughing and having the most amazing time."

A part of the day that stood out to the couple was the speech made by the best man, who used a PowerPoint presentation with some hilarious photos of Adam.

Jill says, "Our photographer asked to take some photos of myself and my bridesmaids later on in the day. My friend Laura and I had had a few drinks by this point and decided the photos should be of us pretending to be woodland nymphs. My other bridesmaid Alex, who was pregnant and not drinking, has informed us that we looked ridiculous!"

For their honeymoon the couple jetted off to Florence for 10 days. Jill says, "I've always loved Italy and this trip didn't disappoint! We saw the Statue of David, The Birth of Venus and the Leaning Tower of Pisa as well as eating some amazing food. Adam enjoyed the wine!"





JILL AND ADAM'S LITTLE WHITE BOOK

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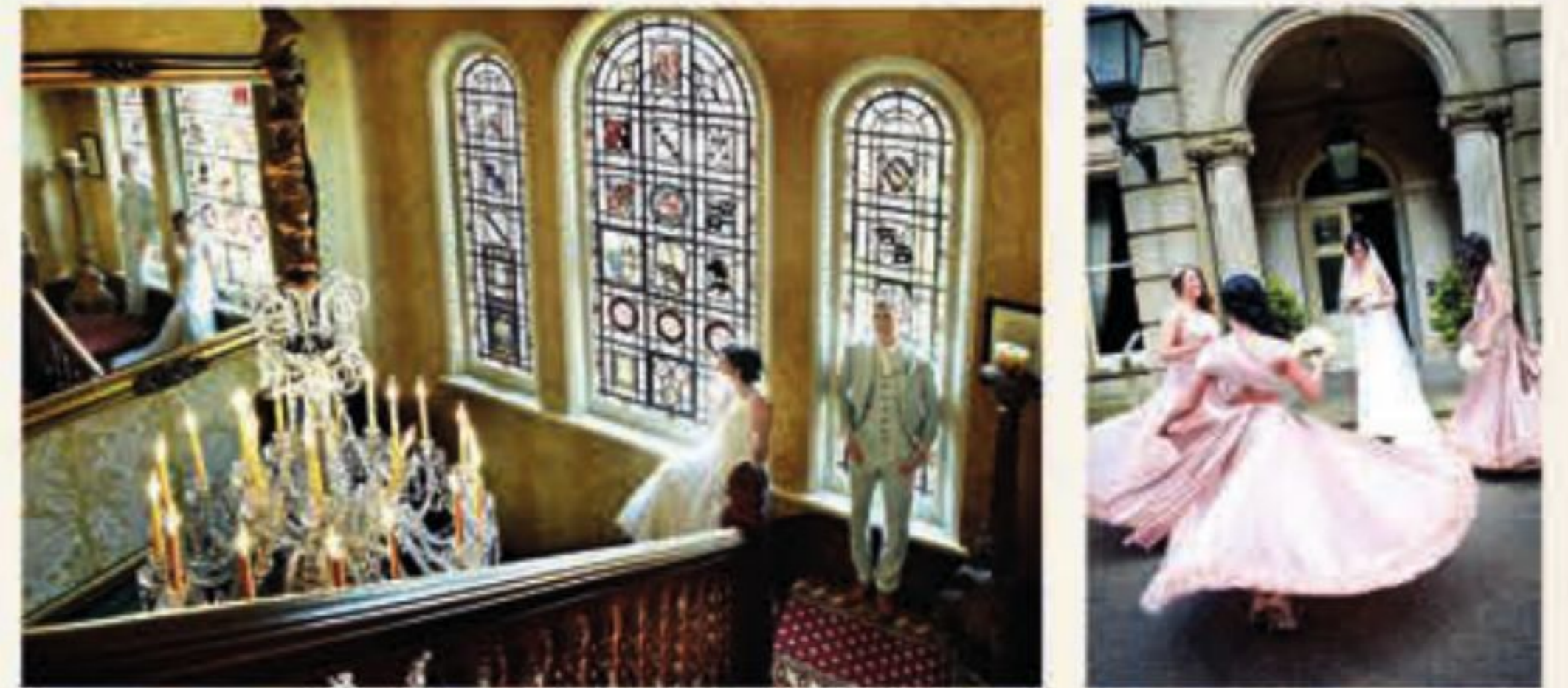
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A DAY TO *remember*



A mutual love of Leicester City Football Club cemented Lucy and Ian's romance, with the club being an overarching theme of their big day

Images courtesy of Matt Horan Photography

Both ready to start a new chapter and find their perfect match, Lucy and Ian first met on an online dating site. Lucy says, "We had the same values, sense of humour and a shared love of Leicester City – we were off to a good start!"

During a holiday in Kefalonia, Ian had a surprise in store for Lucy. She says, "We stopped to have lunch on a remote island. Ian was unpacking the picnic and then pulled out the ring! It was a complete surprise because I thought he was getting the Twiglets out!"

Here Lucy shares details about their special day...



The make-up artist Ruth and hair stylist Katie were fab – we had a lovely morning getting ready with them.



Walking down the aisle with my dad was the best moment of my life – I was just so excited to see Ian and marry him. Ian's speech was brilliant too, he really stole the show!



I wore a Bardot St Patrick gown from the White One collection called Ossa. I knew I wanted something with sleeves and just loved the Bardot style. I didn't think I'd choose something so big but I loved all of the A-line silhouettes.



I let my bridesmaids pick their dresses – the only brief was it had to be grey and full-length. They looked great all together.



I had always loved this church – about a year before Ian proposed we visited it together and talked about how lovely it would be to get married there.



We had a harpist at the church called Harriet Flather, who was wonderful. I walked down the aisle to *Nessun Dorma*, which was the song played when Leicester City lifted the Premier League trophy in 2016!



The reception venue was very much influenced by location as we wanted somewhere close to the church and with rooms so our guests could relax and stay over. We liked Barnsdale Lodge because we didn't feel as though we're just next on the wedding conveyor belt.



REAL WEDDINGS

Flowers were really important to me; my bouquet was big, wild and beautiful – I hardly put them down! We added some rich, darker tones at the last minute and I think it really pulled everything together.



The groomsmen wore navy three-piece suits, which we let them pick as we didn't want everything to be too matching. It worked really well and we provided the ties and pocket squares.



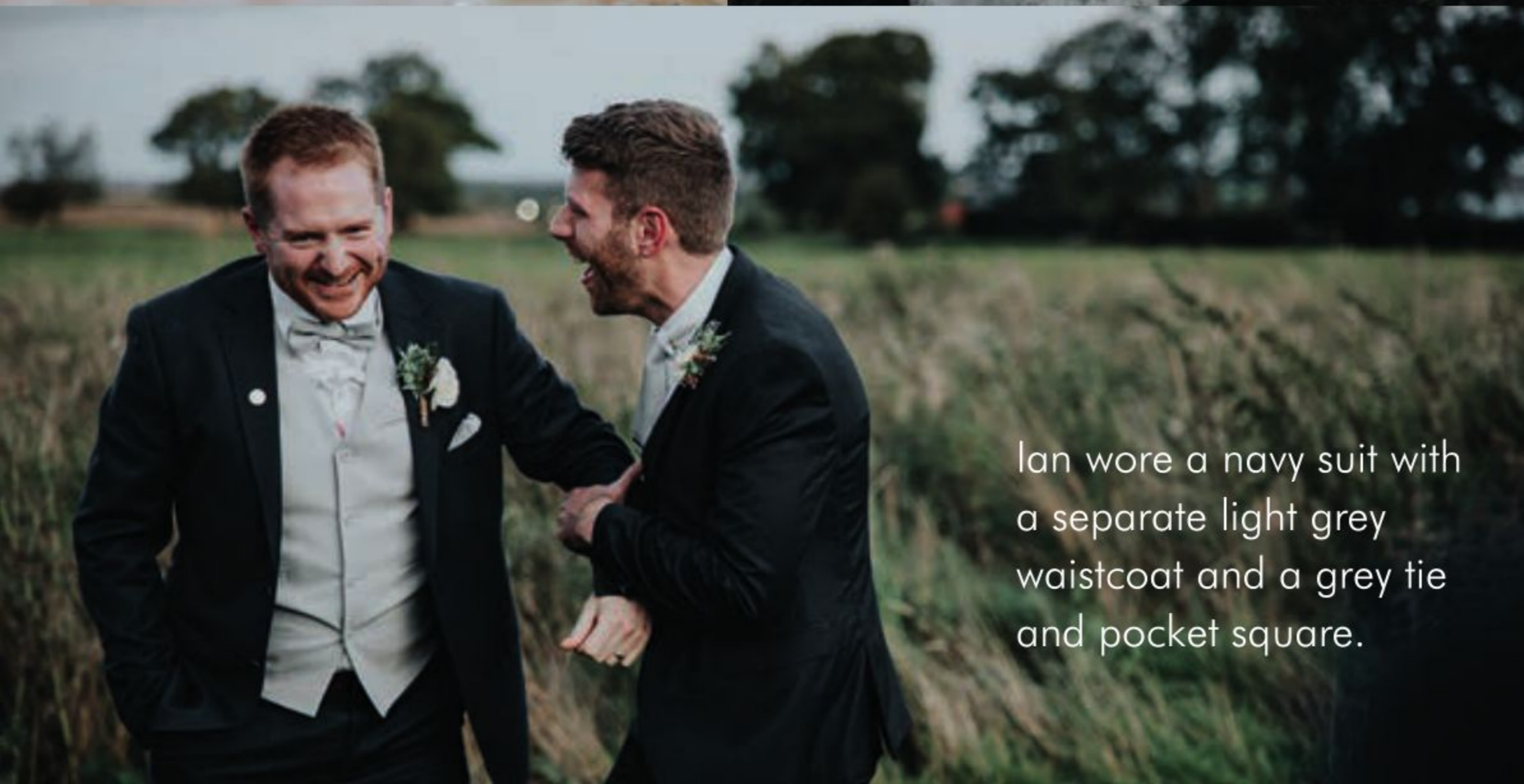
For favours we had small candles – the scent was called Wedding Day.



Our table plan was a nod to our shared love of Leicester City. The table names were all named after famous players and managers from the club.



My beautiful friend Suzy made a three-tier naked-cake with iced flowers – it was so special to us.



Ian wore a navy suit with a separate light grey waistcoat and a grey tie and pocket square.



For place names we picked small perspex coasters that sat on top of the napkin.

