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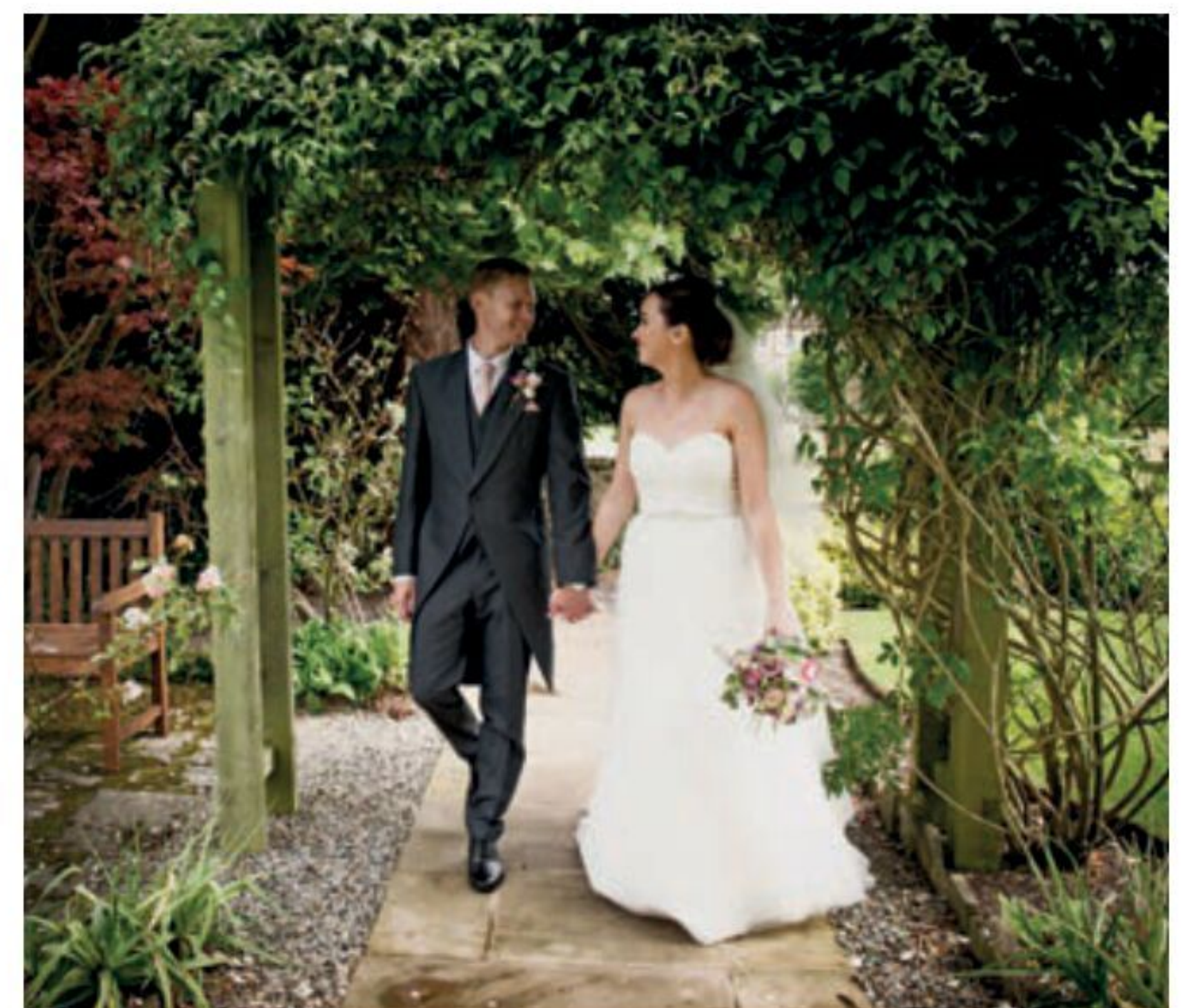
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Summer lovin'



Hello lovely readers and welcome to another issue of *Your North East Wedding*. Firstly, I want to say congratulations on your engagement! In this magazine, you'll find plenty of top tips, advice and wedding inspiration to make the planning experience more straightforward – we know how

overwhelming this process can be without any guidance.

It's no secret that summer is a time of year perfect for weddings with colourful seasonal flowers and more daylight for those all-important photos. Al fresco ceremonies and receptions are popular this time of year because more outdoor space can be utilised – just picture your guests playing lawn games or having cocktails while soaking up the sun and enjoying clear skies!

If you're at the start of your wedding journey, you're in for a treat as we've searched high and low to find beautiful waterside and coastal venues – what could be more romantic than saying 'I do' with a river backdrop or on the beach with crashing waves and the ocean breeze?

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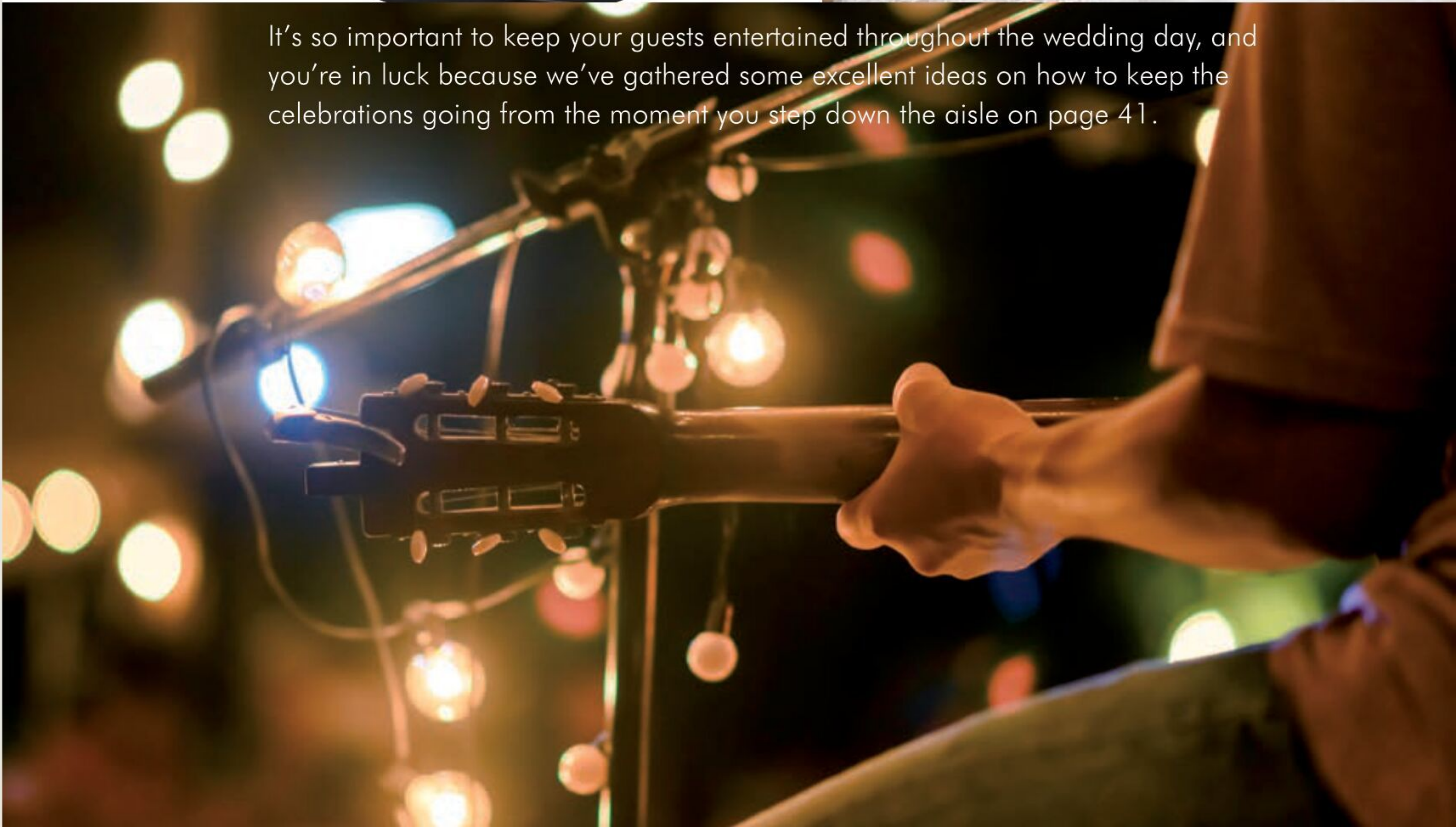
Keep up with to date with our Nearlywed News feature on page 9.



Psssst, save 10 per cent off a wedding dress at Rare Bridal Studio on page 11!

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It's so important to keep your guests entertained throughout the wedding day, and you're in luck because we've gathered some excellent ideas on how to keep the celebrations going from the moment you step down the aisle on page 41.





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Planning a wedding day can be a tricky experience which is why we've asked experts from around the region to offer stellar advice. Flick to page 67 where all your worries will melt away!



Our fashion editor Claire Ridley showcases ballgown dresses over on page 46.



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You've found the perfect wedding dress and planned your hair and make-up, but something still seems to be missing? Check out our jewellery and accessories feature on page 57, where you'll discover the perfect finishing touches to any bridal look.



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SAY 'I DO'

In Northumberland, Hexham House Register Office is an 18th-century wedding venue that's now offering five-star accommodation.

The Grade II listed property has been lovingly restored and now includes seven luxury apartments. Couples can utilise the suites for pre-wedding preparations and the wedding night.

Apartments can be booked through the venue's new partner Wooden Star Cottages and the team can answer any queries or deal with special requests. To celebrate this collaboration, Wooden Star Cottages is offering couples saying 'I do' in Hexham House a discounted stay for them and all guests.

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BLOOMING BEAUTIFUL

Bels flowers is a wedding and event florist based in Newcastle upon Tyne that provide stunning, fresh flowers with a touch of glamour and sophistication.

The business has launched its new range of faux cottage garden bouquets that are all handmade and available in three sizes.

Inspired by the outdoors, with English country gardens and the natural form of nature in mind, only the finest stems are selected to ensure ultimate styling that will last forever while giving a luxurious touch to homes after the special day.

The company also offers bespoke orders of hand-tied flowers and door wreaths as well as faux flower backdrops and installations.

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All the latest from around the region

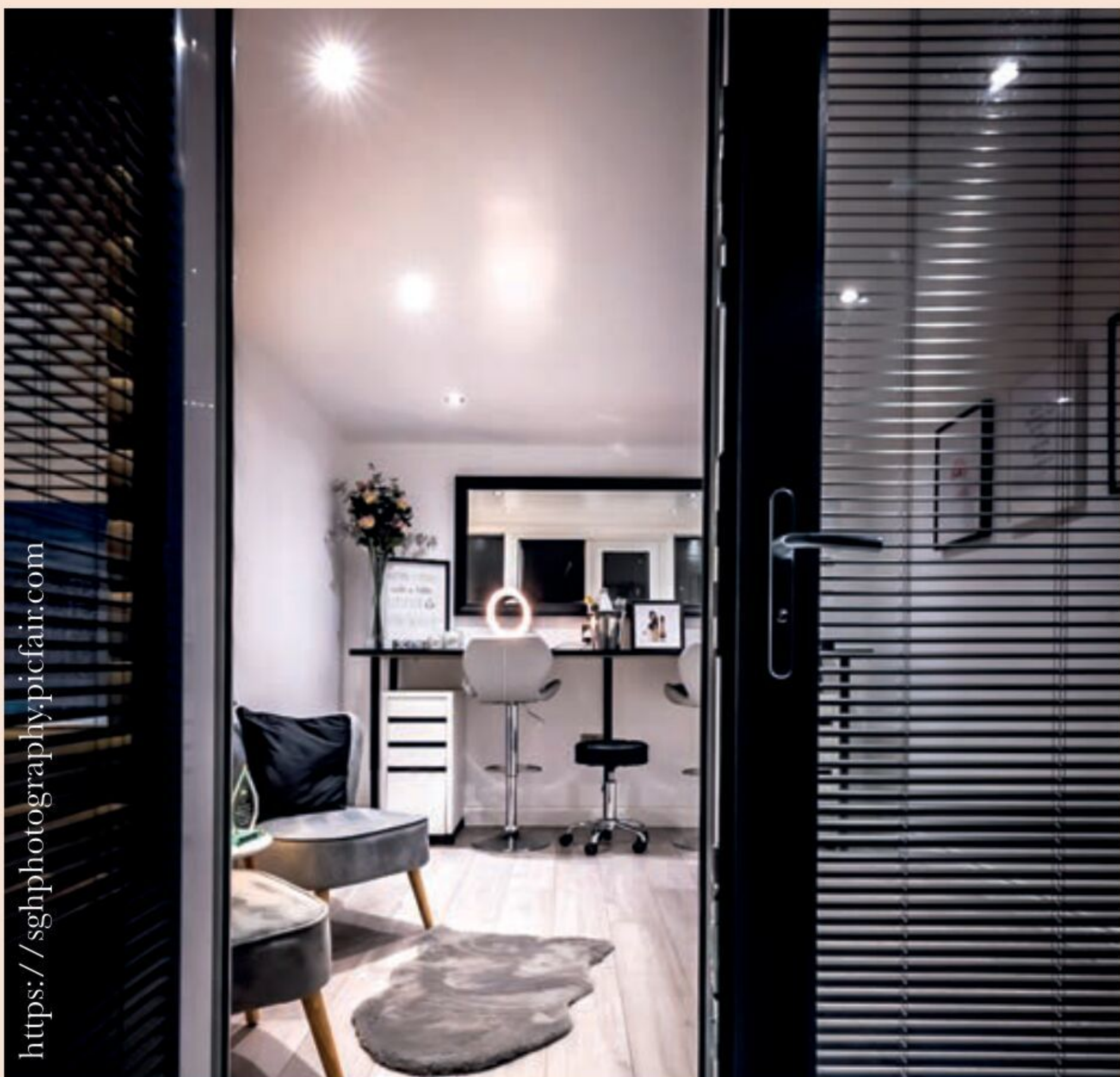
Interactive entertainment

CherryTop Weddings has developed a new Covid-secure interactive wedding entertainment experience that can be enjoyed by guests attending as well as friends and relatives watching remotely. (It's also ideal for larger celebrations when restrictions lift.) Everyone will receive a 'Love Story' which is a printed booklet personalised by the couple. It contains photographs of the newlyweds and activities chosen by them including a quiz to find out how much their guests know about them, wedding speech bingo, word searches, drawing challenges and much more.

Couples design their own Love Story booklet using CherryTop Weddings' content management system. There's a range of designs and colourways to choose from that suit all wedding themes and couples choose their design for the front and back cover. The package includes a personalised pen with each booklet, a special souvenir of the day, and activities for children.

There are different packages available to suit each couple's needs starting from £150. For more information call 01872 713 344 or visit www.cherrytopweddings.com





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BIG-DAY BEAUTIFUL

This year has been a whirlwind for the wedding industry, but Melanie Hedley Make up Artist has had a much-needed boost by celebrating 20 years in the industry and has opened a new, bespoke studio where pampering can occur. This modern space is perfect for wedding trials and new treatments have been added to create ultimate bridal packages including ESPA facials, brow lamination, lash lift and brows wax and tint.

Owner Melanie Hedley says, "For me, it's hugely important to build loyal and trustworthy relationships with my brides and incorporate fun and laughter to the beginning of your wedding celebrations.

"We wanted the studio to feel special for customers who can bring along the bridal party and have a glass of fizz to indulge your excitement with the most luxurious facials and have an unforgettable experience."

Check out: www.melaniehedley.co.uk

Love al fresco

With stunning views across the Northumberland countryside, Tiny Fields is a new venue perfect for tipi weddings. Located just outside of Hexham, the venue's suitable for intimate, unplugged weddings with up to 60 people.

Onsite, couples can find a newly renovated two-bedroom accommodation in the Tiny Chapel with views across the countryside and a very welcoming hot tub.

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Aurora Strings has provided the soundtrack to hundreds if not thousands of weddings and events across the North of England. To help couples save money, the business is offering a 10 per cent discount off 2022 weddings when couples quote 'newlyweds'.

Gayle Roberts at Aurora Strings says, "Lockdown has been so difficult for so many people. As we all know, it's hit the wedding industry as well as the arts hard and we can't wait to perform together again!"

Before COVID-19 restrictions, the team had collaborated with some fantastic artists including Field Music, The Cinematic Orchestra, Kathryn Williams, Beccy Owen and Sir Cliff Richard to name a few.

Check out: www.aurorastrings.org.uk



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A PERFECT DAY

Situated in Northumberland, The Barn On The Bay is a beautiful coastal venue with multiple ceremony and reception options available.

As part of the venue's 'giving back' strategy, an area on the farm has been selected to allow couples to plant a tree to not only help the environment, but symbolise the special day.

In September, all past couples and anyone who has had their wedding this year will be able to choose a tree to plant in the new bio-diverse Wedding Woodland, which will be managed sustainably and provide a photographic backdrop for years to come.

The strategy forms part of the barn's sustainability code, including giving back to local charities through a donation from beer sales and helping lots of young people through training and employment opportunities.

The team can't wait until weddings are back in full swing and are looking forward to welcoming couples and their friends to the stunning venue.

Check out: <https://barnonthebay.com>

DAYDREAMING OF DRESSES

Finding a wedding gown is such an exciting experience, many brides dream of that special dress from a young age and the feeling of finding *the one* is such an unforgettable moment.

