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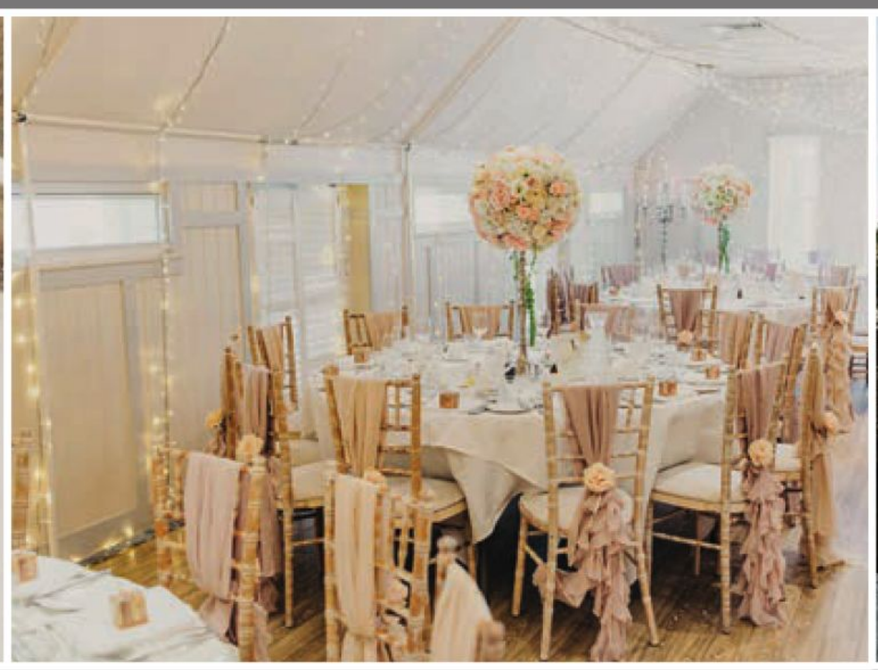

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Eighty years young

Happy birthday to us! This is our 80th edition and although we were hoping for an all-bells-and-whistles celebration, these are extraordinary times so instead we're raising a virtual glass of fizz to toast our landmark anniversary.

We've all been working from home and staying in touch, talking to local suppliers and keeping everyone updated via our website and social media. During lockdown it's been inspiring to hear how people have been rallying and reaching out to help others. Venues, bridal boutiques, cake makers, florists and all the many businesses in the wedding community have been doing their bit, helping anxious couples who are having to reschedule their big day. Despite the challenges we're all facing, one thing's for sure, there will still be weddings, beautiful dresses will be worn, cake cut, speeches made and photos taken, and we'll be here to record and share it all with you, to help and inspire you for when your day comes.

This issue we've taken a virtual tour of the region, spotlighting some of the wonderful wedding venues in the picturesque New Forest from page 15 and dipping into romantic locations by the waterside on page 21. There's a three-page gallery of amazing cakes, starting from page 47 as well as a wealth of tips and advice from local experts covering everything from dressing the bridal beauty to latest fashion, bridal trends and more.

Enjoy reading and stay safe!

Psst… if you have any heartwarming or inspiring stories from the past view weeks – a lockdown proposal or positive message to share, please let us know! Tweet @CWM_YHDW, Facebook @YourHampshireDorsetWedding or email editor sarahr@county.wedding

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Sarah Reeve, editor

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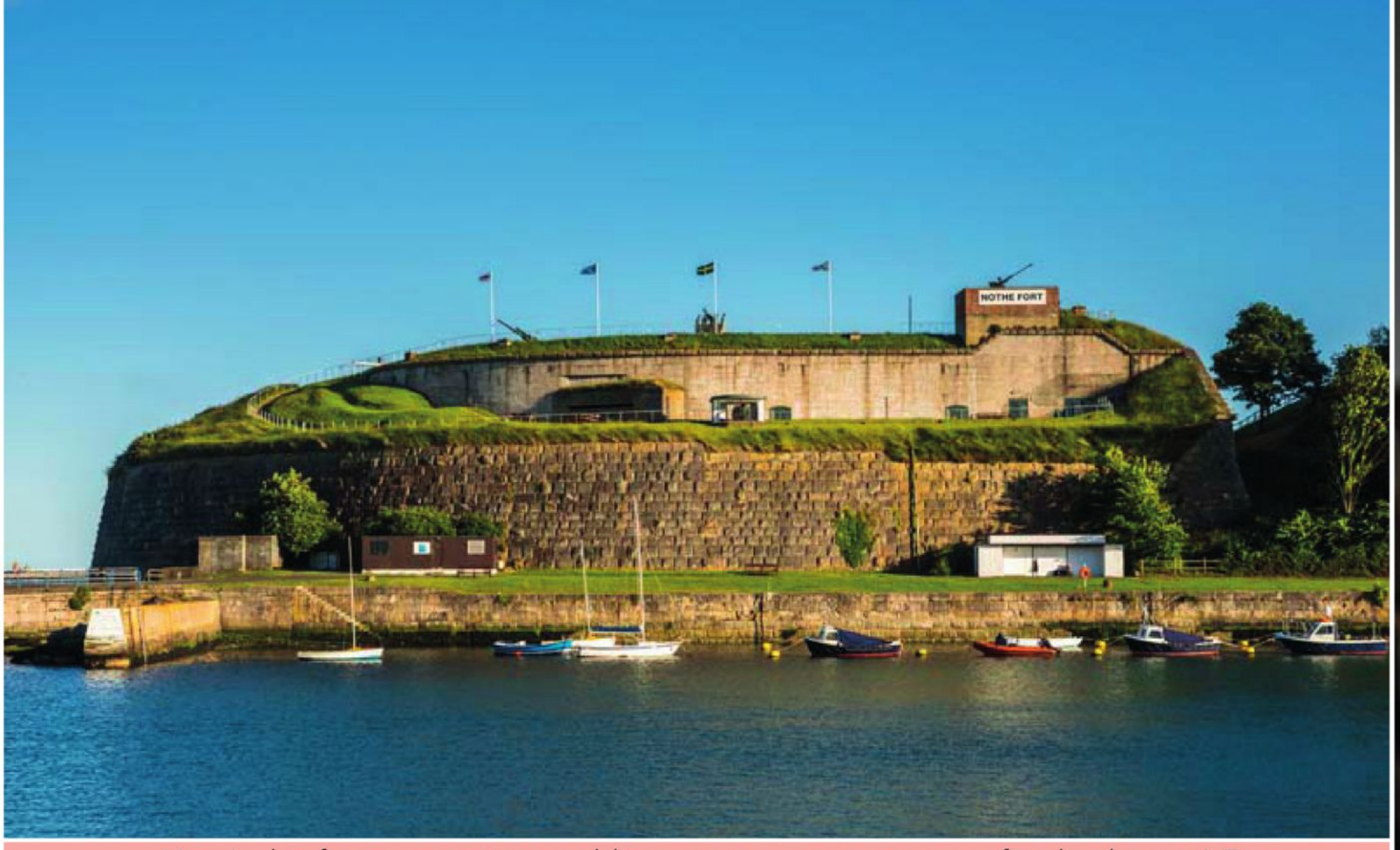
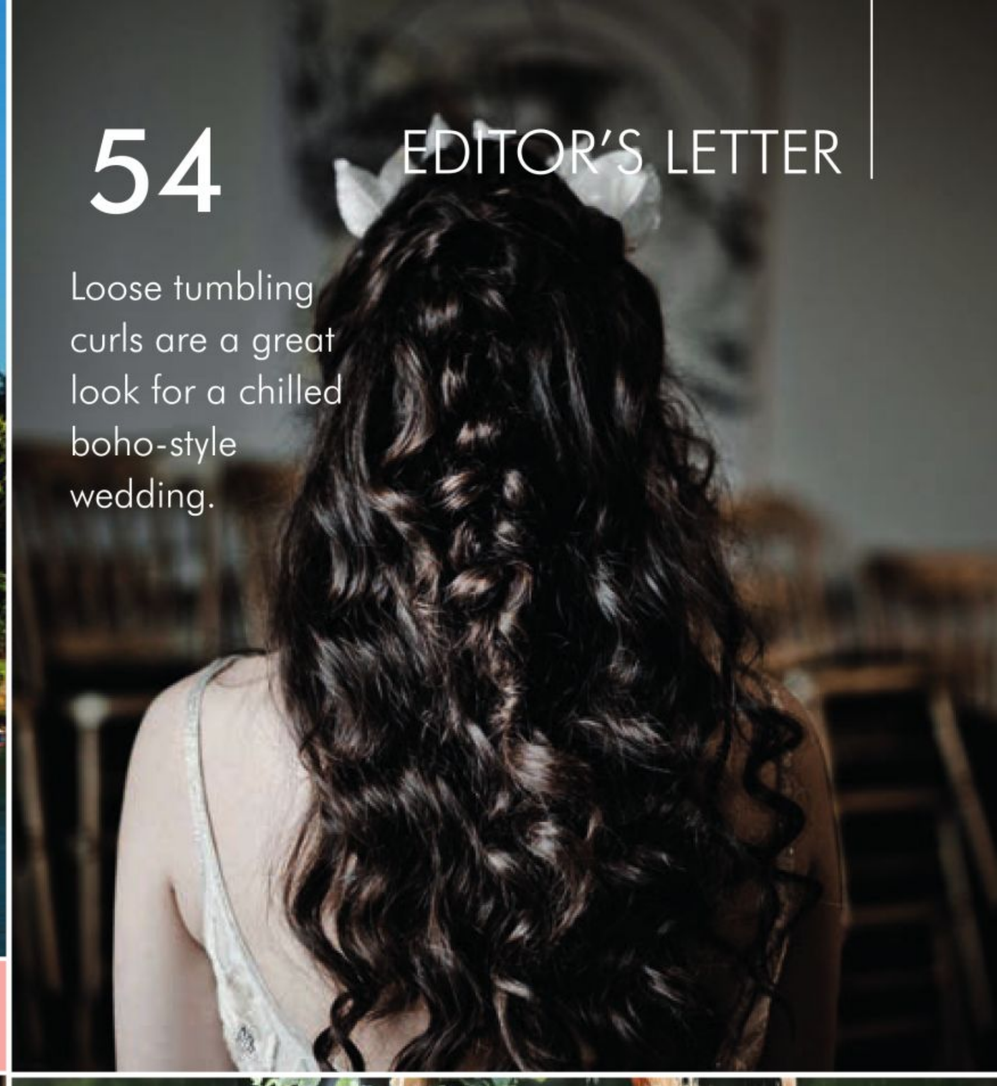
A LUXURY MINI-MOON IN MAJORCA, WORTH £2,500
ON PAGE 105

Swanage beach was the perfect spot for Verity and Tom's just-wed shots. Find out all about their big day from page 37.

Showstopping wedding cakes – what's not to love? Flip to page 47 for a gallery of drool-worthy creations.



How's this for an amazing wedding venue – your very own fort by the sea! Turn to page 21 for more waterside settings from around the region.



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Loose tumbling curls are a great look for a chilled boho-style wedding.

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Beautiful flowers were a central feature of Sophie and Andrew's late summer wedding.

Dreaming of an outdoor ceremony? Local suppliers show how in an inspirational photo shoot featured on page 95.

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Make sure your bridal party's on point with top tips from those in the know.

Campervans were the perfect solution for transporting bride Kelly's 12-strong bridesmaid squad. See more of her family-friendly wedding from page 42.

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Congratulations

Dorset-based Bonita Elms is celebrating two top award wins, just eight months after launching her wedding cake business Bonita Bakes www.bonitabakes.co.uk

Bonita scooped both the regional South West crown and then the national title at The Cake Professionals Awards in March for her large wedding cake entry.

"So soon after starting my business, I was overwhelmed to have won," she says. "My passion to ultimately work for myself became possible last July. There are a lot of different roles involved in running a business as a sole trader and I'm so grateful for the support I've received after joining the Mumpreneur Collective & online Cocoon founded by Erin Thomas Wong. This entrepreneurial business community has helped me enormously and still is."

Turn to pg 47 to view more of her creations and other big-day bakes by cake makers from around the region.

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EDITOR LOVES...

This wild and wonderful arrangement is full of interest with an array of different materials including pampas grass, foliage and pheasant feathers; all fantastic low-cost items for a flowing textured floral effect. For more boho-style inspiration, check out the styled shoot on page 54.

Nearlywed NEWS

All the latest from around the region

GREEN DESIGNS

Bespoke wedding dress and millinery designer Jane Beagrie is on a mission to make her business as sustainable as possible. With more than 35 years professional experience in the industry, she moved from the Cotswolds to Hampshire and launched Olivia Bea Designs last year designing and making one-of-a-kind creations for weddings and special occasions.

"I love creating beautiful bespoke garments and accessories that show the individuality of people and their style. I put people first and help them create an image they will love, crafting memories," she says.

The latest chapter in her career underscores her commitment to sustainability. Inspired by her childhood passion for design and textiles and memories of transforming scrap materials from her father's upholstery business into wearable fashion, she's looking forward to the future with green goals high on the agenda.

"One of the main advantages of starting a new venture is that you can dictate which direction you travel in. I reflected on those early days and decided on a mission statement to develop links for sustainable options throughout the business. The aim is to encourage customers to reuse, redesign and repurpose materials, garments and accessories without sacrificing on quality and purpose. From this, I am now creating a sustainable circular supply chain," she explains.

Jane crafts pieces from quality natural fabrics like soft cottons and luxurious silks, hand-printed or vintage fabrics, French or Spanish lace, embroidered and embellished by hand and reuses heritage and classic items whenever possible. "Family favourites and precious items create a very personal unique look, particularly for weddings," she adds.

During the current restrictions, Jane is offering free consultations via webcam and video links, to book a slot contact jane@oliviabeadesigns.com. Visit www.oliviabeadesigns.com to find out more and turn to page 13 for an exclusive *Your Hampshire & Dorset Wedding* reader offer and chance to claim one of her fabulous headdresses or veils.

YOUR DAY, YOUR WAY

Celebrant wedding ceremonies are on the rise and Hampshire-based Pat Morgan is among those leading the way.

To meet demand she recently announced an updated range of services for newlyweds-to-be in the region. Offering everything from handfasting ceremonies to modern themed weddings, she works closely with each couple to create a memorable ceremony tailored to their likes and needs. To find out more visit www.momentsintimeceremonies.co.uk

KEEP CALM AND MARRY ON

We spoke to local wedding suppliers for their take on the current testing times and predictions for all the lovely weddings to come.

"During this pretty grey time in everyone's life, we all need a bit of colour. Working with the idea of 'there's always a rainbow after the rain', I think we could be seeing an array of bold choices and lots of bright happy hues coming our way. What's not to love?" – Cake maker, Alice Gates www.facebook.com/gatesbakes

"Please don't dismay if your wedding has been postponed. Be positive, be creative, be pro-active!

You may find you've now got time to make items to add even more personal touches to your wedding décor. If your summer date has been postponed to the autumn then don't panic, summer styling ideas can still be used just add a few more earthy warmer tones to suit the time of year," – Wedding stylist, Deborah Parsons, www.whitewillowwedding.com

Struggling to sleep, feeling anxious? You're not alone, so give yourself a warm hug; suggests Hampshire's award-winning New Forest Aromatics.

"Our tip is to light a candle to help with the transition from working from home to the evening," says the company. Their Warm Hug candle provides a comforting scent to warm your bones and your heart!

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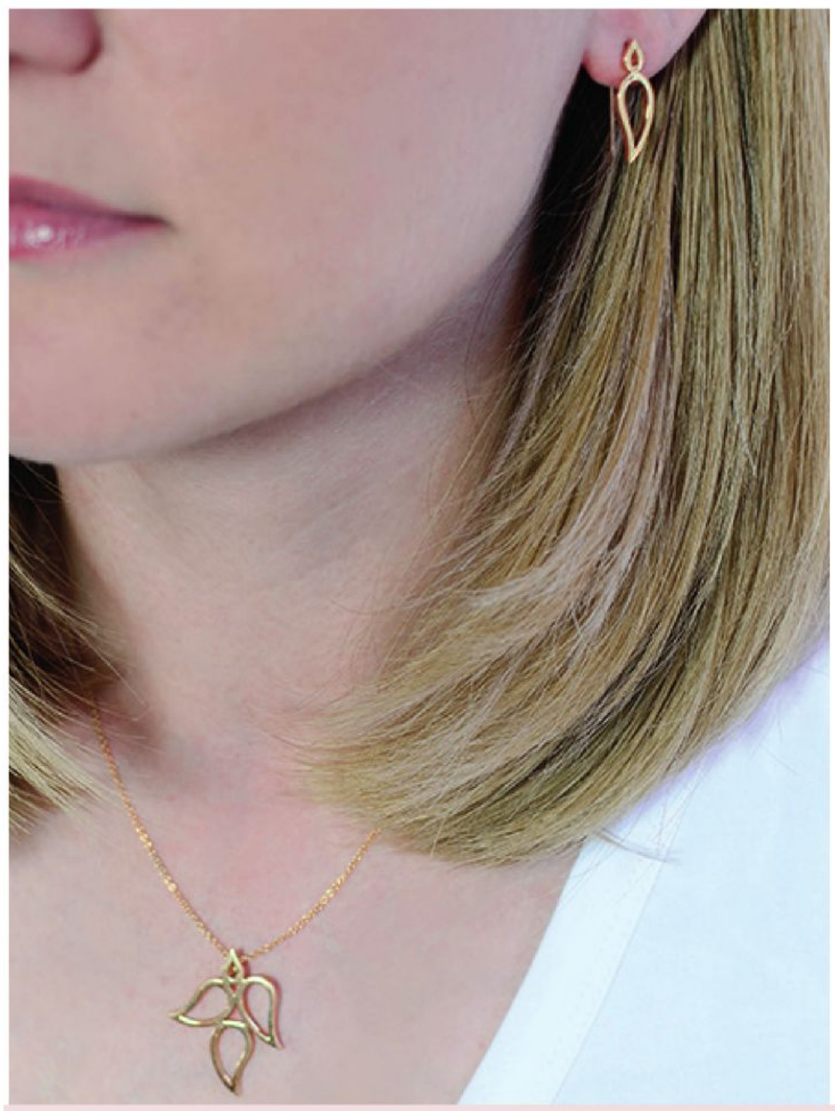

Harriet Kelsall Bespoke Jewellery has been working remotely for years with customers from all over the world. Combining a very traditional craft with the latest technologies, their live sketching facility means their designers can work from home and provide free consultations to people in the comfort of their living rooms. Their goldsmiths are also equipped to carry on crafting from home too, keeping everyone safe. What's more they're currently offering customers 25 per cent off all dress jewellery using the code 'Spring' at the checkout, visit www.hkjewellery.co.uk

STOP PRESS!

Hampshire-based Louise Avery Flowers has launched a new and exciting rebranded website. So, if you're planning your 2021 wedding, now is the time to check out the new-look www.louiseaveryflowers.com for hints, tips and expert floral inspiration!

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Based in Hampshire, Natasha has been in the beauty business for more than 13 years and during that time has built up a team of handpicked professionals, now covering most of the South East of England. Weddings are her passion and her mission is to bring out the natural beauty of all her brides, helping them to be the best version of themselves on their big day.

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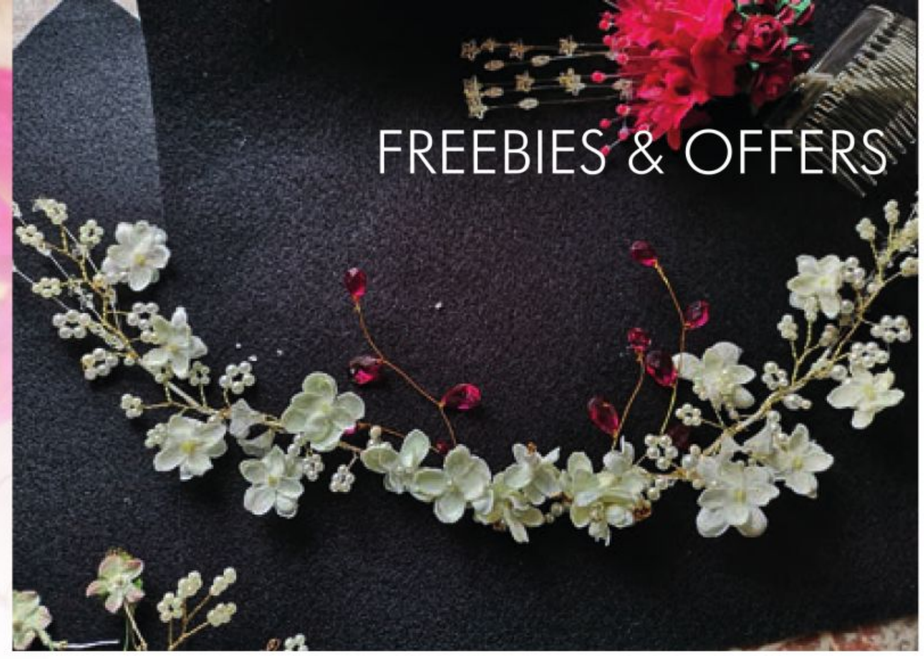

THE FINISHING TOUCH

If you're on the hunt for a one-of-a-kind look for your big day, Olivia Bea Designs offers a bespoke and planet-friendly experience. Owner Jane Beagrie designs and makes beautifully handcrafted wedding gowns and headdresses. With more than 35 years professional experience in the industry, she moved to the area in 2018 and relaunched her business with sustainability at its heart. "In these unprecedented times I would invite anyone who has a wedding or special event in the future to consider reusing favourite garments and accessories which I am more than happy to repurpose or redesign," she explains. Visit www.oliviabeadesigns.com to find out more.

For brides booking their made-to-order dress with her during May or June, 2020, Jane is offering the chance to choose one of her bespoke headdresses or veils, up to the value of £200, to go with it. Also, to encourage sustainability, *Your Hampshire & Dorset Wedding* readers will be able to claim a 15% discount on any garment or accessory previously purchased if returned for reworking into a fresh new look or item. Terms and conditions apply.

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We love... the beautiful high-ceilinged Savernake Room, a light and airy space with a private decked terrace; ideal for the post-vows drinks and more intimate weddings.

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Set in the heart of the National Park with 40 acres of glorious grounds, two ornamental ponds and a maze, there's no shortage of fabulous photo opportunities. You can host your whole day here and take your pick of a choice of rooms and spaces suitable for weddings large or small. The Keepers Room, with its ornamental fireplace and large bay windows, is ideal for relaxed intimate weddings while Hurst Castle is the venue's largest private wedding space. The fully, self-contained modern suite has its own entrance and facilities as well as an outdoor terrace overlooking the topiary orchard and can host up to 100 loved ones for the ceremony, 120 for the wedding breakfast and an extra 30 for the evening reception.

For a truly lavish affair, the Grand Hall provides a wow-factor setting that's hard to beat. A replica of London's Westminster Hall with intricate carvings, oak panelling and striking windows, it provides a beautiful backdrop for your ceremony, wedding breakfast and evening reception.

We love... the Forest Garden, complete with Doric temple; perfect for magical ceremonies.

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Ceremonies take place in the light and airy Oakwood Room overlooking the garden or the Terrace Restaurant, which can accommodate 100 friends and family. For more intimate affairs the Paris Room provides the perfect cosy setting for your 'I dos'.

Celebrate afterwards with a delicious wedding breakfast in either of the rooms or take over the award-winning 3AA rosette restaurant and enjoy a bespoke menu your guests are sure to remember.

We love... the traditional English garden and pond with its sculpted water feature leading to the terraced garden.