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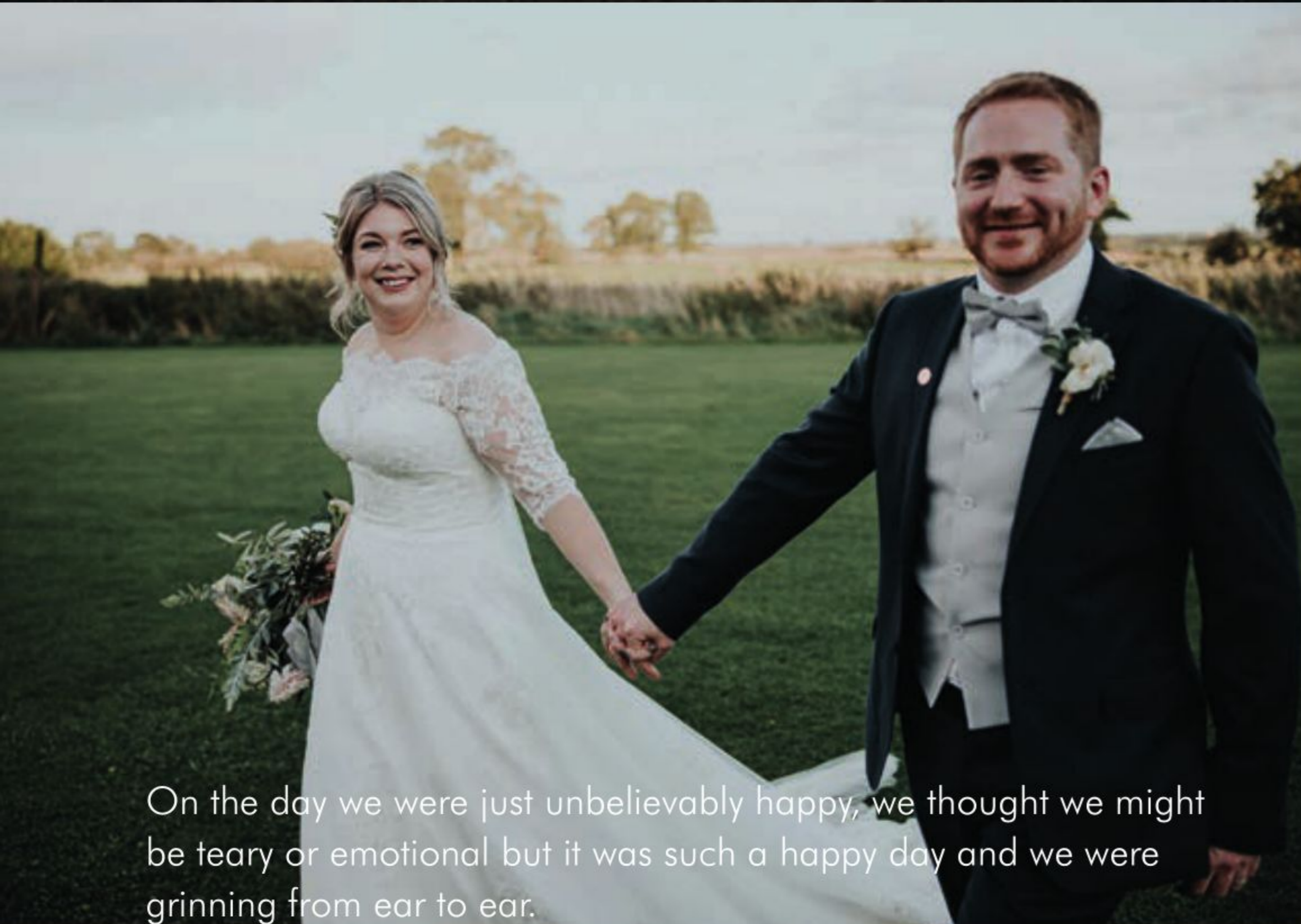
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Our florist Louise put so much care and attention into our flowers – they were stunning and so many people commented on them.



It was so windy at the church and our marriage certificate blew away when we opened the car door! The driver of the car actually scaled the rocks outside the church to get it back!



On the day we were just unbelievably happy, we thought we might be teary or emotional but it was such a happy day and we were grinning from ear to ear.



For catering we opted for canapés, a three-course wedding breakfast and, in the evening, we had pork cobs and chips!



Our photographer is a friend of Ian's from school and he captured such wonderful images of the day, which we'll treasure forever.



Our tip would be to just enjoy it – everything goes so quickly! Book the suppliers that are important to you first – for us that was the photographer, florist, hair and make-up artist.

LUCY AND IAN'S LITTLE WHITE BOOK

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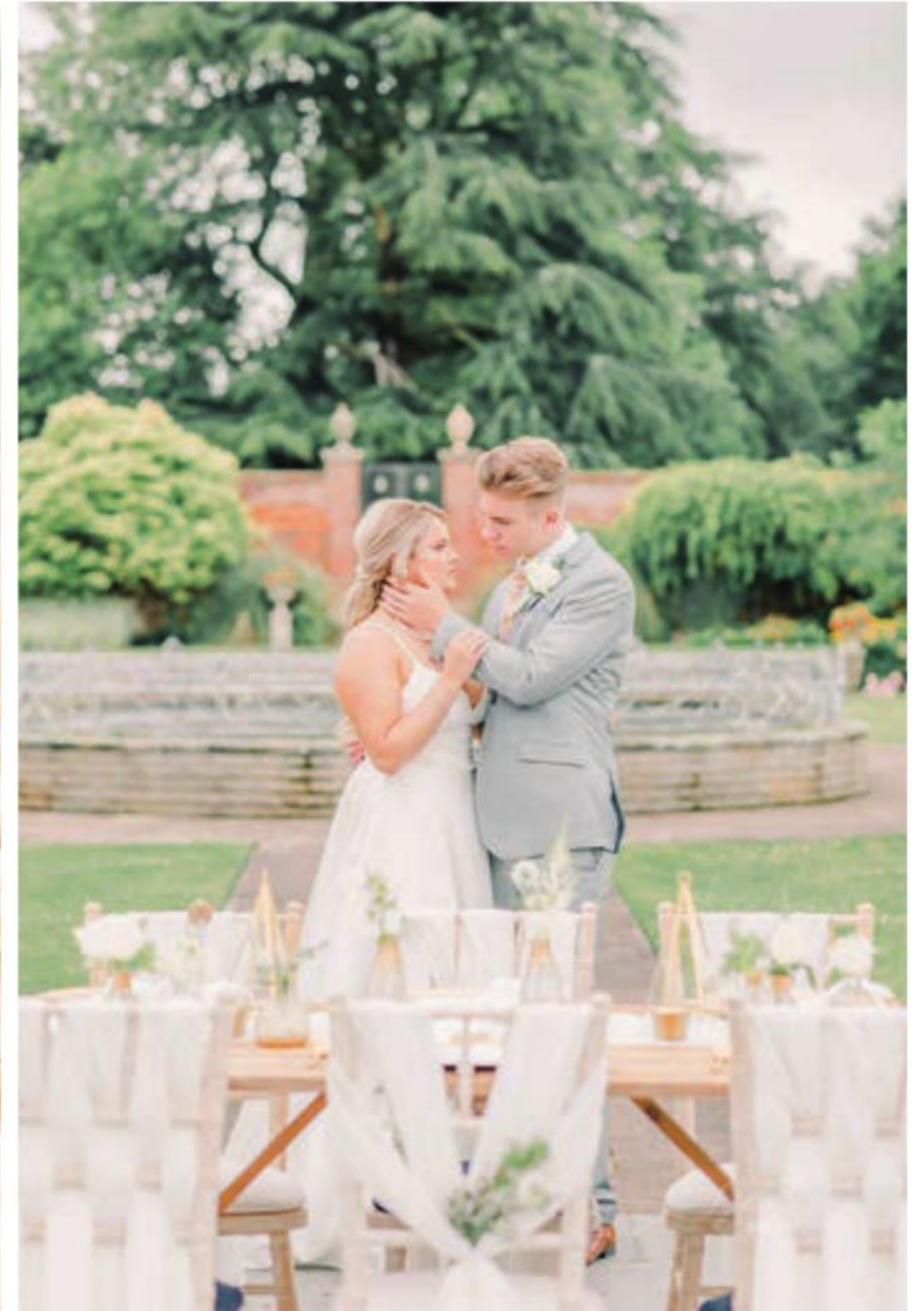
This elegant and romantic shoot provides plenty of luxurious big-day inspiration
Images courtesy of Sophie May Photo

To create elements of romance and luxury, local suppliers have come together to produce a contemporary edge to appeal to today's modern-day bride. With the use of the colour white and a minimalistic brief, each company brought the wow factor to the East Midlands.

Coordinator Lorien Storey from Storeybook Cakes says, "After falling in love with the stunning Irnham Hall, we knew it would be the perfect venue for our white luxe-inspired shoot.

"In order to create this style we used fabulous local businesses and incorporated lots of floral detailing, lace, silk and opulence – using as many flowers as possible from the local flower farm in Lincolnshire. The greenery used included wild mint, rosemary and eucalyptus, which not only looked beautiful but smelt amazing too!"

Sophie May Photo captured the shoot perfectly and allowed the images to really come to life.





SUPPLIERS INVOLVED IN THIS SHOOT

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RUSTIC *Romance*

Local suppliers get together to create this autumn-inspired shoot
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Shoot coordinator Suzee Gent who's the owner of Lily Rose Weddings and Events says, "We chose an autumn theme to show couples how they could utilise the neutral décor and showcase their taste without having to blow their wedding budget by using colour, texture, seasonal flowers and foliage.

"The Folly also allow dogs, so we completely took advantage of this with our four-legged friends for the day, Peanut and Dorothy and their autumnal collars."







SUPPLIERS INVOLVED IN THIS SHOOT

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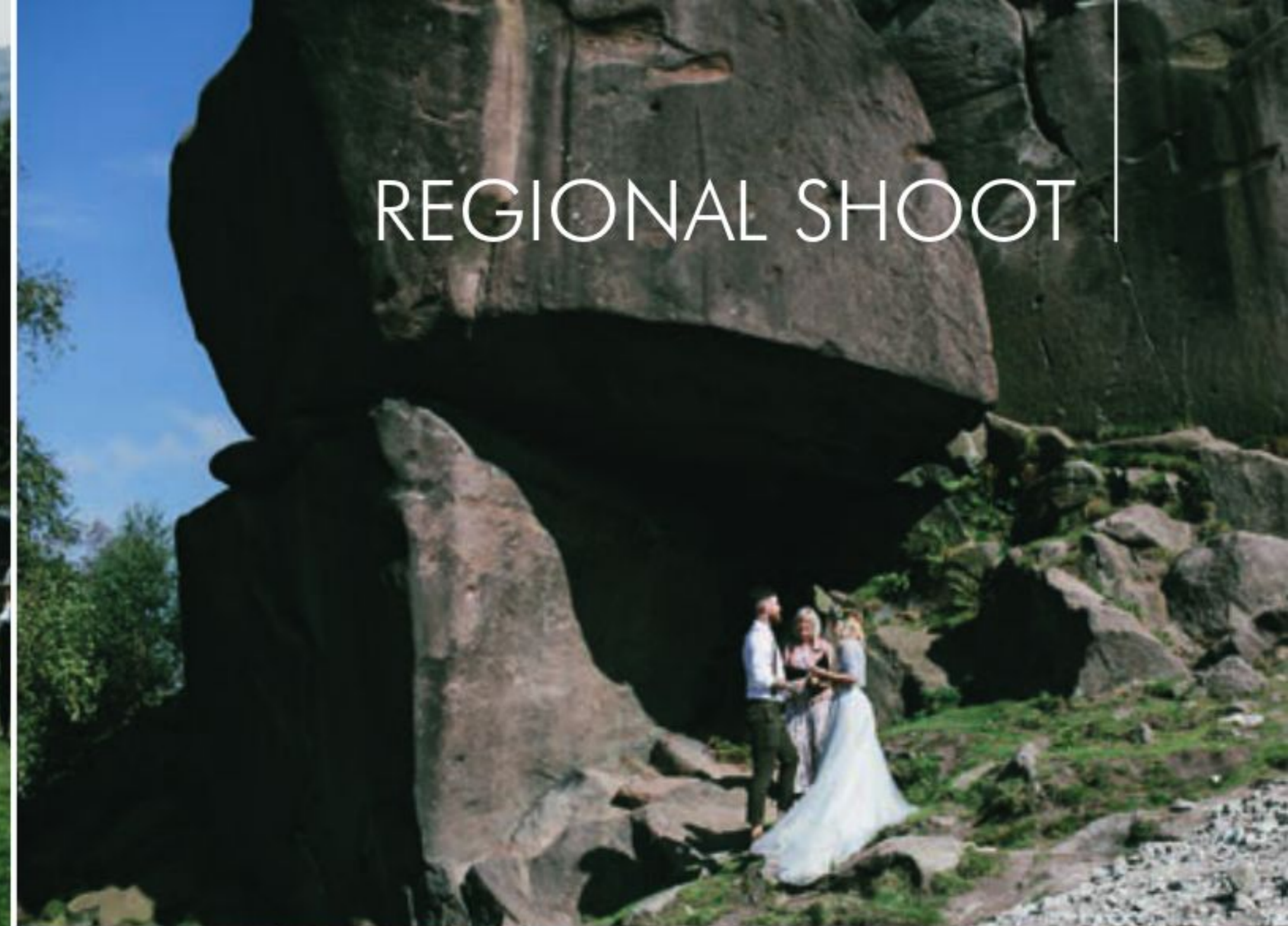


With the use of a 1970s bay-window VW blue Campervan, a rustic semi-naked buttercream cake, wild bouquet, flowercrown and hand-painted leather jacket, Karen Faulkner created the perfect shoot set against the stunning backdrop of the Peak District National Park.