Rare Bridal Studio is designed for modern brides who want to stand out and stocks boho, laid-back styles with modern touches. The designer dresses available include gowns from Shikoba Bride, Amy Mair Couture and E&W Couture with beautiful accessories from Victoria Louise and veils from Tulle and Flo Veil Designs.

The company is offering 10 per cent off dress orders and separate combos. Book an appointment now at Rare Bridal Studio and mention *Your North East Wedding* to claim the discount before July 31st, 2021.

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Situated on a fully working farm, Lough House Farm Weddings offers couples a stunning blank canvas for barn nuptials while showcasing the very best of the Northumbrian countryside.

When couples enter the premises they'll travel through acres of farmland past sheep, trees and horses until they arrive at the red-brick exterior venue.

With a large hard-core area just outside, the space is perfect for outdoor games, pizza trucks, gin bars, fairground rides, tipis or a silent disco under the stars.

The venue has passed inspection for its civil marriage licence and

the team are working with registrars to put this in place as soon as possible. Exchange vows in the side room with 50 guests for intimate weddings or The Barn for 100 people. This rustic space is also suitable for 50 to 120 loved ones during the wedding breakfast and 130 for the evening reception while the side room is perfect for a chill-out space, casino area, powder room or games zone – the possibilities are endless!

As part of the Lough House Farm experience, couples are offered a wedding planner to help with all aspects of planning.

The farm will be hosting no more than 10 weddings per year and each wedding has a 50-hour hire agreement starting at 11 am the day before the wedding until 1 pm the day after. This allows plenty of time for setup, deliveries and collections.





HEXHAM WINTER GARDENS

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Rated as one of the best hydropathic establishments in the north of England, The Winter Gardens was constructed in 1907 to extend the summer season for the Tynedale Hydropathic Hotel in Hexham.

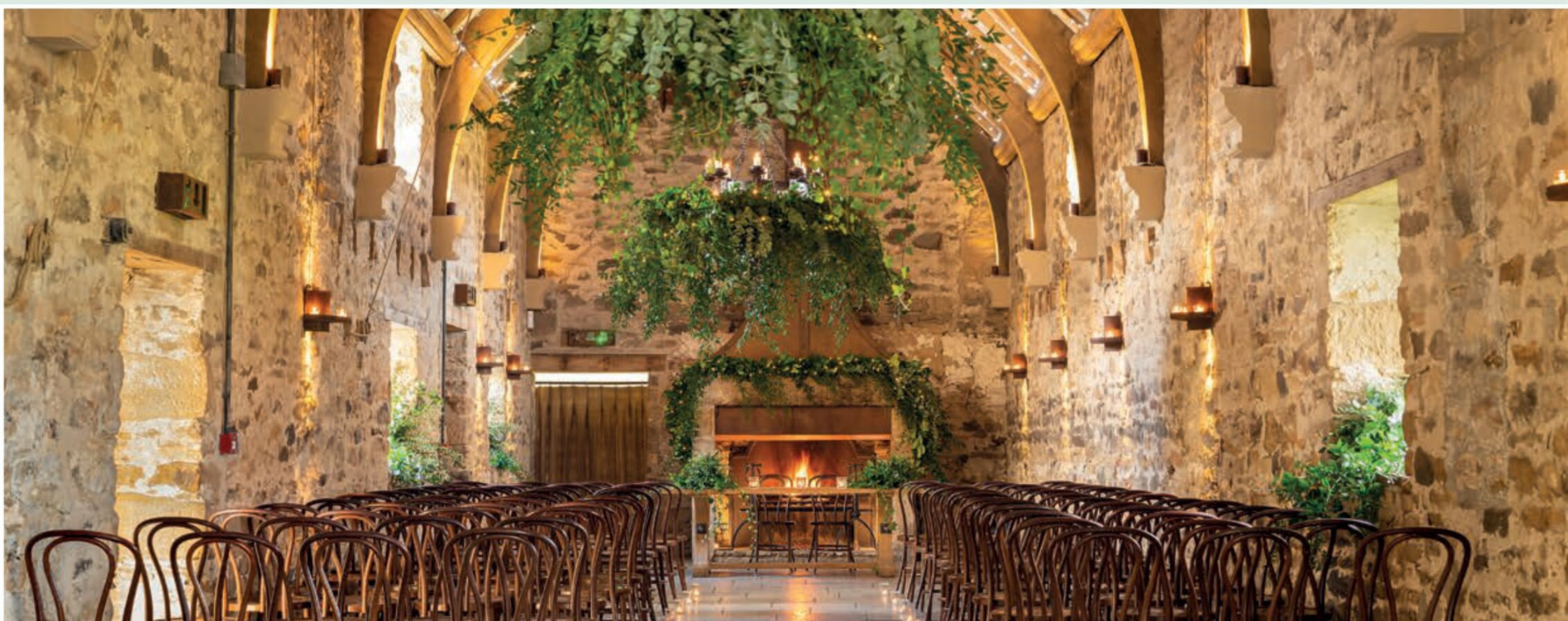
The venue is a light and airy space with a high-solid roof and natural-sprung wooden floor that's ideal in any weather conditions. It has a lovely atmosphere and creates a wonderful ambience for any style of wedding.

The former Edwardian glasshouse is an imposing Grade II listed building set in mature grounds with grassed areas and outside spaces

for guests to mingle, enjoy reception drinks, play games and enjoy street food vans.

Ceremonies occur in The Winter Gardens (Edwardian Glasshouse) for up to 150 seated guests or The Hydro Hall (Wood Panelled Room) with up to 70. In bad weather, one of the rooms can be used for the drinks reception whilst the ceremony room is being set up for the wedding breakfast. Continue the celebrations in The Winter Gardens for up to 150 guests for the evening reception and dance the night away!

The gardens offer a three day hire with setup on Fridays, weddings on Saturdays and clear up on Sundays.



HEALEY BARN

01434 400 044 | www.crippsandco.com

Healey Barn was converted by Cripps & Co in 2015 to create a luxury wedding venue while retaining the charm and history of the original building. Located in the tranquil countryside near Corbridge in Tyne Valley and less than 20 minutes from the centre of Newcastle, the location is perfect for travelling guests.

Ceremonies are conducted in the Long Barn with a capacity of 144 guests; candles, fairy lights and an open fire add to the romantic and enchanting atmosphere. This space can then be transformed into a drinks reception area and dancefloor after the ceremony.

Leading through from the barn, the dining room provides the perfect space for the wedding breakfast and loved ones can take in the spectacular views whilst eating some fabulous food. At the end of the dining room is a copper-clad bar with a glass-folding door

opening onto a small terrace and garden.

Sheltered from the wind by the barn building on all sides, the sun-filled courtyard provides a large additional space for post-ceremony drinks and an excellent location for wedding photographs. There are two giant oak planters with seats around them, six umbrella-topped trees, various benches, cosy suntraps and planted troughs and borders. There's an open-sided building with garden furniture which provides a covered outside area and the venue's pizza oven. Lanterns, firepits and fairy lights in the trees light up the space in the evening.

Located one mile away from the venue, Healey Hall and its adjoining cottages can accommodate 34 guests in 17 beautifully interior designed rooms.

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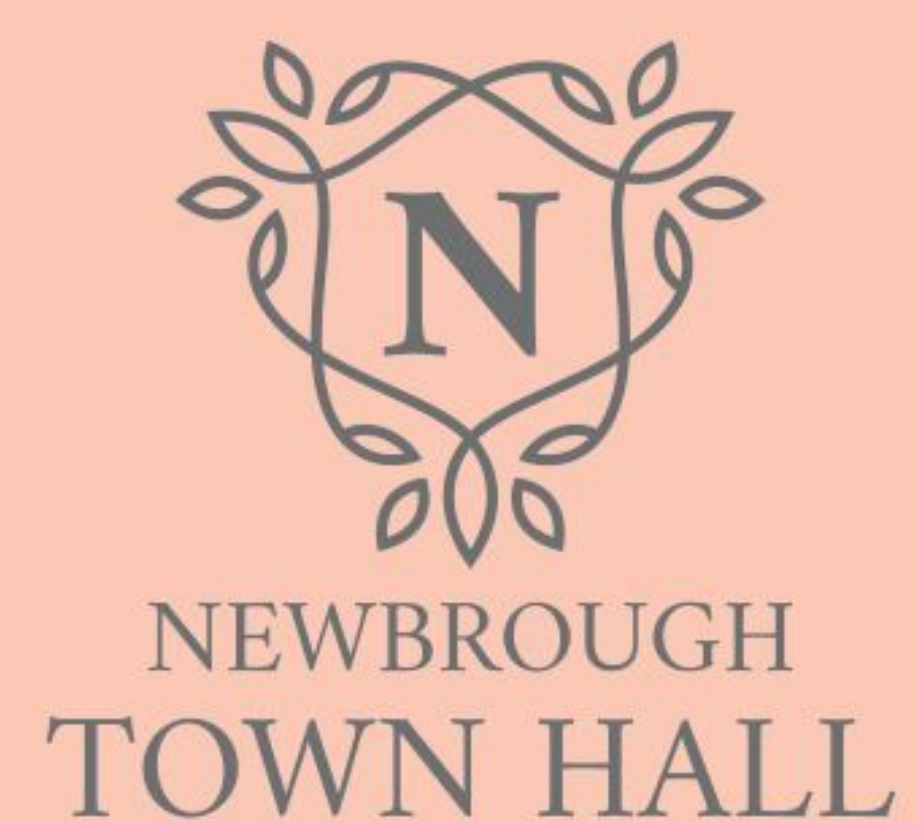
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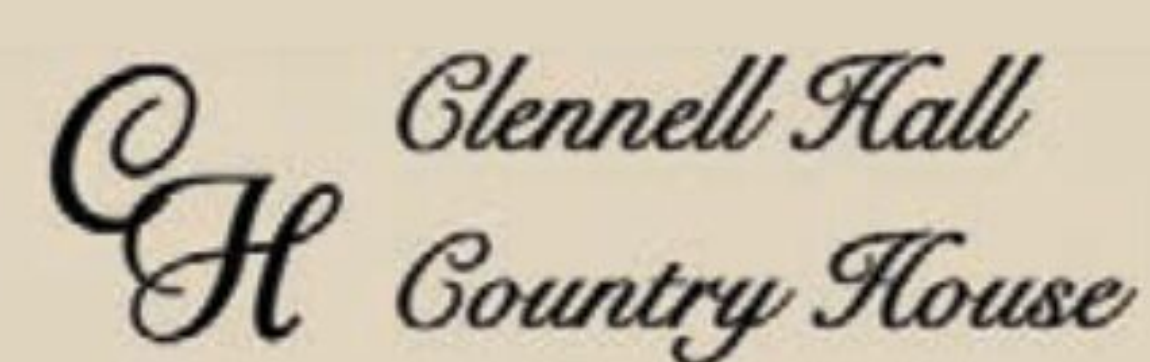


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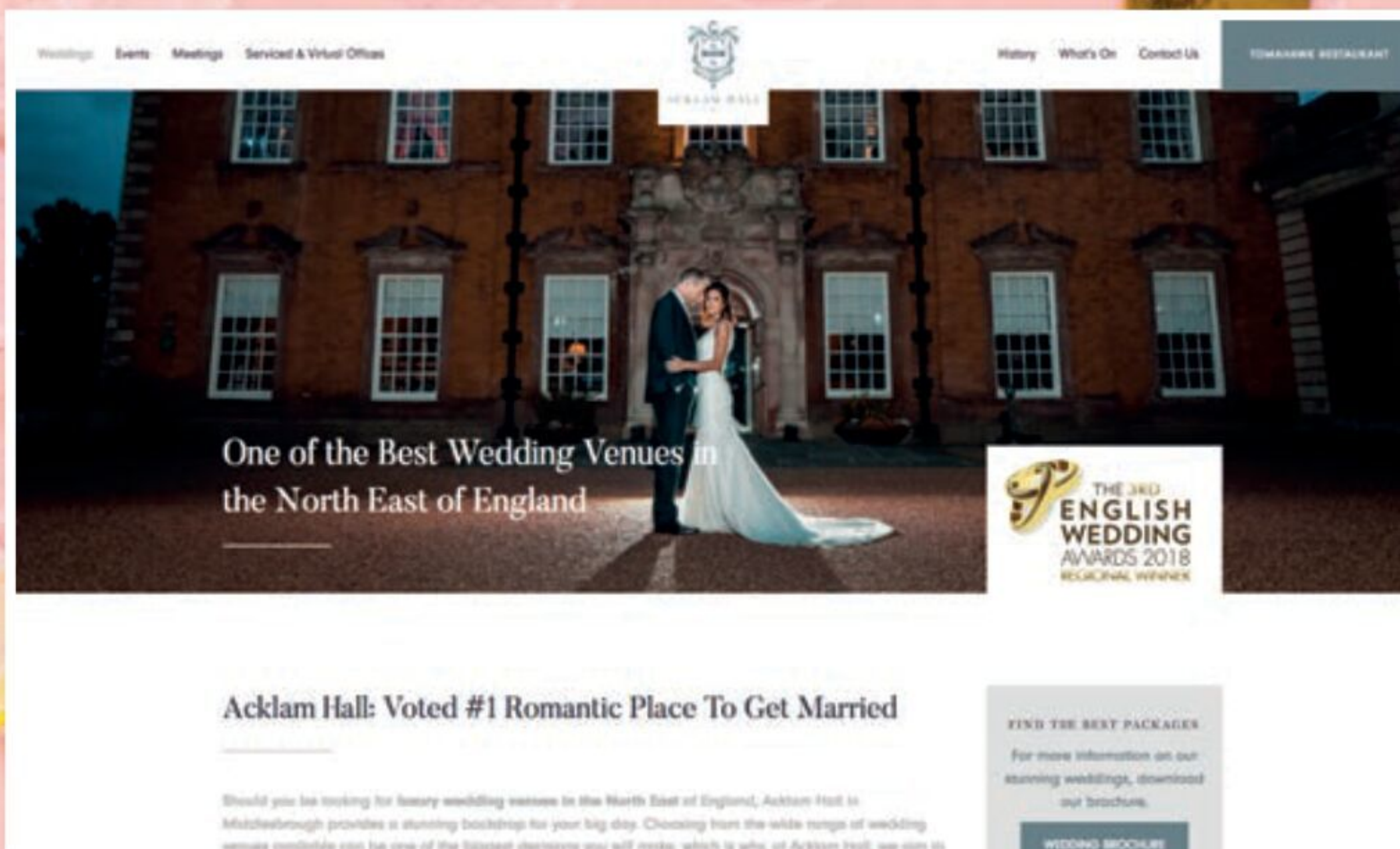
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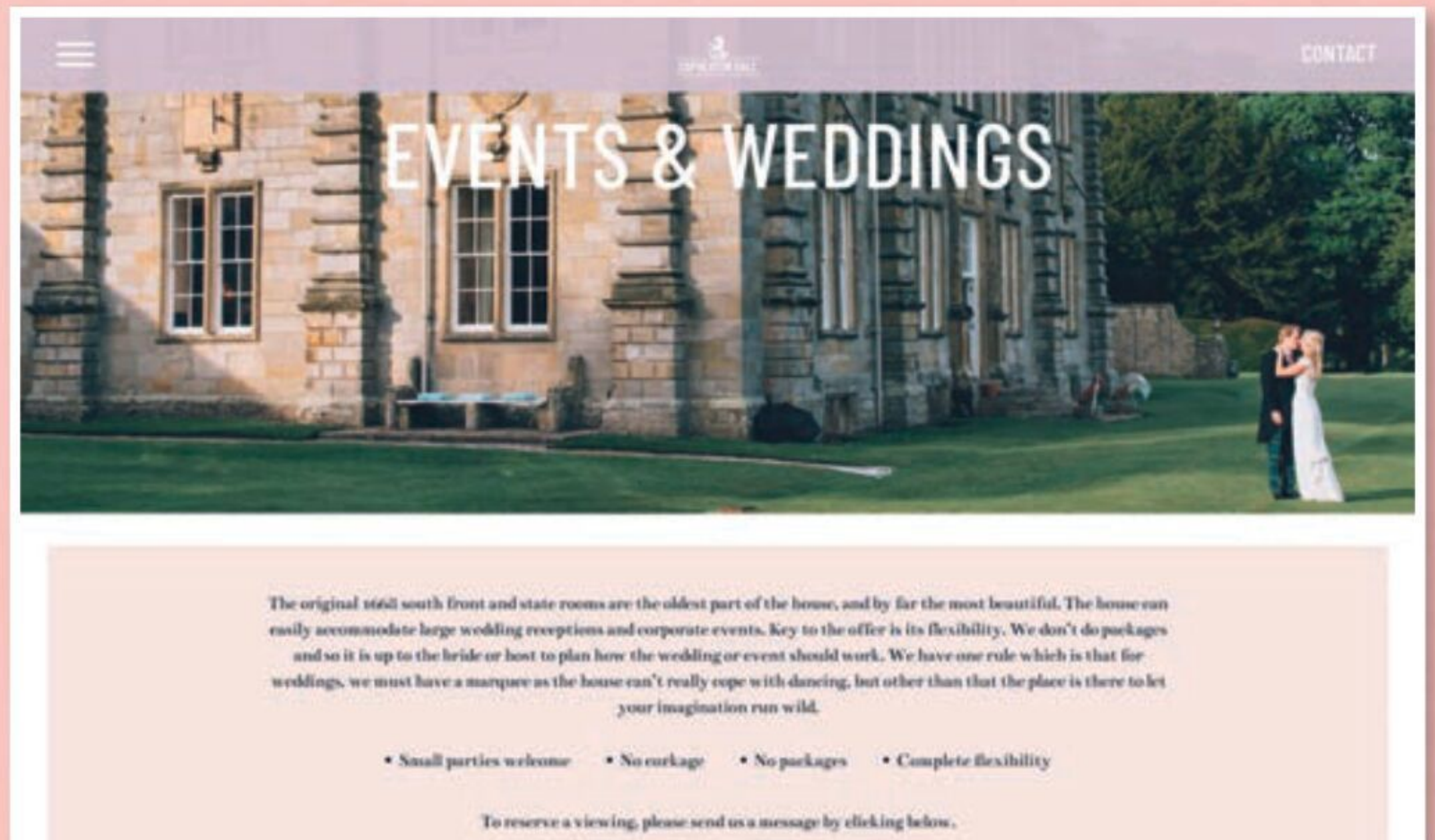
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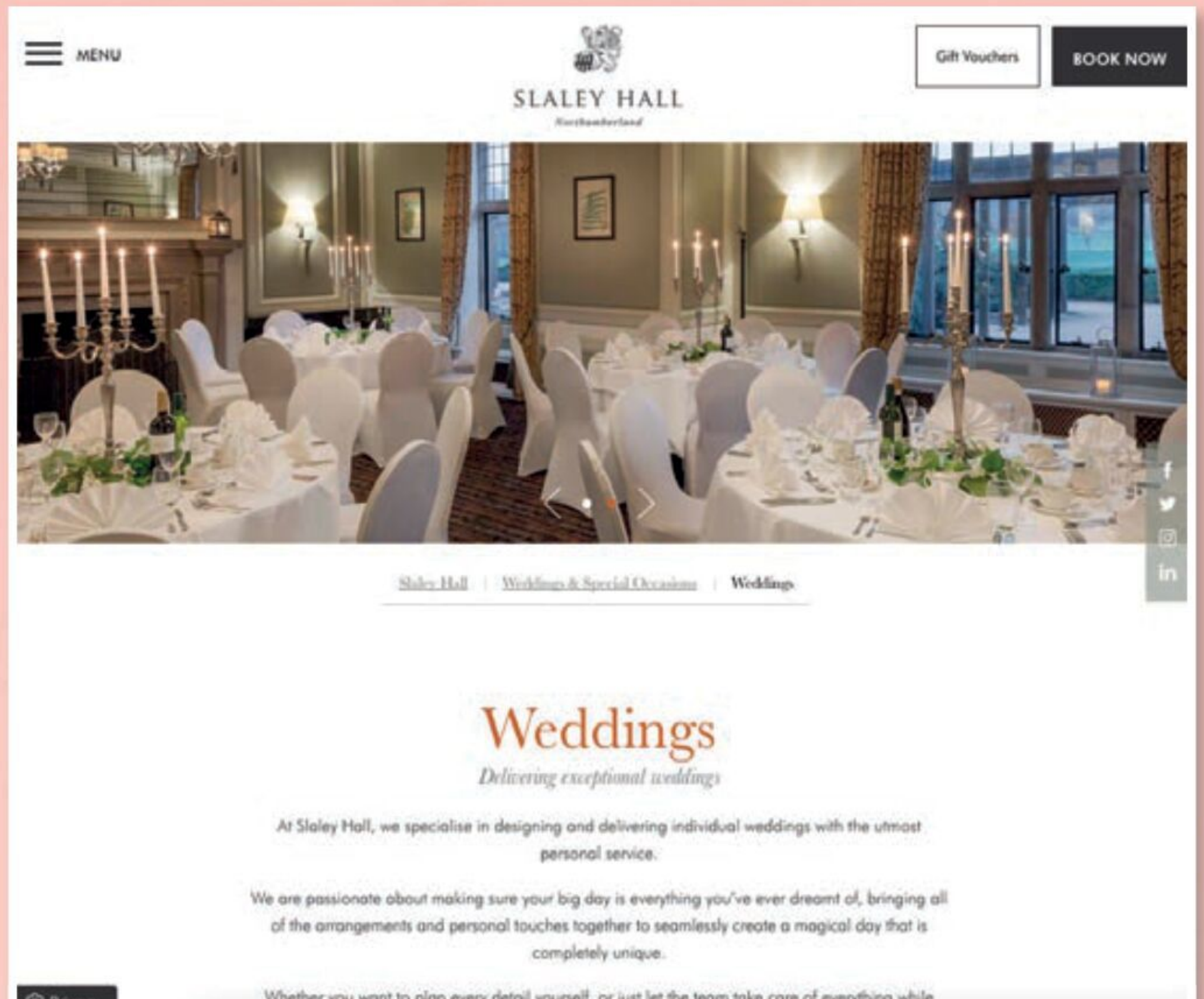
For couples wanting an intimate wedding, Whalton Manor Gardens is the perfect venue! The three-acre garden features beautiful plants and looks incredible in spring and summer. Here couples can say 'I do' in the stone-built Italianate summer house with their nearest and dearest.