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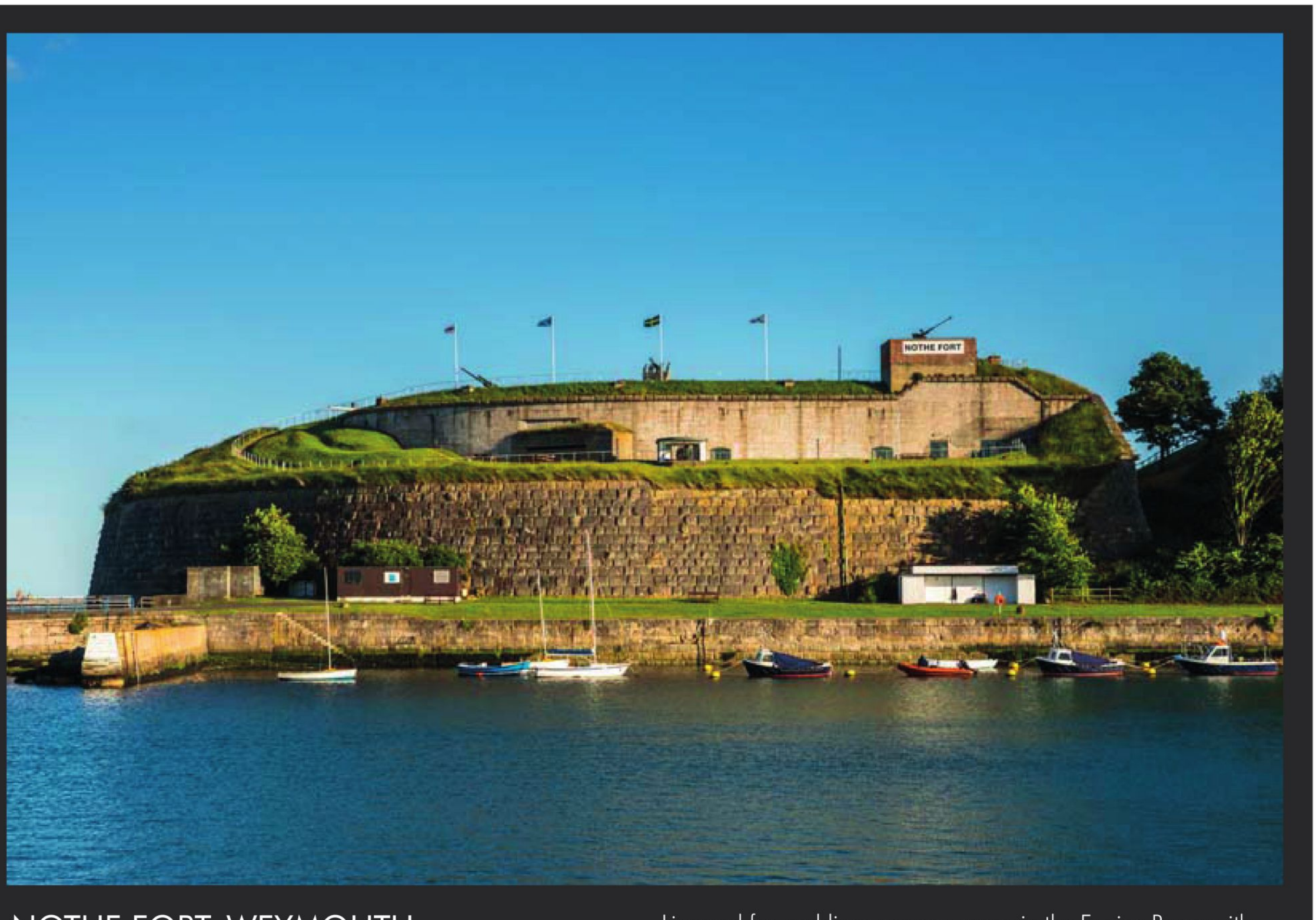

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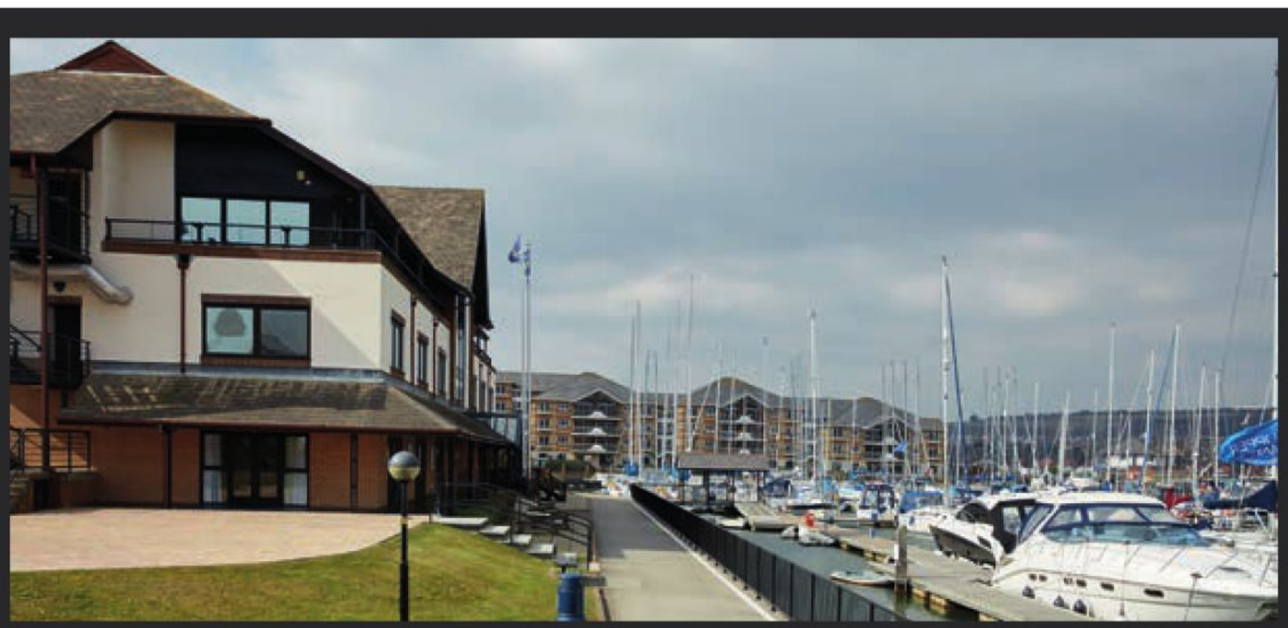

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If a waterside location is on your wedding wish list, check out this cool modern venue. Looking out over the marina and the yachts, on a sunny day you could almost be in Monaco! There's outside seating so you can make the most of the fabulous setting and a waterfront terrace and patio too; perfect for reception drinks or a barbecue when the weather's fine. Inside the bright and airy space, the contemporary furnishings include a bespoke bar made from reclaimed railway sleepers and a feature ceiling. Ceremonies are held in the Regatta Room or the larger Ocean Suite which can host up to 120 family and friends for your 'I dos' followed by a sit-down meal. For larger celebrations with up to 300 guests, a marquee can be attached to the side.

We love... that the on-site caterers award-winning Vanilla Catering produce bespoke meals using local Hampshire produce and newlyweds-to-be get to enjoy a complimentary pre-wedding tasting.

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Late summer GLOW

Soft neutral and blush shades set the tone for Sophie and Andrew's romantic wedding

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Sophie Rimmer married Andrew Whiteside at Cain Manor, Headley Down on 28th September, 2019.

Friendship blossomed into romance for Sophie and Andrew. They shared similar interests and hobbies and were close workmates for a long time before they actually started dating. "We made each other laugh and have always been a great support for each other," says Sophie. They were together for nearly two years before getting engaged. Andrew popped the question while they were on holiday in Mauritius over an incredibly romantic private dinner underneath the stars at the end of a beach jetty. "I was completely overwhelmed and Andrew was delighted not to have dropped the ring through the slats of the jetty into the sea," laughs Sophie.

SETTING THE SCENE

They visited a number of venues before finding Cain Manor, which ticked all their boxes. "The whole set up worked for us – it was all really well organised and coordinated with an online planner, dedicated event manager and a beautiful setting. There were enough bedrooms for our immediate family, the bridal party and some of the groomsmen to stay which really helped us too," Sophie explains.

LOOKING THE PART

"I was so excited after we got engaged that I booked a dress fitting for a few days after we got back from Mauritius – in fact it was on Valentine's Day. I went to Carina Rose Bridal in Stockbridge as I'd often driven past there and thought how beautiful it looked. I tried on a number of dresses but fell in love with Bamba by Pronovias. It was perfect, fitted my shape and was really simple with a beautiful sweetheart neckline." However, as she was living in London part of the time looking after her mum who'd had a fall and couldn't get about, she ended up buying the dress from Cherished Bridal Boutique just around the corner from her mum. "It meant my aunty was able to come and see the dress with me, so I have to credit both stores with my purchase!" she explains.

Andrew, his dad and best man wore three-piece Jeff Banks suits while the other groomsmen chose their own for a more relaxed feel. They all had matching blush pink ties and pocket squares to complement the wedding flowers.

Choosing the bridesmaids' dresses was fun, trying on lots of different styles in a dressing room set up in a spare bedroom at Sophie's home. After experimenting with different looks, they opted for a classic beaded SilkFred number, which all the girls loved. They also carried hand-tied bouquets with blush pink ribbons.

ALL IN THE DETAIL

The flowers added a beautiful natural touch to the venue décor with lots of gorgeous neutral and blush blooms and foliage. Amazing centrepieces in tall frames also added depth and interest to the reception tables. "The floral arrangements were tied so they could be taken out of the frames and we gifted them to people who'd helped us with the wedding and in our lives," adds Sophie. The ceremony blooms were reused for the top table and the design on the place names tied in with their use of greenery. Instead of traditional favours they donated to The British Heart Foundation in memory of Sophie's dad.

"We had an amazing gin horsebox for our reception drinks which was definitely a standout feature. We also had a vintage cream postbox for our wedding cards," adds Sophie. Their three-tier semi-naked cake included carrot, lemon and raspberry Victoria sponge, which went down a treat with some to take home too.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

Guests were able to enjoy outdoor garden games and the gin horsebox went down a storm. "We were so chuffed the weather held out for us especially as it poured down the day before and after the wedding," recalls Sophie.

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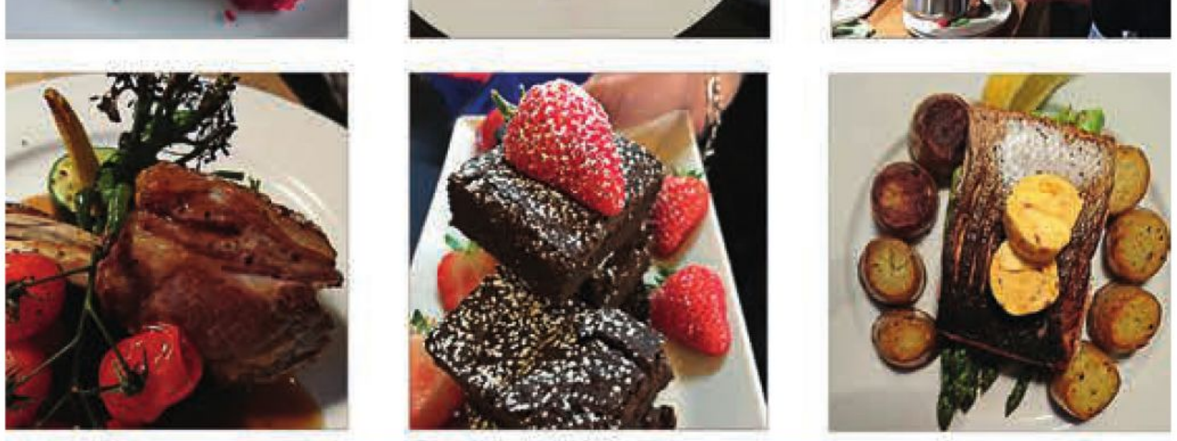

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The evening celebration kicked off with their first dance to Ain't Nobody by Jasmine Thompson. "We love the lyrics and the Chaka Kahn version is a dancefloor anthem," says Sophie. "Some very talented friends helped us choreograph the routine and we were so proud we managed to remember and perform it! We also had a friend who did a grand job as MC, and another controlling the music – both high pressure roles which they performed amazingly."

The DJ kept the party going with a great light show too. "He definitely played to the crowd, ensuring there was something for all ages to get up and dance to," adds Sophie. "The venue's wedding team made everything run so smoothly, the prosecco flowed and the food was outstanding. The whole day was as perfect as we could have imagined."

DO IT THEIR WAY

- We focused on the key things that mattered to us – and ranked the elements of the day from one to 10 to help us focus
- Have an engagement shoot – it makes you feel more comfortable in front of the camera on the big day and you can use the photos to create a really personal guest book.
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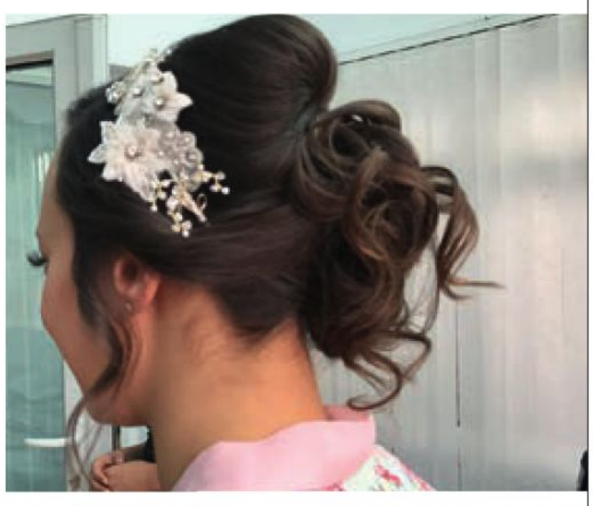

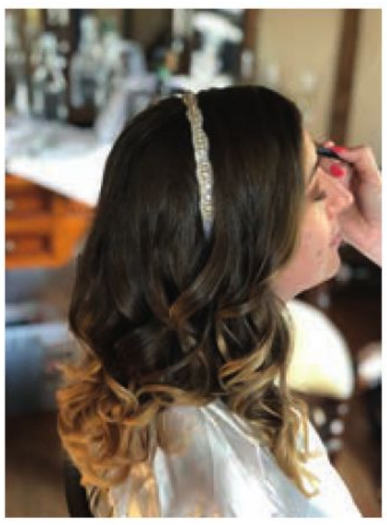

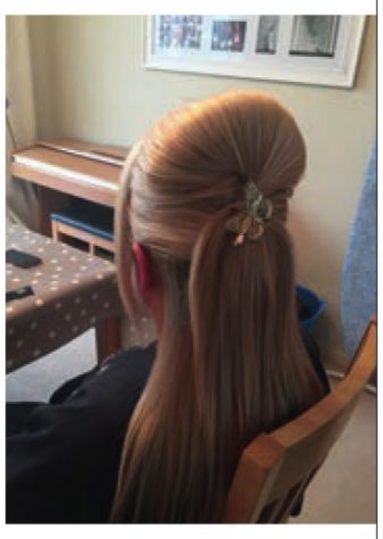

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DORSET *dreams*

Verity and Tom stopped off for just-wed shots on Swanage beach before their rustic barn reception

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Verity and Tom first met through a mutual acquaintance but sparks didn't fly until they bumped into each other five years later at the same friend's 30th birthday party. Romance blossomed and although they talked about marriage it was always as a plan for the future. "This was Tom's ploy to throw me off the scent, so when it did happen it was a complete surprise," reveals Verity.

We'd planned a 'date day' on Brownsea Island in August 2017, it was beautifully sunny and we were both enjoying a few days off work. We were trying to find somewhere to eat our picnic and Tom was adamant he wanted it to be secluded with no one else around – a pretty hard task on Brownsea Island in the middle of August! Eventually we found a really quiet spot, laid out our blanket and Tom got down on one knee and pulled out a very sparkly ring! He said some lovely things but my mind was a whirlwind, so I couldn't really take it all in! Of course, I said 'yes'. Read on for Verity's account of their big day…

Verity Sanderson married Thomas Shallaker at Broadstone Methodist Church followed by a reception at Kingston Country Courtyard in Dorset on 27th April, 2019.

I tried on 60 dresses before choosing my beautiful A-line White One wedding gown. Bea at Minster Bridal added a sparkly belt and a lovely cathedral-length train with lace edging that matched the lace on the dress. I felt like a million dollars!

We felt like the ceremony was really personal to us, which was very important. Everyone was smiling throughout and joined in the hymns too.

We had a lovely burgundy and cream vintage Rolls-Royce. It did several trips from my parents' house to the church and took Tom and I to the reception after the ceremony.

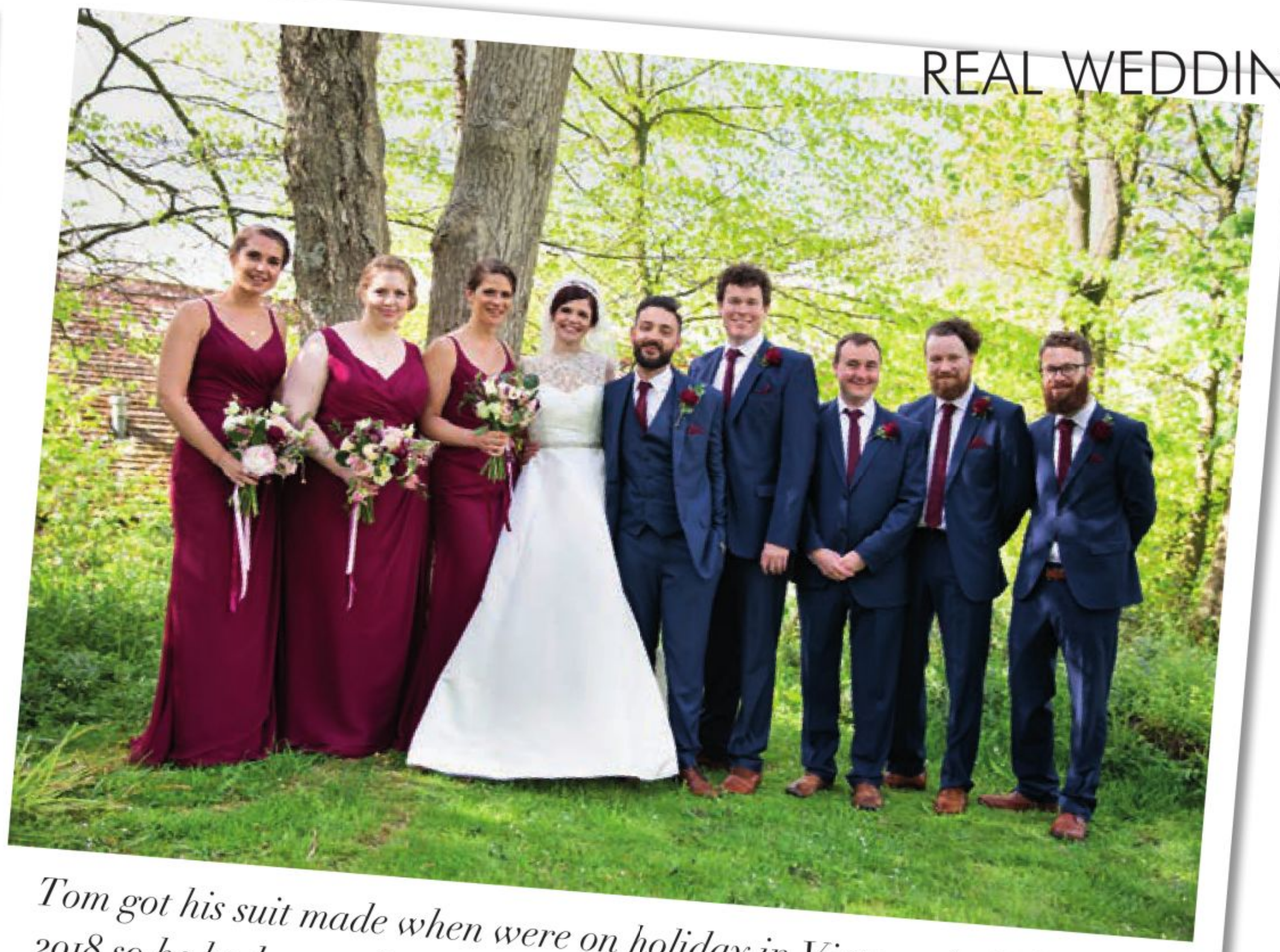
The Happy Blossoms in Poundbury supplied all the gorgeous flowers for the church and the centrepieces and also created the bouquets. They were exactly what I wanted, they looked fresh and modern but still fairly traditional and the ribbons added an extra romantic touch.

"We loved Kingston Country Courtyard from the moment we saw it. The wedding team was lovely, plus there was plenty of accommodation, which we needed as lots of our guests were travelling from far and wide."

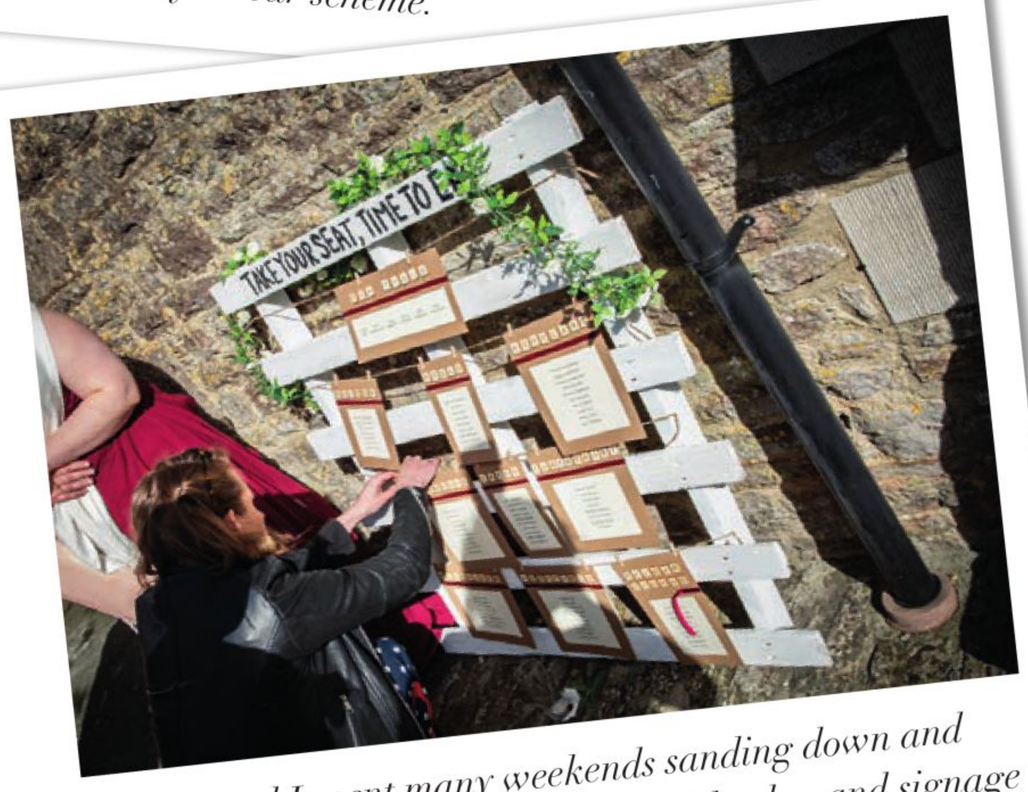
One of Tom's stipulations was to be able to have his own choice of beer behind the bar – he and his friends are very into their craft beer so this was really important.

The barn is beautiful in its own right but I was keen to make our wedding really personal and we were able to decorate it however we wanted.

My friend Sally made the favours, heart-shaped gingerbread biscuits stamped with our initials and the wedding date, which added a lovely personal touch to the tables.