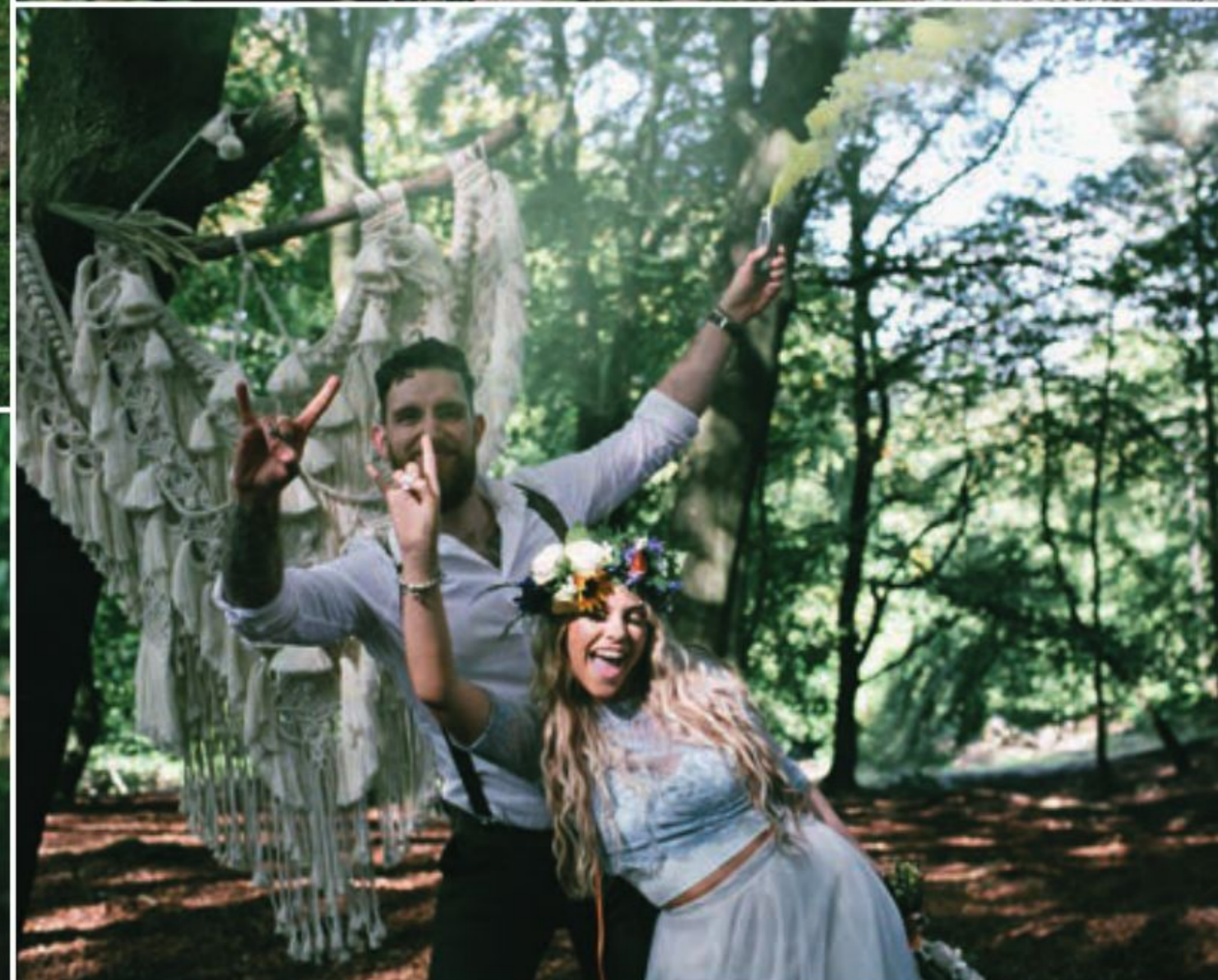
The shoot was organised for the launch of a new concept in micro-weddings and elopements in England – to wed in the wild without a formal venue.

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Gift it

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Editor's favourite

Wedding Buttonique custom-makes button and brooch bouquets that will last a lifetime, etsy.com/uk/shop/WeddingButtonique  [weddingbuttonique](https://www.instagram.com/weddingbuttonique)



Stylish maids

Grace Loves Lace has launched its new Silky Satin Bridesmaids Edit. This selection of luxurious hand-crafted pieces includes three versatile styles – a midi and mini dress, and a two-piece set available in olive, dusk, steel and moonshine shades. A range of accessories including satin hair buns and scarves has also been unveiled.

In other news, the company has launched their first pair of white leather wedding trainers, ideal for brides wanting comfort and fashion, graceloveslace.com  [grace_loves_lace](https://www.instagram.com/grace_loves_lace)

BEST FOOT FORWARD


These ivory satin bridal peep toes adorned with a large chiffon bow at the back, £220, are the latest offering from shoe designer Harriet Wilde. Why not personalise the soles with a short message available in a variety of colours and a choice of fonts? harrietwilde.com  [harrietwildeshoes](https://www.instagram.com/harrietwildeshoes)



Fashion focus

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

NAME IT

This sterling silver name necklace, £40, is from the new personalised collection from jewellerybox.co.uk and makes the ideal big-day keepsake.  [jewelleryboxuk](https://www.instagram.com/jewelleryboxuk)

Melanie



PICK YOUR OWN

Jeweller Emily Mortimer has launched a bespoke service where couples can choose the stone, carat, metal, shape and colour of their engagement ring.

Emily discusses initial ideas and then produces a three-dimensional CAD design, along with a quote that's always within budget. Only the best quality gemstones and GIA-certified diamonds are sourced. Emily will also remodel heirloom pieces, emilymortimer.co.uk  [emilymortimerjewellery](https://www.instagram.com/emilymortimerjewellery)

EDITOR'S PICK

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



What lies beneath

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



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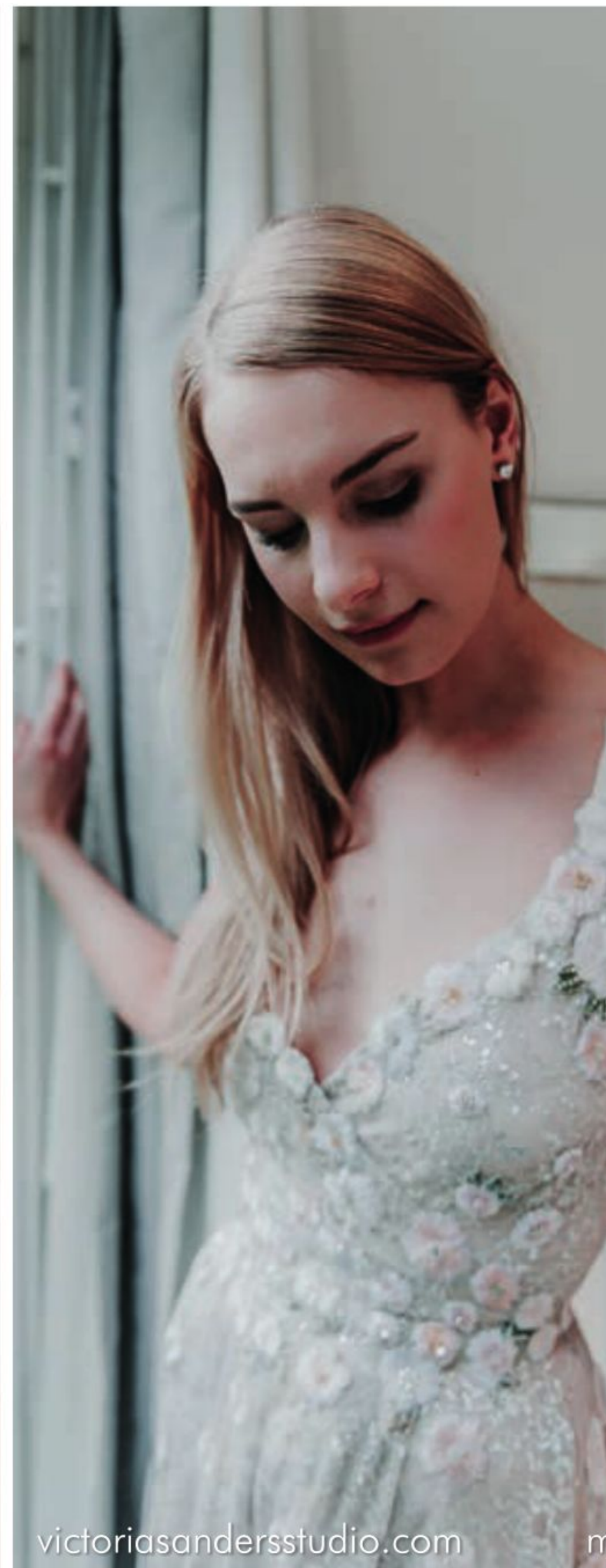
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Rainbow pastel clutch bag, £40, dunelondon.com

KissKiss Liquid in Miss Glitter, £29.50, feelunique.com



Pistachio full-length dress, £150, thandth.com



Pink scarf, £95, marc-cain.com



Blue headband with pearls and Swarovski crystals, £74, aliceandblair.co.uk

Pastel hues

Wedding guests will love this season's sweet selection of ladylike pieces

Powder blue off-the-shoulder dress, £195, theprettydresscompany.com



Rainbow pastel court shoes, £75, dunelondon.com

Full-length dresses,
£125 each, dessy.com



Into the blue

Team this popular shade with crystal silver accessories



Silver satin
two-piece, £370,
graceloveslace.com

Silver Swarovski crystal
and pearl hair slide, £24,
aliceandblair.co.uk



Silver glitter clutch bag, £65,
rainbowclub.co.uk



Sterling silver crown
bracelet, £70,
uk.pandora.net

Silver shimmer
necklace, £89, DKNY
at shadesoftime.co.uk



Silver crystal and
pearl earrings, £18,
jonrichard.com



Crystal-encrusted
court shoes, £120,
dunelondon.com



10/10

It's always tricky to find the perfect shade, but that should be made simple with the new essential eye wardrobe from MUA. Featuring 10 beautifully buildable tones, six pearl and four matte varieties, they're just £1.50 each! With exceptional pigment to rival brands 10-times the price, can you really afford not to try them all! What's more they are 100% vegan and cruelty-free to boot! Check out muastore.co.uk



The key to being big-day ready is to start your beauty regime early! Here's a pick of the latest health and beauty essentials to help you look good and feel great from the inside out.

Danielle ✕

Danielle Harvey, beauty editor



Brush it off

The key to great make-up application is down to having the right tools, and that means high quality brushes; enter beauty and lifestyle brand, Lily England! The company's new brushes, in stylish black, gold and marble, are hand-finished, vegan-friendly and are not only affordable but are totally wedding-album-worthy! Luxurious and cruelty-free, the range boasts sets for the face, eyes or a full brush kit. Each synthetic brush is made with high-quality super-soft bristles designed to last – suitable for people with sensitive skin! The new range also includes chic marble make-up and travel bags, great for stylishly organising your toolkit. The set is £45 and is available at lilyengland.com

BEAUTY BUZZ



THE FACE HAS IT

Creating a tan-compatible, cosmeceutical, vegan skincare line was essential to the Amanda Harrington philosophy and tanning range. The just-launched New Skin Face are advanced glycolic facial pads designed specifically to promote rapid exfoliation and to create the perfect smooth base. These generously sized, ultra-soft and biodegradable cotton pads are soaked in a bespoke blended formula of glycolic, fruit acids and soothing aloe vera – to expertly polish, brighten and refresh the face.