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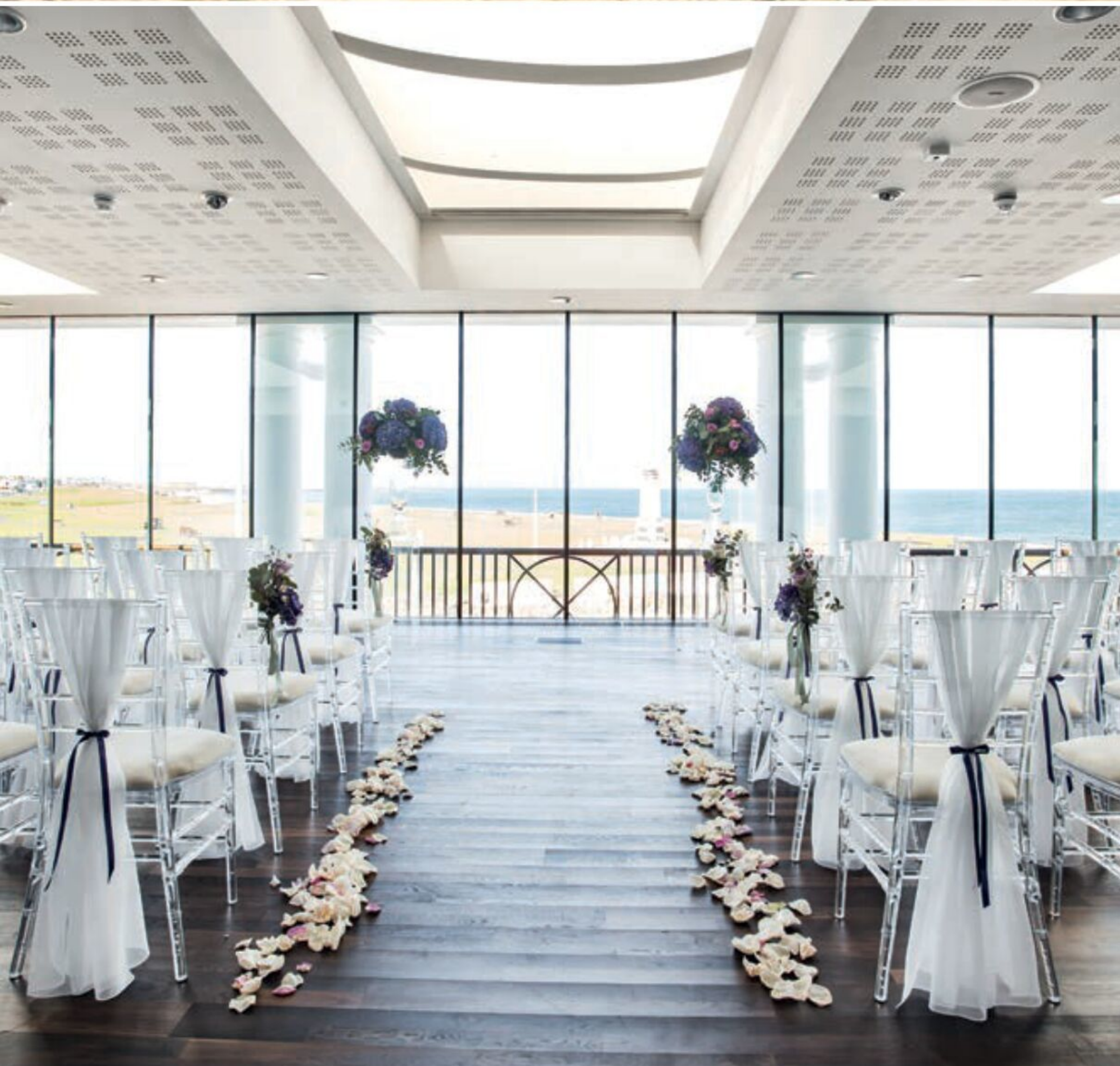
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Located in Whitley Bay, Spanish City offers extraordinary spaces for weddings right by the beach and has been awarded Best Coastal Wedding Venue at The UK Wedding Awards 2020.

Built in 1910, the venue has undergone a £10-million-pound restoration in 2018 to preserve its historic features; couples will fall in love with the Spanish-style architecture and the stunning building makes a lovely backdrop for photographs.

The front of the venue features coastal gardens and a large stretch of grass running along the cliffs.

Exchange vows in The St Mary's Function Suite with floor-to-ceiling windows that provide views over the Whitley Bay coastline and St Mary's Lighthouse. This area includes a fully stocked bar, service

kitchen, a PA system and white walls to match any colour scheme. The suite is fully accessible by lift and can also be used for the reception if desired.

Or why not opt for a reception on the Roof Terrace with 60 guests who can get up close to the iconic dome, a historic symbol of the North East?

Following the wedding ceremony, loved ones can enjoy their drinks reception under the incredible dome in The Gallery. The fine-dining 1910 Restaurant can be used for intimate wedding breakfasts for up to 50 guests and boasts panoramic views.

For couples with a wedding breakfast included in their package, each pair is invited for a tasting session in the restaurant where head chef Mark Percival and his team use only the finest ingredients from local producers where possible.



GRAND HOTEL, TYNEMOUTH

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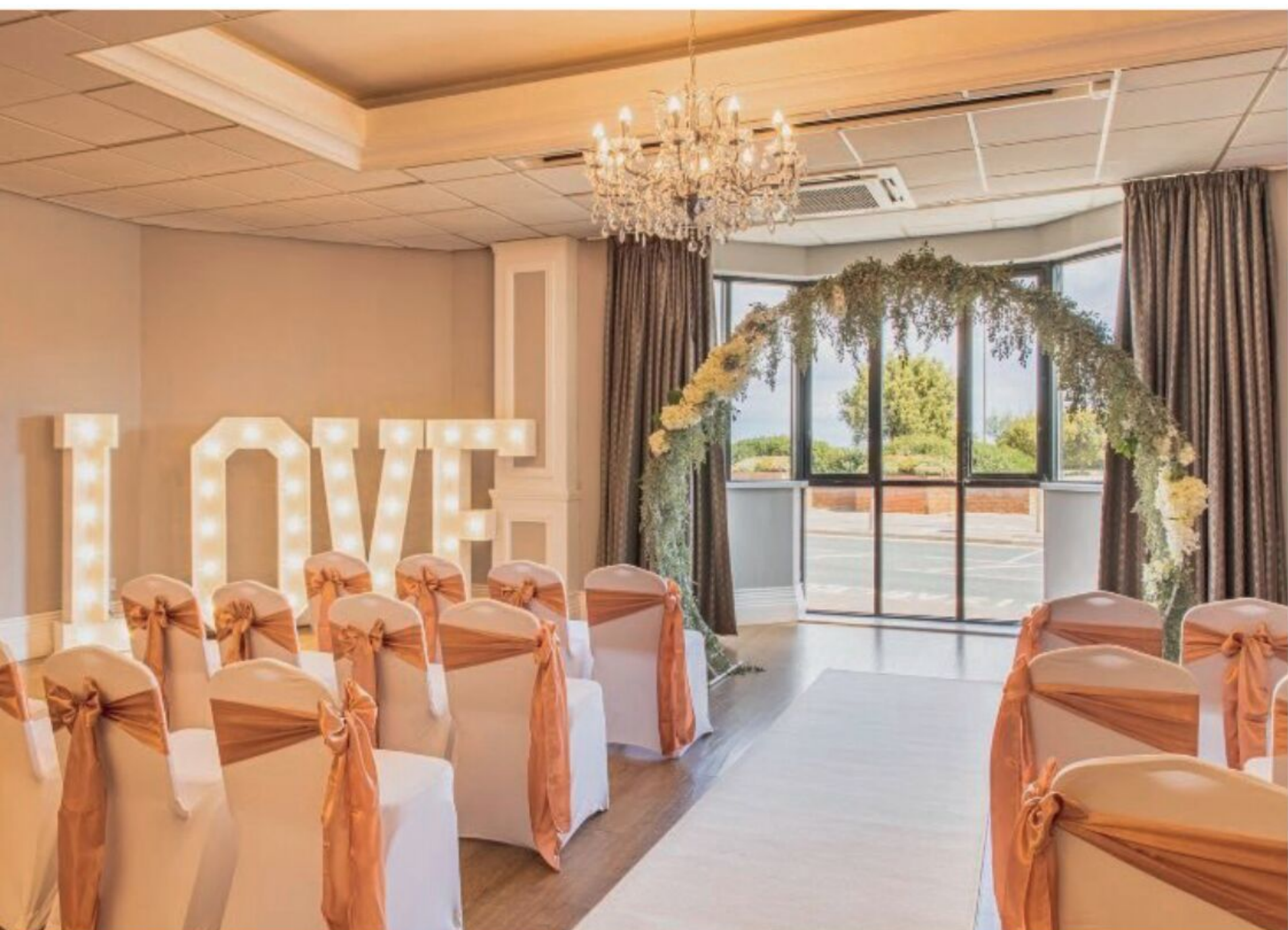
Steeped in history, the award-winning Grand Hotel was built in 1872 as a summer residence for the Duchess of Northumberland. The traditionally Victorian venue is set on a clifftop overlooking some of the most picturesque locations and offers three private function suites, three elegant bridal suites and endless photographic opportunities.

The premises has many striking features such as the prestigious Victorian imposing staircase, magnificent windows and the three expertly renovated bridal suites – each one consisting of a jacuzzi bathtub and breathtaking views!

Fully licensed for weddings, the venue has a range of locations

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The award-winning wedding team will be with couples every step of the way to ensure that every detail is taken care of. A complimentary wedding taster is offered to couples who choose the wedding breakfast package, which is cooked by the executive chef. Friends and family also receive a booking discount on their accommodation.



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Exchange vows in the Bramhall Suite, an intimate ceremony location for up to 120 nearest and dearest. After the all-important 'I

do's', the sophisticated suite gets transformed into a reception space for 120 people for a seated reception or 150 for a more relaxed layout. There's even a private bar, additional room for hosting buffets and dining packages and room for entertainment including bands and performers.

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Or why not opt for The Chapel, a beautiful and bright space that's ideal for couples who want a truly personalised day? Wedding breakfasts also take place here with 140 nearest and dearest and 180 in the evening.

As part of the Ellingham Hall's experience, accommodation is included on the wedding night as well as the night before with dinner and breakfast both mornings. It can sleep 56 people on-site and allows guests to relax and enjoy the whole wedding experience. Included for each couple is also a complimentary food tasting session to taste some of the delicious dishes.



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THE BARN ON THE BAY

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Located in Northumberland overlooking the beautiful Druridge Bay, The Barn on The Bay is a farm venue with stunning wedding spaces.