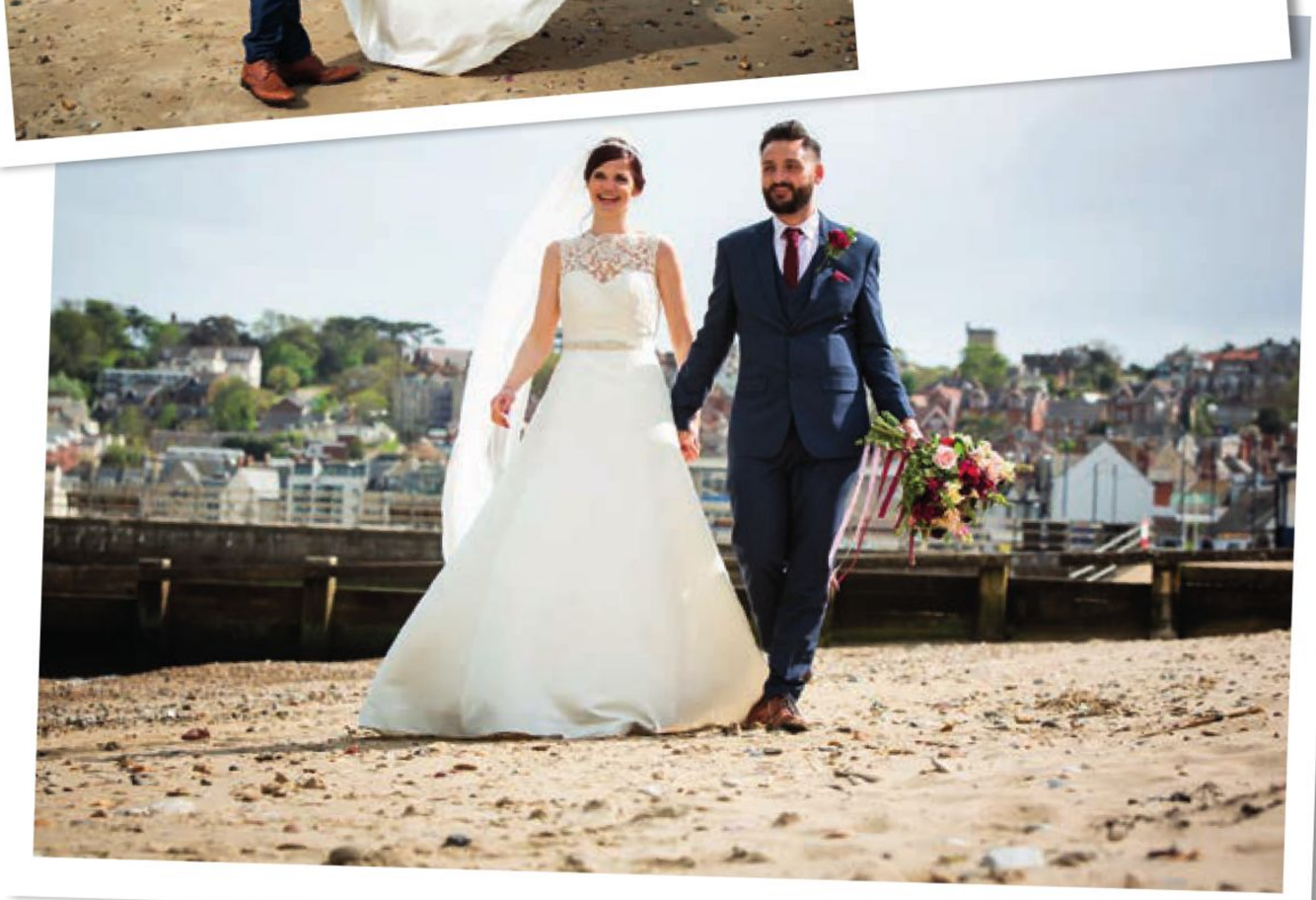


Tom got his suit made when were on holiday in Vietnam in February 2018 so he had more than a year to not put on or lose any weight! We hired blue suits in a slightly different shade for the groomsmen and my three sisters, who were bridesmaids, wore long dresses to go with our burgundy colour scheme.



Tom and I spent many weekends sanding down and painting pallets to use for the rustic table plan and signage and the table plan.

Our photographers Seb and Dave were awesome. They were really patient with me as I really wanted some shots by the coast, and they were happy to oblige. The photos at Corfe Castle and on Swanage beach are some of our favourites.

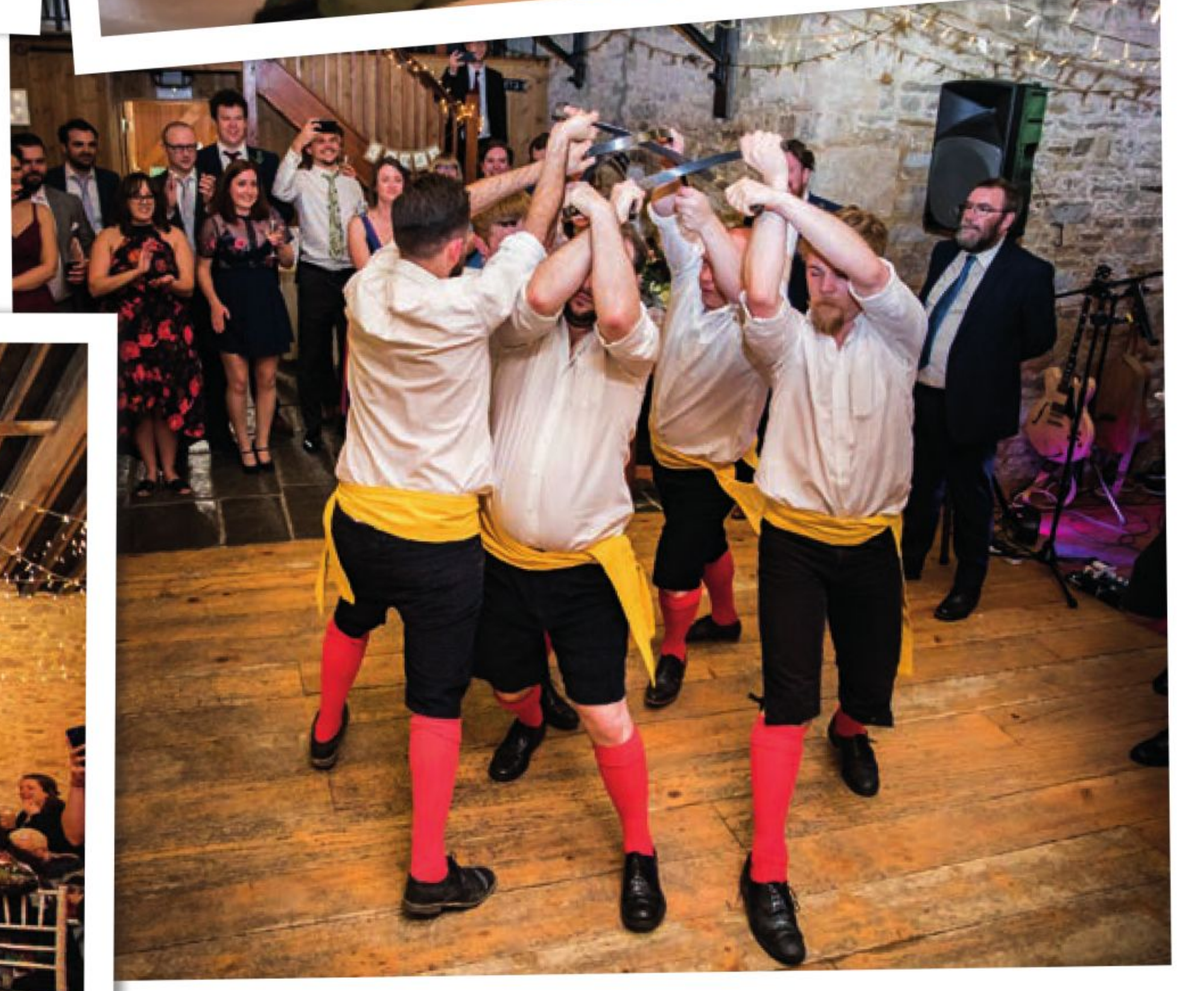


Tom's nan made our wedding cake. It looked the part and tasted great!

Simply Flower provided fairylights in the barn – they really added to the romantic atmosphere for the evening.

Tom's mum and auntie arranged the flowers for the church and the centrepieces, which made it feel really personal and they loved being involved.

The City Folk band performed live for the evening party. They were great and did a wide range of covers that everyone loved dancing to. They even performed Islands in the Stream for our first dance.



Tom is part of the Black Swan Rapper team, which performs traditional north eastern folk dance with swords. As many of the other members were guests at the wedding, and lots of my friends had never seen this type of dancing before, we thought it would be good fun for the boys to put on a show at the reception. It went down a storm!

VERITY AND TOM'S LITTLE WHITE BOOK

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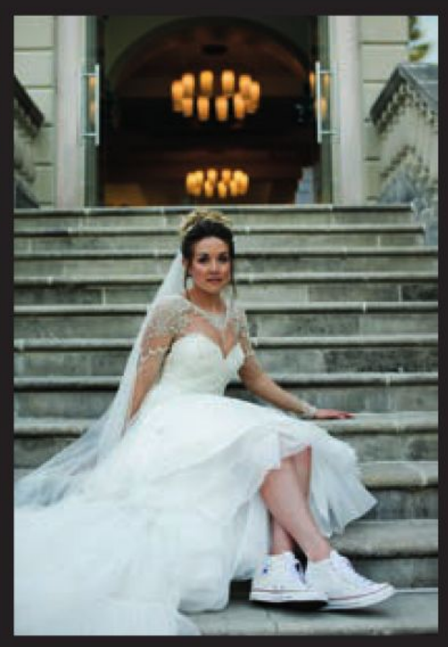

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Home IS WHERE THE heart is

Kelly and Daniel celebrated their big day surrounded by all their nearest and dearest

Images courtesy of Razor Blade Weddings

Kelly and Daniel (Bull) Cartwright tied the knot at St Matthews Church, Netley Marsh followed by a reception at Courtyard Events Moor Court Farm, Romsey on 27th July, 2019.

When it came to choosing where to marry, there was only one choice for Kelly – the church in the parish where she grew up. It took a while to get down the aisle though; 10 years in fact.

She first met the love of her life, known to everyone as Bull, on a night out in Southampton. "There was an instant attraction on both our parts," she recalls. Eight years later, he popped the question while they were on holiday in Majorca. They were watching the World Cup game where England beat Panama six goals to one, spirits were high, the drinks were flowing and before she knew it, he was down on one knee! "We were with Derek and Aoife, a couple from Ireland who we'd made friends with. Bull had secretly told them he planned to propose to me that evening and they convinced him there was no time like the present! When it happened I was in complete shock, I thought he was joking at first, until I saw the ring he was struggling to get out of his pocket. I realised then he was serious and obviously, I said 'yes'!

"We continued the celebrations and had a brilliant night and although it may not sound like the most romantic proposal, I am so glad it happened that way as it was so us! I was also really pleased that Bull had asked my dad's permission before we jetted off on holiday. We kept in contact with Derek and Aoife afterwards and they even came to our wedding!" Read on for Kelly's account of the big day...

St Matthews Church has always been used by our family for weddings and christenings. It's a beautiful building with stained glass windows and our usher Jordan also got to ring the wedding bells for us as we left.

The horse and carriage ride with my dad to the church and afterwards with my husband, sharing a bottle of bubbly on route to the reception, was truly memorable.

Bull wore a slim-fit, three-piece light grey FCUK suit and the groomsmen had ones to match in a shade darker.

My sister-in-law Lucy picked my Ronald Joyce Natalie dress, which I didn't like on the hanger, but as soon as I tried it on, I knew it was *the one*.

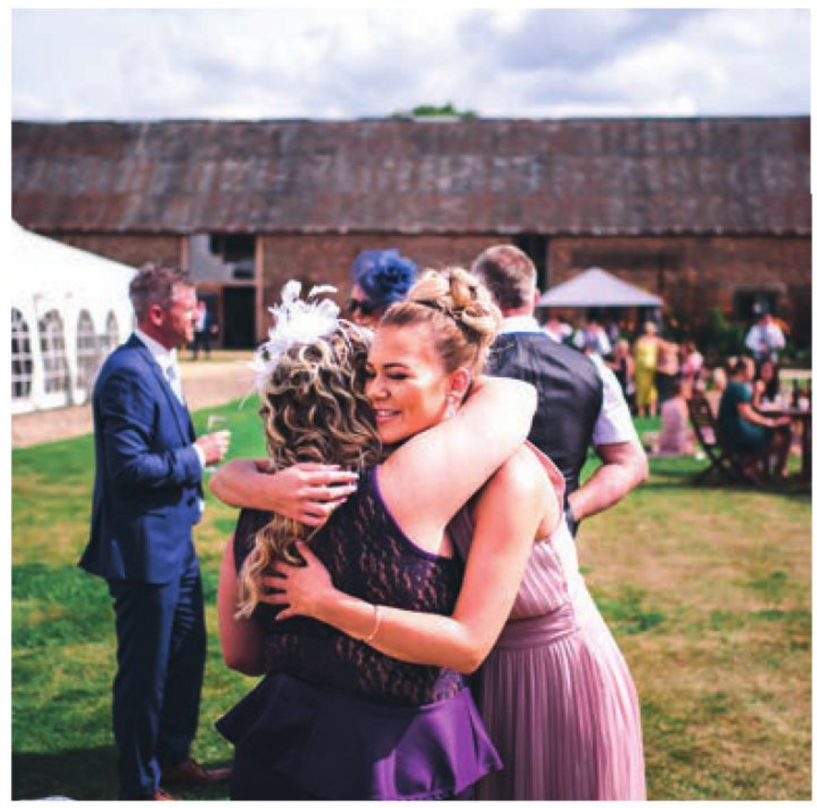
"The two stunning greys and beautiful bandeau carriage were very well looked after; we felt like royalty!"

My bridesmaids were a mix of family and close friends, including Bull's four sisters and my sister Nicci who was maid of honour. It had to be all 12 or nothing, as I didn't want to take any of them out of the equation!

I was very lucky with the dresses as my bridesmaids were all different shapes and sizes and the style and colour suited them all, so everyone was happy!

The beautiful converted barn was perfect for the sit-down meal and speeches and there was a lovely marquee for the evening party.

We had five flowergirls and five pageboys and we loved seeing them all dressed up looking smart.



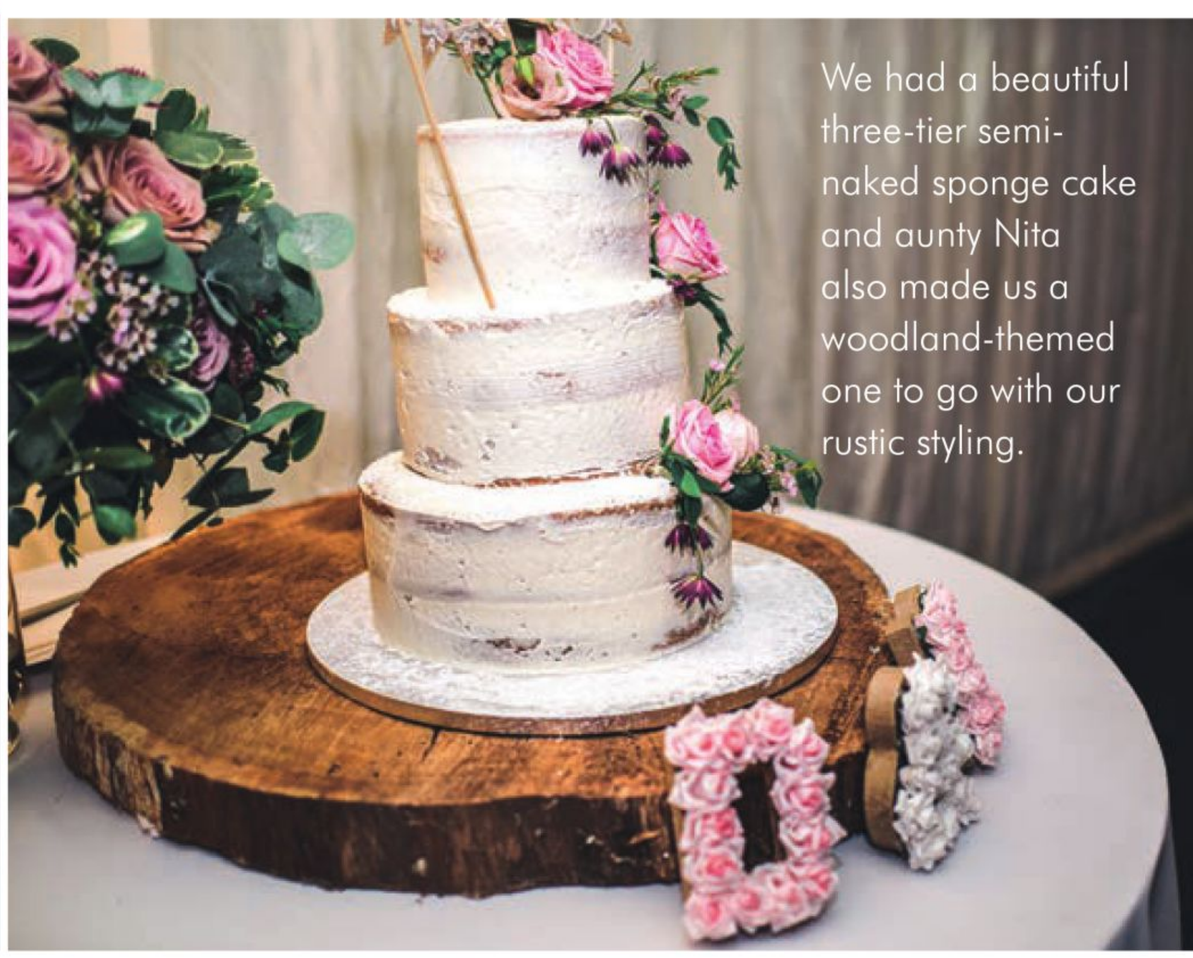
The venue location was ideal as it was only minutes away from the church by car. Set on an old dairy farm, there was plenty of space, outdoor seating, hay bales, fairylights and hanging baskets.

We gave our guests scratch cards as favours.

We used the bridesmaids' bouquets as centrepieces and had a beautiful floral runner on the top table. The wedding flowers included roses to complement our dusky pink and grey colour scheme, gypsophila and foliage.

We had a magic mirror with a huge flower wall, which was great for the photos.

The band Flow Duo were brilliant; we didn't want them to leave! Our DJ Paul was great as well, he was with us throughout the wedding, filling in during gaps, rounding up the troops, acting as master of ceremonies and keeping the dancefloor busy during the evening party.



We had a beautiful three-tier semi-naked sponge cake and aunty Nita also made us a woodland-themed one to go with our rustic styling.

THE W-DAY TEAM

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"All the suppliers we used were brilliant! I couldn't have planned such a smooth-running day without the support of our wedding planner Stacey Page and our photographer Josh Churcher and his team were amazing too."

It was great fun watching people enjoying the rodeo bull after a few drinks in the evening!

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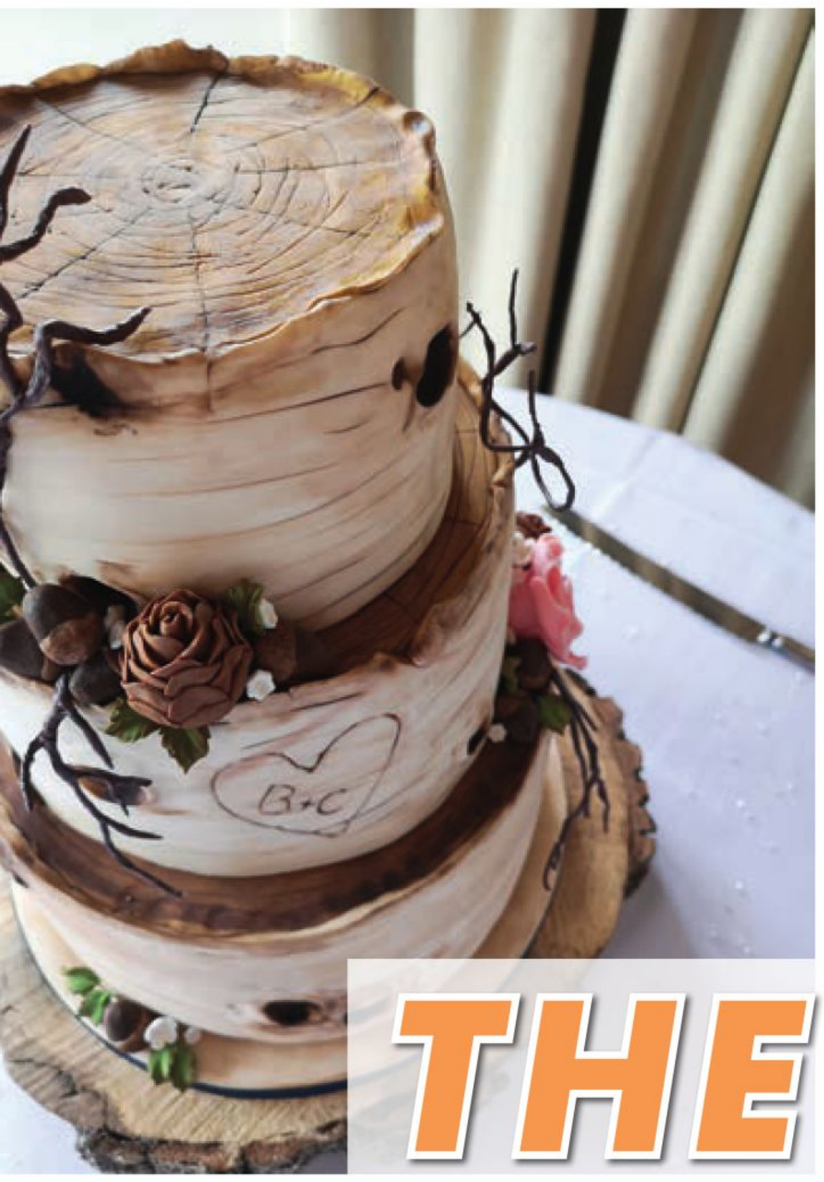

THE SWEET SPOT

A celebration of all things cake

Alexandra Bishop started her bespoke cake and catering company almost six years ago after training as a professional chef and pastry chef. Based in Netley Abbey, Southampton The Pastry Corner has since gone from strength to strength.

She says, "We love every celebration we cater for, but weddings have to be our favourite. Being asked to be a part of a couple's big day is so special and means the world to us."

All their cakes are one-offs, made to each couple's individual requirements.

"We arrange a cake-tasting and consultation afternoon, they get to sit and enjoy cake, while we chat all things wedding with them in order to create the design for their dream cake," explains Alexandra.

Designed to not only look good, but taste great too, there are more than 70 different delicious flavours to choose from with raspberry and white chocolate, passion fruit and coconut, lemon and elderflower and tropical carrot cake, among the most popular. What's not to love!

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Self-taught baking supremo Alice Gates started her cake making business in 2018, after deciding it was time for a career change.

She says, "I've always had a passion and love for all things cake, so I decided to delve into the world of sugar. I learnt everything I know, from books, watching YouTube videos and an awful lot of trial and error. But, as cliché as it sounds, practice really does make perfect.

"For me, after getting the cake to the venue safely (possibly the most nerve-wracking part of all), setting up and adding any finishing touches, the moment that you can walk away, look back at your creation with pride and know that you've played a big part in someone's special day, that's the best bit!"

You can order a wedding cake sample box, including all of her most popular flavours, or challenge her to come up with a new taste sensation. All her wedding cakes can be tailored to suit individual needs and likes. "The cake should be the fun part of the day, so go wild and get creative," she adds.

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Making birthday cakes for her two daughters gave rise to Dorset-based Jen Thomas' passion for baking, so much so she switched from a career as a police constable to dedicate herself to it. Great news for newlyweds-to-be as at the beginning of 2019 she decided to steer her fledgling business Cakey Lulu's in a new direction specialising in wow-factor wedding cakes with beautifully detailed sugar flowers.

"I fell in love with the whole process, designing, baking and decorating," she explains. As well as luxury bespoke wedding cakes, she offers drool-worthy dessert tables and edible favours to complement couples' big-day themes and colour schemes.