A must-have multi-tasker, erasing unwanted tan or leftover traces of make-up, they are gentle enough to use 3-4 times a week within your usual skincare routine – brightening the skin and removing impurities, creating the perfect canvas for tanning. Priced £18 for 30 facial pads visit amandaharrington.com

HONEY, HONEY

French pharmacy brand Nuxe has just added two new products to its iconic collection. Perfect for creating that bridal glow, they soothe and nourish dry and sensitive skin. The Nuxe Reve de Miel collection (literal translation Honey Dreams) is aimed at dry and sensitive skin, using honey and precious essential oils which will wrap the skin in softness. The Ultra-Comforting Face Balm uses nourishing, soothing and repairing active ingredients while the Melting Body Balm with honey, provides a sensory and effective response to dryness – exactly what parched, dry winter skin needs, a cocoon of argan, honey, mimosa, vanilla and botanical oils – hello beautiful! Face Balm, £27.50, Body Oil Balm, £22.50, Lip Balm, £10.50 at escentual.com



PERFECTLY BAKED

The B.Makeup collection at Superdrug boasts four new B.Baking Powders – a big-day essential for the bride and her girl squad. Finely milled for an effortless lightweight application, they instantly mattify, blur and help make-up stay in place all day.

Vegan-friendly and cruelty-free, there is a choice of four shades; translucent, light, medium and dark. Priced at just £6.99, they're available from superdrug.com/brandshop/B/makeup and stores nationwide.

MIGHTY MULTITASKING

Hydrating and oxygenating this AHA cleanser is mild, yet ultra-effective, with a beautiful and comforting texture. Priced £58, visit mzskin.com and Harrods and Harvey Nichols nationwide.



BE KIND

Reading the back of products can certainly lead to confusion with names and ingredients you don't recognise and then follows the worry of not knowing what you're truly putting on your skin! Step forward, Kind Natures, the skincare brand that believe in keeping it natural. There's three key ranges encompassing all your beauty needs, from facial oils to jelly masks, eye creams to moisturiser, each comes under one of the following:

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Aloe – Rich in vitamins and known for its soothing properties, Aloe helps to calm and soothe the skin.

Full skincare range available to purchase at Boots stores and boots.com

GOING GREEN

Greenpeople has some exciting new launches. Pure Luxe Body Oil (£25) is blended with plant botanicals for superior radiance and an unrivalled skin glow. Rich in pomegranate and phospholipids, this leaves the skin with a beautiful satin-soft finish. Next up the aptly named Ultimate Wonder Balm (£32); a richly rejuvenating multi-purpose beauty balm which can be used as a cleanser to effectively melt away make-up or utilise this SOS balm to soothe and protect sensitive lips, tame eyebrows, nourish cuticles or soothe dry skin anywhere. Available from greenpeople.co.uk, selected Holland & Barrett stores nationwide and online.



DAY TO NIGHT

Introducing Babe Night, the new fragrance by Missguided adding to its award-winning collection.

The intoxicating new fragrance opens with citrus notes of lemon, orange and green apple and develops with heady accords of orange blossom, jasmine and spicy pink pepper. Base notes of musky vanilla, cedar and patchouli make Babe Night the ultimate scent to take you from day into the evening – perfect for the 'I dos' to the first dance!

Available in an 80ml Eau de parfum, Babe Night is vegan-friendly and cruelty-free. Priced £28, from missguided.com



SAVING PLANET EARTH

Tisserand Aromatherapy collaborates with National Geographic so brides can rest assured they're buying their beauty products without damaging the planet!

The collaboration has been designed to protect and respect your wellbeing as well as the earth's and celebrates the power of nature from all over the world, with three new aromatherapy blends housed in fully recyclable packaging. Putting sustainability at the core of the collection, it's been created with 100% PCR (post-consumer recycled) plastic, 100% natural ingredients and a dedication to giving back to those who work in conservation via the not-for-profit National Geographic Society. The three blends are available in six options priced from £9: Shower Wash, Bath Oil, Diffuser Oil, Roller Ball, Mood Mist, Travel Kit (compromising Bath Oil, Mood Mist, Roller Ball), packaged in a reusable vegan cosmetic bag (£20). Available from Boots and tisserand.com

BRONZED BEAUTY

Due to popular demand, the Sunny Honey Bali Bronzing Foam from Coco & Eve is now back in stock after selling out over 190,000 units in just nine weeks!

Packed with key ingredients such as mango, guava, banana, linseed oil, there's definitely no biscuit smell here! This self-tan is the world's first tan with anti-cellulite technology to blur pigmentation and perfect skin for all occasions. With a lightweight and non-sticky formula, the tan is fast-drying and develops in just two-hours – perfect for hen dos, big-days and honeymoons!

100% vegan, natural DHA, and no nasties, this is certainly the self-tan you need. Priced £29.90, check out uk.cocoandeve.com





Nature's Kitchen Super Protein Skin Boosting Anti-Ageing Moisturiser, £26.99, Lovelula.com

"I have sensitive skin that gets easily irritated when trying new products, so I was a little apprehensive about testing this vegan-friendly moisturiser. After a few days of use, my skin felt hydrated and much to my surprise, it didn't feel irritated. The cream has a light consistency and soaks into your skin nicely. It provides moisture throughout the day but doesn't feel or look oily and smells divine. I'll definitely be buying it in the future." – **Melissa Barker**



Babe Night, £28, missguided.com

"I'm a fragrance fanatic and firmly believe you don't have to spend a fortune to get a great scent, from high-end to budget-friendly, I've tried all sorts. Babe Night had a gorgeous aroma from just opening the box! I was keen to have a spritz immediately, and adored the heady notes of orange blossom, jasmine and pink pepper – everyone in the office commented on it immediately and it lasted for my night out after work that evening too. This is now one of my go-to scents, and at only £28 for 80ml it's a bargain to boot!" – **Danielle Harvey**

Marble Luxe 9-Piece Make-up Brush Set Black & Gold, £45, lilyengland.com

"I've tried so many different make-up brushes from the cheap to the expensive, but I can't say I've ever found any that'd I'd deem indispensable. Until now that is! My absolute favourite in this set is the F10 kabuki foundation brush. It gives my base a flawless finish and uses much less product than applying with fingers or a standard foundation brush. It's an expensive business gathering the perfect tool to build each element of your look, so it's well worth investing in a set like this, as it's great value for money." – **Kelly Andrews**



Coco & Eve Sunny Honey Bali Bronzing Foam, £29.90, from uk.cocoandeve.com

"I love Coco & Eve's iconic hair mask as it does wonders for my locks, so I was intrigued to see if my skin would get the same nourishing treatment with its new bronzing foam. It adheres to its vegan ideals and is packed with lovely natural ingredients. The foam is lightweight and easy to apply with the rather luxurious velvety mitt. It develops in two hours and leaves your skin with an almost airbrushed look thanks to its Cellushape™ formula, which promises to hydrate and firm the skin. The thing I don't like about normal fake tan is that tell-tale biscuity smell, but the summery mango and guava scent of this product means no one will know your secret." – **Hannah Faulder**

SEAL OF APPROVAL

We put to the test the latest vegan-friendly products

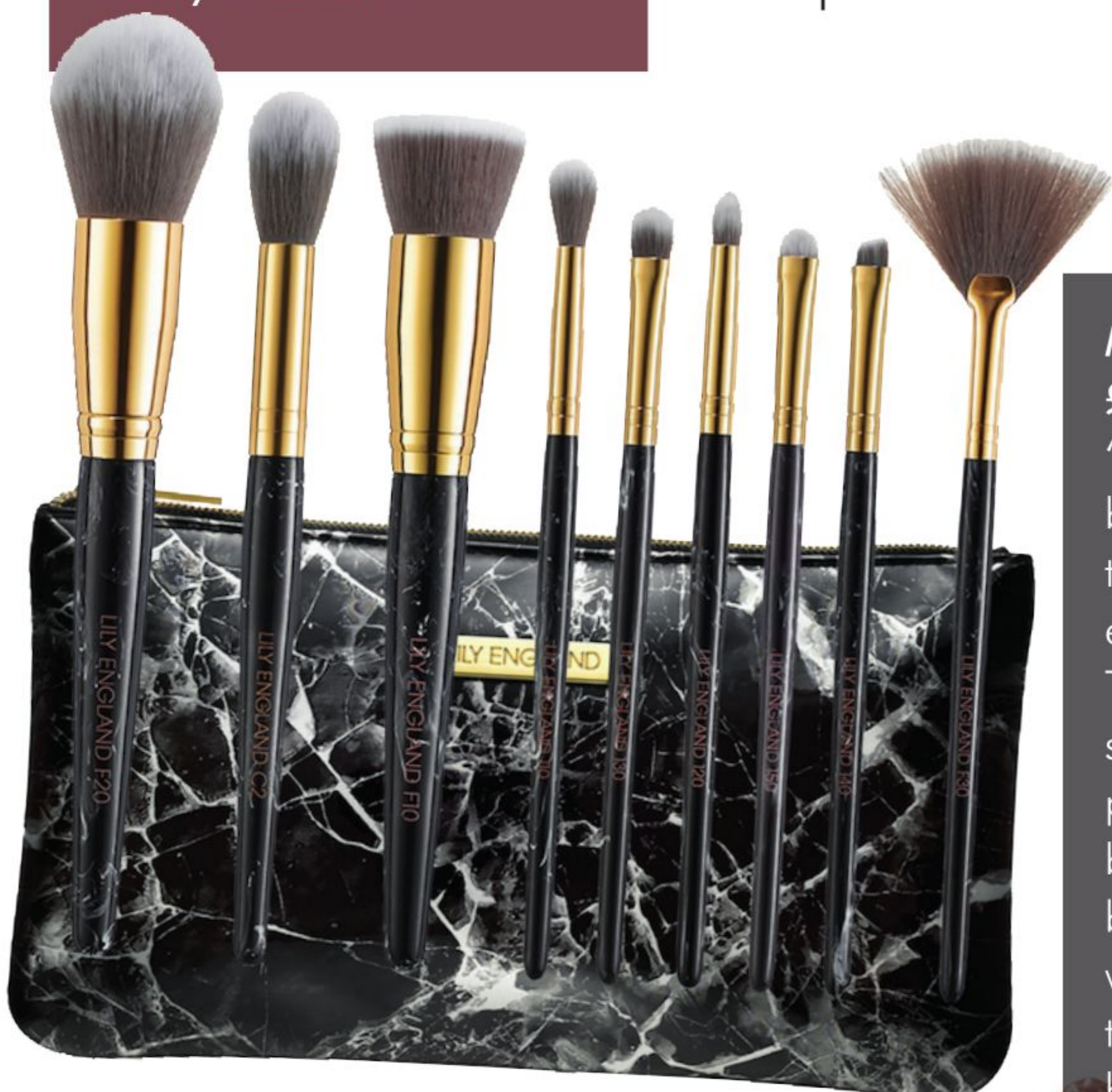
Kimberly Sayer Cellular Extract Eye Lift Gel, £31.70, Lovelula.com

"As a bit of a night owl, I regularly pay the price with puffy eyes, fine lines and dark circles. This handy gel tackles all of the above and is a real morning-after saviour. Light, non-greasy and easy to use, a little goes a long way. It gave the delicate skin around my eyes an instant lift, plus my concealer and foundation went on like a dream afterwards, with no caking – win, win!" – **Sarah Reeve**



MUA Essential Eyeshadow, Ember, £1.50, muastore.co.uk

"I have never used eyeshadow from this brand before and was eager to try it out for the first time and it didn't disappoint, especially because it's so affordable too! The colour is spot on for autumn with its stunning burgundy and shimmery finish that pops on the eye. I found it very easy to blend with no fall out which earns this brownie points for me. I have oily eyelids which I was worried about but after wearing this eyeshadow for a few hours it didn't budge. This single eyeshadow not only looks and feels great but is the perfect size to be able to slip it into your bag and apply more if desired. I will definitely be buying more!" – **Olivia Gibson**



SAY 'YES' TO THE DRESS

I'm looking for an elegant dress that's easy to dance the night away in. What would you suggest?