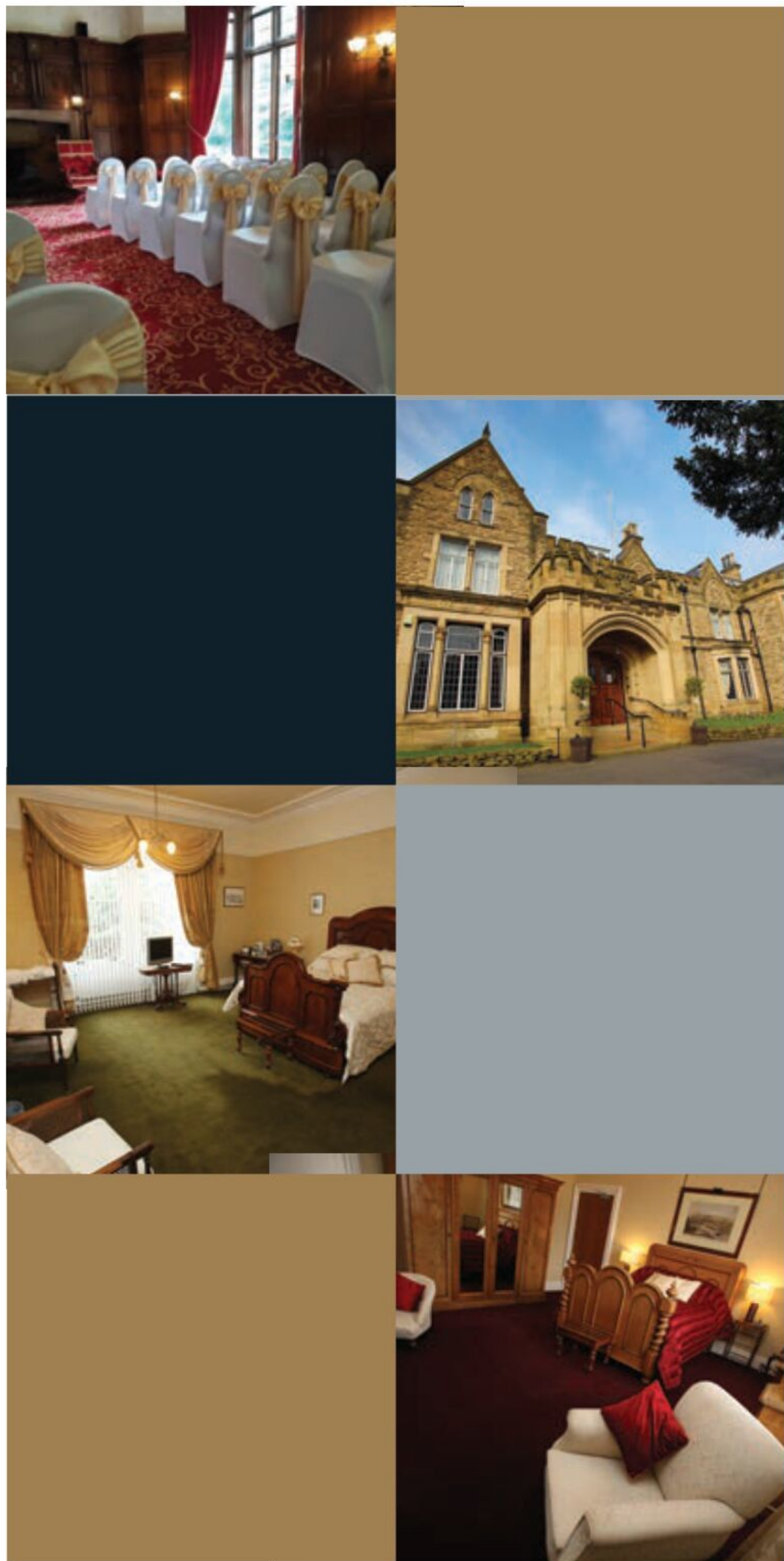
Couples have the option of three ceremony areas including the beachside location situated in the dunes and overlooking the sea, the paddock or The Cowshed wedding barn that can also be used as a reception space. Guests are always surprised when they enter what looks like a farm building to find a wedding area enhanced by chandeliers, festoon lighting, rustic furniture and agricultural accents like the milk churns and tractor seat stools. The space carries on around to the newly reimagined bar area with leather seating and

reclaimed furniture leading to a vintage horse box cocktail bar. The barn is ideal for large receptions with 200 people, and there's room for additional evening guests, while the smaller Stone Barn is perfect for intimate celebrations.

The gated paddock area outside the barn is perfect for lawn games and drinks receptions and guests can meet the on-site alpacas.

Couples won't have to worry about guests travelling home as the venue has multiple accommodation available including a converted cartshed bunkbarn, glamping pods and a beachside campsite.

All couples are invited to drink nights to get to know the venue in the run-up to their wedding day. Every year there's a tree planting ceremony where couples can mark their time on the farm by planting a tree in the Wedding Woodland.



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TIME FOR *love*

Jade and Craig's intimate wedding took place at Ramside Hall Hotel

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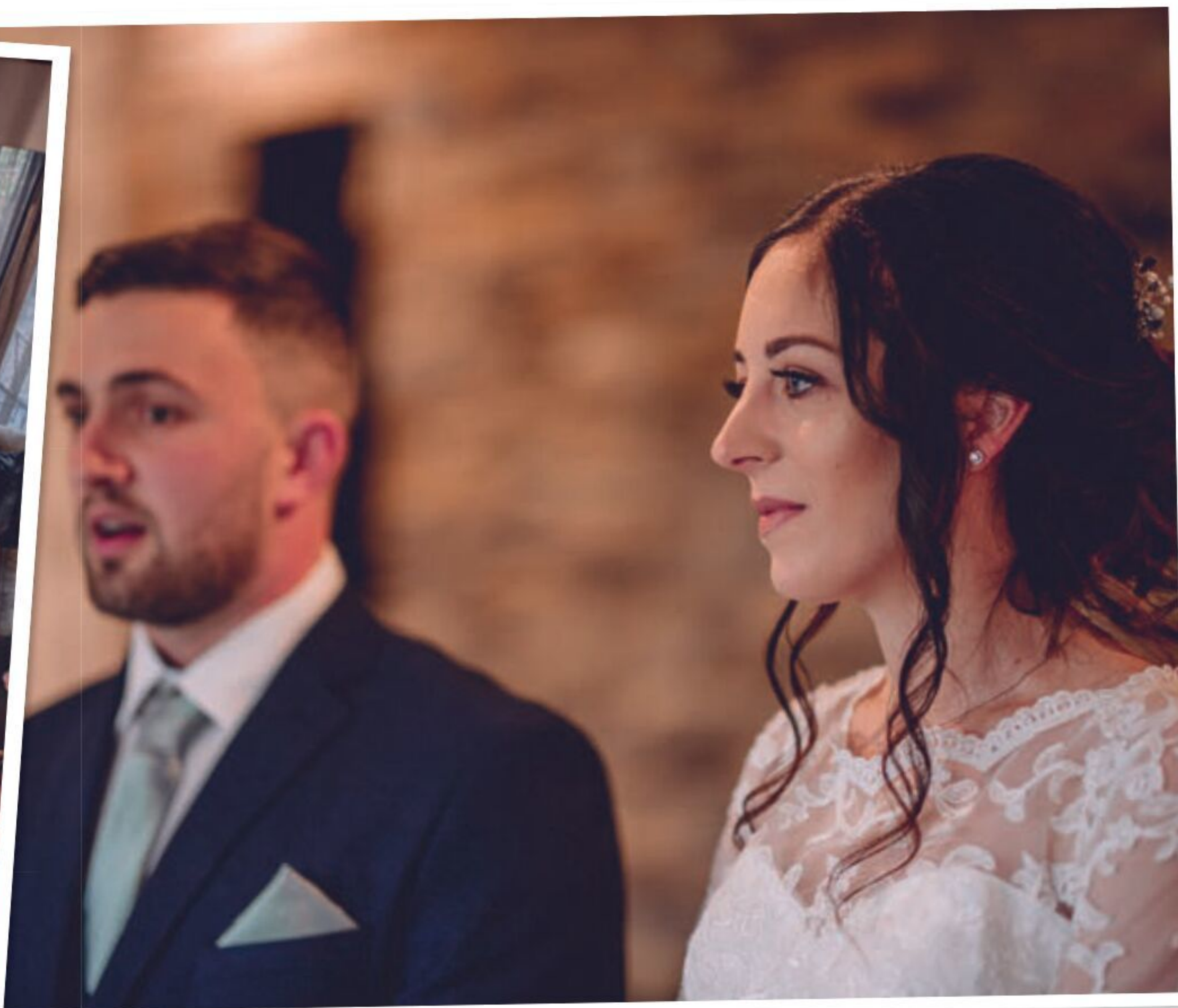
Jade and Craig first met at school when they were 14 and after many beautiful years together, Craig decided to pop the question while on a trip to Dublin to celebrate their 10th anniversary – Jade was so happy and said yes! She says, "Our original goal when planning our special day was to have a large summer wedding in 2021, but we decided to bring the date forward due to the uncertainty of COVID-19."

The new date was set for November 3rd 2020, and the pair still created the perfect wedding despite the pandemic.

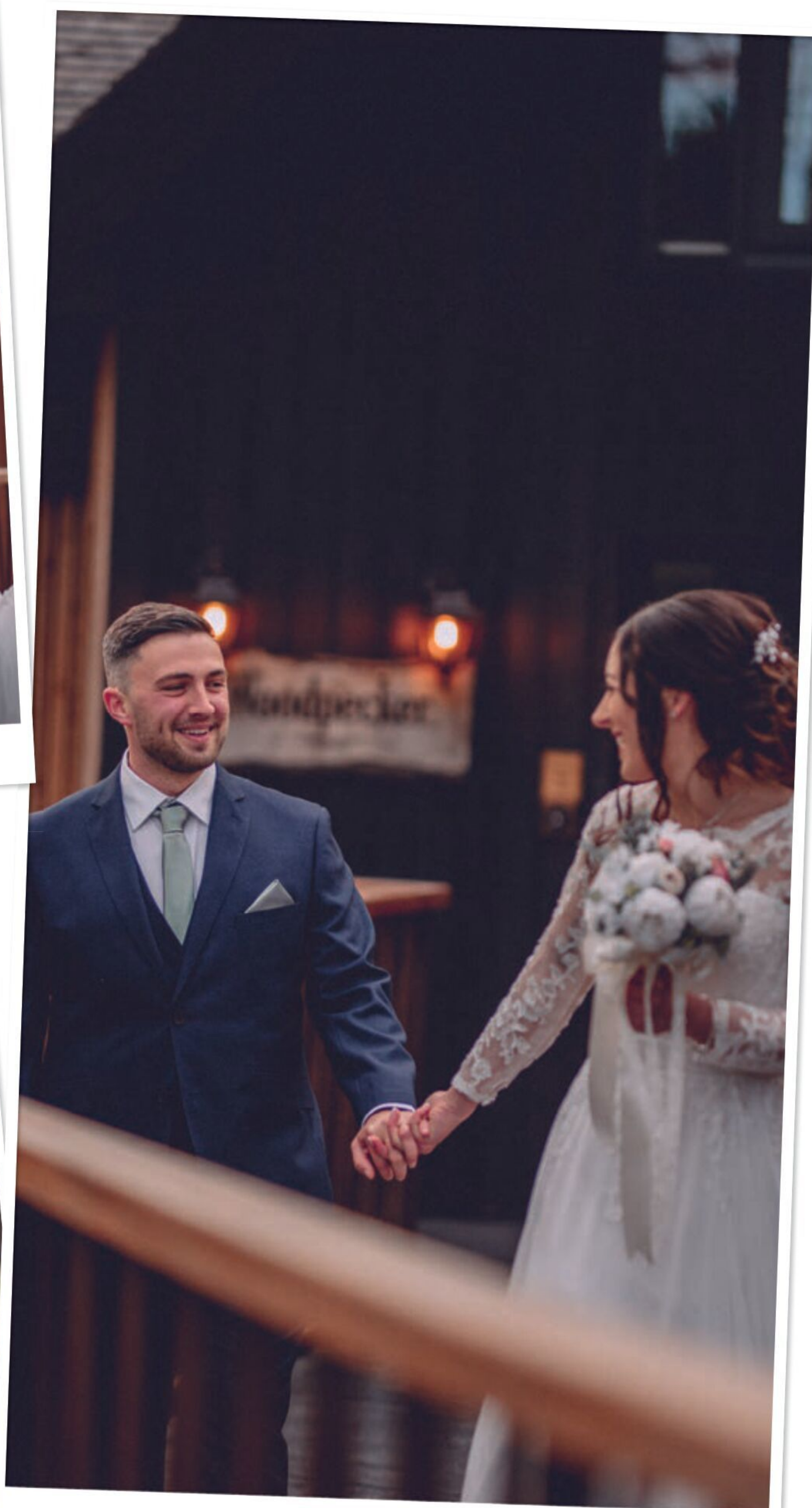
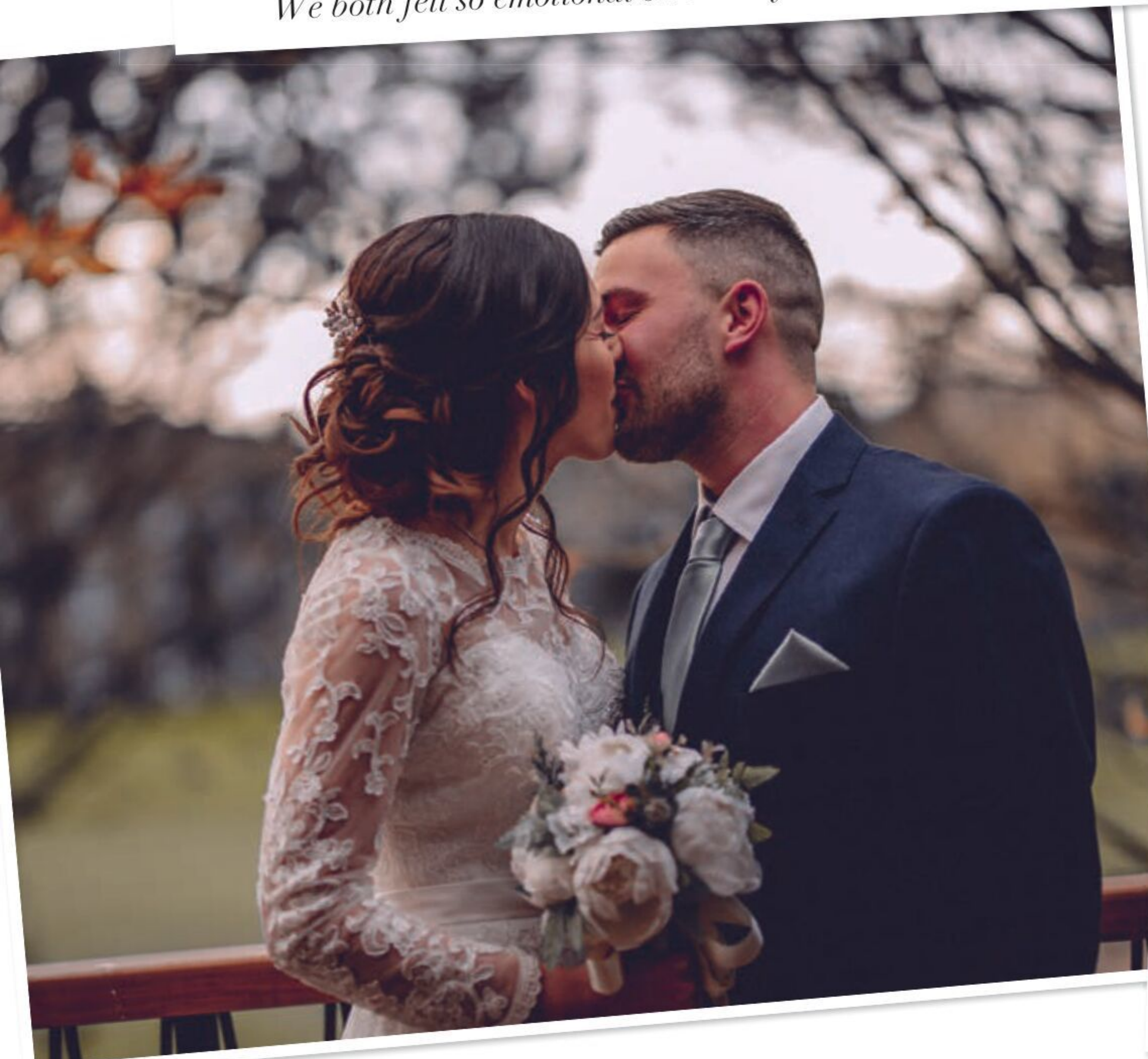
Here Jade shares details about their special day...



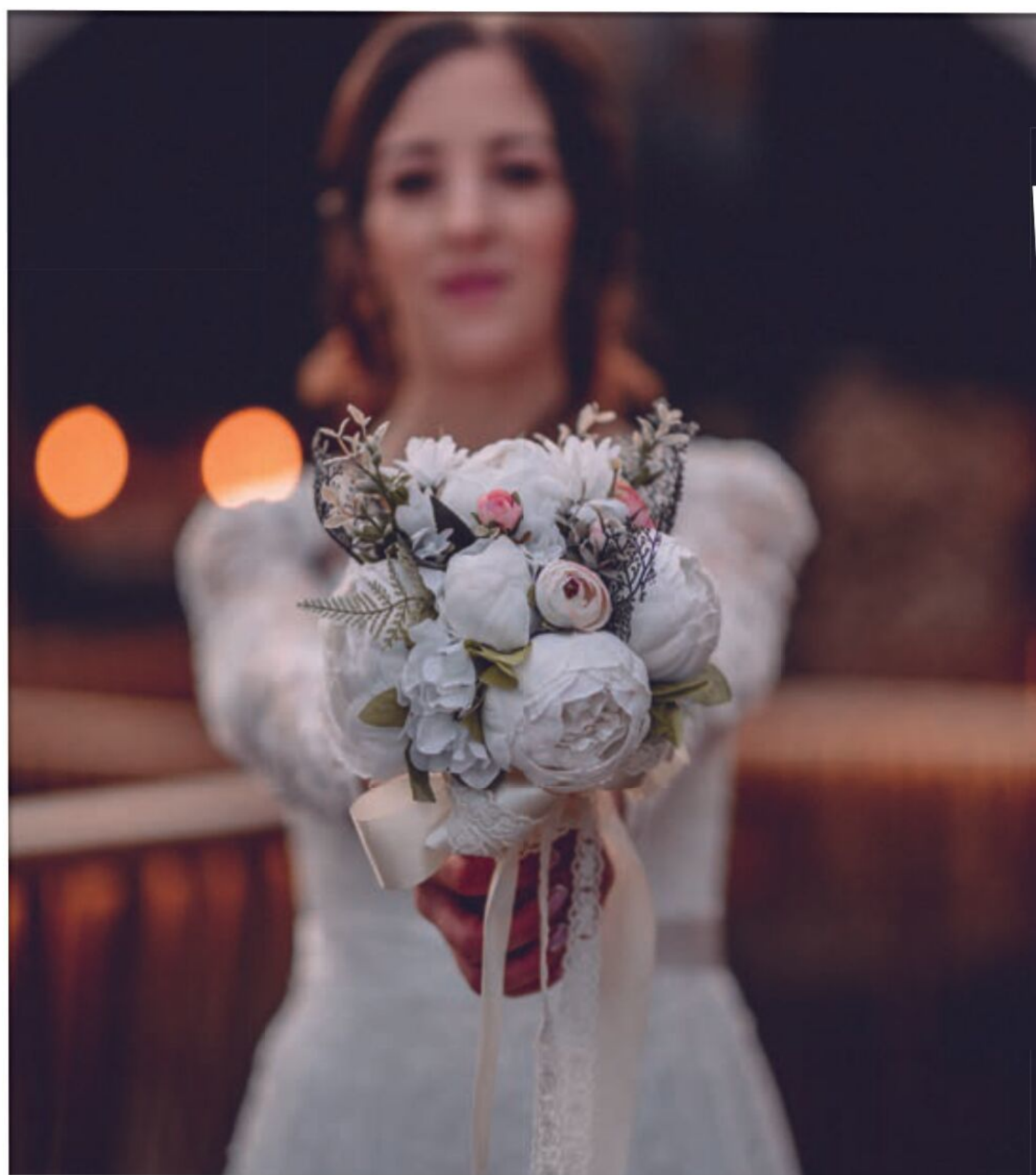
The ceremony was full of beautiful moments!