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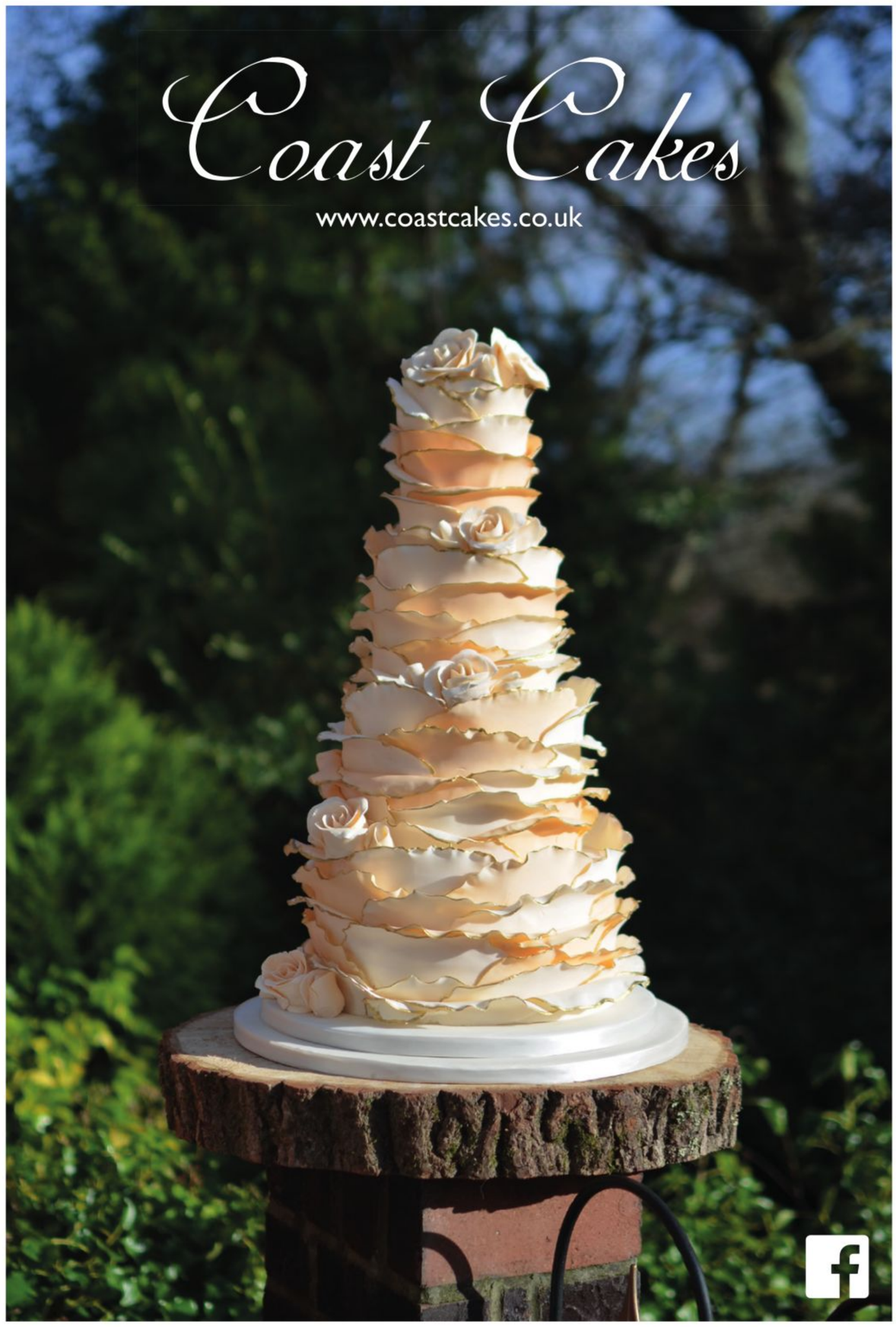

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Ever since Bonita Elms was a young child, she loved to help her mum and grandmother bake in their busy family kitchens. A big high five to that, as now we get to share the joy by showcasing some of her showstopping big-day bakes.

"Over the years, baking has become my kind of meditation alongside a nice cup of tea or my favourite tipple; a large gin and tonic!" she reveals.

Since launching her wedding cake business Bonita Bakes in July last year, she's already gained recognition recently winning the Regional South West and National titles for her sea-themed wedding cake (pictured middle top) at The Cake Professionals Awards in March.

"I'm always keen to try different and unusual decoration ideas and for this cake I used rice paper moulded and painted to create the effect of flowing waves. I also love to design natural and artistic finishes. Using Italian and traditional buttercreams allows me to add delicious flavours too," she adds.

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Creators of award-winning wedding cakes Dorset-based Coast Cakes opened in 2010. Specialists in bespoke creations, owner Jenny Bronsell is a qualified chef, with distinctions in pastry and patisserie. She says, "It's extremely important to me that your cake will taste as good as it looks."

Looking ahead she predicts that semi-naked wedding cakes will remain popular; great decorated with English country garden flowers.

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HOT TOPIC

Local experts on all things wedding

Great cake expectations

We love cake but can't agree on what to have for our wedding because there's so much choice. Any ideas to help us decide?

Alexandra says: Despite being one of the oldest wedding traditions, cakes for the big day have changed dramatically over the years and continue to evolve. Trends vary from year to year, which is exciting for us. Every couple has their own concept and ideas and we have the honour of bringing them to life. Here are a few of the trends currently causing a stir to help inspire you.

❤ Rather than a traditional tiered creation, there's a move towards having a range of sweet treats instead. We've been creating towers of brownies, doughnuts and even individual cheesecakes. This is a fantastic way of making the cake more accessible to guests, as they can help themselves, with no waiting for the cake to be cut. Plus, who doesn't want to be dancing the night away, doughnut in hand!

❤ Naked cakes remain popular and I reckon they're here to stay, along with buttercream designs. Many people are looking for alternatives to the usual icings and are choosing softer gooier options. Influenced by dwindling love for traditional fruitcake, couples want their guests to be really excited to eat their cake. Decorations have become lighter too, with the use of fresh ingredients proving increasingly popular. I mean who doesn't want to eat a cake covered in delicious fresh berries! To add to the more relaxed look, fresh flowers, rather than sugar ones, are a popular choice. This is a great way for couples to tie in other elements by incorporating blooms used for the wedding flowers.

❤ Dramatic illusion cakes are a hot trend for next year and beyond. Made to look as though they're floating, or with clear boxes used to separate the tiers, they're a real statement piece and fantastic talking point. It's also a great way to add height, without the need for too much cake. We have some fantastic new designs in mind using these techniques and can't wait to showcase them in the coming months.

Alexandra Bishop | Owner | www.thepastrycorner.co.uk

BAD HAIR DAY

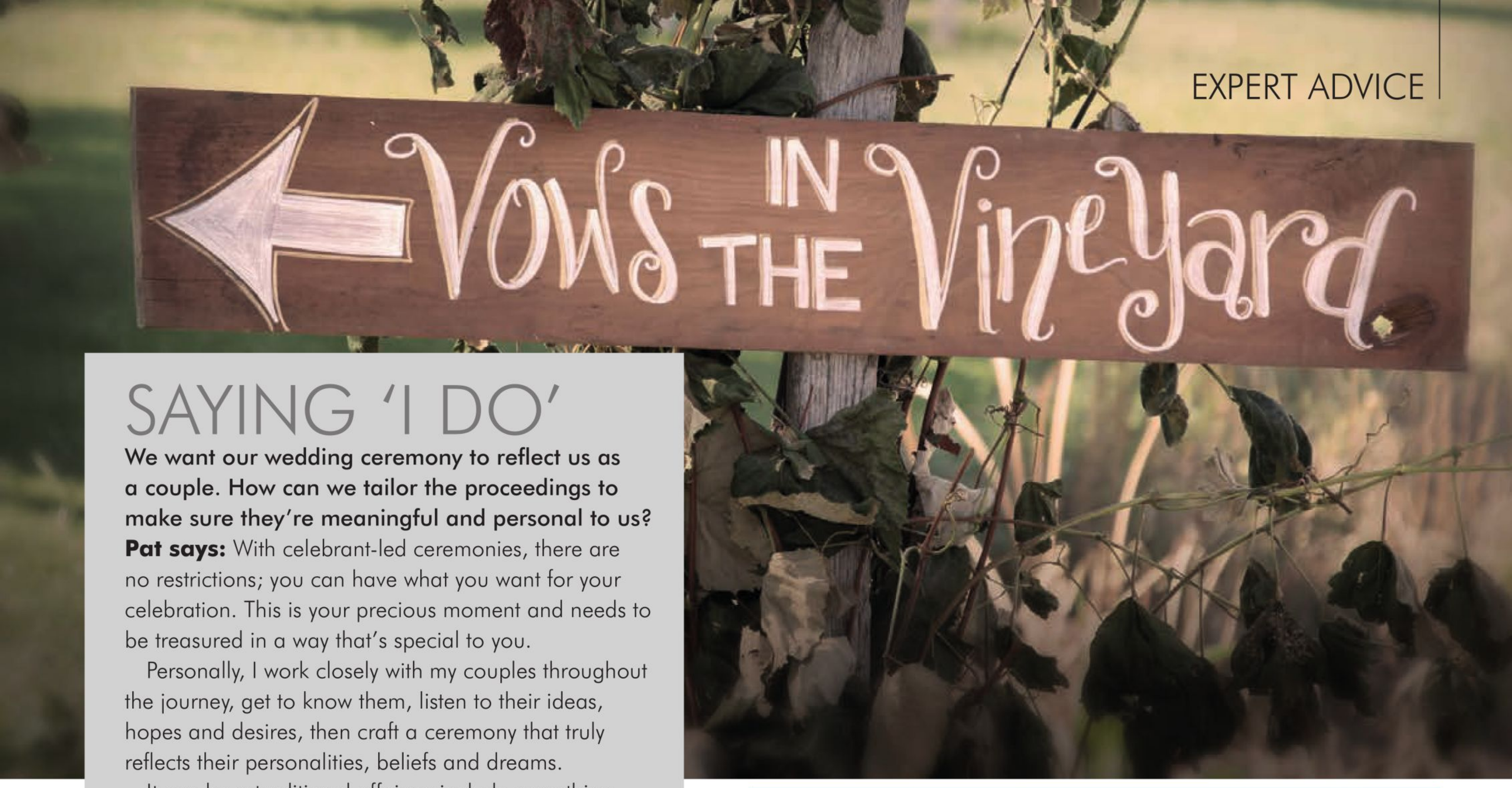
After weeks without my usual regular trips to the hairdresser my hair's a mess and my roots are a nightmare. What can I do without the risk of making matters worse?

Natasha says: Even if you can't go out, you still want your hair to look nice and healthy, you may even have meetings to do from home, so making sure your hair looks good is important. To keep your locks in good condition use a masque once a week to provide essential vitamins and help prevent spilt ends. I'd recommend the Neal's Yard range for great results.

When it comes to coloured hair the first thing to do is use a special shampoo designed to avoid stripping the colour and making it dull. Charles Worthington has a fantastic selection.

If your roots are starting to show and you're getting stressed about it, then firstly don't! It's a look that seems to be very in at the moment. However, if it's making you feel down, you can give your colour a boost with Root Touch-Up hair dye, great for covering roots and greys between regular treatments. Make sure to get the right shade though to match yours!

Natasha Wiggins | Hair and make-up artist | www.nwmake-up.co.uk



SAYING 'I DO'

We want our wedding ceremony to reflect us as a couple. How can we tailor the proceedings to make sure they're meaningful and personal to us?

Pat says: With celebrant-led ceremonies, there are no restrictions; you can have what you want for your celebration. This is your precious moment and needs to be treasured in a way that's special to you.

Personally, I work closely with my couples throughout the journey, get to know them, listen to their ideas, hopes and desires, then craft a ceremony that truly reflects their personalities, beliefs and dreams.

It can be a traditional affair or include something like a handfasting, jumping the broom or a beautiful sand ceremony; the creative possibilities are endless. You may want to incorporate a particular theme to reflect your interests, there's no time or word limit, you can include religious references, or not - it's up to you. It's your day and you can celebrate it your way in the location of your choice.

Pat Morgan | Independent celebrant | www.momentsintimeceremonies.co.uk

A matter of convenience

We're planning to celebrate our marriage with a festival-style marquee reception. The site is quite remote and although we want it to be as wild and wonderful as possible we want to provide proper toilet facilities for our guests. What would you advise for a party of 200 or more?

Susie says: Ensuring that your guests are well looked after when you're in an isolated location is really important. Worrying about toilets is the last thing you want on the day, so choosing a local firm with an excellent reputation, expertise and a professional service will give you the confidence to enjoy your special celebration hassle-free. Meet with the team ahead of the big day to make sure your VIP unit can be set up where you want it. Normally, they just need level ground so the unit is stable. Most companies will want a site visit to confirm suitability.

Request that the loos are delivered and set up by the company at a time of your choosing (normally the day before), and have a test run before they leave so you know it's all in full working order! Most units need normal household electricity, which can be supplied direct or with a generator. Just in case there's a problem on the big day, ask for a 24-hour contact number. For a big party like yours, you'd be looking at a unit with at least three ladies loos and three for the gents, don't scrimp though as it's a party and the more people drink, the more they'll need to use them!

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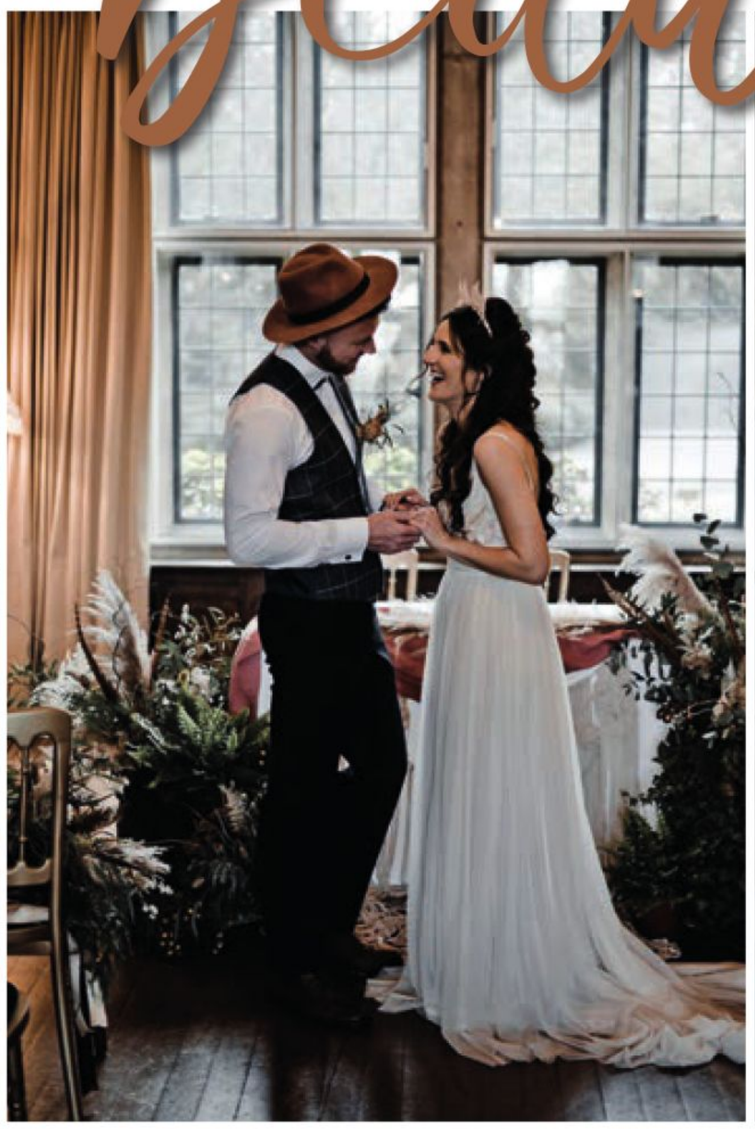

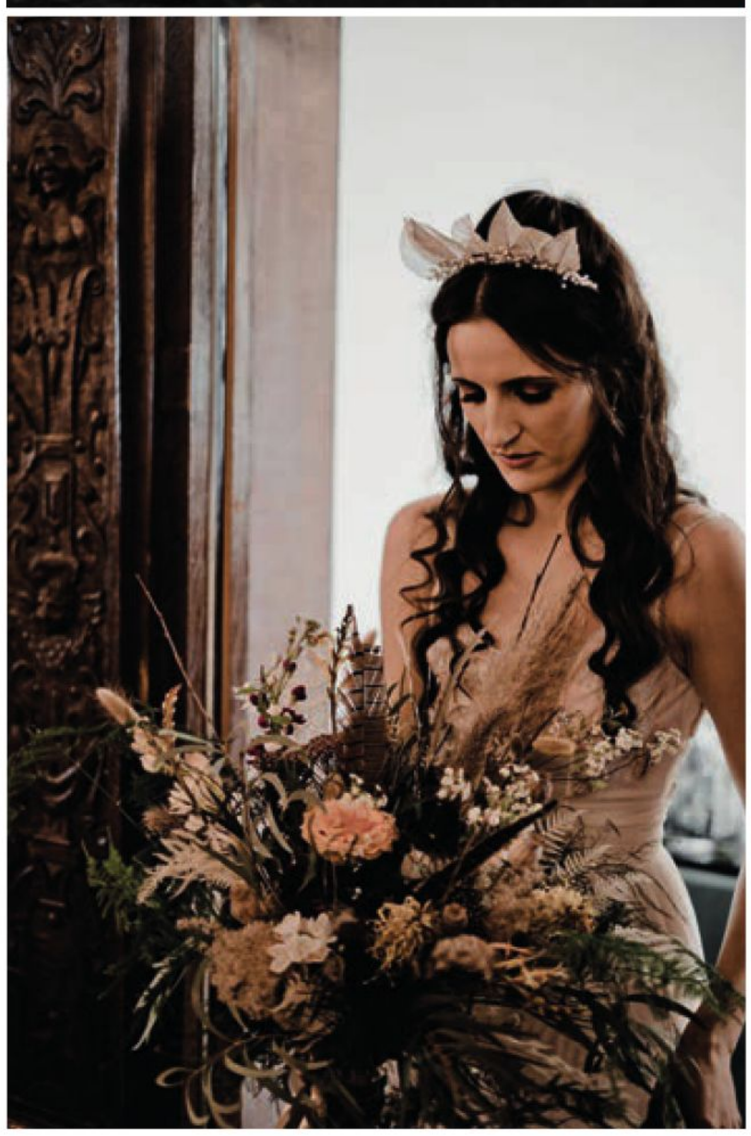

Add a wild and wonderful edge to your wedding

Images courtesy of ST.udio Photography

If you're looking to step outside the box for your big day, this stunning shoot is sure to inspire. Think dreamcatchers, plooms of feathery pampas grass, macramé hangings and quirky touches, not to mention a funky glamping tent with all the trimmings! Photographer Sammie Toomer explains, "We wanted to combine a natural, relaxed boho style with a rock-chic vibe."

Nestled in the heart of the New Forest, magical wedding venue Minstead Lodge provided the perfect atmospheric backdrop for local suppliers to use all this and more to create an alternative look for free-thinking couples wanting to have their day, their way – enjoy!

THE CREATIVE CREW

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EXPECTATIONS GREAT EXPECTATIONS

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

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Our Signature Wedding Shows are held in some of the most recognised sporting and event venues in the UK. Brides- and grooms-to-be will be in awe of the sleek and stylish setting of Mercedes-Benz World, Surrey, sited on the famous Brooklands race circuit – you can even have an on-the-day driving experience should you wish!

Follow in the footsteps of royalty at Ascot Racecourse, Berkshire, situated on Crown Estate, it's the Royal Racecourse frequently visited by the Queen and hosts some of the biggest meets in the racing calendar; and, from one world-renowned location to another, why not attend our wedding show at Wembley Stadium, London, for a truly spectacular setting – from England to Brazil, all the greats have played here.

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

ON THE DAY DELIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

Sarah x

Sarah Ellis, Sales and Events Director County Wedding Events.

Psst! The first 100 couples through the door will receive a free Wedding Journal Keepsake, and our pre-registered visitors will have the chance to win a £250 gift voucher courtesy of Spabreaks.com

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THE BRENTWOOD CENTRE, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
MERCEDES-BENZ WORLD, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
WEMBLEY STADIUM, 4TH OCTOBER, 2020
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Pre-register for all of our events at **countyweddingevents.com**

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Squad goals

Dressing the bridal party sorted!

The mums play a star role in the bridal party and want to shine on the big day too. Many agonise about what to wear, the right colours to choose, hat or fascinator, killer heels or comfy flats? The choice can be overwhelming, especially if you're not used to shopping for special occasion wear. Local suppliers are here to help with a wealth of insider knowledge and top tips.

ONE-STOP-SHOP

Award-winning Southsea-based Creatiques bridal boutique has been in business for more than 27 years and offers a personal one-to-one service to make finding the one truly memorable, not only for brides, but mums as well.

Co-founder Andrew Pearce explains, "We now have our 'in-boutique' for mothers-of-the-bride and -groom. We've spent a long time creating a capsule collection including designers Ella Boo, Lizabella and Labella, to work alongside our beautiful bridal range." With a wide choice of colours and styles available, in sizes from eight to 26, and more arriving weekly, they're looking forward to offering a full range when they're open for business as usual.

"The shopping experience is important for the mums too and we feel they should be given just as much attention as our brides so we offer an appointment-only, full styling consultation at the boutique to make sure they can feel confident about choosing the perfect outfit," adds Andrew.

TREND ALERTS

- **New colours coming through for the next season include coral, silver grey, blush pink and duck-egg blue shades, metallic silver, gold, navy blue and black accents.**
- **Think Sabrina and draped necklines, flouncy jackets, bold prints, twisted collar details, trouser suits and two-piece outfits.**

ANDREW'S TOP TIP

To complete the overall look we always recommend choosing a colour that runs through the wedding but that won't overpower the bride.

Visit www.creatiques.co.uk

John Charles trouser suit style no. 26863

For an alternative twist many mums are opting for a more modern dress or trouser suit rather than a traditional dress and jacket, reports Julie of Charisma of Fawley.

"Latest trends for wedding outfits are lace sleeves, pastel colours, longer length, fuller skirts or soft pleats," she adds.

Visit www.charismaoffawley.co.uk

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NEED TO KNOW

Expert Steve Taylor, owner of long-established special occasion boutique Fab Frocks in Westbourne, Bournemouth shares his five-point plan to help make the wed-shop stress-free!

1. Talk to the bride

Simple, yet effective. If you've not done it yet, sit down to discuss ideas as your first point of call before starting the search. Now would be a great time to flick through wedding magazines and Pinterest together to get on the same page.

2. Choose your colours

Coordinating your colours with the bridal party will help you pick something that will look good in the wedding photos. You don't need to match the bridesmaids but you do want to avoid clashing with them.

3. Don't dive in

It's easy to get carried away in the excitement as soon as you get the news, but it's always best to wait a while before shopping for your outfit. Confirmation of the venue and time of year will give you the info you need to get the look right and avoid shopping regret later.

4. Compare notes

Even if you want your outfit to be a surprise, make sure you compare notes with the mother-of-the groom to avoid any embarrassment. Or better still why not go shopping together? Sharing details of the brand, colour and general style of your outfit will ensure you don't turn up with the same look.

5. Have fun

The most important thing to remember is to enjoy the process. Choose something you'll feel comfortable and confident in all day and you can't lose.

Visit www.fabfrocks.co.uk

ONE OF A KIND

With more than 35 years experience in the industry, founder and creative director of Hampshire-based Olivia Bea Designs Jane Beagrie is renowned for her beautiful bespoke creations. She designs and makes original occasion wear, hats and accessories - so no fear of anyone else turning up in the same outfit on the big day!

"I love creating beautiful bespoke garments and accessories that show people's individuality and style," she says.