A boho-inspired dress is a great look to go for if you're looking for something elegant and easy to move in. Bohemian inspired gowns are usually made using soft lightweight fabrics such as tulle, lace or chiffon, which makes them very easy to wear. They lend themselves to a more relaxed look but still very fitting for the occasion and definitely a style you can dance in!

A gown with pretty straps works well, you'd probably want to steer clear of too big a skirt and keep it fairly slim-fitting without too many layers or a big train. This sort of gown means you can put on the dress the morning of your wedding and feel so comfortable you won't think about your gown all day! This will leave you free to party the night away and enjoy your special day.

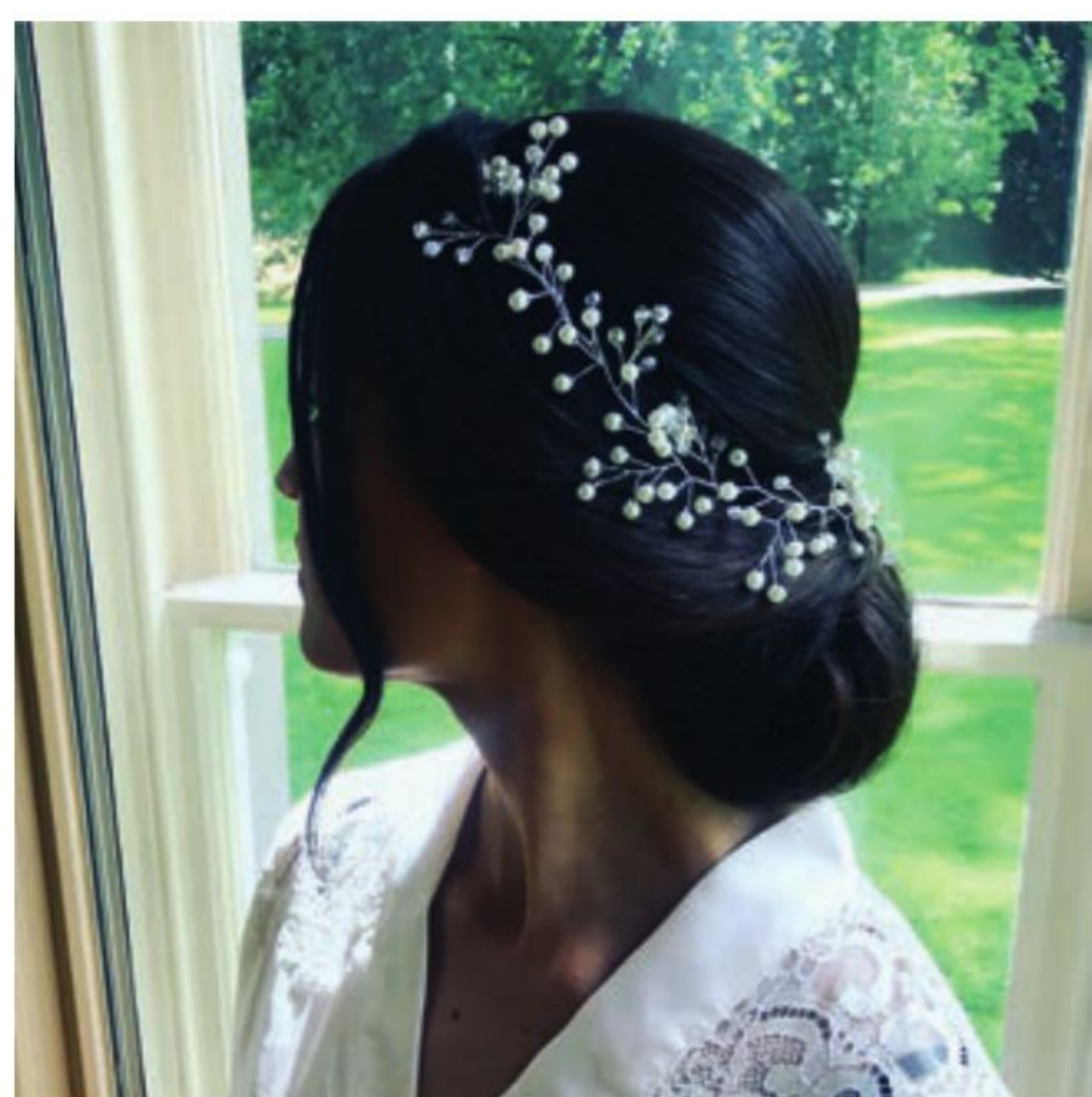
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Fashion & Beauty Q & A

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



VINTAGE LOCKS

Q: I would love my hair to match my vintage-themed wedding, how can I achieve my dream look?

Vintage-themed weddings doesn't necessarily mean you have to automatically have hair in victory rolls – although they're pretty! There are multiple options available to style hair for this theme. Medium to long

hair can be put up in a Gibson roll to add shine and fullness – another option is a Hollywood wave, which always looks beautiful.

For shorter hair, a smaller version of these two looks can be created or French rolls can be achieved with teasing and added faux hair. Pin curls can be used into any style to give a vintage nod.

Almost any vintage accessory, such as a hair comb, birdcage veil or ornamental headpiece, will make your hair match the theme. Gypsophila flowers, also known as baby's breath, will look amazing and are budget friendly too!

The key thing to remember when choosing the hairstyle is involve a dry set (whole head of pin curls) and backcombing. It's important to not wash your hair on the special day as the hair will be too soft to hold. **Jemma Swinfield | Jemma S-Bridal Hair and Makeup Leicestershire** bridalhaireandmakeupleicestershire.com



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BRONZER VS CONTOUR

I always get confused with the difference between bronzer and contour, what's best to use?

Bronzing and contouring are two completely different things and you definitely don't have to do both. Using bronzer will warm up and add colour to any complexion whereas contouring can be used strategically to define the cheekbones, forehead, nose and jawline. For bronzing I'd highly recommend Bobbi Brown and Charlotte Tilbury, both have great shades to choose from.

For contouring Bobbi Brown has a foundation stick which can be used for cream contour in a darker colour and Anastasia Beverly Hills has some great contour palette too.

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HOT TOPIC

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THE LOOK OF LOVE

Q: I want to get some romantic shots of me and my wife at our wedding but I'm awkward when having photos taken. What would you suggest?

Kyra says: No one wants to pose all day at their wedding, you don't need to have formal staged photographs for beautiful romantic images. Personally, I'd encourage a relaxed walk around the venue and ask couples to have a chat about their day so far – natural intimate moments can be captured without awkward posing.

Kyra Williams | Firetree Photography and Video
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LOOK YOUR BEST

Q: I'm a curvy girl and want to accentuate my natural curves in a soft, romantic dress. What would you suggest?

Jess says: A big tulle or satin skirt can feel amazing to swish around in but a more fitted or slimmer shape will often elongate and show off more of your curves. I'd recommend either a bias cut dress by Charlie Brear for a natural figure-hugging look or a fitted Jesus Peiro crepe dress with a soft fit-and-flare shaping.

For a softer, more romantic look, you can combine a slim-cut dress with a chiffon or lace overlay to achieve that flowing, boho skirt effect while still making the most of those amazing curves. Rembo Styling's 2020 collection includes its Embrace line, which adapts some of its low-back dresses so they can easily be worn with a bra without compromising the signature Rembo look.

One more thing, never underestimate the power of your bridal underwear to help you feel both comfortable and confident on your big day!

Jess Seaman | Alexandra Anne Bridal | alexandra-anne.co.uk

VA-VA-VOOM

Q: I'm currently trying to find transport for my big day and was wondering if you have any tips or advice when it comes to sourcing them?

Chris says: When looking for wedding suppliers make sure you read up on the past reviews of the company and the awards they've won. For example, I've won the 2017, 2018 and 2019 wedding transport supplier of the year because of how I conduct myself on social media, and not forgetting the style of vehicles I offer. Talking about social media, does the company regularly post all of their work? If so you can gain an insight on how the wedding cars look at venues and get ideas of the photos taken during the day.

Ask to view the vehicles in person and book an appointment to inspect the wedding cars to know what you're getting. No one likes a surprise on the big day such as the wrong car or something that's badly looked after. There will be a chance to meet with the owner of the company and talk over any details like what ribbons are used.

Try to think about who needs transport on the day – multiple trips might be needed. Try to book two or three vehicles if the budget allows so. If not, maybe consider a stretch limousine. It can seat up to eight passengers and is one of my most popular vehicles of choice for couples. The colour of a wedding car can be overlooked and a lot of couples think it can only be white – but be daring and stand out. I now offer an alternative and classic vehicle in the form of a classic Rolls-Royce in lagoon blue to give a wider choice of cars and match the wedding colour of 2020. Lastly, think about what time of year your wedding will be held in – will the car keep you warm in winter? Cool in summer? And will it be easy to get in and out of especially on a windy or rainy day?

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SHOW OF AFFECTION

Q: For our wedding, we want to make the atmosphere as romantic as possible. What are the key moments of the day to include music and what songs are the best to make a big impact?

Sarah says: Music always plays an important part at a special occasion and by choosing live songs for a wedding, you can make your day extra special.

We recommend a relaxed piece for the bridal entrance so that you can take your time walking down the aisle. *A Thousand Years* by Christina Perri and *Tale as Old as Time* by Celine Dion and Peabo Bryson are firm favourites but the options are endless. We often play bespoke arrangements of songs that mean a lot to a couple but sometimes the simplicity of something like Pachelbel's *Canon in D* provides a beautiful atmosphere.

Whilst you're signing the register and having photos it's lovely to have some calm background music. If there's a song you'd like to have as a prominent feature in the ceremony, you could choose to have a music interlude instead of a reading; *All of Me* by John Legend and *Songbird* by Eva Cassidy and moving songs that create a romantic ambience.

At the end of the ceremony, it's ideal to have an upbeat song as you're pronounced husband and wife. It should be something celebratory, uplifting, significant and loud enough for your guests to hear above all the clapping! *Best Day of My Life* by American Authors, *Happy* by Pharrell Williams and *Shut Up and Dance* by Walk The Moon are very popular, but you could stick to something traditional and impressive like the *Mendelssohn Wedding March*.

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The team bring a whole new dimension to Indian food and beautifully authentic flavours are showcased but not in the usual way.

The delightful dishes are decorated with the most colourful, elegant and textured garnishes there are. Each dimension has been studied in order to provide the best experience for guests.

Last year, the company catered for the 2019 Download Festival's VIP area, which was a huge success and the dish that stole everyone's hearts was the grilled halloumi masala. BBC radio presenter Matt Everitt commented on the food saying: "The best festival food I have ever had!" Even the international rock band Die Antwoord chose to eat the dishes and loved them.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE COMPANIES DELICIOUS, FUN FAVOURITES:

♥ Tandoori roti with garlic, chilli and coriander chutney, filled with grilled halloumi masala, topped with crunchy shallots, purple organic slaw and a drizzle of cool mint yoghurt sauce.

♥ Spiced aubergine curry served with fluffy boiled rice, homemade roti naans and purple organic salad.

♥ Caramelised banana wrapped in a fresh chapati, with a drizzle of melted chocolate sauce.

Find out more: chilli-kitchen.com



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Couples can choose from two packages at weddings; Pizza For Me is where each guest gets their very own hot fresh artisan pizza made in front of them. This is redeemable with a voucher given to them as they arrive or with their drinks.

The other option is Grab Me A Slice for when a whole pizza is too much for one person. Instead, four varieties of pizza are served, sliced and placed hot in their boxes for guests to help themselves with a side of garlic bread pizza as well.