We both felt so emotional on the day but extremely happy.



We fell in love with Ramside Hall Hotel, the treehouses were perfect for our intimate wedding.



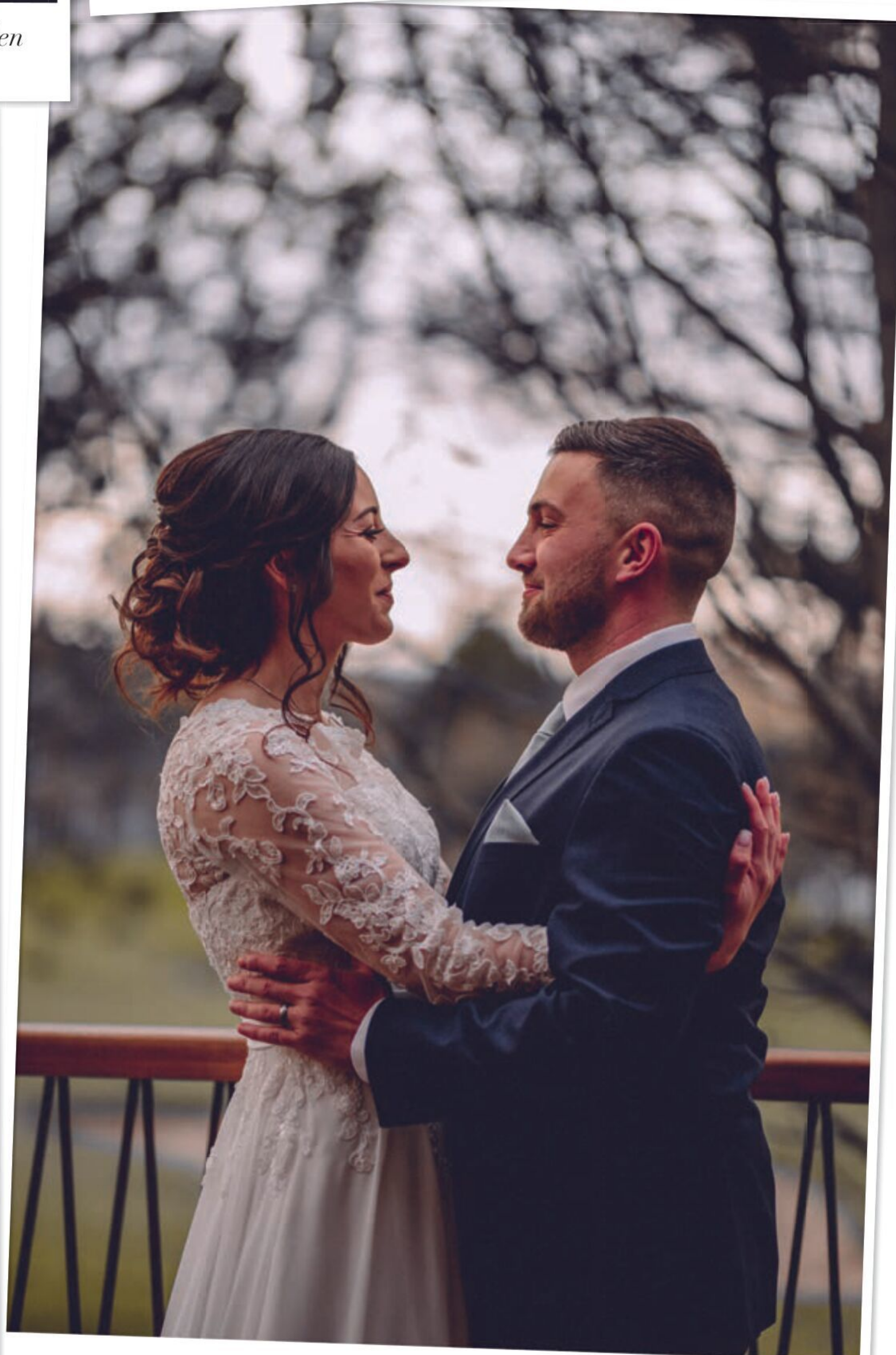
My white and green bouquet really stood out against the wooden backdrop of the venue.



We had a Disney-styled cake topper 'Mr & Mrs Deighton' as I'm a huge Disney fan!



I fell in love with the first dress I tried on at Susan's Bridal Shop in Sunderland.



I felt so emotional when I saw myself on the day.



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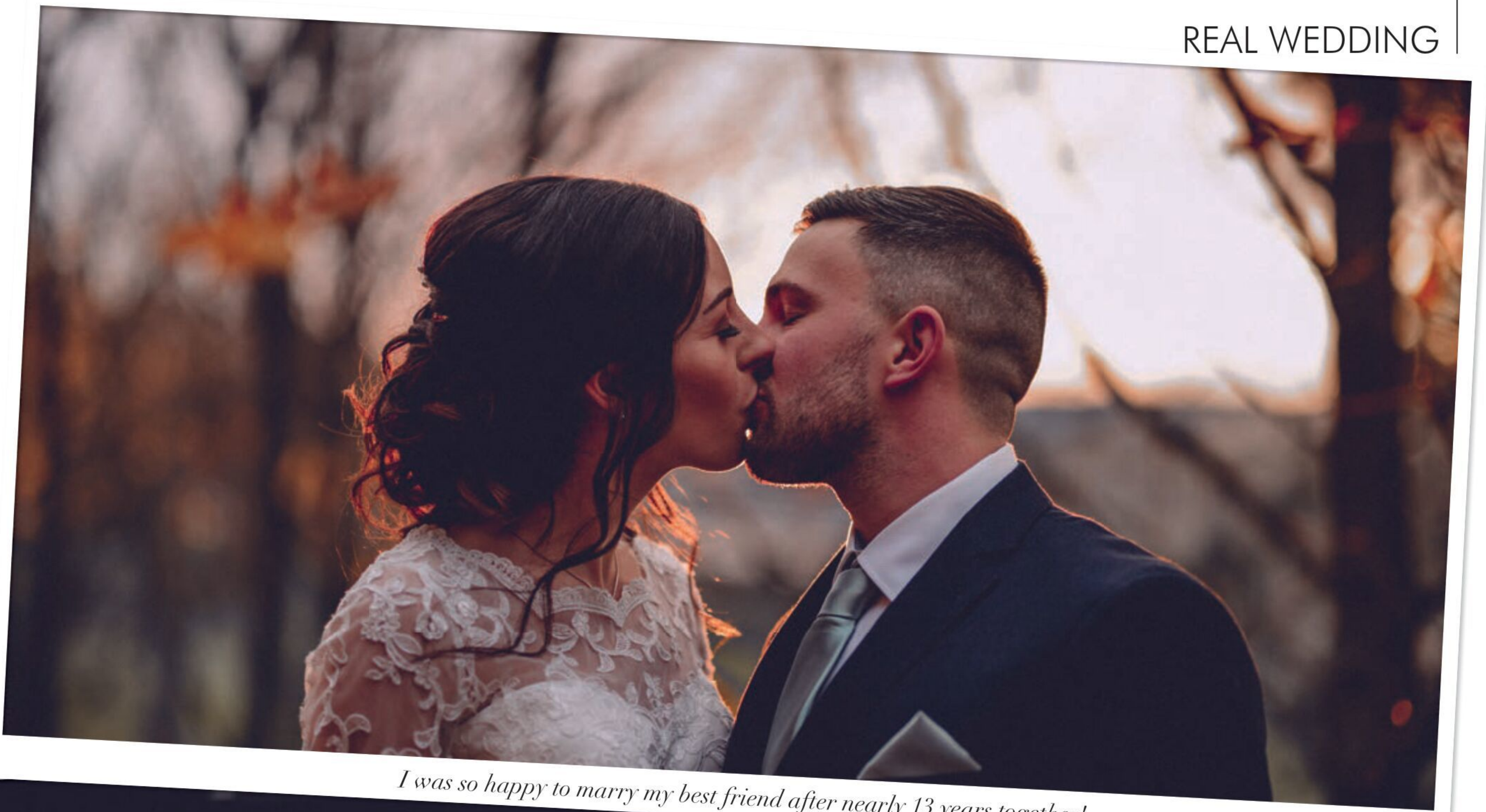
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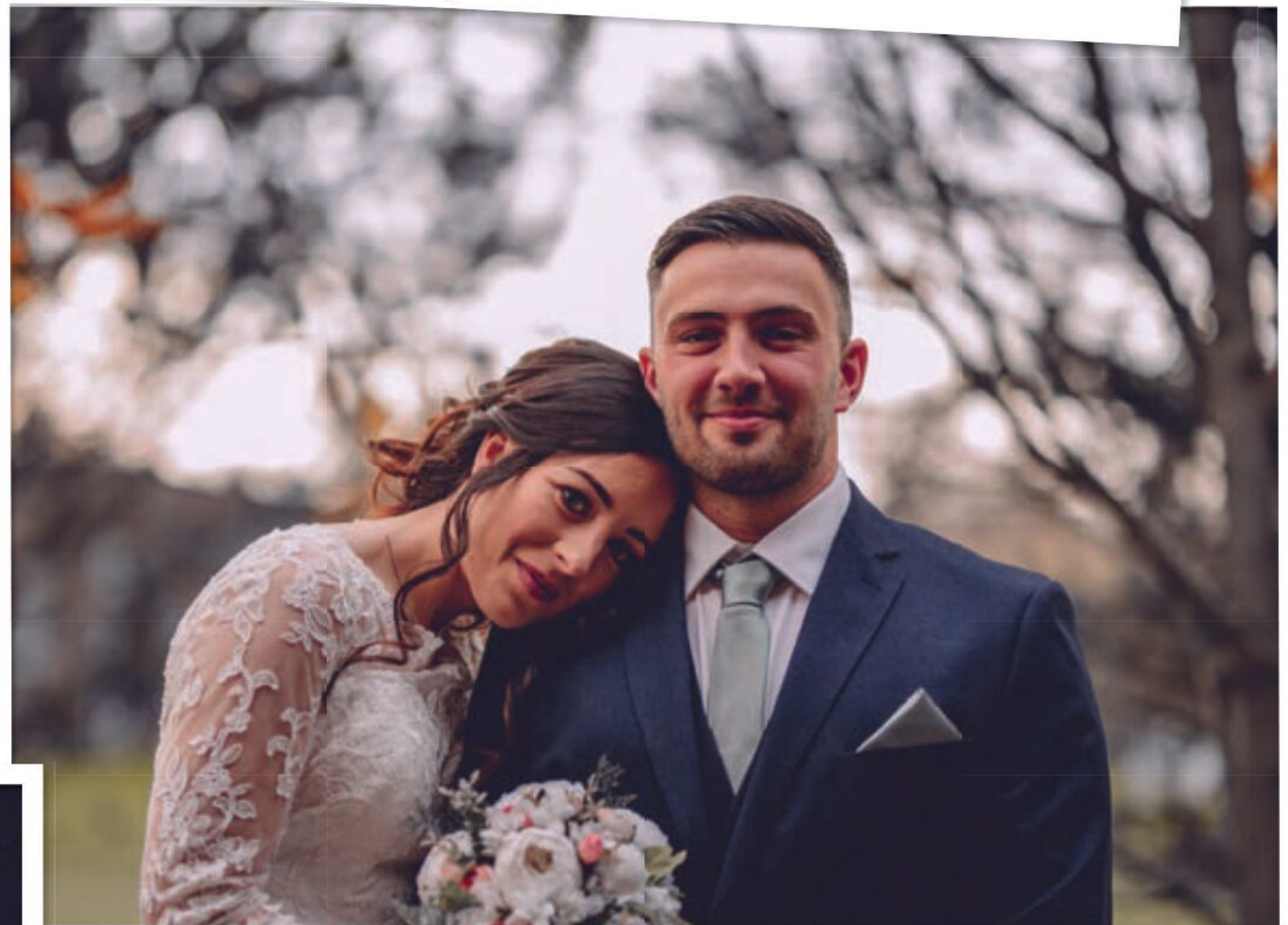
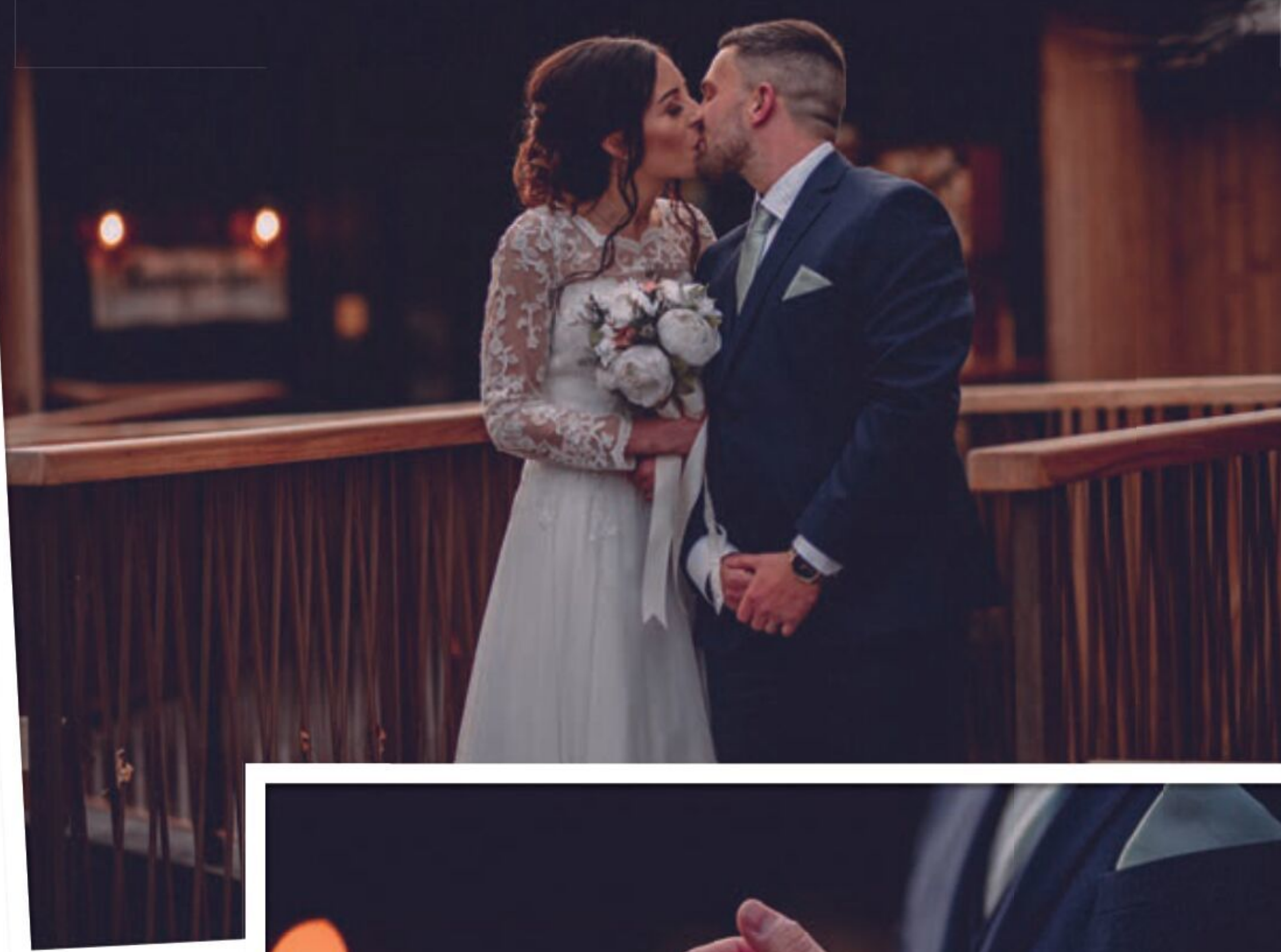
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I was so happy to marry my best friend after nearly 13 years together!