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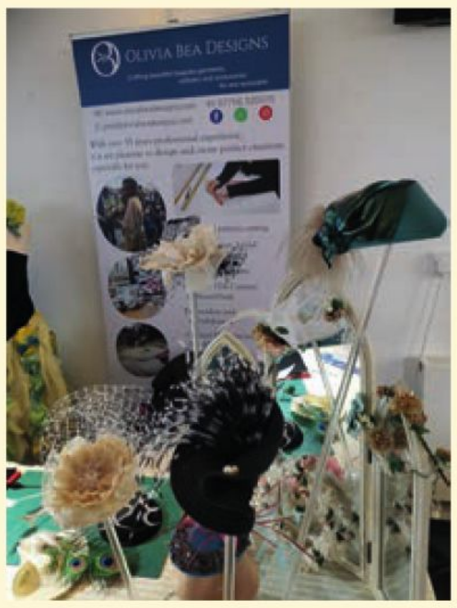

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YOUR BEST GIRLS

When it comes to your bridesmaids, finding something to please everyone can be a challenge. The larger your posse, the trickier the task. Bridal designer and dressmaker Holly Winter knows first-hand how difficult it can be from planning her own big day. With three bridesmaids, not only all different shapes and sizes, but spread across the UK, including one in Montreal and her flowergirl and pageboy in America, dressing her bridal party was always going to be a logistical minefield.

Holly says, "Even without transatlantic hurdles, decking out your bridesmaids can mean running a gauntlet of thorny issues and debatable grey areas for a lot of brides. One thing is clear however, it's imperative to choose outfits to flatter all figures."

HOLLY'S TOP TIPS

❤ **Bridal boutiques have tapped into the need for a one-dress-suits-all option and many now offer multi-way dresses with long sashes that can be styled differently for each bridesmaid and fastened to fit. However, boutique dresses often have to be ordered in so there could be a wait and when they do arrive, they may still need alterations, so factor the time and cost into your planning and budget.**

❤ **Go bespoke! I chose green and let each bridesmaid pick either pastel or forest (they all went for forest). I sent them five metres each of the same satin and simply asked them to have it made into something they'd want to wear again. For the two children, I made a cravat for the pageboy and tied a matching ribbon to my flowergirl's wand. Although the initial cost is typically more expensive than the high street or even some boutiques, they didn't have to pay for alterations on top or compromise on dress style.**

Visit www.hollywintercouture.com

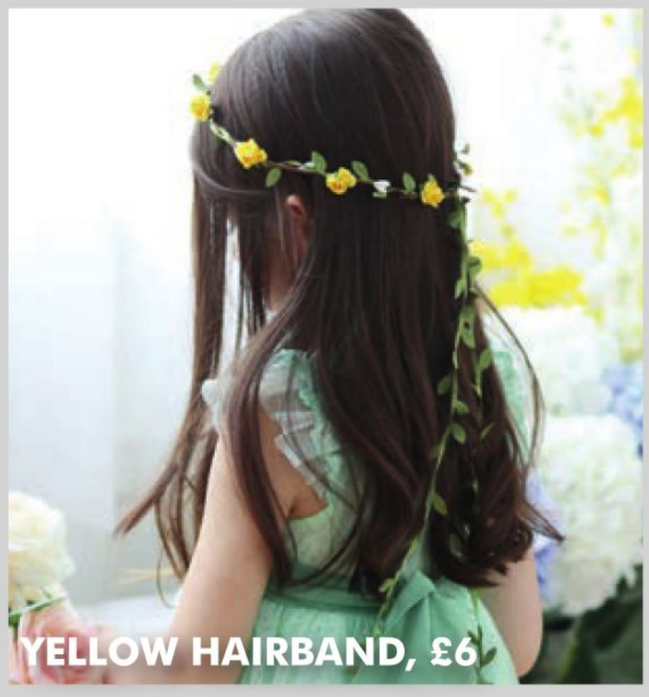
DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE ONES

For ahh factor, nothing quite beats a pageboy or flowergirl in their big-day best, great for cute photos.

WE LOVE...

These pretty floral hairbands for the littlest members of the bridal party both from www.ellajames.co.uk

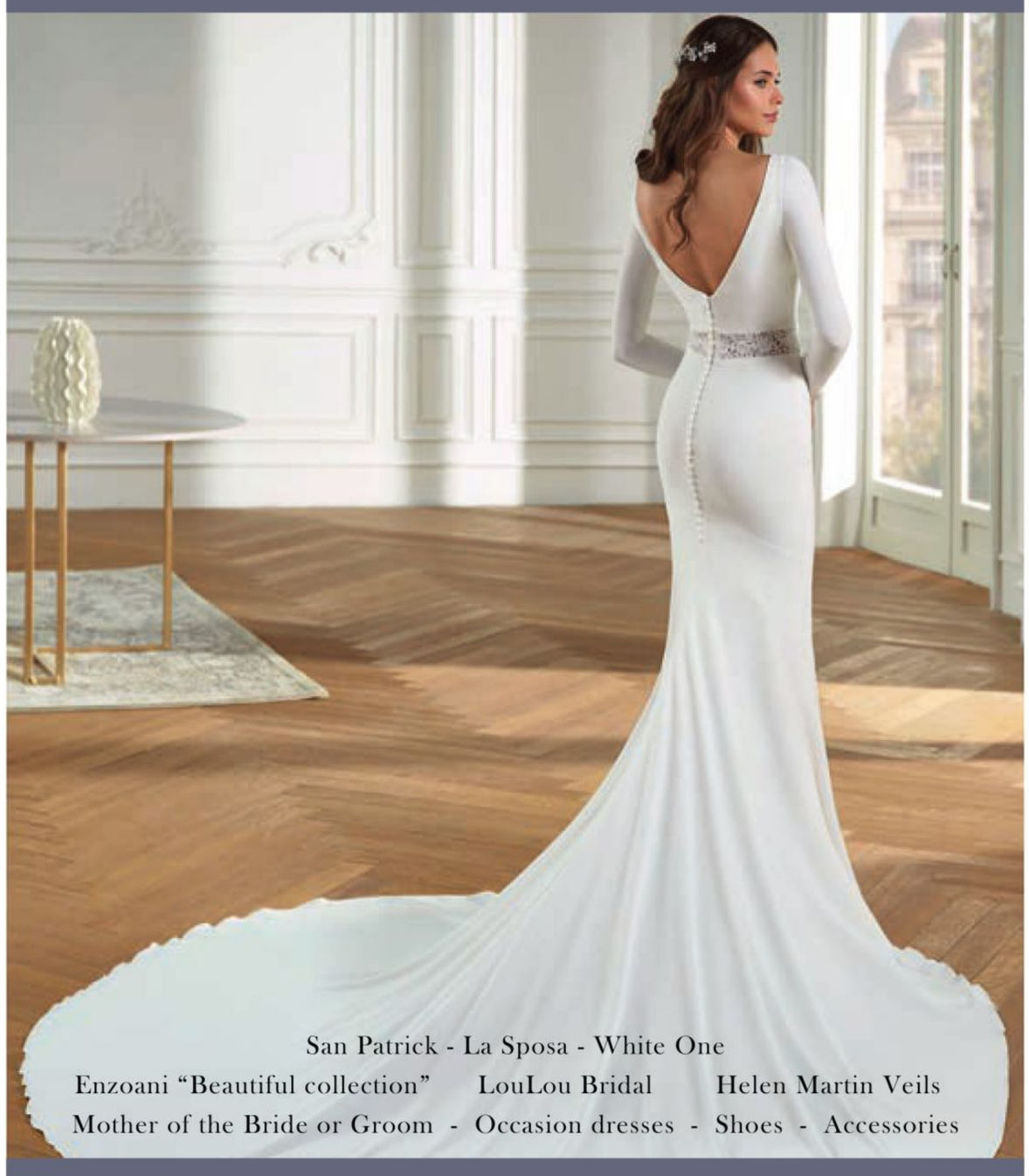
BLUSH PINK FLORAL HAIRBAND, £8.50



YELLOW HAIRBAND, £6

CARINA ROSE BRIDAL

Beautiful bridal wear starts here



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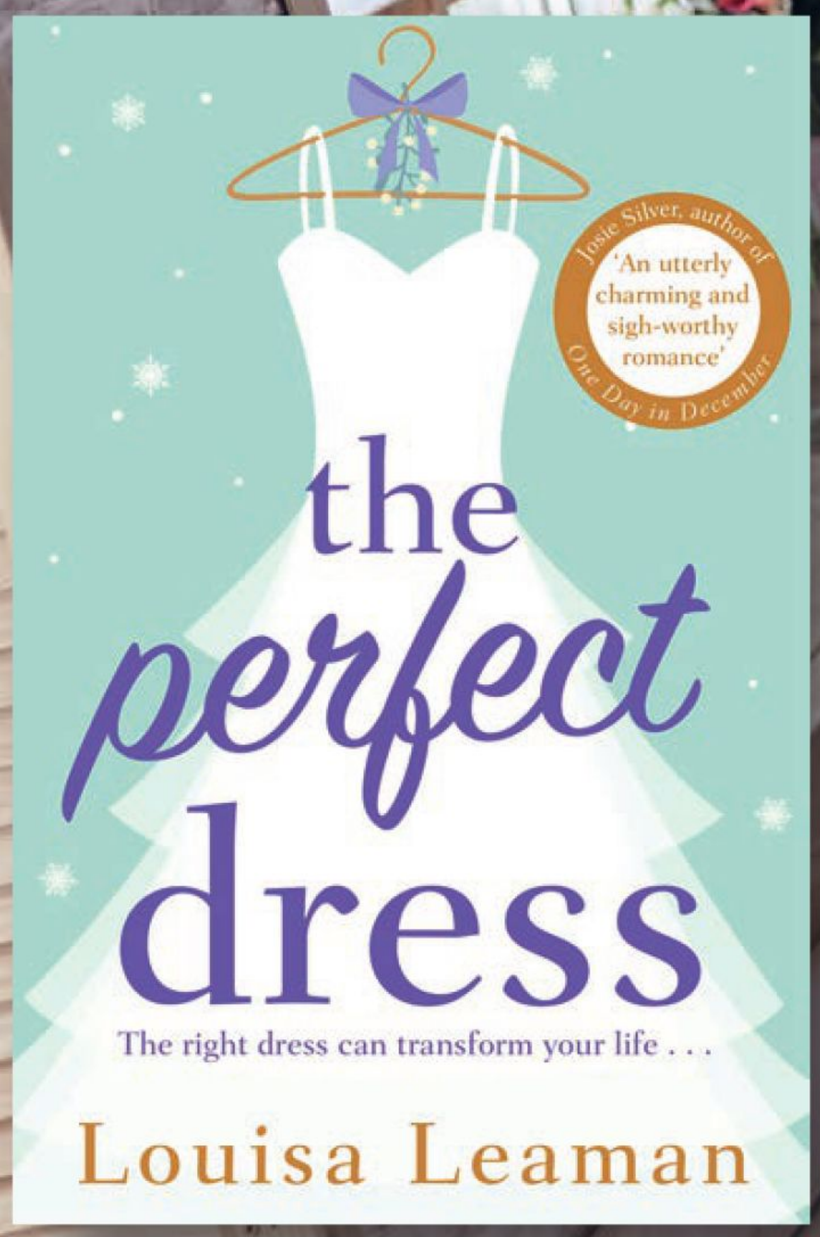
Dressed TO PERFECTION

Author Louisa Leaman shares her inspired guide to finding *the one*



Francesca Delaney, the wedding boutique-owning character of my novel, *The Perfect Dress,* has a particular mission in mind when choosing dresses for her brides. From 1930s full-length satin to crepe minis from the 1960s, she has the ability to 'feel' the wisdoms and stories woven into these vintage gowns, which she then matches to her customers, depending on what she thinks they need to make them happy. I had enormous fun researching the book and learned so much about wedding dresses and what they mean to their owners. Here is my guide to finding your own 'perfect' wedding dress – the one that sums you up and makes you feel amazing, whoever you are, whatever you're into.

There are many codes and conventions surrounding the concept of the wedding dress, some as old as time, some defined by fashion blogs and trends, so it can be hard to know where to start. Do you know your sheath from your empire line? Your mermaid from your trumpet skirt? If you're not sure what shapes and cuts suit you, study the clothing you already have in your wardrobe. That favourite top or dress that you love, the one that makes you feel super confident and beautiful – what is it that works so well? The waist? The fabric? The neckline?

One of the most important garments you'll ever wear, your wedding dress is a chance to really

express yourself. All eyes will be on you and your image will be captured in photos that you'll want to keep forever. Naturally, you'll want your look to be perfect. The key question is: what does perfect mean to you? Start asking yourself questions – a bit of self-exploration to bring your true wedding dreams to light. Here are some ideas (get your journal ready!):

What would I wear if I wasn't afraid of wearing anything?
If I had no limits (budget, shape, etc.) what kind of dress would I choose?
Who do I admire most in the world?
What are the things I'm most passionate about?
What do I like/not like to do?
What makes me unique?
What are my greatest accomplishments in life so far?
What are my values?
What would I want people to say about my dress?
The wedding dress genie gives me three wishes: what would they be?
What would I wear if I knew no one would judge me?
What do I like most about myself?
What do I believe in?
What or who would I be if I knew I couldn't fail?

In the past, wedding dresses were often designed and worn to imply a sense of wealth or purity. Today's brides have a lot more social freedom. Anything goes and this is our privilege. It's your wedding, your marriage, your life, so let your bridal wear be a presentation of the best version of your individual self. There's nothing wrong with impressing an audience – an aisle is a big old stage to walk down – but impress for the right reasons. Make your dress about you, the heart of you. Maybe a fairytale vision is what you desire, or a bohemian statement. If you want to go down the traditional line and marry in a white dress and veil, embrace it. If you want to wear a red swing dress, that's fine. If you love super short leather mini dresses – great! Or maybe you never wear dresses at all, so how about a trouser suit? The point is to wear what makes you comfortable in your skin, so that you can be happy, relaxed and free to enjoy your day.

Talking of enjoying the day, your overall wedding plans may need to have a little bit of sway over your choice of ensemble. That white silk fishtail gown might not be the most practical apparel for a marquee on a farm. How hard will your dress have to work? Are you hoping to limbo dance on a beach at sunset or do you intend to glide gracefully around a polished ballroom? Perhaps you'd like to wear multiple dresses – something long and formal for the ceremony, something short, glitzy and dance-proof for the after-party, in which case you've got double the challenge – and double the fun.

Armed with this knowledge, it's time to key into your feelings. If a gown ticks your criteria but doesn't make you burst into smiles and shout 'OMG! THE ONE!' then it's best to keep looking. That magic moment, you'll know it when it happens. It doesn't have to involve tears, but it should at least get you glowing inside. What then, if you have the 'moment' with lots of dresses? Step away, let the dust settle. If the special one is among the crop, it will come to light. It'll be the one you can't stop thinking about it or that you keep coming back to. So take a second look.

Wedding dress shopping is a lovely experience for everyone involved, but if you're something of a people-pleaser, it can be hard not to bend to what your mum, sister, chief bridesmaid, or shop assistant gets excited about. So it's crucial to listen to your own instincts. Keep bringing it back to: how does this dress reflect my personality and values? And remember, there's nothing wrong with throwing out the rulebook!

Did you know that the white dress has only been common convention for a short time? Throughout history and around the world, colour is widely worn. Just look at the amazing, boldly coloured Asian wedding saris. Or how about exploring the historical wedding dress collection at the Victoria & Albert Museum, where dresses of colour and pattern are abundant? You could also consider vintage. In a pre-owned gown, you may be able to find something unique, timeless and beautifully crafted, at a fraction of the cost. It's never been chicer to make your wedding dress your 'something old'. Retro clothing is experiencing a boom, not just because of its nostalgic silhouettes, but because the sustainable principles are good for the planet.

Perhaps the future of the wedding dress is individualism. This doesn't mean your ensemble has to become some kind of novelty Disney Princess meets *Game of Thrones* affair (unless, of course, that's what you want!) – the aim is to filter away any misguided beliefs and deceptions, so that you can begin your wedding dress-finding mission with a clear, truthful vision of what matters to you. It's about knowing yourself and not fearing judgement – which is surely wise advice for life itself, not just bridal couture.

The Perfect Dress by Louisa Leaman is published on 14th May by Corgi. Available from www.waterstones.com, RRP £7.99.

TOUCH OF SPARKLE

Online jewellery store Ruby & Oscar has launched a debut wedding jewellery collection featuring contemporary and classic styles in eight different categories. Pieces include a mixed-metal pearl necklace with matching earrings and a tanzanite penda

nt perfect for that *something blue*.

There's free delivery and a lifetime warranty on all orders. To shop, visit www.rubyandoscar.com/wedding

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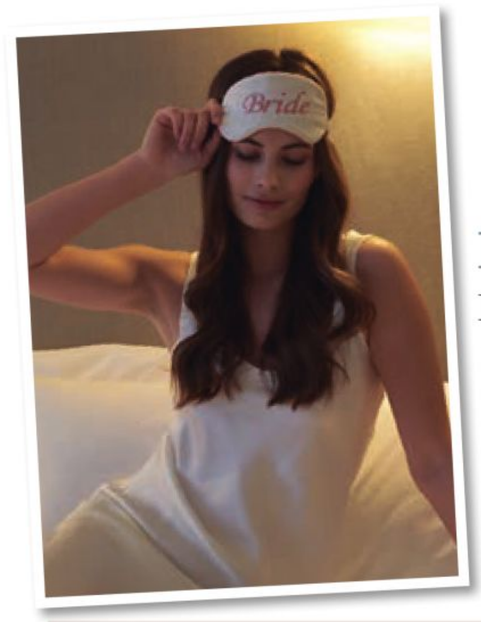

BEAUTY SLEEP

Luxury British sleepwear brand, Bonsoir of London, has launched a bridal collection consisting of silk separates, a vintage-style silk nightdress, a kimono short gown, and a *Bride* and *Mrs* eye mask in blush and ivory.

The collection has been made using premium materials hand-crafted in Somerset. To shop, visit https://bonsoiroflondon.com

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Shape of you

Popular bridal brand Grace Loves Lace has launched three new dresses featuring a stretch bustier providing traditional shaping and full bust support without the restriction of traditional boning and corsetry. Sizes range from 28A to 42E, and the three new gowns are called *Palm*, *Poppy* and *Izabel*, with prices starting from £1,400. Each style comes with an assortment of armbands and straps, included in the price, for brides to create their own individual look.

To shop, visit https://graceloveslace.com grace_loves_lace

DRESS UP

Bridal and women's evening wear brand Rowley Hesselballe London has launched in the UK. Co-founded by friends and former fashion buyers Rosie Poole and Canan Hesselballe, this online label offers modern and affordable bridal, bridesmaid and evening wear directly to customers with next day delivery available in the UK and across Europe. The collection has been carefully made allowing for minimum alterations and includes silk, lace, and chiffon dresses and jumpsuits featuring draping, soft pleating and other elegant detailing. There are white and champagne tones for brides, and red, navy and emerald shades for bridesmaids and guests. Sizes range from XS to XL and prices start from £249 to £999.

Hand-crafted pearl, feather and silk headpieces and hair accessories complete the collection with prices ranging from £129 to £329.

To shop, visit www.rowleyhesselballe.com

Editor loves

This 18-carat rose gold vermeil bracelet with rainbow moonstone, £100, by jewellery brand Katie Belle is a wonderful wedding keepsake. Other items include gold, sterling silver and rose gold vermeil necklaces that can be engraved with the wedding date, a name or a message. To shop, visit https://katie-belle.com

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FASHION *focus*

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

Designer-inspired

Mackays has launched a new occasionwear brand called GL/AMOUR, a collection of designer-inspired dresses and separates available in flattering silhouettes with embellished details. Sizes range from 8 to 18 with prices starting from £59. To shop, visit www.gl-amour.co.uk glamourofficialuk

EDITOR'S FAVOURITE

Children's formalwear brand Roco offer a great selection of stylish yet affordable pieces for weddings, like this blue suit ideal for pageboys priced between £39.99 and £44.99, depending on size. To shop, visit www.rococlothing.co.uk

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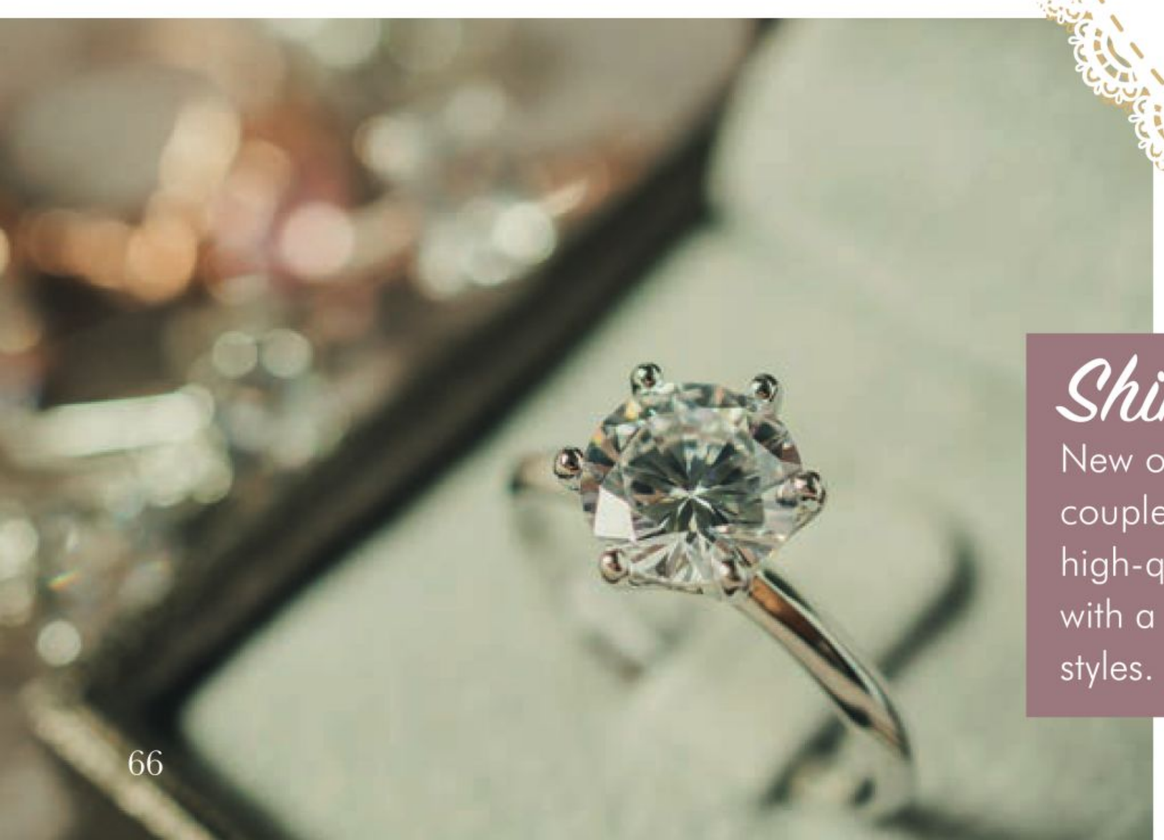
Shine like a diamond

New online custom diamond service The Orange River offers couples the opportunity to design a ring that's shipped directly within weeks. Both high-quality, naturally mined diamonds and lab-grown stones are available, all with a certificate of authentication, and there's also a collection of ready-made styles. To shop, visit www.theorangeriver.co.uk orangeriverstore



Romance and ruffles

Cascading tiers, layers, pleats and ruffles decorate bridal gowns this season

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These wedding dresses in shimmery metallic shades and soft pastel tones are the perfect pick for brides not wanting to wear white

Neal by Ashley Graham x Pronovias, www.pronovias.com

Style no 20-54 by www.berta.com

Look 27 by Morilee Madeline Gardner, www.morilee.com

Vienna by https://phillipalepley.com

Carrington by https://kitristudio.com

Emery by www.katyakatya.co.uk

Elsa by www.motasem.co.uk

Seliin by www.rowleyhesselballe.com

Daphne by www.temperleylondon.com

Lemon yellow dress, £75, www.chichiclothing.com

Sterling silver cubic zirconia ring, £30, www.jonrichard.com

Peach and ivory earrings, £18, www.oliverbonas.com

Lemon tiered dress, £99, https://uk.monsoon.co.uk

Feather pom pom fascinator, £40, Jasper Conran at www.debenhams.com

Sorbet shades

This season's bridesmaids' dresses and accessories come in gelato-inspired colours of peach, raspberry, lemon and pistachio

Gelato Italian silk georgette tiered gown, price on application, www.bnvcouture.com

Silver-plated toggle bracelet, £20, www.jonrichard.com

Ice cream purse, £1.99, www.bhf.org.uk

Pastel gelly hi-shine nail paint in Lavender, Iced Latte, Berry Sorbet and Candy Floss, £3.99 each, https://barrym.com

Pistachio green chiffon dress, from a selection, Lipsy at www.next.co.uk

Pink chiffon halterneck dress, from a selection, Essentials Collection by www.truebride.co.uk

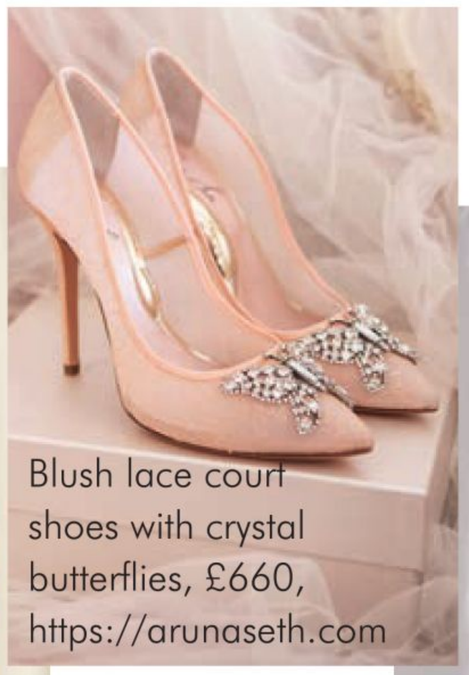
Personalised smash cup in strawberry pink chocolate, £24.99, www.gettingpersonal.co.uk

Great gift idea!