The newly converted horse trailer is a real head-turner and brings something classic and special to any occasion, along with the handmade wood-fired pizzas, which gets prepared in front of guests – no packaged goods here. A range of toppings for vegetarians and meat lovers are also available.

Great memories and experiences can be taken away as the company knows how important it is for someone to understand a vision and properly execute it.

Totally Wood Fired Pizza says, "What could be better than creating the food we love and helping others to celebrate their special moments together?"

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- ♥ Barbecue sharing platter: Lamb chops, minted yoghurt, Jamaican jerk chicken thighs, lime wedges, spiced bean burger and lime mayo.
- ♥ Farmhouse sharing platter: Eight-hour slow roasted, shredded shoulder of lamb, slow cooked smoked bourbon rib racks and Indian rubbed paneer skewers.
- ♥ Asparagus, red pepper and spinach tian, poached egg and honey dressing.

Find out more: lemon-zest.co.uk

LEMON ZEST

Lemon Zest is a family-run business founded in 2002, which feels nothing leaves a lasting impression more than good food. That's why the company uses only the freshest ingredients to produce the very best dishes and source ingredients from local suppliers whenever possible to keep it seasonal and British.

The business understands the importance of attention to detail, timely delivery and of working closely with clients to create the perfect event. Just like the clientele, no two events are ever the same and Lemon Zest thrive on the fact they can create new dishes for people that complement their image. As a team, the company aim to provide a friendly, professional service and remain passionate about each and every event.

Throughout November and January, tasting sessions are help for couples to come in and taste the menu which has been decided for their big day. Clients really appreciate the support and advise offered to them and the tasting session in particular is a great opportunity for them to ask plenty of questions.

With the aim to be at the forefront of the ever-evolving world of food and event catering, spending time at wedding fayres and open days gives this company an insight into what clients are looking for.



CHECK OUT THE FOOD SUPPLIED!

- ♥ Sandwiches: Egg mayonnaise with a hint of paprika and rocket, pulled ham and mustard, cheese and red onion chutney, and smoked salmon with cream cheese, cracked black pepper and watercress.
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- ♥ Cakes and sweet treats: Lemon drizzle cake, strawberry-topped chocolate brownies, macaroons, scones topped with cream strawberry jam and fresh mint, walnut sponge squares and a whole Victoria sponge cake.

Find out more: foodtasticcatering.co.uk

FOODTASTIC CATERING

Foodtastic Catering enjoy catering for all events, but a favourite is of course wedding. No two are the same as every menu is tailored and incorporates favourite dishes.

Gemma Hull at Foodtastic Catering says: "I love to make a table look pretty, I think I would have to say afternoon tea is my favourite catering style."

The company's love for food comes across at every event and the team know it's important to make it look as special as it tastes for couples.

Holly Russell used the company at her wedding and says: "I can't believe how amazing these guys were, so professional, helpful and happy to help. The food was incredible, and everyone has asked for all of the recipes!"

Customers Teresa and Richard Fox say, "Foodtastic Catering did the lunch and evening buffet for our daughter's wedding and the service was fantastic. They reply back straight away to any questions and the food was awesome with plenty of choice.

"The team stayed to help with serving and tidying up. We found that nothing was too much trouble and we would highly recommend them."

This company is well known for its delicious afternoon tea, which is perfect for couples and guests and has a large selection of sandwiches, savoury nibbles, cakes and sweet treats.



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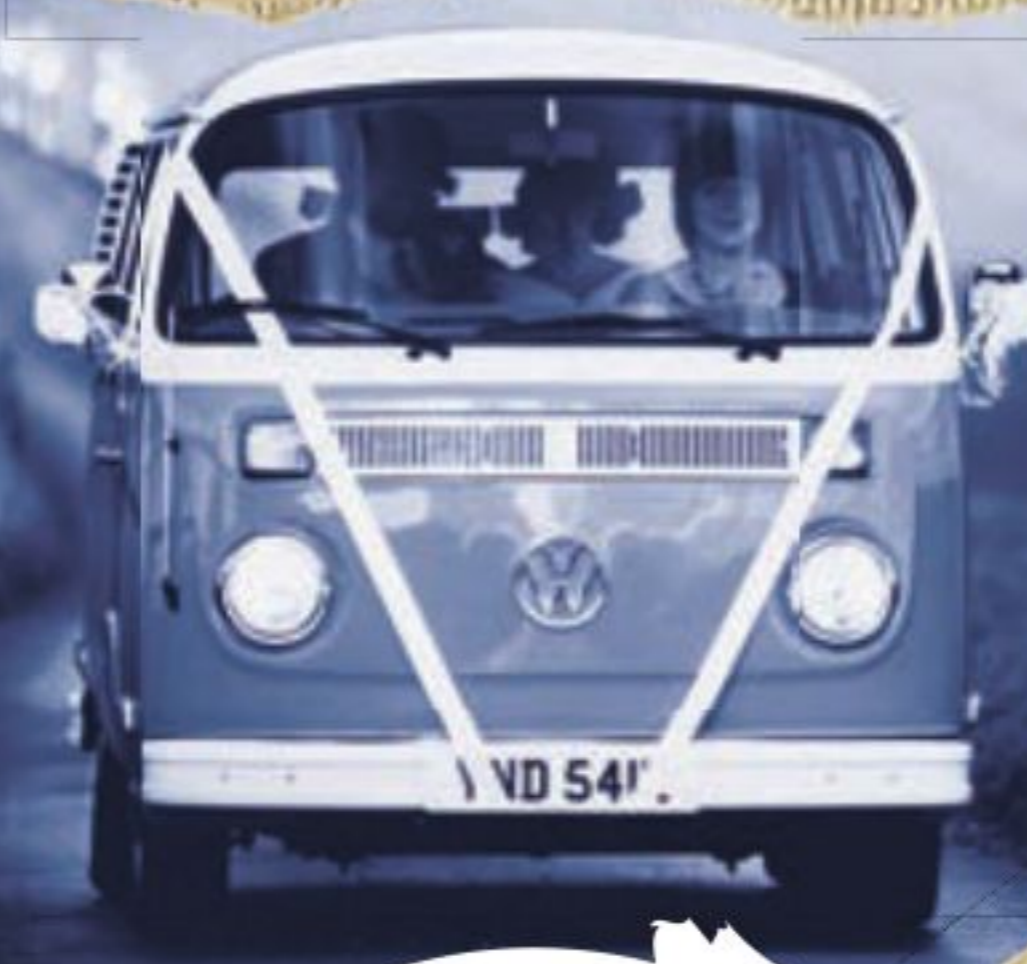


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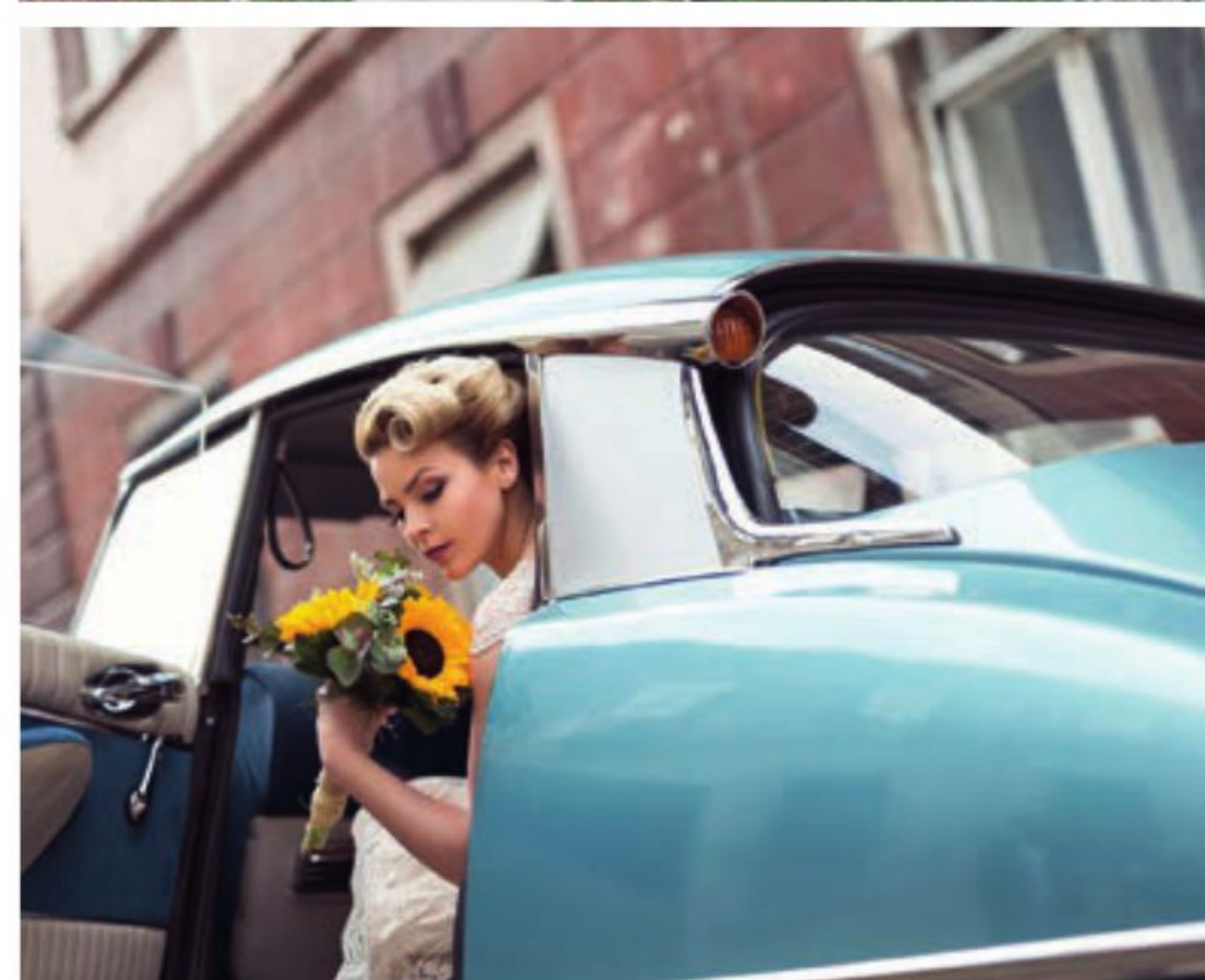
As long as you consider the time it takes to get to the venue and the weather on the day, everything else will fall into place. The groom and his party should arrive 45 minutes before the service and the bridal party 30 minutes later to allow the

photographer to get great shots. Traditionally the bride and father-of-the-bride will then arrive five minutes before the service.

In terms of choices, they really are endless as there's so many vehicles out there to choose from. If you’re having a traditional wedding then why not go for a classic car like a Beresford or if you’re having an outdoor wedding near a lake, shock your guests with a boat!

Wedding cars can get transformed to help fit the theme's with the use of ribbons, floral décor, just married sign or tin cans.

So, whatever you pick, have fun and check out our Hot Topic feature on page 77 for expert advice when booking transport companies.