It was just the two of us, two witnesses from the hotel, the registrars and our photographer on the day.



The groom wore a suit from Skopes Outlet, Murton.

JADE AND CRAIG'S LITTLE WHITE BOOK

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Our photographer really made us feel at ease and captured some fantastic moments in such a short space of time.



Love is *all around*

Graeme and Louise's rustic wedding
featured hues of orange
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Graeme and Louise's love story began in 2004 during a trip to Prague with mutual friends where they instantly clicked. Louise says, "We had a strong connection and felt comfortable in each other's company – we knew straightaway that we would be together long term." During a holiday in Copenhagen later that year, the pair became a couple and created many beautiful memories.

After being together for nearly 15 years, Graeme proposed during a romantic walk through their hometown. Louise comments, "We were walking across a bridge with stunning views over the river when he popped the question – it was a complete surprise!"

SETTING THE SCENE

The couple legally got married in Iceland in August 2020, and later that month had a blessing in Northumberland with friends and family.

The couple's original venue closed down due to COVID-19, but they instantly fell in love with Doxford Barns after searching the North East for a new location. Louise says, "Everything about the venue was perfect from the Threshing Hall, the barn, outdoor spaces, food and drink options and the fabulous accommodation all on-site. We took our six-year-old son Jack to view the place and he was happy as soon as he saw the combine harvester and tractor."

Another bonus for the couple is that Doxford Barns is dog-friendly, meaning that their three-year-old vizsla pointer cross called Forrest could attend!

A rustic theme was picked for the wedding and was highlighted throughout the day. The bride says, "Our centrepieces included rustic logs with flower arrangements on, photos of us in Iceland and wooden table names in Durham gin bottles." Each table was named after places the couple had visited together in Iceland and guests could find their seats with help from the rustic table plan.

The childrens' table included a centrepiece of activities such as planes to build, scratch art masks/shapes, note pads and pencils and puzzle toys.

Loved ones could find a giant Connect4 and Jenga to play outside and additional activities scattered around to entertain the little ones including bubble wands, I spy cards, bingo cards, inflatable musical instruments and dress-up items.

When picking the perfect florals, the couple took inspiration from the Icelandic poppy and picked similar orange and natural colours as the original flower wasn't in season. Louise's natural bouquet was beautiful and wrapped in burlap fabric. She says, "We had flowers draped over the mantelpiece in the Threshing Barn, a pedestal arrangement in front of a hay bale and hanging baskets and white planters at the barn's entrance for guests to see as they arrived."

When it came to the wedding favours, guests were given a Macmillan bee brooch and two chocolate hearts to thank guests for coming to the day.

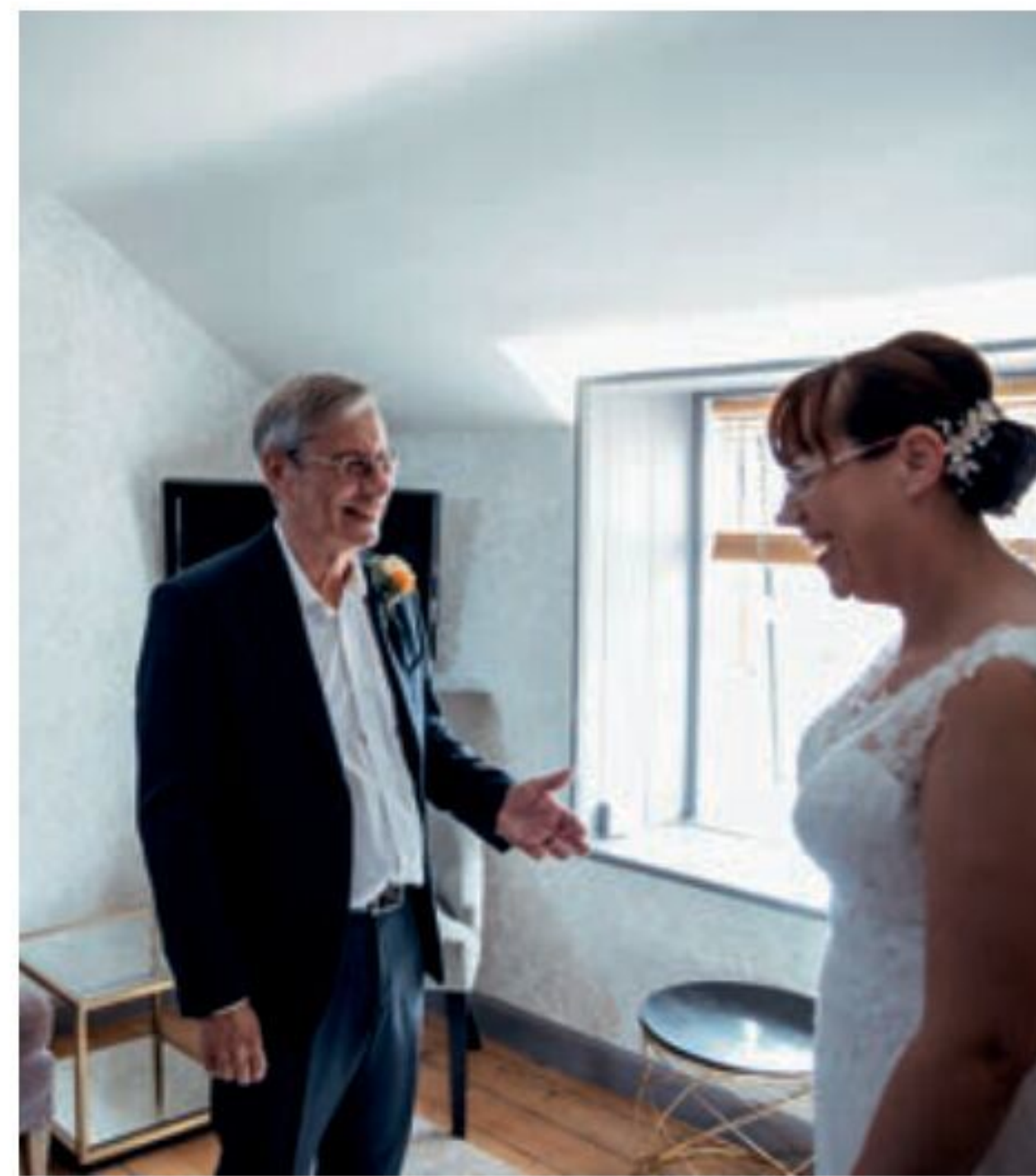
FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

A formal sit-down meal wasn't something the couple wanted and opted for sharing platters instead. A ploughman's platter was offered first, followed by a Sunday lunch platter with all the trimmings and chocolate brownies to finish. Street food such as fish and chips, nachos and lamb kebabs were offered in the evening.

The three-tiered cake looked incredible in photos and included lemon, blueberry and cherry Bakewell flavours which went down a treat with guests. The bottom layer had a wooden effect and poppies made from icing, while the top two layers were plain white with a wooden Mr & Mrs sign on top. A lovely touch was the red velvet cake created for Jack to cut!

LOOKING THE PART

When it came to finding the perfect gown, the bride-to-be didn't want anything too complicated with difficult buttons or ribbon fastenings as she



would need to fasten the dress herself in Iceland. She says, "I chose an A-line dress with a lace bodice, sleeves and a cowl back. The whole experience felt a bit surreal after being together for so long, but I felt comfortable and elegant in my dress." The bride added a bracelet with a cariad charm and earrings to finish off the look.

The groom looked dashing on the day in a blue tweed checked suit with a waistcoat and plain white shirt.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

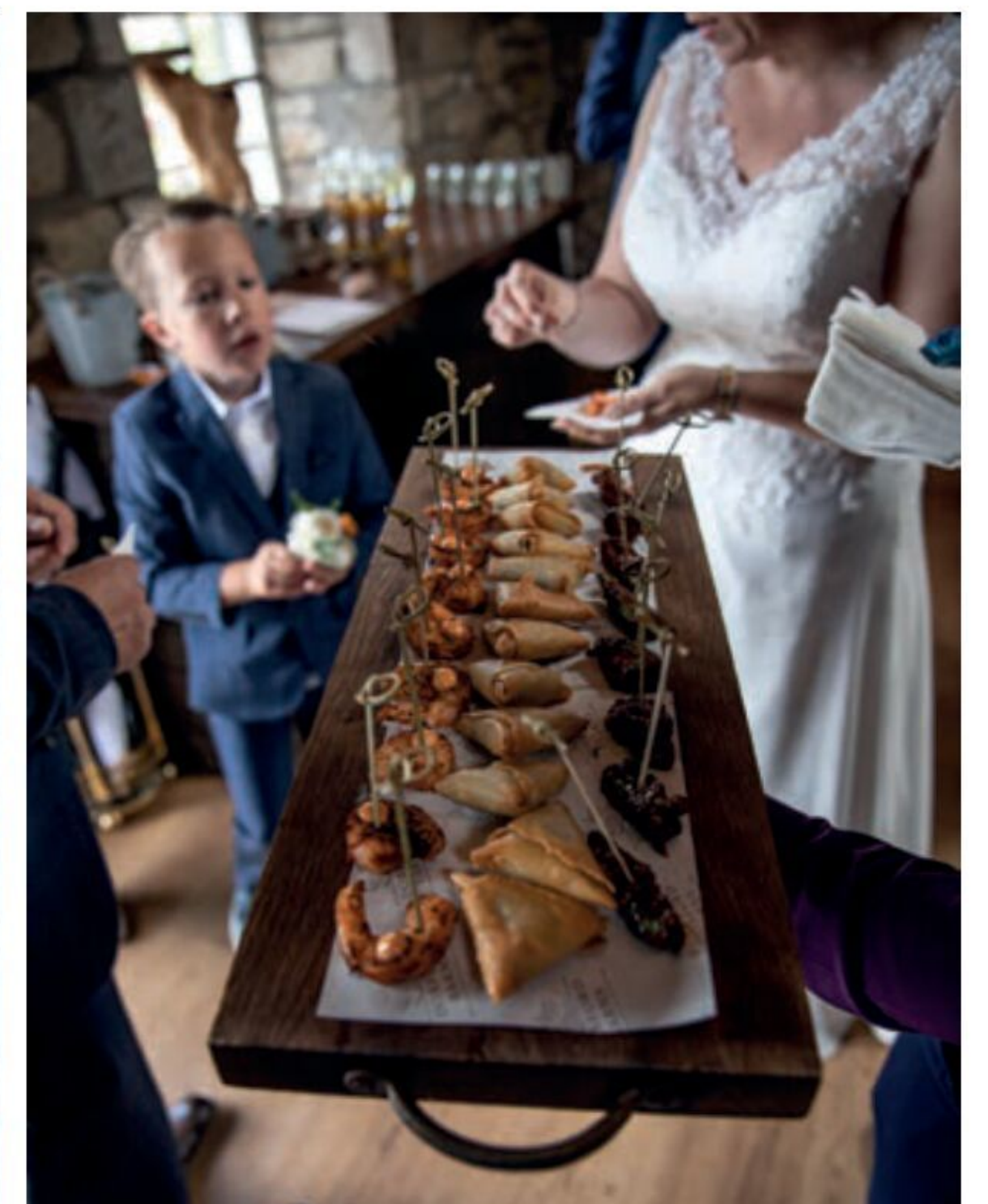
After getting ready in the morning, their son Jack wandered off to see all the guests arriving. But upon his return, Louise overheard the photographer whispering, 'quick clean him up or his mum will go mad'. It turns out he'd been running around in his wedding suit and had already got his knees muddy before the entire thing had even started – a funny moment looking back!

Another amusing anecdote from the day was when one guest showed up five hours late after mixing up the timings with the original plans, but he luckily made it in time for the wedding breakfast!

A special moment from the day was when the father-of-the-bride made a toast, Louise says, "His words were very thoughtful and funny and brought tears to many eyes – a definite highlight of the day."

The couple both felt extremely grateful to be surrounded by their loved ones. The bride says, "It was extra special that our family and friends were able to be there together on the day – some guests had travelled a long distance to join us." She adds, "We felt that our day was fate, and everything worked out the way it was supposed to. The original venue going into liquidation and then Doxford Barns being available on the same day was a miracle. Then the UK restrictions had eased enough for us to go ahead with the day and lockdown started again shortly afterwards. We haven't even been able to share our wedding album with most of our guests as we haven't seen them since the day!"

The couple share their wedding advice saying, "Savour every minute of the wedding as it goes so fast and don't stress over anything. Plan who you want to have photos with on the day and make sure your photographer knows so you don't miss anything."