Peach satin sandals, £89.99, www.lulipashoes.co.uk

Ivory strappy peeptoes, £395, www.emmylondon.com

Platform peeptoes with crystal back detail, £84.99 per pair, Lulipa London at www.zalando.co.uk



Blush lace court shoes with crystal butterflies, £660, https://arunaseth.com

Embellished styles this season from www.renecaovilla.com/gb/

White embroidered Mrs pouch bag, £40, https://uk.monsoon.co.uk

Satin peeptoes with organza ties, £220, www.harrietwilde.com

Flower embellished shoes, £310, https://dianehassall.com

Shoe-spiration, from a selection, www.sophiawebster.com

Best foot forward

These Insta-worthy styles feature #feathers #crystals #butterflies and #bling

Embellished court shoes, £175, matching clutch bag, £80, www.dunelondon.com

Wifey For Lifey court shoes, £495, matching bag, £295, www.sophiawebster.com

Crystal-encrusted T-bar sandals with ostrich feathers, matching ostrich feather bag, from a selection, www.jimmychoo.com

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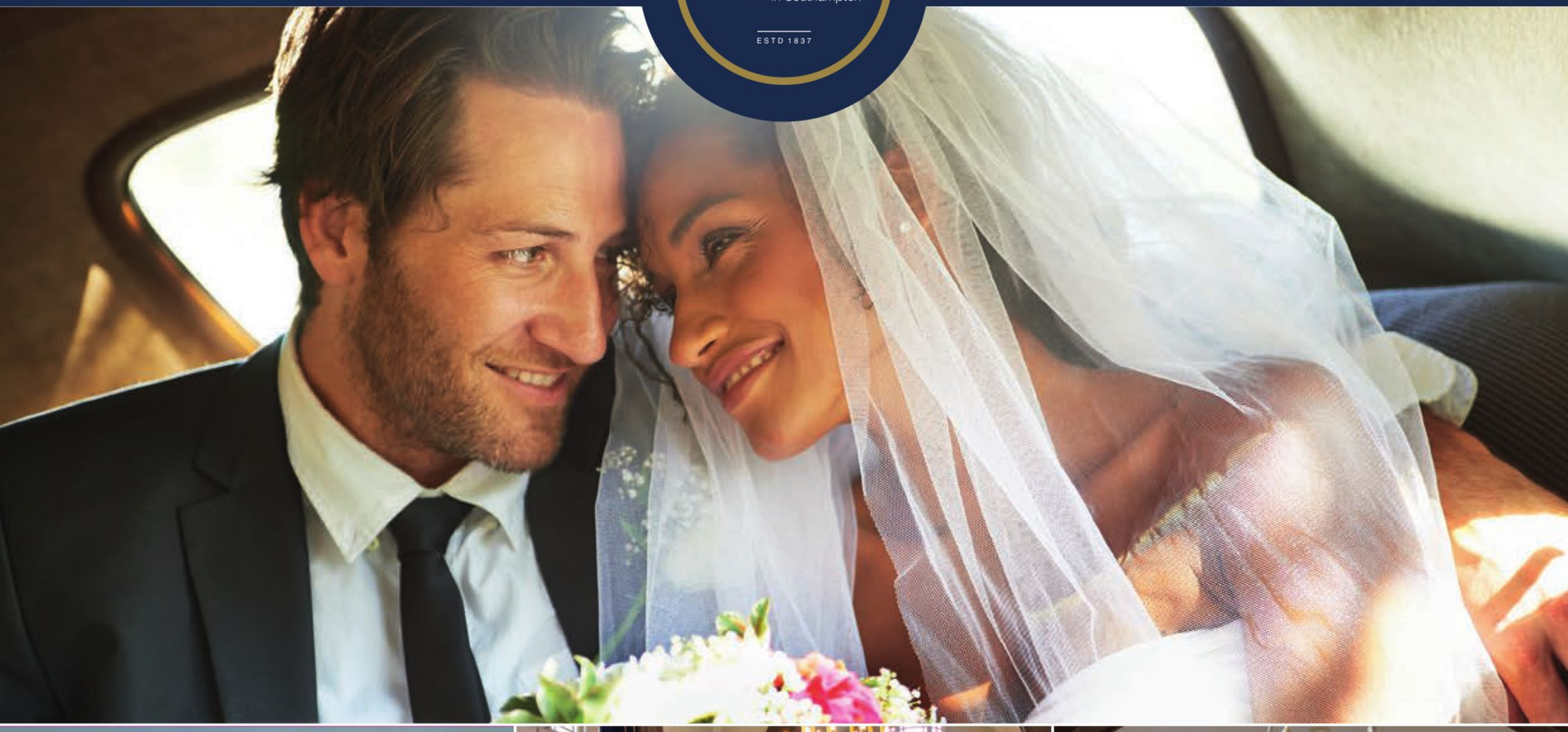

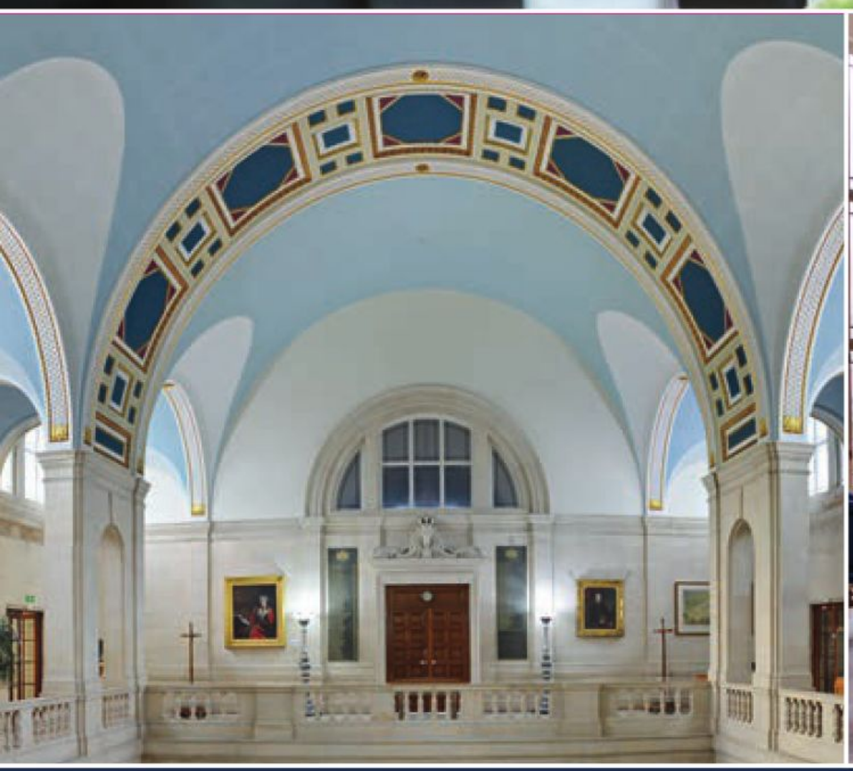

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HOLLYWOOD *glamour*

Style icon Marlene Dietrich was the inspiration behind this bespoke fashion shoot

Images courtesy of Photography by Paloma

Take your cue from the glamorous and pioneering golden age of film for a bridal look with a difference. Hampshire-based bridalwear designer and maker Holly Winter shows how with her original creations inspired by the Hollywood heyday of Marlene Dietrich. Famed for her androgynous style, the iconic star was constantly reinventing herself throughout her long career and for pushing the boundaries of conventional fashion.

"This year sees the 90th anniversary of one of her most famous films *Morocco* in which she scandalously wore a top hat, bow tie and tux," explains Holly. "For me, she embodied an irreverent femininity in the film that refused to conform to expectations of what a woman should look like and how she should behave. She ventured beyond gender decades before its broad public discussion and I adore her for challenging the stereotypes that many brides continue to rally against."

Combining the star's flair for traditional masculine tailoring with a feminine, bridal edge, Holly included bow-tie-inspired motifs, trousers with detachable skirt overlays, a train with oversize bows, jumpsuits and a coat. New Hampshire wedding venue, The Boat Shed in Porchester provided the ideal backdrop for the alternative-style shoot.

THE CREATIVE CREW

Photography, www.photographybypaloma.co.uk; **Venue**, www.margotswedding.co.uk/the-boat-shed; **Bridalwear**, www.hollywintercouture.com; **Hair and Make-up**, www.tonisearlemua.com; **Headpieces**, www.peacockandpearl.co.uk; **Jewellery**, www.bishboshbecca.co.uk; **Shoes**, www.irregularchoice.com; **Flowers**, www.instagram.com/lilybee822; **Cakes**, www.annalewiscakes.com; **Stationery and signage,** www.flutterbeeze.co.uk; **Mobile bar**, www.effervescerefreshments.com; **Model**, www.instagram.com/gabbywaite97

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Let's be honest, removing unwanted hair is a totally laborious task for us ladies, and boring bad-smelling products do nothing to improve the situation. That's where Nuthing comes in. In bright colours of pink, blue and yellow, infused with non-plastic shimmer, and available in three fruity fragrances, hair removal is set to become something you look forward to.

The debut range available at Superdrug includes Shimmer Hair Removal Jelly (£9.99), Shimmer Hair Removal Wax (£12.99), and Simmer Shave & Shower Sorbet (£6.99). Discover more at www.nuthing.co.uk

BATHED IN LUXURY

This luxurious hand-whipped bath and shower wash is a real luxury for any pamper routine. Beautifully mild with no SLS or sulphates, it's kind to the skin and gently cleanses without drying. Soft and fluffy, it's bestowed with a light dusting of eco glitter for a touch of glam, and will leave you delicately fragranced with a scent of mimosa, jasmine, rose and white musk.

Check out www.prettylittletreats.co.uk where you'll find this beauty priced at £7, as well as many other little wonders available as super-cute wedding favours.

Beauty BUZZ

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

Scrub up well

Meet Sand & Sky's first body product: Australian Pink Clay Smoothing Body Sand. A whole new territory direct from the shores of the Aussie beach, delivered straight to your bathroom.

Not your average body scrub, this super smoothing four-in-one formula purifies, exfoliates, moisturises, and illuminates. Simply scoop a chunk of sand and massage over your body in circular motions. A little goes a long way. Rinse off and check that golden hour glimmer.

Priced at £29.90, find out more at www.sandandsky.com

BRIGHT EYES

BeautyBio's The Quench Eye is a breakthrough buildable balm that fills in fine lines and helps firm up the under-eye area. Persian silk tree bark addresses dark circles, while macadamia, olive and jojoba oils provide hydration, and create a shield against future damage from environmental aggressors.

Four skin lipids restore the critical protective layer for skin's elasticity and allow the delicate eye area to snap back into place after the daily strains. Your eyes will thank you for it. Available at Harrods in-store or online, priced at £95.

GLOWING BRIDE

If a gorgeous wedding-day glow is the look for you, check out this lavish new launch from Payot. Suitable for all skin types and gorgeously fragranced, it dresses the skin with a long-lasting, natural-looking tan. The ideal addition to your spring skincare regime, it nourishes dry winter skin and gives your complexion a healthy streak-free glow, with a gradual tanning effect.

Its cocktail of precious oils hydrate the skin, with colouration results visible from the first day of use.

Visit www.payot.com/GB/en to find out more.

LOVE LASHES

In a Strip lashes have introduced two new light and fluffy styles, taking inspiration from Lash Perfect British, the new natural eyelash extension trend. This collection of 10, super-soft, luxury strip lashes can be moulded to the shape of the eye thanks to the flexible band, and are easily applied with lash glue.

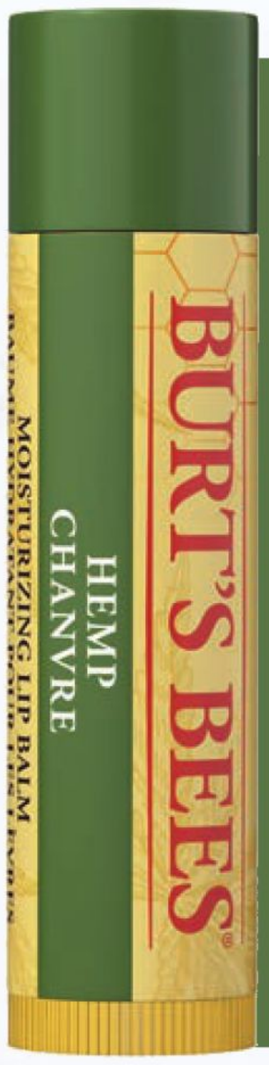
We're excited about the fact that they're available in brown as well as black, making them absolutely ideal if you're a fairer bride or prefer a more subtle big-day look.

Check out www.yourbeautyhive.co.uk where the lashes are available priced at £12.95.

Luscious locks

When it comes to big-day hair, extensions are a must in order to achieve many of the trending looks. Whether you're a long-time wearer or the idea is completely new to you, Great Lengths' new Own The Day collection showcases versatility and the possibilities you can achieve. From a full head of bonds adding length and texture, to a few Great Lengths tapes at the side for volume and lift, your wedding day is the time to go big, own it, and leave your guests in awe.

For more style ideas and stunning images from the Great Lengths team, head over to county.wedding and check out our Beauty News section. To find a certified salon or stylist near you, head over to www.greatlengthshair.co.uk/salon-locator



Lip service

Burt's Bees latest range sees the brand utilise the deeply hydrating benefits of hemp seed oil. We love the 100 per cent natural origin lip balm (£3.99), which hydrates and conditions dry lips. Formulated with hemp seed oil and infused with beeswax plus other naturally nourishing ingredients, its luxurious texture offers smooth application in one easy swipe, ensuring a big-day ready pout.

Find out more about this and the rest of the range at www.burtsbees.co.uk

SPARKLE AND SHINE

Ted Baker's Midnight Bloom Shimmer Collection will keep you and your bridesmaids smelling and feeling fabulous on W-day. Ideal for adding a subtle glow to sun-kissed skin, choose from Shimmer Body Soufflé, Shimmer Body Oil, Shimmer Body Wash, and Shimmer Body Spray. You'll fall in love with the rich floral musk fragrance, which boasts exotic hints of green tea and lime blossom, floral notes of honeysuckle and snowdrops, with spicy undertones of cardamom, pepper and liquorice.

This gorgeous range is part of the Harmony Blossom Bath & Body Collection available exclusively in Boots.

BLOSSOMING ROMANCE

I was over the moon to hear that my beloved Jo Malone London has introduced a new limited edition Blossoms Collection. The cologne range features two news scents of yuja and waterlily, accompanied by the ever-popular osmanthus blossom, returning for a limited time (£52 for 30ml).

The playful scent of nectarine blossom and honey has been reimagined in a limited-edition cologne pen (£26). A great addition to your big-day supplies, it boasts a cooling ceramic tip allowing you to roll the fragrant gel onto the skin whenever you're ready for a freshen up.

Available at www.jomalone.co.uk and boutiques nationwide from May 2020.

EDITOR LOVES

It's logical when you think about it: think purple shampoo, but for your teeth. Billion Dollar Smile's Purple Tooth Polish (£10.99) brings colour spectrum technology, with a blend of purple pigments and whitening ingredients, to reflect a brighter and whiter smile. It also contains added vitamin E and natural papaya enzyme, which work together to break down stains.

There's something fun about putting this purple paste on your toothbrush, and its unusual yet pleasant taste left my mouth feeling fresh and ready for the day. I was impressed at how, after just one use my teeth already seemed brighter.

Check out the website wwwbilliondollarsmilecosmetics.co.uk

TAKE two

Head-turning bridal looks

Images courtesy of Caroline Reed Photography

Make a statement with these alternative big-day looks created by Hampshire suppliers. With beautiful bespoke dresses by Nortier Shallow of Basingstoke you can be sure to stand out from the crowd with a romantic natural boho style or something darker and more edgy.

"The idea was to create something feminine, romantic and beautiful yet powerful and rebellious for individual, confident brides," explains hair stylist Gunta Grinvalde of GG Hair Design. The first boho style was inspired by nature, using a necklace as a headpiece and plaits pinned around the head. The second takes its cue from a vintage 1930s hairstyle with a decorative feather band and additional peacock feathers. Clip-in hair extensions were used for both to add volume.

Get the look

Make-up artist Rachel Maslin created two distinct looks. She says, "Using a medium coverage foundation as a base, I applied a cream blush to the cheeks and lips for a delicate flush of colour and soft, neutral eyeshadows to keep the effect natural and bright. To switch it up I added a bold lipstick, a touch of contour, kohl eyeliner pencil and a flutter of lashes for a more rebellious effect!"

SOFT AND ROMANTIC

Rachel says:

- Buff your favourite foundation on to the skin over a primer suitable for your comlexion. I used Bobbi Brown Face Base Primer and MAC Studio Fix Fluid Foundation.
- Apply Bobbi Brown Pot Rouge to the apples of the cheeks and on the lips.
- Prime eyelids with Painterly MAC Paint Pot.
- Use a light eyeshadow all over the lid, followed by a slightly darker, taupe brown to the outer third and into the crease. Run this colour through the lower lashes too. Take a shimmer shade and apply with a finger to the middle and inner part of the lid. I used the MAC Art Library: Nude Model palette
- Lightly apply mascara to the upper and lower lashes.

DARK AND DARING

Rachel says:

- Ramp up the glamour with a bold lip using a red lipstick, such as MAC Party Line, tap lightly on to the cheeks and blend to give a matching blush.
- Using a cool-toned contour powder, sweep under the cheekbones up to the ear to add depth and definition to the face.
- Apply a dark brown eyeshadow to the whole lid up to the crease, adding a darker brown or black to the outer third only. Sweep and blend the colours through and slightly under the lower lash line.
- Enhance the drama with a black Maybeline gel liner to the upper lash line and black kohl pencil to the lower water line.
- For the finishing touch use Ardell Wispies lashes.

Photography, www.carolinereed.co.uk; **Dresses**, www.nortiershallow.com; **Hair**, www.gghairdesign.co.uk; **Make-up**, www.rachelmaslin.com; **Umbrellas**, www.umbrellaheaven.com; **Model**, Roseanna Liddiard, www.instagram.com/roseanna_liddiard

SUN-KISSED *beauty*

Our beauty editor, Kelly Andrews, chats to Olivia Buckland about all things wedding, tanning and feeling flawless

All images courtesy of James Rudland

Love Island's Olivia Buckland shot to fame alongside her now-husband, Alex Bowen, as one of the show's best-loved success stories. The pair tied the knot at Gosfield Hall in Essex in September 2018, so the star certainly knows a thing or two about big-day beauty. Now, a huge celebrity social media influencer, her 2.2 million Instagram followers hang on her every word when it comes to beauty and fashion tips, and her TV work on shows such as *Olivia & Alex: Happily Ever After* and *Second Chance Dresses* has won her a fan base outside of the popular dating programme. We caught up with her to find out more about her latest project.

GOLDEN GLOW

Olivia's latest venture sees her become brand ambassador for Cocoa Brown, a match made in heaven she explains: "I love being tanned all year round and this brand allows me to do that. The range is amazing, and I love being able to share such a fab and affordable product with my social media followers."

To tan or not to tan? It's a question many a bride has asked, especially when not feeling overly confident about the application process. Olivia suggests Perfect Fade Self-Tan, and says, "It's amazing. It's so easy to apply for first-time tanners and doesn't leave a biscuit smell, which can often be a little off-putting.

"To ensure my tan lasts, I always exfoliate and moisturise before I apply and continue moisturising every day. When the glow starts to fade, and I feel I want to start again, I use Cocoa Brown Fresh Start Self-Tan Eraser to get rid of any old lingering tan. For the perfect bridal look, I'd recommend using the Miracle Mist to achieve a natural glow for your face. It doesn't need washing off, which is a bonus. The 1 Hour Tan Mousse in the original medium shade is also great, it isn't overpowering, and gives a lovely glow, which always looks gorgeous against a white dress."

NATURAL BEAUTY

The star is no stranger to posting stunningly fresh-faced make-up free selfies to her social media, and we were keen to know how she keeps her skin looking so flawless: "I always make sure I take my make-up off before I go to sleep. I also swear by using face masks once a week. My favourite is Skin Republic's Prep + Glow. I use it before I put my make-up on, and it makes the application so much smoother ensuring it lasts." With such a hectic lifestyle, you'd be forgiven for wondering how she gets the time for any skincare regime, but Olivia says: "I am a sucker for a bath at the end of the day with a candle and face mask. After a long day, it's what I look forward to."

wanting to know her beauty secrets and how she constantly looks so flawless."

DRESSED TO IMPRESS

Post-*Love Island*, Olivia is grateful for every opportunity she's had and understandably feels a great sense of achievement. She says, "My clothing brand with Alex, Exempt Society is something I'm incredibly proud of. Also, having our TV show, *Happily Ever After* on TLC was incredible." Speaking of the star's television career, here at CWM towers we're huge fans of her other TLC venture, *Second Chance Dresses*, being wedding obsessed as we are. "I loved watching the brides' reactions when they found their dream dresses," she says. "It was such a lovely feeling because I could relate, I know how magical that moment is. My dress is currently being stored in the loft. I do toy with the idea of auctioning it off for charity, as I don't like the idea of it sat in storage, but I just can't decide!"

Having been a high-profile bride, we were keen to find out if Olivia had any big-day wisdom to impart. "Get wedding insurance," she says. "I didn't have to use mine thankfully, but it's such an important safety net. You hear of so many disaster stories. It's always better to be safe than sorry."

So what's next? "Alex and I have just bought a new house together, so we're mainly getting ready for the big move. I'm so excited to get settled in. We've such an exciting 2020 planned, so keep an eye out for new and upcoming projects."

Describing her day-to-day look as very natural, "if I'm not working I generally won't wear make-up at all," she says. When it comes to beauty must-haves though, she tells us, "My go-to product is the W7 Honolulu Bronzer. It gives me instant cheekbones!"

Having worked with some incredible make-up artists such as Anna Lingis and Lo Dias, Olivia finds a wealth of inspiration in the beauty industry. She explains, "It's full of people I look up to, but my main influence has got to be Rosie Huntington-Whiteley. She always shares her latest make-up must-haves, which I love. I always find myself

Olivia Buckland is the face of Cocoa Brown, which is available in Superdrug and Primark stores nationwide.