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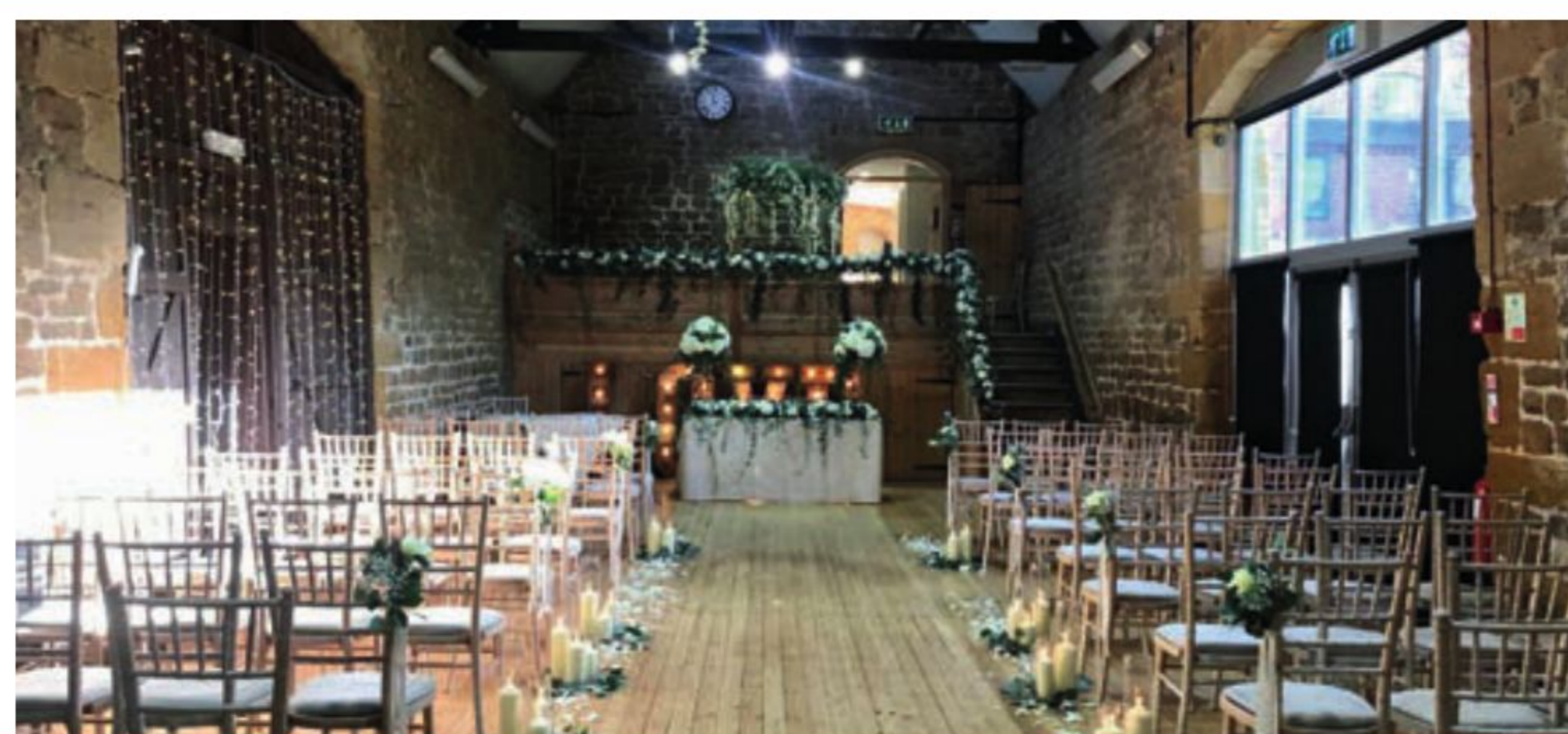
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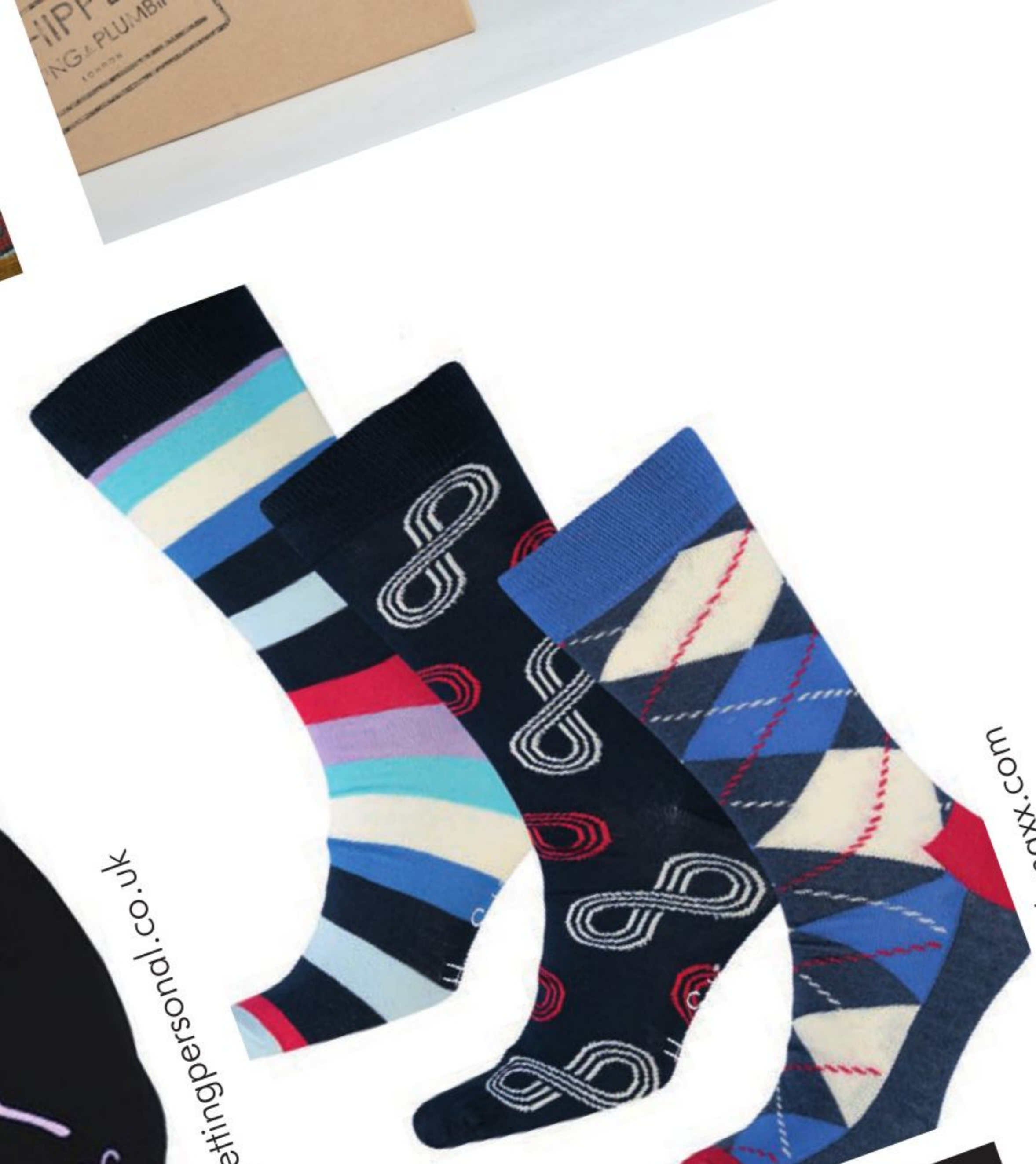
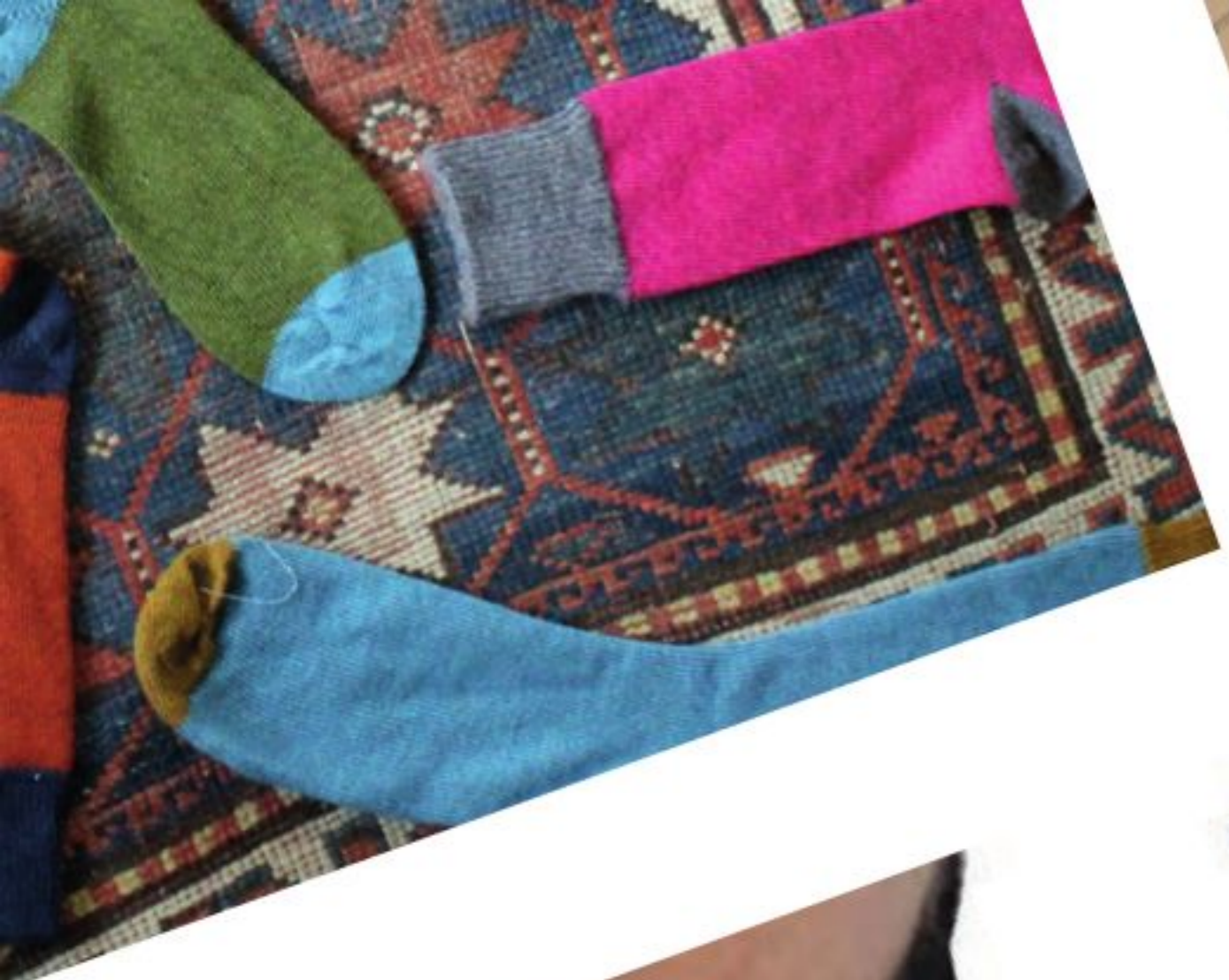
Fun, quirky and the perfect backdrop to any photo is a VW Campervan that holds all the bridal party in one place and shares this exciting moment. The vehicle looks great at vintage, boho and garden-themed weddings. Find out more: campervan-weddinghire.co.uk