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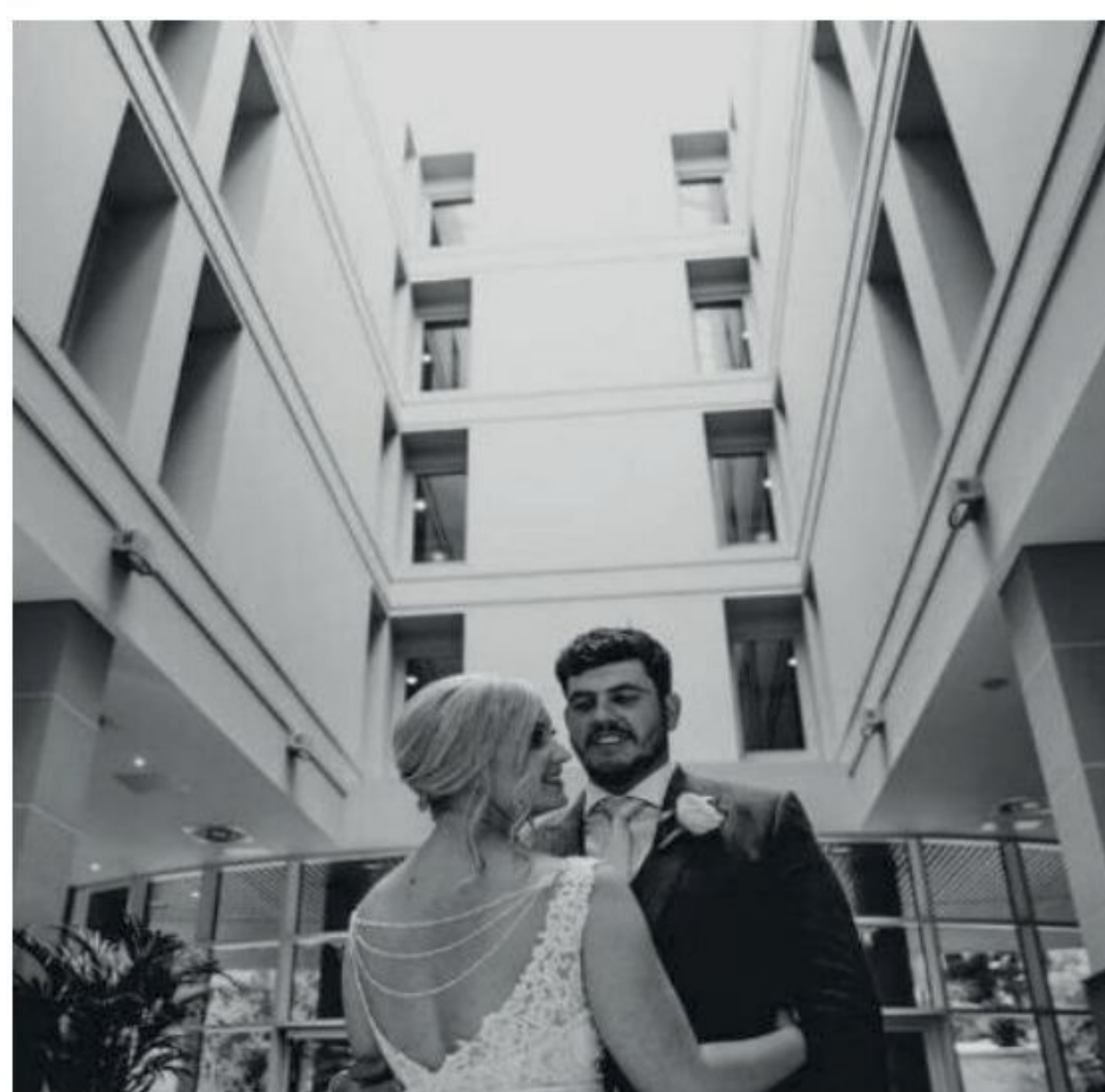
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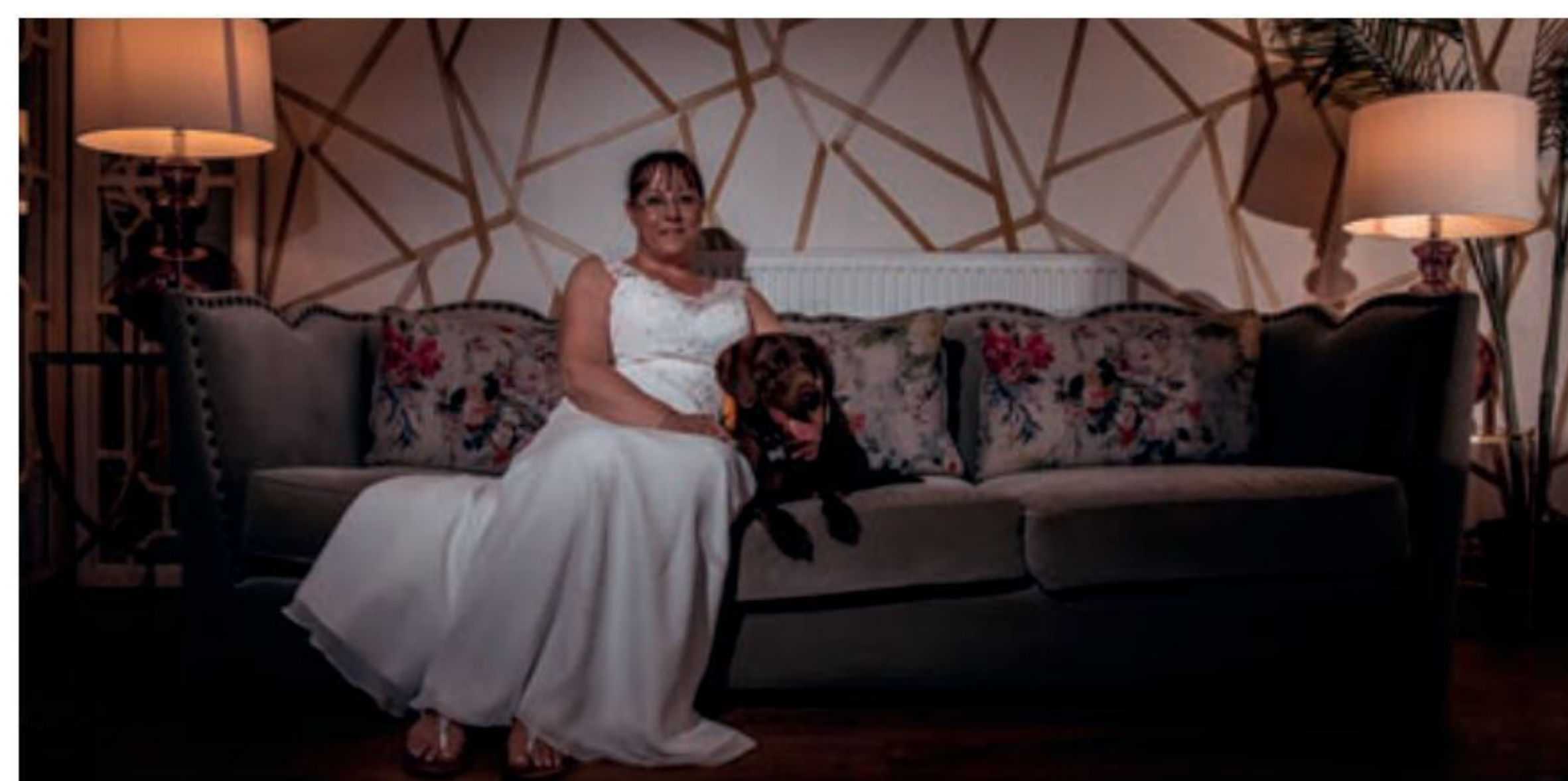
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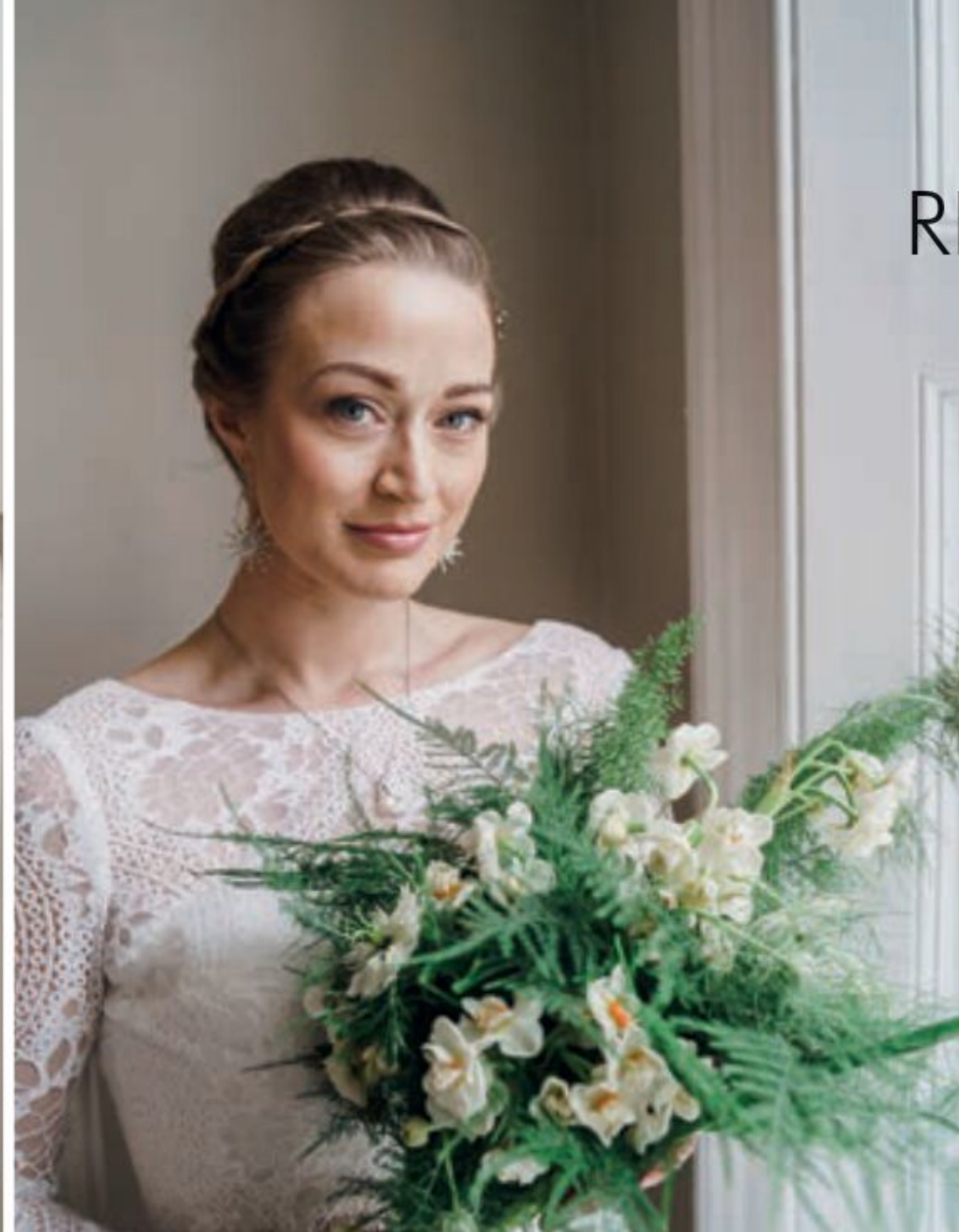
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IS FOR BALLROOM DANCING

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C

IS FOR CARICATURIST

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E

IS FOR EXTRAS

Whether it be a basket of blankets so guests can chill out and chat in your venue's gardens when the sun goes down, or a box of flip flops to soothe those dancing feet, your loved ones will appreciate any added extras to keep them comfortable.



D

IS FOR DJ

We recommend meeting with your DJ prior to the big day, whether that be face-to-face or virtually. They'll need to understand your musical tastes and your guest list to get a feel for the floor-fillers needed. Why not send out a request form with your RSVPs to guarantee a popular playlist?

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J

IS FOR JIG

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K

IS FOR KARAOKE

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H

IS FOR HARP

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M

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N

IS FOR NOSTALGIA

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P

IS FOR PHOTO BOOTH

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O

IS FOR OUTDOOR GAMES

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Q

IS FOR QUIZ

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IS FOR ROOTS

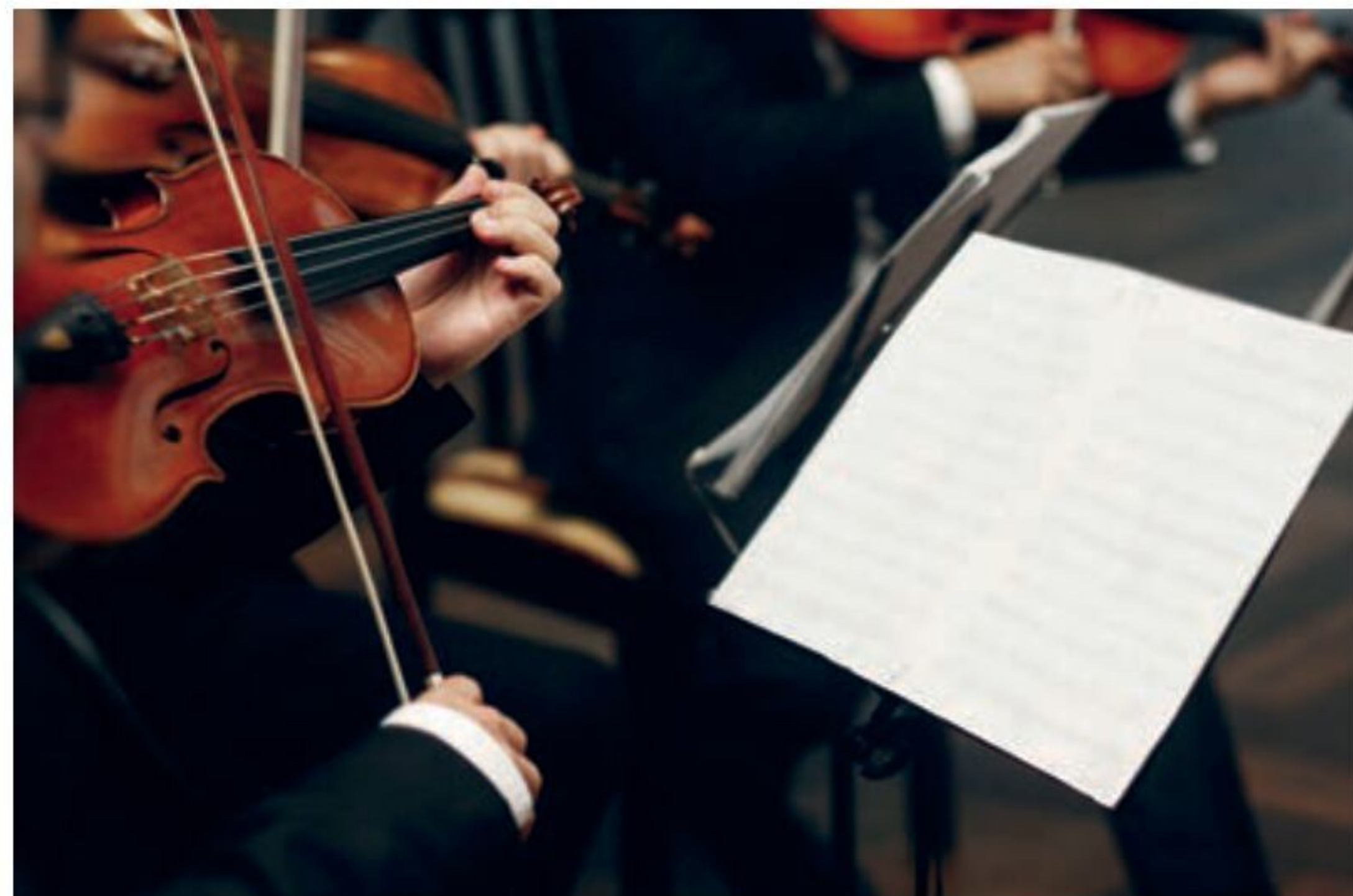
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IS FOR STRING QUARTET

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T

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If your guest list is filled with folk who haven't seen each other for years, sometimes less is more. They'll love time to catch up, so consider periods of downtime or chill-out zones away from all the action.

Z

IS FOR ZZZ

Time for bed, but no need to let the evening fizzle out. Be sent off in style with a sparkler guard of honour as you bid farewell.



A person's wedding day is by far, one of the most memorable experiences in life and Master Debonair believe that every part of the journey leading up to your special day, should be just as momentous as the day itself.

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Master Debonair is currently offering substantial discounts of 5% when you buy five or more suits and 10% when you buy ten or more suits. So if you're planning your big day going into 2020, book your Master Debonair experience for yourself and your wedding party by calling the customer service team on 01916911616 or dropping an email to customerservice@masterdebonair.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

The new Desigual x Monsieur Christian Lacroix Forever collection has launched, a 10th-anniversary collaboration inspired by the colour purple and Mediterranean nature and lifestyle. From lilac lavenders to blue violets, dresses ideal for attending weddings this summer are made from eco-friendly fabrics and include this dress of the season, pictured. It's a short ruffled style with lavender and violet-printed flowers and *something blue* touches.

To shop, visit www.desigual.com/en_GB
www.instagram.com/desigual
[#DesigualxMonsieurChristianLacroix](https://www.instagram.com/desigual)



Editor loves

These cream organza, blush French lace and pastel blue French silk lace detachable collars make a great addition to any bridal or bridesmaids' look. They're from the new accessory collection from luxury bridal footwear designer Diane Hassall. To shop the selection that starts from just £25, visit <https://dianehassall.com>
www.instagram.com/di_hassall



WITH THIS RING

This 18-carat gold morganite diamond ring, £2,500, is from the first wedding collection called Love and Commitment by Annoushka jewellery. To shop, visit www.annoushka.com/uk
www.instagram.com/annoushkajewellery



FASHION

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

focus

Second time around

Bridal shoe experts Rainbow Cub are helping brides-to-be put the love back into pre-loved with their Colour Studio service. The team can transform any pair of ivory Rainbow Club shoes into any colour, from neon brights to soft pastels.

To find out more, visit www.rainbowclub.co.uk/colour

In other news for the brand, the new Rainbow Club x John Lewis & Partners Collection has recently launched featuring fashion-forward bridal shoes finished with chiffon bows, 3D floral detailing, oversized pearls and diamanté straps.

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EDITOR'S FAVOURITE

Bridesmaids will love the gorgeous gowns in the latest budget-friendly collection from KRISP. Vibrant colours include grown-up pastels, bold jewel tones and berry shades for year-round weddings. Styles include one-shoulder maxi dresses, Bardot-inspired off-the-shoulder looks and this flattering best-selling dress in rose pink, (pictured). There's even a wide-leg chiffon jumpsuit, all with a price tag under £60.

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The perfect marriage

The exclusive collaboration Marchesa for Pronovias has launched, a spectacular new collection of high-fashion bridalwear inspired by the beauty of Seville. Dresses feature Marchesa's famous corset bodices, loved by celebrities, at more affordable price points in line with the Pronovias brand. Styles include this pretty Amaya dress in soft layered tulle with 3D appliqué florals.

To shop, visit www.pronovias.com
www.instagram.com/pronovias
[#LoveConquersAll](https://www.instagram.com/pronovias)



SOMETHING OLD

The Loop has launched, a practical, affordable and sustainable option offering brides the opportunity to source a pre-loved wedding dress from a small selection of carefully chosen designer pieces. These items are picked from sample sections and archive collections belonging to a variety of global brands including Valentino (pictured) and British bridal brand Jenny Packham.

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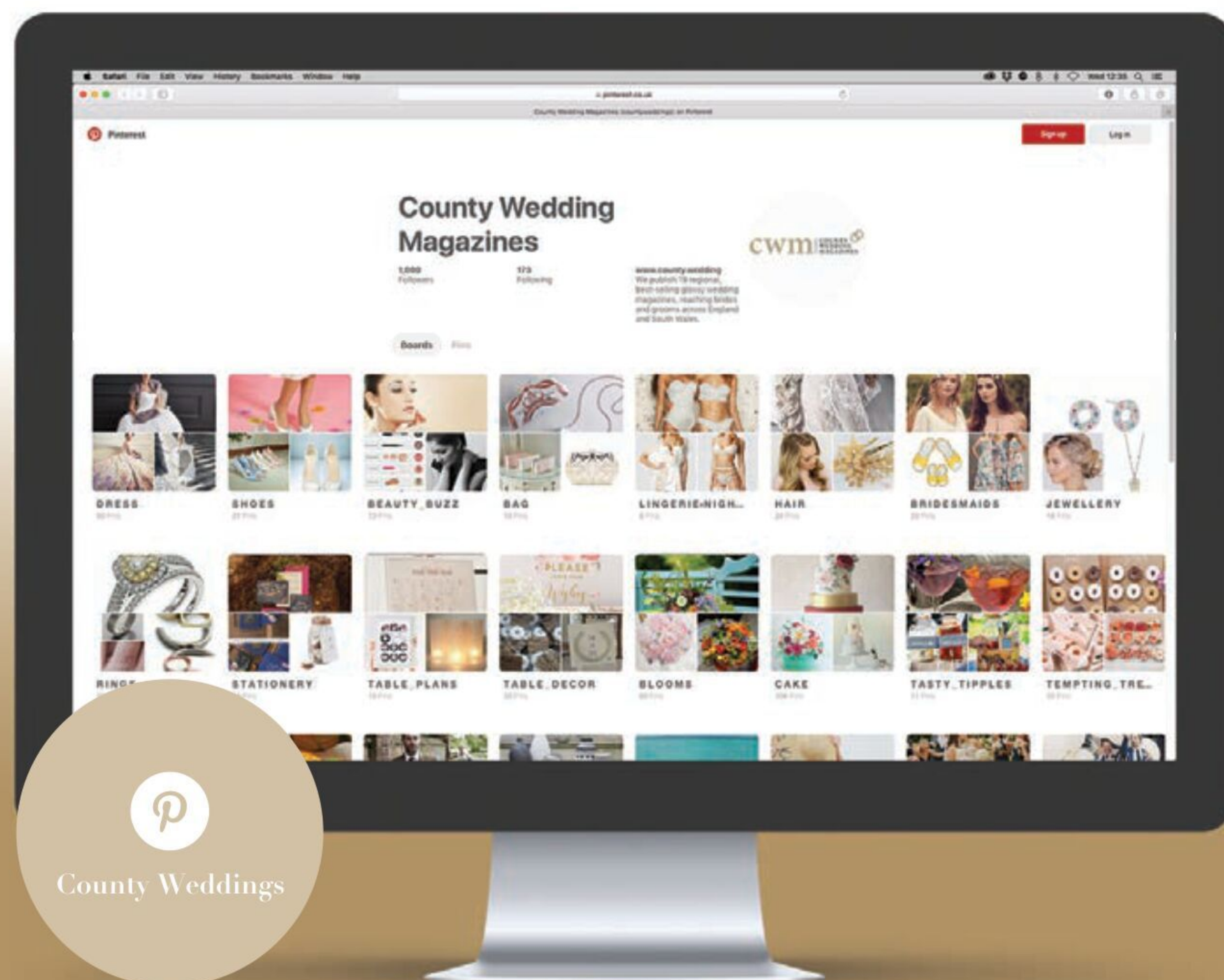
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Inspiration and must-haves
for the bride-to-be

The choices are endless when shopping for jewellery and accessories, which can make the whole process confusing. It's essential to add items that accompany a bride's look beautifully and doesn't steal the spotlight away. Here are some local inspiration and must-haves for any bride.