THAT'S HANDY!

Show off that engagement ring to full effect with the help of these hand and nail care heroes

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"Writing this during the coronavirus outbreak, my strict hand wash regime has left my skin extremely dry, so this hand cream was sorely needed. The cream smells absolutely divine – just like a spa – and the silky-smooth texture absorbs quickly into the skin leaving it feeling nourished. It's packed full of organic ingredients, the hero of which is Ishga's potent seaweed formula." ***– Hannah Faulder***

Mavala, Chill & Relax Collection, Beige Chill £5.20, *www.nailpolishdirect.co.uk*

"The colour intensity is perfect, and after only two coats your nails are ready for anything. I have Beige Chill which is an ideal bridal shade, and it doesn't chip as quickly as most of my other nail products do. If you're in a rush, there's no need to worry as this polish doesn't take long to dry which is a big bonus." – ***Olivia Gibson***

Jo Loves Eucalyptus & Cedar Woods A Hand Collection
£78, www.joloves.com

"I've seen handwash and moisturiser duos in hotels before, but I've never even used the moisturiser, let alone considered having both indoors! However, this Jo Malone duo is truly divine, providing a fragrant burst with each use, my hands are left soft and supple – effects which last for hours. This is certainly a new, must-have in my bathroom." ***– Danielle Harvey***

Leighton Denny Expert Nails, Rejuvenate Hand Mask
£6.50, www.leightondennyexpertnails.com

"Along with most of us, I've been scrubbing and anti-bac'ing my hands like crazy recently, so this intense hydrating treatment mask proved a real saviour. After 20 minutes encased in the special serum-infused gloves my parched mitts felt super soft and my ravaged nails and cuticles looked instantly revived. I kept my hands tucked under the duvet overnight for maximum absorption and was thrilled with the results." – ***Sarah Reeve***

Naio Nails, Gel Polish Starter Kit – *Snow White*
£32.99, www.naio-nails.co.uk

"This professional gel kit is incredible value for money. There are five – count 'em – five full size bottles! I love the stone cuticle pusher, the most effective I've ever used, and these gels work with UV or LED, so will suit whichever lamp you have. My white nails look super-chic and neat. If you haven't used UV gel before, I'd just advise researching application before you use." – ***Kelly Andrews***

L'Atelier Green, #NakedNailsCollection *in True Innocence*
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"This nail paint went on smoothly with no brush marks, right from the first coat. The brush is nice and thick, with the usual strong smell of regular nail varnish minimal. After applying two coats, I can tell you the shade is stunning, and ideal for brides. A soft shade of grey with a shiny finish, even without a top coat it hasn't chipped yet." ***– Claire Ridley***

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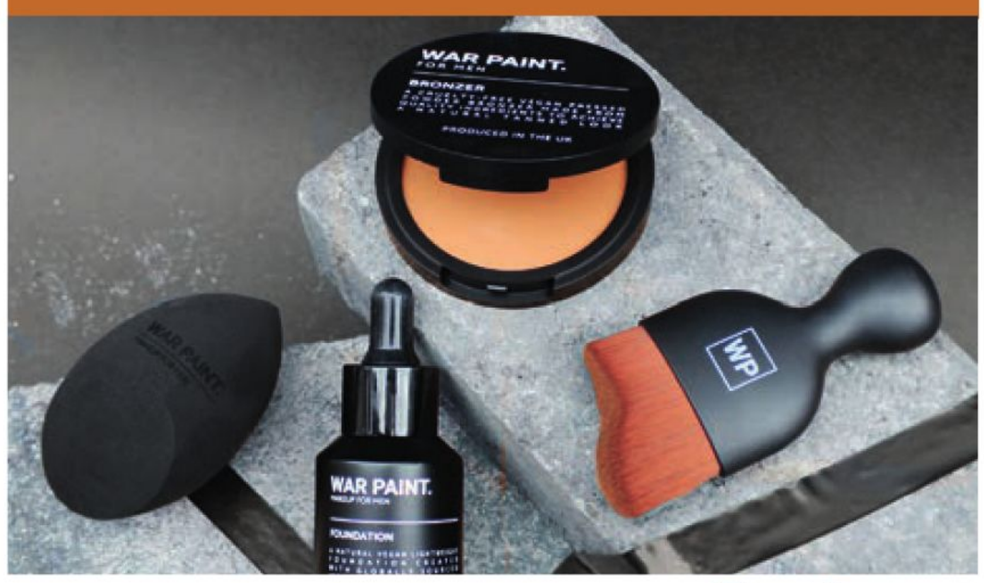
DAZZLING COMPLEXION

John Lewis & Partners have unveiled plans to sell men's make-up brand War Paint for Men in its flagship Oxford Street store and on the company's website. The full range of products includes foundation, concealer, bronzer and powder. In addition, John Lewis & Partners also offer a range of men's personal styling services and a dedicated studio in its Southampton shop.

Daniel Gray, the founder of War Paint for Men, said: "This is a massive step in the right direction, not just for us but for the industry and men's make-up in general."

Check out www.johnlewis.com for more.



SCENTSATIONAL

We love Emporio Armani's new fragrance by Nicholas Hoult and Alice Pagani. The Stronger With You Freeze scent is made up of limes, apples, sage, chestnut and iced lavender to create an unforgettable smell.

Brides-to-be can purchase the In Love With You version that's made using red cherries and jasmine.

Both are available to purchase from www.thefragranceshop.co.uk

Read all ABOUT IT!

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

DANCE TO THE BEAT

Bang & Olufsen has announced its next generation of Beoplay E8 earphones. The ideal gift for any groom-to-be, the product uses 3D-modelling to ensure it fits a large variety of ear shapes and sizes and boasts up to 35 hours of playtime.

Christoffer Østergaard Poulsen, the vice president of product management, said: "With the third generation of Beoplay E8, we have made the world's best-sounding true wireless earphones even better."

Visit www.bang-olufsen.com for more.

Sock it to me

Lincolnshire-based company, Sophie Allport has released its spring/summer 2020 collection. The homeware brand incorporates the founder's love of country living and wildlife to create beautiful products.

The collection is made up of kitchen and dining products, men's socks and wash bags, handkerchiefs and much more.

For more information, visit www.sophieallport.com

A CLOSE SHAVE

Award-winning barbers, ADAM, has revealed a new grooming experience. The brand wants grooms-to-be to step into a contemporary, uncluttered space, indulge in the artful hands of the highly-skilled barbers and walk out feeling restored while also looking sharp and polished. Customers will get to experience ADAM's exclusive product line which comprises of a beard balm, oil and hair paste.

Esat and Oytun, the co-founders, said: "We founded ADAM for the contemporary gentleman who works hard, plays hard and lives in a modern city but still seeks a classic and timeless experience."

To see more, visit www.adamgroomingatelier.com

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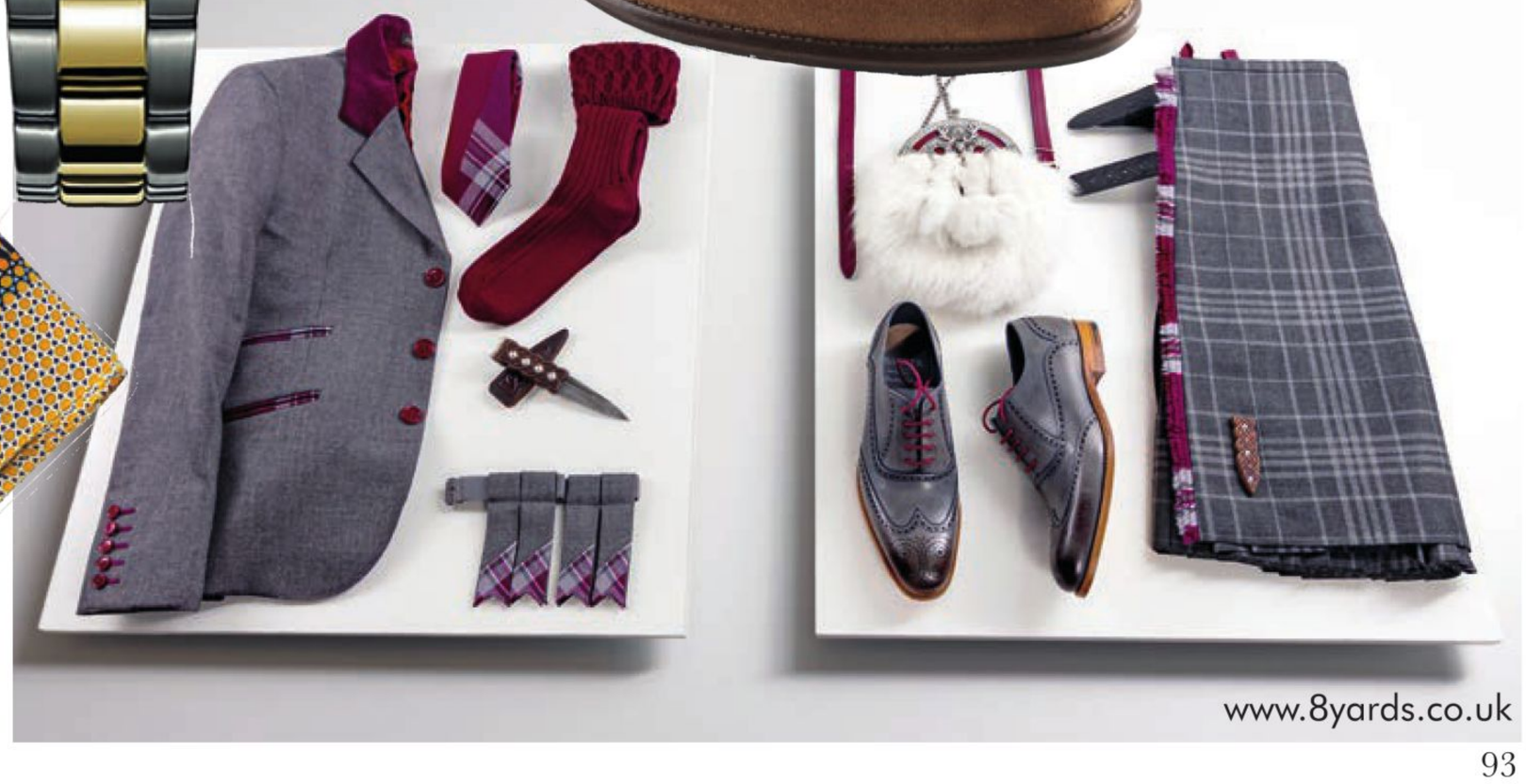

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Say 'I do' in a picture-perfect outdoor setting

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If you're on the hunt for a standout backdrop for your big day, Hampshire's Minley Manor is a wonderfully whimsical fairytale setting. With glorious countryside views and gardens it provided the perfect blank canvas for local suppliers to realise their vision for a magical boho-chic outdoor ceremony.

Suzanne Killalea, creative director and owner of Hampshire-based Ask Weddings and Events, came up with the concept for the shoot with modern, free-thinking couples in mind; those looking for a more personalised, alternative-style wedding with the flexibility to create something totally bespoke.

"I wanted to focus on celebrant weddings, creating an outdoor ceremony and utilising the venues main allure; its architectural features and gardens, highlighting that with this type of service, you can marry absolutely anywhere," explains Suzanne.

The French bohemian styling married well with the surroundings and the chateaux-style architecture of Minley Manor. Based on a palette of blue grey, pale pink and beige tones, the colour scheme was designed to complement the manor's slate roofs and other elements of the building.

"Pampas grass featured heavily to lighten and lift the red-brick exterior walls and exude the bohemian vibe," adds Suzanne.

THE DREAM TEAM

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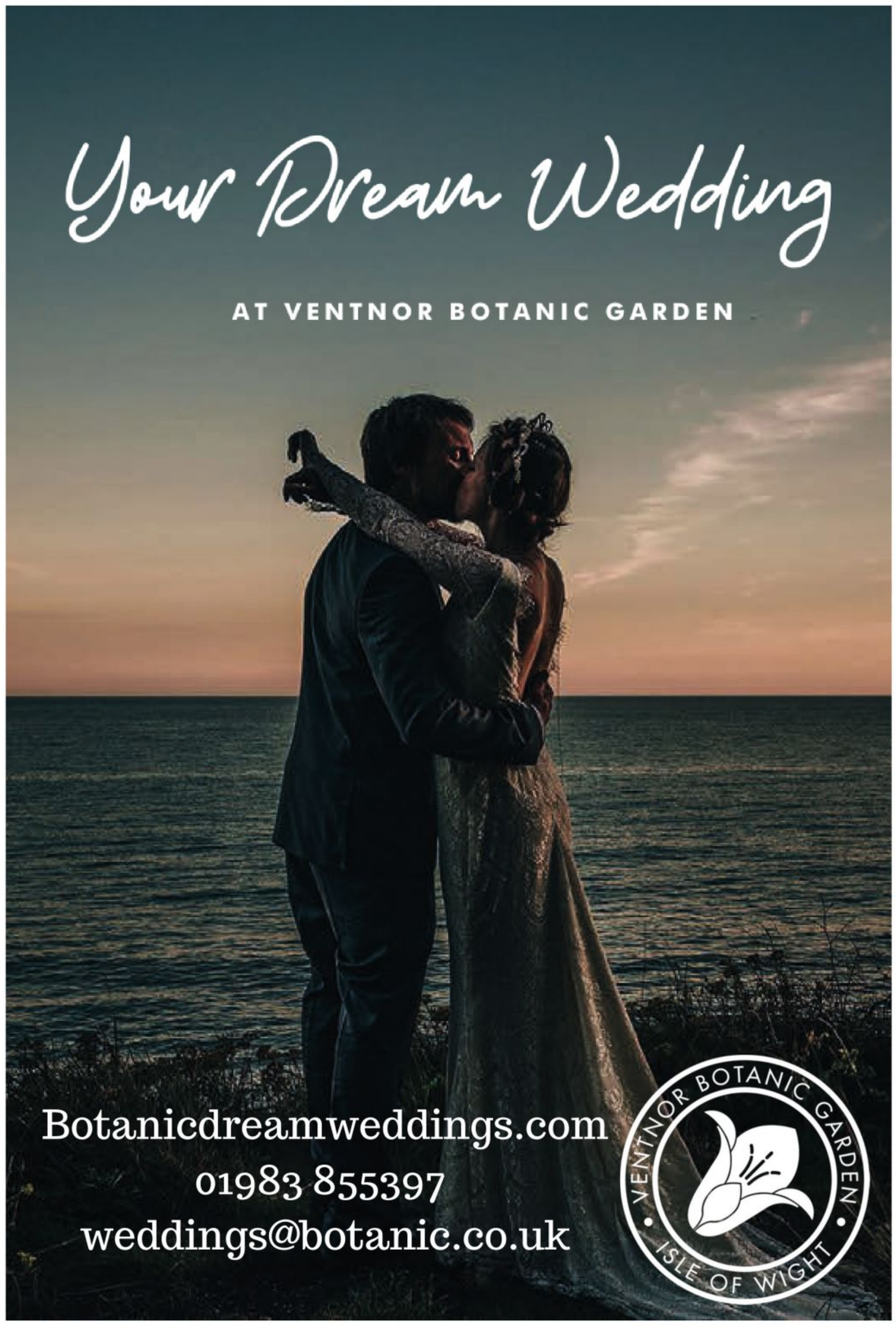
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PARADISE FOUND

The new Emerald Maldives Resort & Spa is the latest addition to the Emerald Collection. Located on the Ra Atoll in the northern Maldives, honeymooners will be wowed by its spectacular design and deluxe all-inclusive offering.

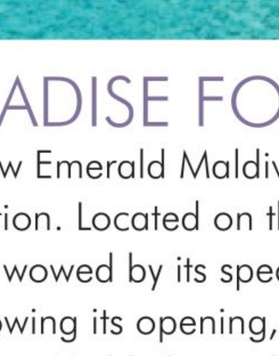
Following its opening, the resort is excited to launch a romantic honeymoon package. Highlights include a memorable beach dinner on the shores of the resort's crystal-clear lagoon as well as a complimentary couple's massage at the Emerald Spa, before enjoying the Indonesian-style pool, steam bath, sauna and Jacuzzi.

There's so much to do: water sports, guided snorkelling tours, boat excursions to discover turtles, manta rays, dolphins and even whale sharks – what more could you ask for? Visit www.emerald-maldives.com

TOTAL LUXURY

We had to put Villa Kasika on your honeymoon radar. On the island of Koh Yao Noi in Phang Nga Bay, between the island of Phuket and Krabi on the Thai mainland, it's a real brag-factor destination. You can stay in a beautiful treehouse-style villa with open-air rooms, private plunge pool, amazing views, a spa and direct access to the private beach. Known for its dramatic landscape, including limestone cliffs, lush and rich rainforests and little islands within it, Phang Nga Bay is an idyllic post-wedding destination. Find it on www.oliverstravels.com

HONEYMOON *News*



It's going to be a tough year for the travel industry, but now is the perfect time to plan your dream honeymoon for 2021 and beyond. Here are our hot travel tips and product picks…

LA DOLCE VITA

With celebrities such as Emily Blunt and John Legend tying the knot in Lake Como, it has made the spotlight shine even brighter on this incredible setting. The prestigious Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni is located on the shore in Bellagio and has welcomed guests such as John F. Kennedy, Winston Churchill, Clark Gable and Al Pacino.

Renowned for its elegance, the Villa is surrounded by flower-filled gardens that slope down to the water's edge, making it the perfect setting for a post-wedding getaway, and its honeymoon package is fit for such a romantic setting. Newlyweds can indulge in Michelin-starred dining, a Villa Serbelloni Spa treatment, a romantic tour of lake Como by private motorboat and entrance to the breathtaking gardens of Villa Melzi. For a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience, couples can book the Imperial Suite; the largest hotel suite in the region, it comes with a personal butler and exclusive gifts. Head to www.villaserbelloni.com

Greece is the word

Ikos Oceania in Halkidiki, northern Greece, is set to revolutionise honeymoons in 2020 with its award-winning luxury all-inclusive concept. The property will offer a tailored honeymoon experience for couples staying in the Deluxe Collection suites. The thoughtful touches include visits to wineries, an intimate candlelit dinner on the beach, a turn-down service with rose petals and chocolates and a couple's spa treatment. The Deluxe Concierge will take care of all your holiday preferences and even organise a bottle of champagne on arrival and a MINI to explore local hidden gems. Find out more at www.ikosresorts.com

WILD AT HEART

Fairmont Hotels and Resorts Kenya has launched the most incredible eco-moon experience for newlyweds looking for a getaway that offers the chance to give something back. You can get involved with conservation and sustainable initiatives with an exciting three-stop circuit to explore the best of east Africa.

Each retreat has its own charm. Fairmont the Norfolk exudes classic style and is an oasis in the city. Fairmont Mount Kenya Safari Club, the former home of Hollywood actor William Holden, retains all of its silver-screen allure with pretty cottages and suites. The luxurious tented camp retreat, Fairmont Mara Safari Club, features four-poster beds, en suite facilities and private decks overlooking the hippo-filled Mara River.

Fairmont has added special experiences to allow guests to support the environment, local communities and endangered species. Couples can adopt an elephant, eat produce grown on land that was gifted to local women, plant trees and purchase mementos from locals to boost the economy, as well as enjoy luxurious accommodation and incredible safaris. Check out www.fairmont.com

MAGICAL MAURITIUS

Maritim Resort & Spa Mauritius is set to relaunch in December 2020 with 60 additional rooms, new restaurants, bars and pools. "This isn't simply a revamp," Mark Spivey, director of international sales at Maritim Hotels tells us. "This is a completely new product. Our well-loved five-star resort is having a complete face lift along with new rooms and facilities to ensure we continue to offer a premium experience for our guests."

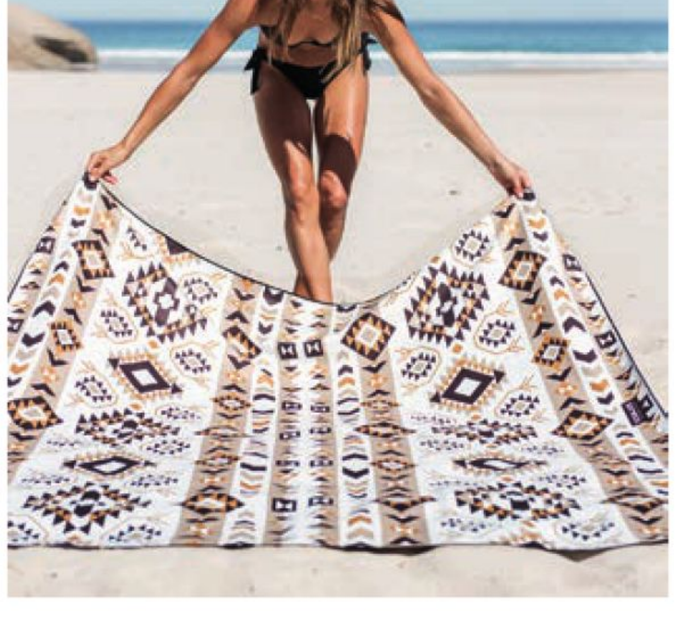
One of the hotel's new restaurants has already opened. Anno 1743 is a brasserie-style restaurant tucked inside a national monument, the Ruins of Balaclava. Inside, couples will find the Distillery Bar, which has the largest collection of rum on the island – the perfect place to ease yourselves into married life! Check out www.maritim.com

TREAT YOURSELF TO THESE TRAVEL PICKS...

This versatile vegan backpack is the ideal hand luggage size. Made from recycled plastic bottles, it's totally eco-friendly. Find it at www.ucon-acrobatics.com

As much as I like to think I'm a grown up, I still love Barbie pink! This suitcase from www.americantourister.co.uk caught my eye.

Update your flip flop game with these fab options from www.havaianas-store.com. The Glam Box also includes four Swarovski charms for a little added bling.



This incredible beach towel is going to revolutionise your sunbathing! It's super-lightweight, dries really quickly and the clever engineering allows sand to slip off easily – so you leave the beach at the beach! Get it at www.tesalate.com

SHORT *stories*

Don't want to spend hours or even days of your precious honeymoon travelling? We hear you! Check out these incredible short-haul destinations…

MONASTERO SANTA ROSA, AMALFI COAST, ITALY

This spectacular former monastery has been transformed into 20 sea-view rooms and suites, which are suspended over a cliff edge. Hidden away on Italy's iconic Amalfi Coast, the hotel is home to the finest spa in the region and a Michelin-starred restaurant. Honeymooners can while away the hours between the incredible heated infinity pool, the stunning landscaped gardens and glorious historic spaces. Visit www.monasterosantarosa.com

DOMAINE DES ETANGS, MASSIGNAC, SOUTH WEST FRANCE

Escape to rural France for a minimoon in a French castle, complete with an on-site art gallery, Michelin-starred restaurant, a floating lakeside tennis court and vintage cars to explore the 2,500-acre private estate. At the heart of the property lies a fully renovated 11th-century chateau, which boasts incredible interior design and numerous pieces of contemporary art from Matisse to Picasso. Foodies will love the bespoke dining options, from woodland picnics to dinner in the wine cellar. Visit www.domainedesetangs.com

KALESMA, ORNOS BAY, MYKONOS

Set to elevate the island to new heights, Kalesma is a new luxury hotel opening in 2020. Kalesma means *inviting* in Greek, a name that is perfectly suited to the boutique property's ethos. The whitewashed collection of houses has been designed to resemble a charming local village, tumbling down a slope to Ornos Bay and the beach.