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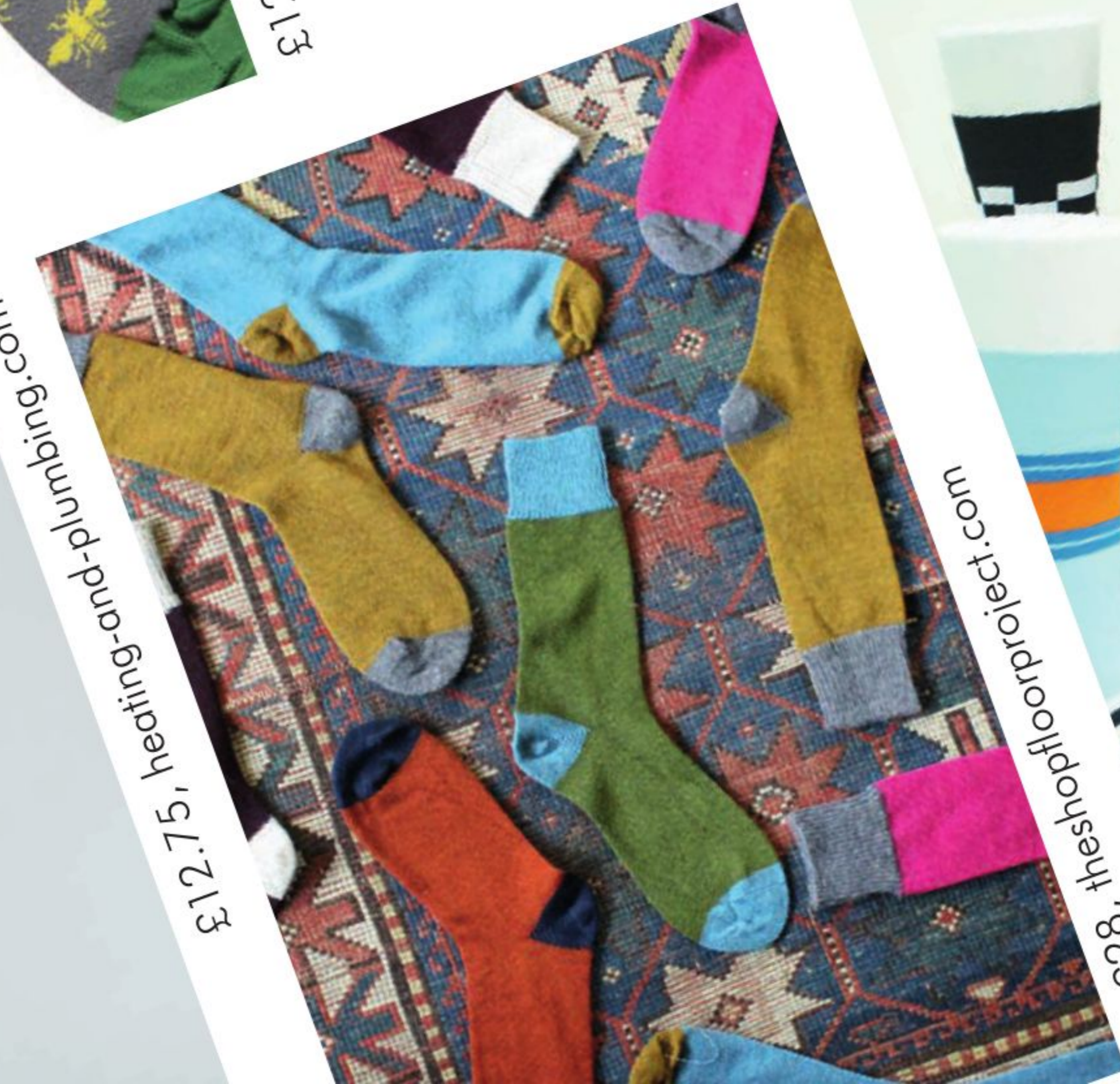
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Priced £499 from hourtime.co.uk



FROM THE WAIST UP

The new Butler Stewart Christopher Waistcoat is a beautifully tailored addition to the big-day wardrobe!

Waistcoats are as popular as ever with grooms, and this instant outfit upgrade comes in five tweeds and all feature a solid coloured satin back with a cinch buckle. Notch lapel and two welt pockets are just some of the attention to detail given to this classic garment. Colours include Oxford Blue, Dark Brown, Heather, Harvest Brown, and Pear Green, all priced £225 from butlerstewart.co.uk



Read all ABOUT IT!

Danielle Harvey shares her latest news and product launches for the man of the moment



Showers forecast

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BEST FOOT FORWARD

New online store Quarter & Last offers high-end footwear at the click of a button. From the finest selection of Derby brogues to Chelsea boots there's something for every style of groom – handpicked from a curated selection of luxury brands! This range is supported by a high level of customer service, including free UK next day delivery and free UK returns.

Northampton plays a big part in Quarter & Last's collection with several of its stocked brands born in the area including Barker Shoes, Joseph Cheaney & Sons and Tricker's England, alongside popular names such as Loake and Jeffery West.

Australia's well-known heritage boot brand, R.M Williams, is also available including its iconic Craftsman boots and Chelsea styling.

Leather and rich shades of suede lead the collections in both tailored and casual footwear with prices from £140 to £445. Quarter & Last is available online now at quarterandlast.com

Super hero

We love the new Jimmy Choo fragrance Urban Hero the perfect big-day scent! For this new addition, the brand chose to celebrate the intensity and contrasts of modern masculinity, this woody aromatic eau de parfum is inspired by the urban environment.

On top, the freshness of precious lemon caviar with its vibrant undertones combines with the warmth of black pepper. Its heart opens onto the sensuality of rosewood and the sophistication of vetiver. The dry down combines the urban elegance of grey amber with a note of leather for just a hint of rebellion. Priced from £33 to £70 from theperfumeshop.com



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Couples wanting to explore further afield should head for the nearby island of Symi – famously known for its delectable shrimps – where a sprinkling of colourful neoclassical houses and harbourside eateries glisten along the Aegean Sea.

For further details about Lindos Village Resort & Spa, visit lindos-village.gr

YOUR CARRIAGE AWAITS

For a mini-moon to remember, how about staying in Sprat & Winkle, a newly refurbished converted Victorian train carriage?

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Sprat & Winkle is priced from £425 for three nights. To book, visit mulberrycottages.com

HONEYMOON



From a five-star adults-only resort in Greece to a converted railway carriage in the UK, Demelza Rayner showcases a selection of the latest honeymoon hotspots

News

BEACHSIDE BLISS IN ST LUCIA

One of the island's best-loved adults-only resorts – Rendezvous – is now offering a wider range of complimentary romantic experiences including 'bubbles and sand', 'stars and a movie' and 'wine 101'.

For 'bubbles and sand', a picnic rug is set up on the beach just before sunset with a bottle of champagne. 'Stars and a movie' describes a film screening on the beach, with comfy seats set up on the sand, and popcorn and drinks served. Finally, 'wine 101' is a fun, informal tasting session.

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Bright ideas

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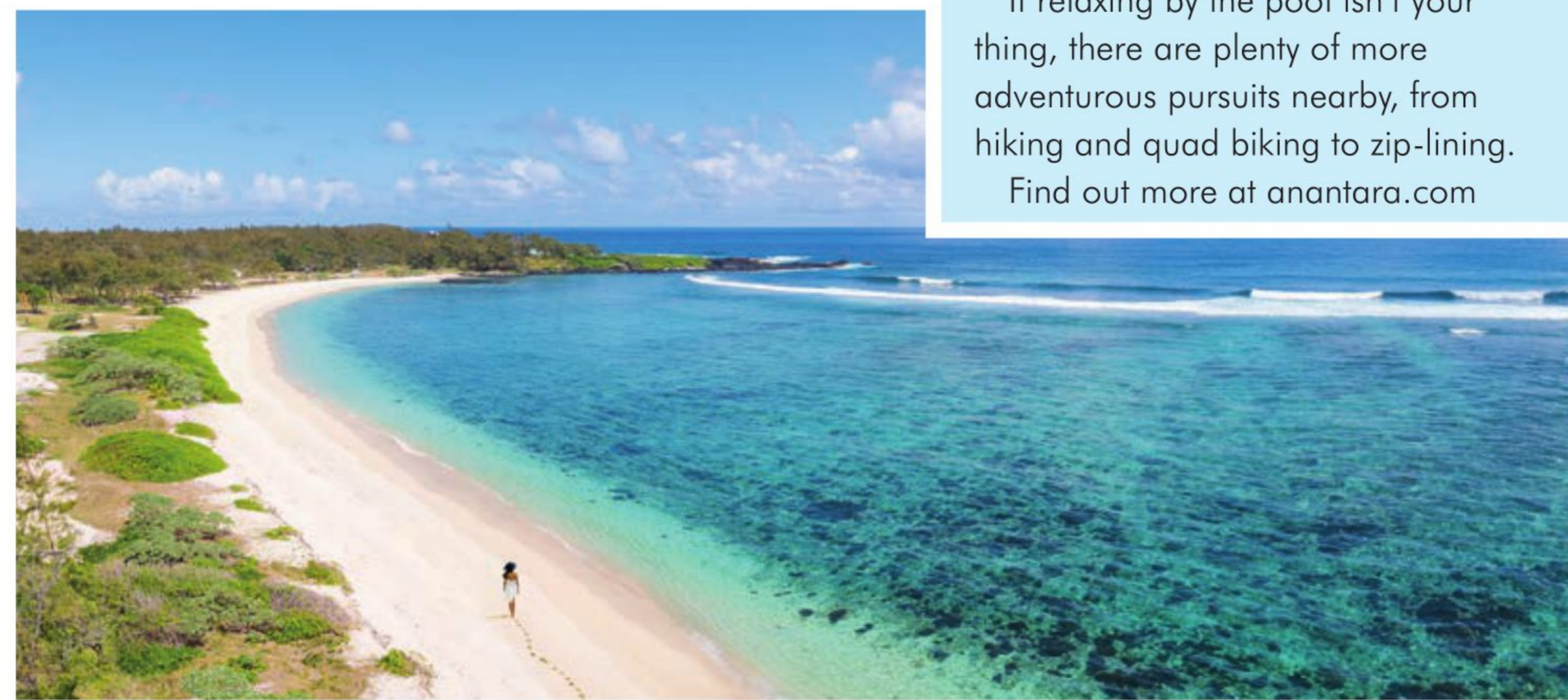
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KUONI'S TOP 10

Top luxury travel firm Kuoni has recently released its 2020 travel hotlist, providing plenty of new destination inspiration for soon-to-be-weds.

Exploring countries beyond the well-trodden tourist trails is a key theme for the year ahead, so Kuoni has created more travel options to places including India, Africa, Canada, the USA and Italy for couples who want to see the world's natural wonders in lesser-known regions, national parks and states. Destinations tipped for increased bookings in 2020 include:

1. India, beyond the Golden Triangle
2. Zimbabwe, back after years of political instability
3. USA, direct flight to Charleston and Portland increase demand for fly-drives
4. Indian Ocean, 16 new hotels added for 2020
5. Greece, luxury credentials on the up
6. Colombia, added to its escorted touring programme
7. Japan, the buzz continues for the Olympic Year
8. The Caribbean, new hotel openings
9. Canada, escape the crowds in winter
10. Italy, slow travel in the regions of Puglia and Basilicata

Colombia features for the first time in Kuoni's escorted touring collection, with a 12-night tour taking in the country's coffee-growing region and UNESCO-listed old town of Cartagena.

Hotel openings in Antigua raise the bar for luxury with Hammock Cove and its collection of ultra-modern pool villas due to open in December, while in Mauritius the new adults-only Lagoon Attitude has a strong sustainable ethos.

Luxury credentials in Greece are on the up for 2020 with the Angsana in Corfu a notable addition – an offshoot of the Banyan Tree brand, it is cool and contemporary and mimics a classic Greek hilltop village.

Find out more at kuoni.co.uk

EXPLORE SOUTH AMERICA

What could be more romantic than viewing the solar eclipse in Argentina and Chile in December 2020? Luxury travel firm Hayes & Jarvis invites couples to explore these captivating countries with its Patagonia discovery tour. Beginning in the Argentinian capital of Buenos Aires, the tour will continue on a magical journey including hiking on the still-growing Perito Moreno Glacier, a catamaran cruise across the Biosphere Reserve of Tierra del Guero, a whale-watching cruise, seeing Magellan penguins and unbelievable scenery along the way.

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Shearer Candles' new Alphabet Collection of scented votive candles features each letter of the alphabet, plus a heart and ampersand. Candle lovers can spell out their initials or whatever special message takes their fancy, including Mr&Mrs for newlyweds or individual initials for guest favours and table place settings.

The candles carry the firm's popular Egyptian Cotton scent, loved for its delicate fresh linen-style fragrance. Each votive candle will burn for approximately 20 hours.

The Alphabet Collection is exclusively available to purchase in Shearer Candles stores including its website shearer-candles.com. All you need to do to claim your gift is take out a year's subscription to *Your East Midlands Wedding*.*

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