Newlyweds will enjoy spectacular sea views, a private pool and the services of the hotel's private experience managers to help them discover the island's hidden gems. Visit www.kalesmamykonos.com

SANT FRANCESC, PALMA, MALLORCA

Situated in the heart of the historic city, Sant Francesc offers the perfect base for an exceptional city break. The five-star boutique hotel has been lovingly transformed from a Neoclassical Mallorcan mansion and houses 42 elegant rooms and suites, three restaurants and bars and a fitness and wellbeing centre. Minimooners can discover the romantic cobbled streets of Palma, before relaxing – cocktail-in-hand – on the panoramic rooftop terrace with its glistening pool. Visit www.hotelsantfrancesc.com

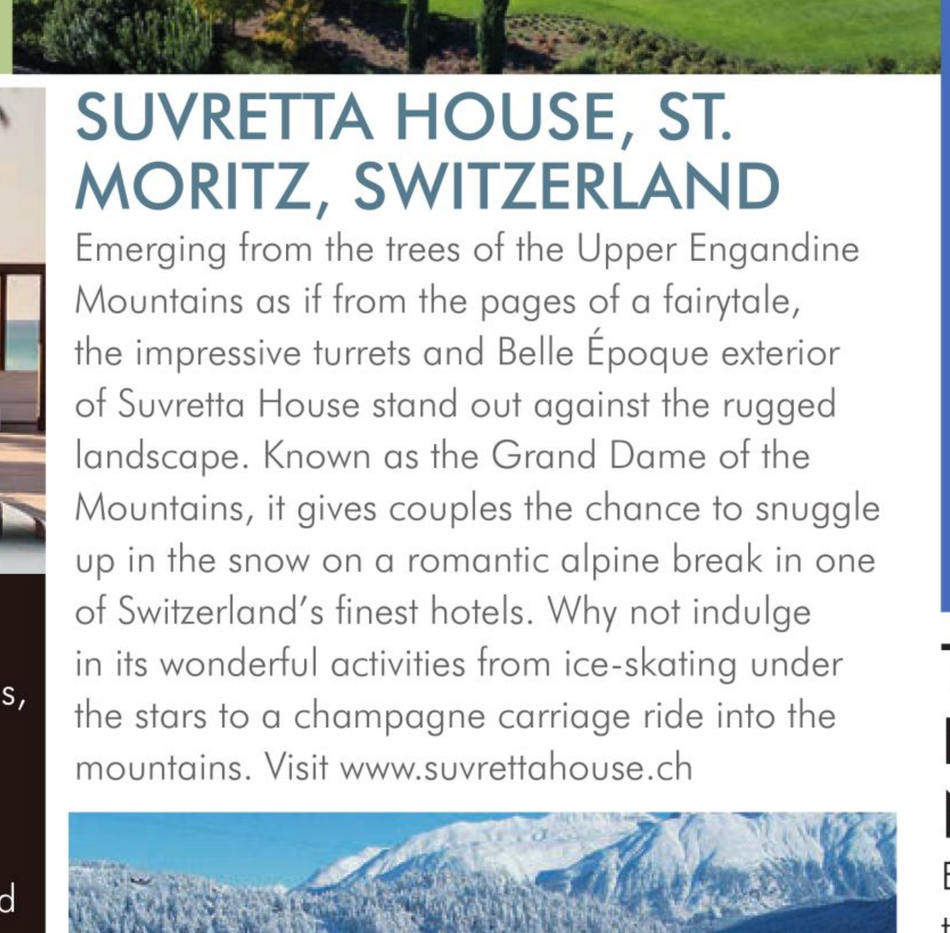
ROYAL CHAMPAGNE HOTEL & SPA, FRANCE

One of the world's great wine regions took on a new dimension with the launch of Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa in 2018. Set among the vineyards, the boutique hotel is the destination's first contemporary-designed luxury hotel, which embraces the lush bounty of the wineries and surrounding UNESCO World Heritage Site. Inspired by nature and the cultural heritage of the region, the design favours natural materials and a Champagne theme runs throughout, all creating a feast for the senses. Visit www.royalchampagne.com

SIX SENSES, DUORO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

Newlyweds staying here will find delicious local cuisine, high-spec interiors and an outstanding spa in the heart of Portugal's wine region.

For the ultimate in romance, you can book the Vineyard Garden Suite, the highlight of which is an expansive terrace with a hot tub, day bed and dining area with spectacular views. You can even curate your own mini bar stock ahead of arrival and taste delights from the state-of-the-art wine fridge. Visit www.sixsenses.com



FINCA CORTESIN, ANDALUSIA, SPAIN

This is one of the finest romantic boltholes in Europe. Spanning 532 acres, it comprises an award-winning all-suite hotel, contemporary villas, a championship golf course, outstanding spa and sports facilities, exclusive shopping area and beach club.

Located in one of the most tranquil and sought-after enclaves of the Andalusian coast, it's ideal for a couple's holiday. We love that most of the items found in the suite can be purchased as a memento. Visit www.fincacortesin.com

ALMYRA, CYPRUS

A symbol of cool, contemporary Cyprus, Almyra offers a laid-back and elegant take on Mediterranean luxury after its multi-million-euro refurbishment.

Occupying eight acres of landscaped gardens on Paphos' seafront, couples can book one of the signature seafront villas to hear the gentle lapping of the waves outside. For those who can drag themselves away from their room, there's the tempting adults-only Almyraspa pool. Visit www.almyra.com

SUVRETTA HOUSE, ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND

Emerging from the trees of the Upper Engandine Mountains as if from the pages of a fairytale, the impressive turrets and Belle Époque exterior of Suvretta House stand out against the rugged landscape. Known as the Grand Dame of the Mountains, it gives couples the chance to snuggle up in the snow on a romantic alpine break in one of Switzerland's finest hotels. Why not indulge in its wonderful activities from ice-skating under the stars to a champagne carriage ride into the mountains. Visit www.suvrettahouse.ch

THE VICTORIA INN, HOLKHAM ESTATE, NORFOLK

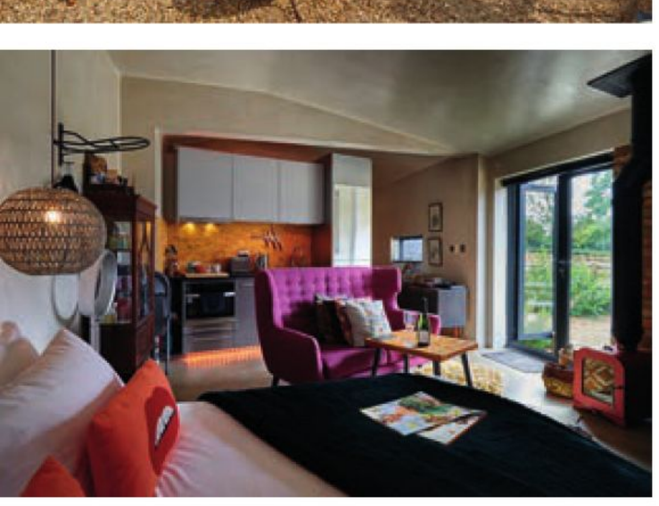
Escape to the north Norfolk coastline and treat yourself to a staycation at The Victoria Inn. Situated in the privately owned 25,000-acre Holkham Estate, it's the quintessential English minimoon spot. Nestled on one of the country's most stunning stretches of coastline, it provides a base for discovering the seaside villages nearby as well as a number of wildlife experiences. Hole up in one of the 20 bedrooms, and enjoy candlelit meals in the beautiful conservatory. Visit www.holkham.co.uk

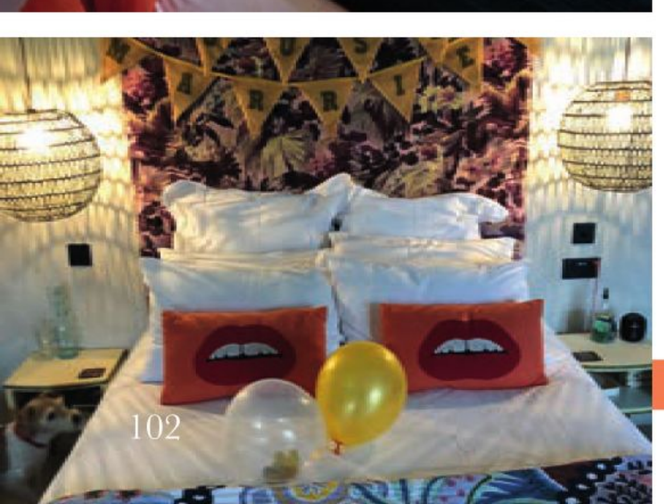
GLENEAGLES, SCOTLAND

Want something a little more action-packed? The Gleneagles Hotel is the perfect spot to enjoy a range of country pursuits in this glorious playground. Think horse riding, falconry, off-road driving, clay-pigeon shooting and couple's golf. Its new adventure hub, Trail Yard, is ideally placed for outdoor adventures and for getting equipment and advice. Later, you can cosy up by the hotel's roaring log fire before an evening of glamour and fine dining. Visit www.gleneagles.com

ESCAPE TO THE *country*

Cosy up with your partner and your four-legged friend at Bethnal&Bec – the ultimate hideaway in the Hertfordshire countryside





After the emotional rollercoaster that is planning a wedding, a relaxing minimoon is just what the doctor ordered. With so many couples now bringing their dogs to their nuptials, why not continue this trend and take your fur baby away with you too? Bethnal&Bec welcomes your pet with open arms to its luxury self-catering retreats.

Found in the idyllic village of Cottered in Hertfordshire, the two stable blocks have been reimagined into self-contained romantic boltholes, each with its own garden overlooking a wildflower-filled meadow.

A COSY RETREAT

I can't tell you how excited I was to take my little dog, Twig, on her first holiday at the grand age of 14. My husband, Cal, and I packed our luggage and the dog into the car and arrived at the retreat with plenty of time to enjoy our stay. Our retreat, Bethnal, was brimming with character – think Insta-worthy features, vibrant colours and quirky styling. I adored the freestanding bath right by the window so you can look out across the surrounding countryside, while Cal was taken with the record player and vast collection of records. We were treated to the Just Married Package, which adds that extra bit of indulgence for newlyweds with chilled champagne, balloons and super-cute décor touches to set the scene.

The modern styling and five-star luxuries are incredible, especially as this used to be a rural farm building. We could flick through Netflix on the TV, turn up the under-floor heating in the February chill, create the perfect atmosphere with iPad-controlled Google Nest lighting and luxuriate in the vast his-and-hers rainforest showers with Aromatherapy Associates products. Twig was treated too, with organic dog treats, snuggly blankets, and even paw-secco – bringing a whole new meaning to the term 'pampered pooch'.

ROOM SERVICE

In the room, we found a fully stocked pantry including fresh ingredients for a full English breakfast. We couldn't wait until the morning, so we cooked it up for dinner. There were plenty of other yummy options; you could treat yourself to pizza, curry, burgers, or if you're feeling extra fancy, a personal chef can be arranged so you don't have to lift a finger.

Dinner was followed by a glass of bubbly in our hot tub, and we didn't see another soul all evening. This was exactly what we wanted – the space to reconnect and actively do nothing.

TIME TO EXPLORE

Heading out may be the last thing on your mind, but it will most definitely be on your dog's mind. After a few little whimpers we decided we'd best take Twig for a jaunt around the local area. We found a recommended walk in the retreat's guide and headed out across fields and meadows to find The Jolly Waggoner pub (what a great name!) for a pint. Returning after a wintry walk to the warmth and comfort of Bethnal was wonderful, and having our beloved pet there made it all the more perfect.

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

Yorkshire's *finest*

Hannah Faulder finds out why the north's most lavish new hotel opening is the perfect spot to spend time with your loved one

Passing through the ornate gates and heading down the sweeping driveway, the Grade II* listed Grantley Hall appears in front of you in all its historic glory. Nestled in the idyllic countryside, the hotel and wedding venue's grounds boast a kitchen garden and an English Heritage-listed Japanese garden.

Step inside, and you'll find this stately manor has been transformed into Yorkshire's most lavish and talked-about hotel. With 47 exquisite rooms and suites, the tranquil Three Graces Spa and four incredible restaurants all in an enchanting setting, it's hard to imagine a more romantic retreat.

STAY

My sister, Laura, and I stayed in a suite in the Fountains Wing Atrium, a fabulous semi-open-air space complete with olive trees. The walk there from the reception took in some breathtaking interiors, from a showstopping contemporary chandelier and Roman-style statues to a fabulous lounge decked out in jewel-coloured décor and a cosy wine cellar complete with seating.

We were blown away by the attention to detail in our room – everything had been designed to make our stay just that bit more perfect. I've seen a pillow menu before, but a robe menu? I must admit we got quite excited about the light settings, which gave the perfect ambience for the day, evening and nighttime.

Returning to the room before bed, we were treated to a wonderful turndown service including mood lighting and classical music filling the room – the perfect bedtime ritual.

UNWIND

Laura and I are avid spa fans, so visiting the hotel's Three Graces Spa was a must. Named after Zeus' three daughters, the space evokes a Roman feel with its vaulted ceiling and stone pillars. Appealing to the most discerning wellness-focused guests, it's a haven of serenity.

We made full use of the pool, steam room and outdoor hot tub (which included a bracing shuffle across the terrace on a cold January day). We also braved the snow room, although it turned out to be totally invigorating standing in a freezing room in your swimmers. Lunch in the spa lounge was a nutritious smoothie and bulgur wheat salad. Don't worry – there was cake too!

There's an extensive range of beauty and holistic treatments available and residents can also make use of the daily yoga sessions. In short, you cannot help but feel the weight lifting from your shoulders while you're here. How perfect would that be as a post-vow break to give you time to reflect on the most important day of your life?

EAT

There are four restaurants here encompassing everything from traditional fine dining at Shaun Rankin at Grantley Hall to modern Pan-Asian at EightyEight. We dined in Fletchers Restaurant. A wonderfully cosy space, it offers for a warm, welcoming feel. Picture dark wood-panelled walls, rich furnishings, velvet-bound menus and soft lighting. The staff were attentive, but not fussy, even checking whether I was right or left handed before placing my wine glass down. We had an incredible three-course meal including a delicious mousse starter with pickled vegetables and truffle and a deliciously fresh salad made from local produce. The star of the show was the chocolate and hazelnut rocher; it was so decadent it could only be topped off with gold leaf!

For more information, and to book your stay, visit www.grantleyhall.co.uk

EXPLORE

If you can drag yourself away from the luscious surroundings, there are plenty of things to do nearby to make the most of your stay…

- ❤ *History*. Go back in time at Fountains Abbey.
- ❤ *Town*. Explore the elegant spa town of Harrogate.
- ❤ *Nature*. Get outdoors and marvel at National Trust Brimham Rocks.

PARADISE ON OUR DOORSTEP

Kelly Andrews discovers the minimoon delights of Hampshire

The more real wedding features I have the pleasure of writing, the more couples I encounter who tell me their first port of call post-wedding is to take some much-needed R&R, not in some far-flung exotic location, but here in beautiful Britain. The rise of the domestic minimoon isn't at all surprising when you consider how much this country has to offer from heritage to culture, and everything in between. After all, there's a reason we welcomed more than 29 million overseas visitors to the UK in 2019 alone. One of the most delightful and characterful regions of our stunning sceptred isle is the New Forest, thanks in no small part to the gorgeous ponies. Despite staring down 40 I still found spotting them while out and about on our travels to be great fun!

Situated in the heart of the New Forest, Balmer Lawn Hotel & Spa cuts quite an impressive figure as it comes into view on the approach to Brockenhurst. Built in the mid-1800s as a hunting lodge, it's played a part in some of history's most dramatic chapters, such as being commandeered as an army hospital in WWI. It was here, at this classic country hotel, where we'd rest our heads for the next two nights.

I'm always like a kid in a sweet shop when I set foot into a hotel room for the first time, and being told that I'd be treated to a luxury balcony room, my excitement levels were already off the charts. The front-facing balcony, complete with garden furniture and its own (artificial) lawn was a real highlight. One that I was determined to make the most of despite it being mid-February, chilly, and pouring with rain. I was also immediately in love with the super king bed, so vast and luxurious I was barely aware of my mum's presence way over on the other side of it! Balmer Lawn has a brilliant online booking system, whereby you can see pictures of each and every room before you book. Being the ultra-nosey person that I am, you can bet your bottom dollar I took them up on that! It's well worth checking out this feature to ensure your room has everything your heart desires, whether it's just the two of you, or if you're joined by your family or fur-baby.

The hotel offers a fabulous dining experience. I was particularly swept away by the seven-course chef's tasting menu, every bite of which was beyond delicious. Dishes included an artichoke velouté, Creedy Carver duck breast, and salted caramel fondant. With appetites well and truly satisfied, it was off to the comfortable bar and lounge for an espresso martini night cap, before reclining in front of Netflix back in our room.

MINIMOON AT BALMER LAWN FOR £530

- 1 night in a luxury room including breakfast
- Access to Leisure facilities – pool, gym, sauna and jacuzzi
- 7-Course tasting menu for two in the Beresfords Restaurant
- Bottle of bubbly and chocolates in your room
- Afternoon tea for two
- Bespoke couples' massage

The package can also be booked for a couples' retreat, birthday surprise, or a proposal. An extra night can be booked for £220 and payment is due in full at time of booking.

HAMPSHIRE'S HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring the New Forest, and indeed Hampshire as a whole, will no doubt be top of your agenda. Balmer Lawn is ideally situated, barely a stone's throw from Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst, as well as within easy reach of the whole county's attractions. Check out my highlights…

Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery
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www.distillery.bombaysapphire.com
Whether you're a gin expert or novice, you're sure to enjoy a day out here. With a variety of experiences on offer whether you want to be guided or left to your own devices, it's a fascinating visit. Crucially the experiences culminate in a cocktail, based on your own aroma preferences. We had so much fun.

It's also worth popping into the Whitchurch Silk Mill on your way back through the town.

Burley Village
www.burleynewforest.co.uk
The New Forest is bursting with traditional idyllic villages and Burley offers everything you'd expect. Witches, smuggling and dragons are all part of its character - a history which certainly hasn't escaped the local shops. What's more, if you're lucky you'll find ponies roaming freely as Burley is one of the few remaining villages still to practice the old tradition of commoming, allowing them to graze on the open forest. Burley is a wonderful place to while away some pleasant hours wandering around quirky shops and stopping for a bite to eat.

WIN!

WORTH £2,500

A LUXURIOUS MINIMOON TO ALCÙDIA, MALLORCA

Enter now for your chance to win the ultimate minimoon at Zafiro Palace Alcùdia, with Zafiro Hotels

County Wedding Magazines has partnered with Zafiro Hotels to offer readers the chance to win a four-night minimoon at the five-star hotel Zafiro Palace Alcùdia. Situated on the authentic side of Mallorca, near to the medieval town of Alcùdia, Zafiro Palace Alcùdia balances luxury with mood-boosting experiences – all just steps away from the island's longest beach and its glamorous marina. The resort offers a selection of impressive suites to choose from, including the ground-floor Swim Up Suites, with private gardens and direct pool access.

Gourmet dining lies at the heart of Zafiro Palace Alcùdia. Guests will be given the opportunity to experience five delectable themed restaurants, with a wide offering from local Spanish cuisine to further afield in the Mediterranean as well as Asian specialities.

The Zen Spa & Wellness Centre allows visitors to find inner bliss with a selection of luxury massage cabins, a sauna and two spacious swimming pools. The property also boasts a sensational kaleidoscope of pools – including an adults-only chill-out pool – along with excellent cycling facilities, a multi-sport court, high-tech fitness centre, volleyball pitches, aqua gym and putting green.

THE PRIZE

- ❤ A four-night stay for two people sharing a Swim Up Suite at Zafiro Palace Alcùdia
- ❤ Full-board dining in the resort's five restaurants (breakfast, lunch and dinner included each day)
- ❤ Access to the hotel's Zen Spa & Wellness Centre
- ❤ Premium WiFi throughout the hotel

HOW TO ENTER

Simply answer the following question…

On which Balearic Island will you find Zafiro Palace Alcùdia?

Enter online at yourhampshiredorset.wedding

The closing date is 7th August, 2020. The prize can be claimed upon request based on the hotel's availability by November 2021. Terms and conditions apply. Please see our website for details.

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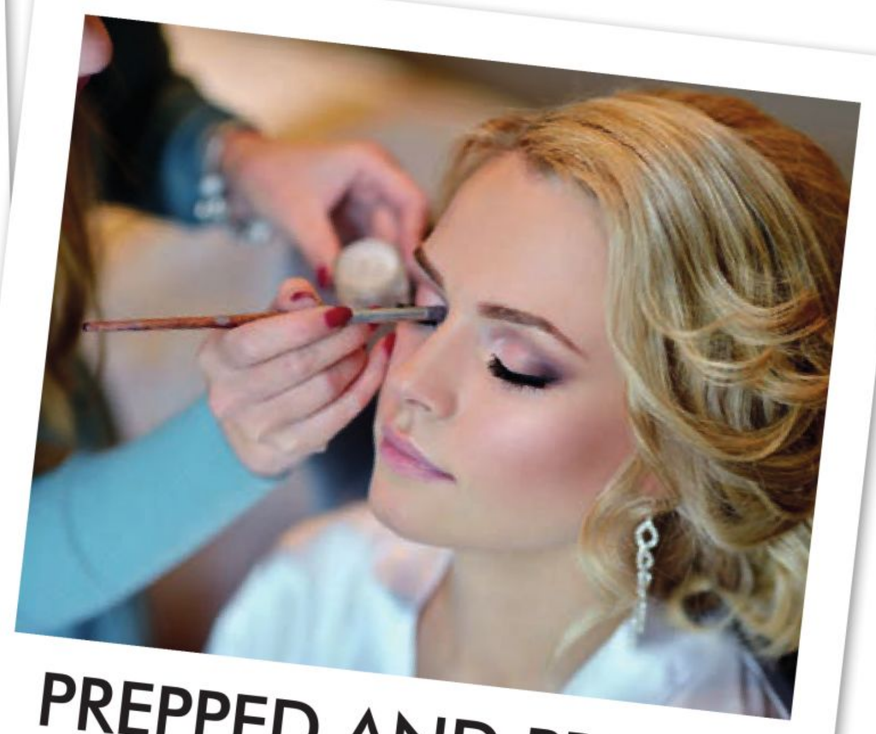

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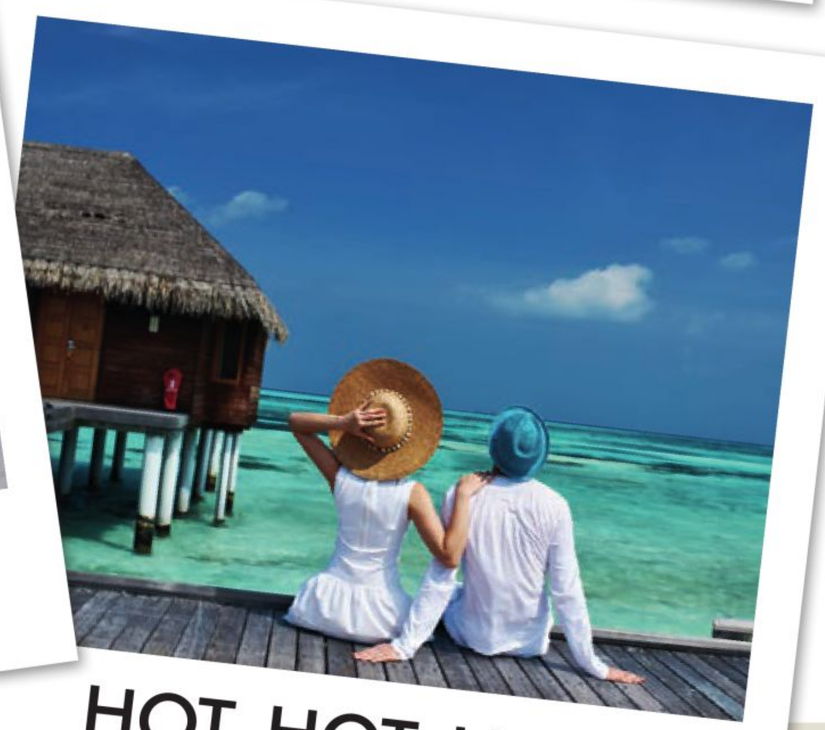

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