LOCAL INSPIRATION



Bring a little lustre to any wedding look with these Lustrous Pearl Earrings created using statement Swarovski pearls on 14K gold or sterling silver hoops and ear wires. These earrings work perfectly with an updo and adds the perfect mix of glitz and glamour! £75 | www.rarebridalstudio.co.uk



This vintage-inspired Hera Headpiece adds a touch of understated beauty and can be worn across the top of your head like a headband or across the back of an up-do. The product is finished with sparkling crystal details and a luxury British satin ribbon - a beautiful way to add a contemporary and luxe style. £75 | www.rarebridalstudio.co.uk



For the ultimate boho-styled look, the Florence Headband can be worn towards the front of the head or as a forehead band. The item features beautiful ornate leaves, modern florals with Swarovski glass pearls and Mother of Pearl centres. The product is finished off with golden Swarovski and freshwater pearls for a luxury finish. £145 | www.rarebridalstudio.co.uk

These pieces encapsulate the true vibe of a vintage style with the contrasting and interesting angles creating the perfect collection that reflects the 1920s. The pieces ooze class and antique-style shimmer and shine.

Diana Bracelet - £125

Paloma Earrings - £60

Paloma Pendant - £55

www.sarahvuongbridaljewellery.com



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Crafted with a boho style in mind, these handmade delicate hoop earrings are lined with beautiful freshwater pearls in graduating sizes. The wide hoop design with natural freshwater pearls is a picture-perfect look for a bohemian bridal style and is available in sterling silver and gold vermeil. £85/£110

www.sarahvuongbridaljewellery.com



www.victoria-louise.co.uk

Simple and effortless in design, these frosted Bloom Hairpins will bring understated beauty and charm on any wedding day. The set of 11 pins come in different sizes and looks gorgeous in a boho plait or updo. The hairpins are frosted acrylic flowers with Swarovski pearls adorning the centre of each bloom.

£55 | www.rarebridalstudio.co.uk



www.victoria-louise.co.uk

These beautiful Stellar Crystal Pins are created using sterling silver plated starbursts and sparkling crystal detailing. This set of five hairpins will bring a celestial-styled look and drama to any wedding style and works well clustered together in a bun or sporadically placed down a dramatic hair braid.

£90 | www.rarebridalstudio.co.uk

The Kathryn collection is perfect for brides looking to make a statement with drop earrings. The collection is adorned with the finest cubic zirconia stones, round brilliants and pear cuts all combined to create the ultimate sparkle. With beautiful movement, these pieces are guaranteed to make customers feel fabulous all day long!

Pendant - £90 and Earrings - £95
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The stunning Audrey Pins are a branch-like design created using sprayed marquise-cut cubic zirconia stones. The two pins create a subtle yet elegant look for bridesmaids and will ooze sophistication when clustered together on the side of a structured hairstyle.

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The Lana collection is the epitome of Hollywood glamour and The Lana Comb is the perfect way to create a vintage look. Adorned with large beautifully cut stones and clustered to create the glamorous feel, the piece accentuates Hollywood waves beautifully.

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NO SCRUBS!

Made from a soft, plush micro-fibre the new reusable cleansing pads from Raw Beauty Lab gently lift away make-up while helping to stimulate collagen production. No more scrubbing. They don't even need a make-up remover to eliminate the most stubborn of waterproof mascaras, just add water. With an average lifespan of two to three months, you'll be saving the planet from hundreds of cleansing wipes, and you can even repurpose as a duster or buff your jewellery back to bling!

Priced at £11.99, you'll find them at <https://rawbeautylab.com>



SHEER MAGNETISM

Discover your longest-looking lashes yet with benefit's They're Real Magnet Extreme Lengthening and Power Lifting Mascara. Providing flutter-worthy length for up to 36 hours, the mascara is powered by a magnetic force that draws out lashes to extremes, making them look up to 40 per cent longer. Oh the drama!

Priced at £24.50 and available at www.lookfantastic.com

Kiss the bride

Cult beauty favourite P.Louise has launched its popular lip bases in a range of 11 beautiful shades. Containing vitamin E, shea butter and hyaluronic acid, the super-hydrating and creamy formula makes the perfect pout achievable in seconds. The thick consistency ensures a smooth application and gives an insane colour tint with a velvety matte finish. Plus, a little goes a long way, which means they'll be in your make-up bag to stay.

Priced at £10, they're available at www.plouise.co.uk



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

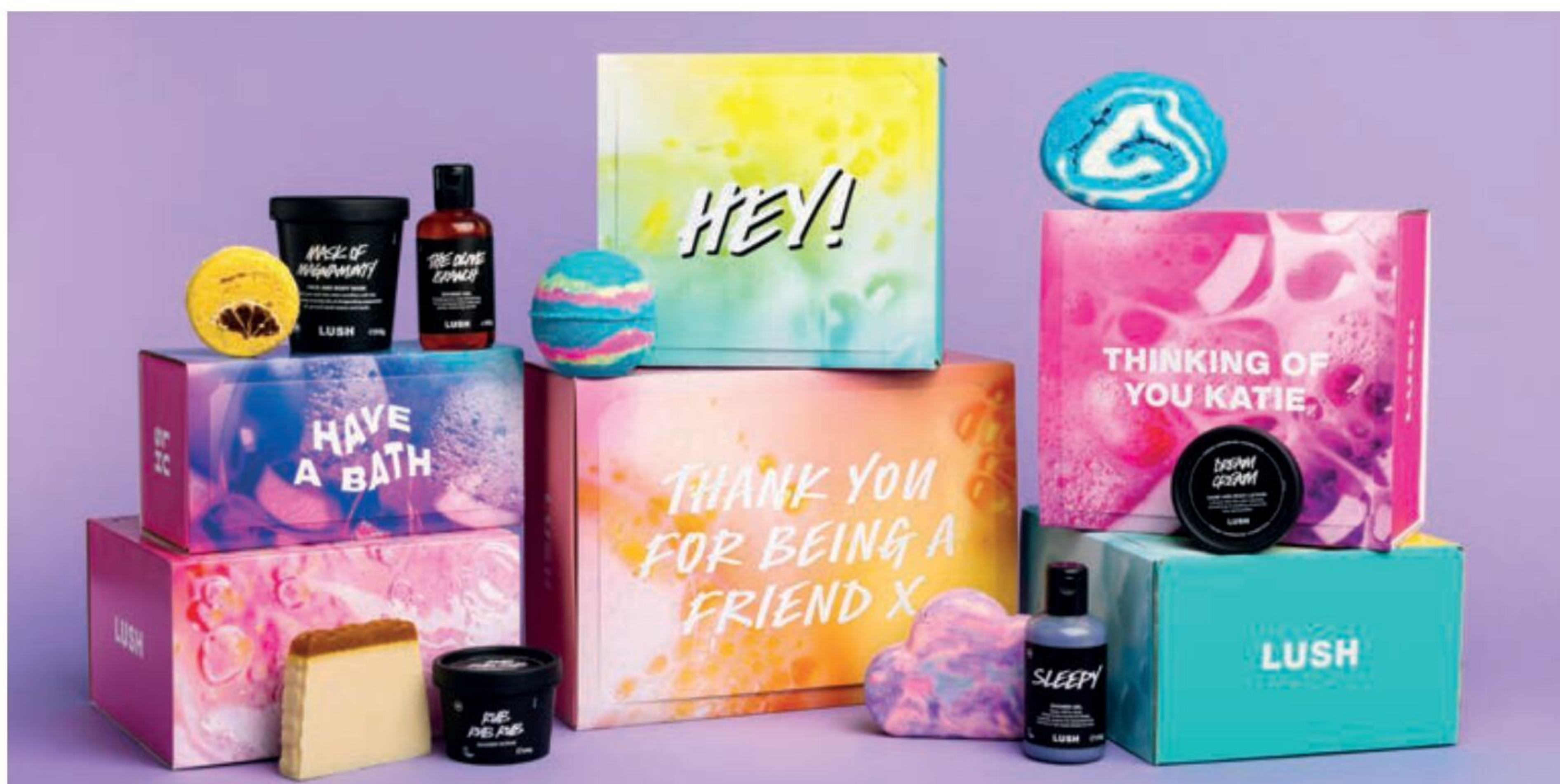
Beauty BUZZ



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Head over to <https://customisation.lush.com>



SILKY SMOOTH

I'd heard about the wondrous effects of silk on hair, but was slightly sceptical until I discovered British brand, This Is Silk. I can tell you I haven't looked back since. If, like me, you're growing concerned about the increasing knot of hair wrapped around your hair band, check out the silk skinnies. Made from 22 momme mulberry silk, they protect your hair from friction, kinks and damage, offering strong hold without the unwanted effects of a standard elastic hair band. No longer do I pull a clump of hair out of my head whenever I take my hair down and it already looks in much better condition overall. The bunny skinnies are my super-cute personal favourites, worth every penny.

Head over to <https://thisissilk.com>, you won't regret it!

EDITOR LOVES



A-BROW-ZING!

W7 Makeup has launched its newest product, Brow King, in collaboration with celebrity brow stylist, Salih Cikicioglu. Model turned YouTuber Sal grew his profile online and now counts Perrie Edwards, Molly Mae Hague, Jesy Nelson and Sam Faiers among his clients.

W7's Brow King allows you to create your perfect colour match using the various powders, which can be combined using the mixing tray. There's a brush included to provide shape, definition and fullness, plus a clear eyebrow gel and wax formula for a long-lasting finish. It also comes with a double-ended highlighting pencil so you can achieve that sought-after Insta-brow!

Available from www.w7makeup.co.uk, priced at £11.95.



GENTLY DOES IT

Intelligent haircare brand Grow Gorgeous has announced a new sensitive range, which has been expertly formulated with skincare-grade ingredients to help soothe, moisturise and comfort sensitive scalps. Fragrance free and dermatologically tested, the routine includes a gentle Micellar Shampoo (£14) to softly cleanse and calm, a Replenishing Conditioner (£16) to deeply moisturise strands, and a Ceramide Rich Overnight Scalp Mask (£25) targeting red and flaky scalps.

Of those who tried the products, 94 per cent claimed the range helped to reduce the appearance of flakes, and having put it to the test myself, I can testify to the fact that it leaves hair silky smooth from root to tip.

Discover more at www.growgorgeous.co.uk



Coming up roses

When it comes to your hair hydration equals health. So, it's easy to see why Michael Van Clarke's 3 More Inches Angelica Rose Shampoo and Conditioner, both £19, rate so highly with customers. With Strengthening properties of provitamin B5, cashmere amino acids, plant extracts, minerals and essential oils they work in harmony to give you fresh, clean vibrant hair with a divine lasting scent of rose. Now, this much-loved silicone-free formula has been updated to make it even more luxurious and hydrating. If you haven't tried it yet, now's the time!

Check out www.vanclarke.com



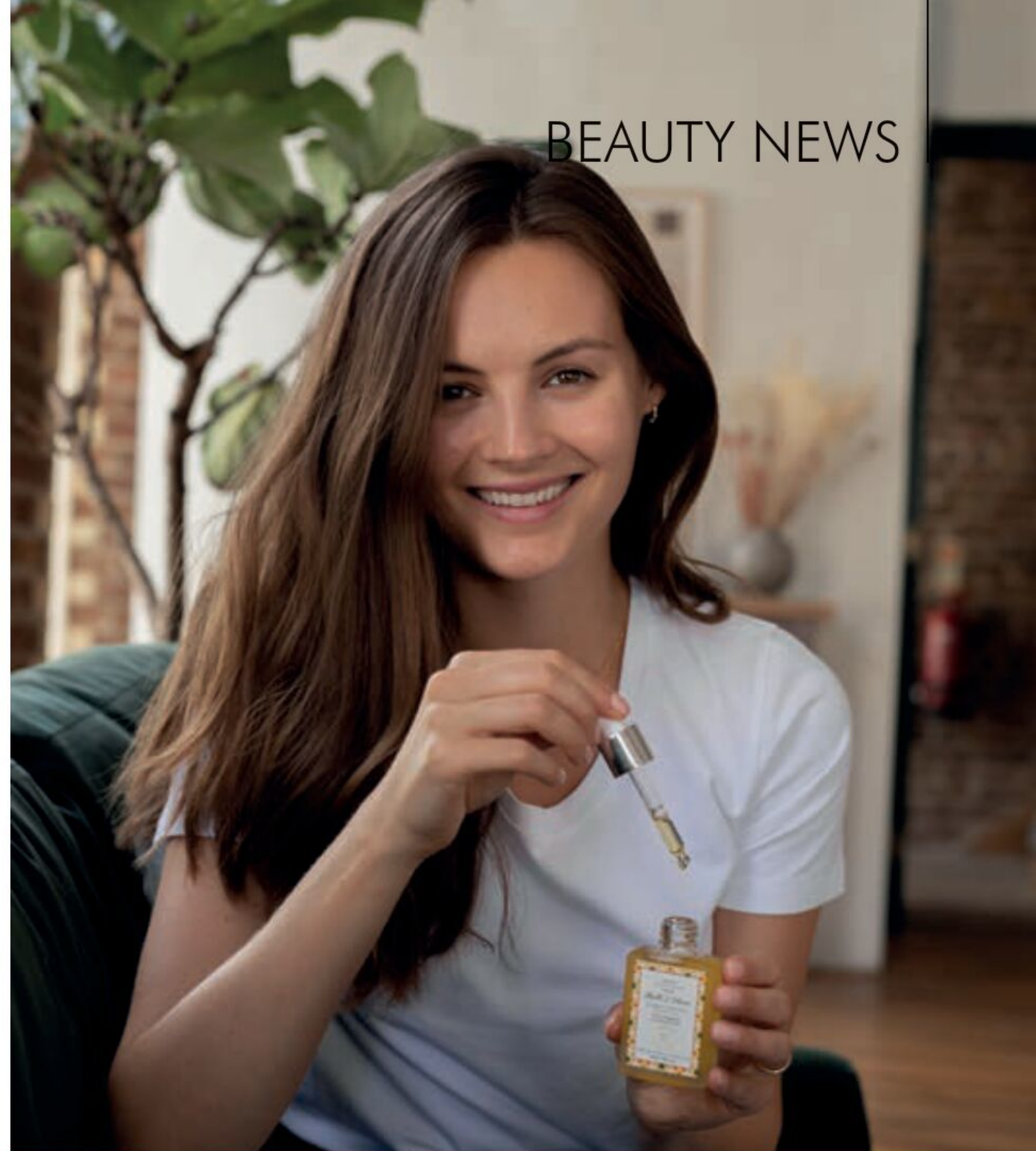
Ultimate luxury

Looking to up your skincare game? Check out Truffle De-light from TEMPLESPA. This advanced hydra-gel moisturiser quickly sinks into your skin leaving it feeling refreshed and hydrated. With a semi-matte finish, it's perfect for oily skin or for those who prefer a lighter layer of skincare.

The breakthrough formula contains champagne extract, which gently exfoliates, black truffle to brighten the skin, rose quartz for radiance, and botanical caviar to improve hydration and elasticity. Now, if that's not a list of luxury ingredients befitting a bride's beauty prep, I don't know what is!

Priced at £90, it's available at www.templespa.com

BEAUTY NEWS



Beauty with a conscience

Introducing Smart Skin, the new skincare collection by blogger, vlogger and internet personality, Niomi Smart. The range is made up of five carefully curated products that combine environmental considerations with a passion for quality skincare. Everything is made in England and each product is 100 per cent cruelty free and vegan, containing at least 95 per cent natural ingredients. What's more, use of eco-friendly packaging is a core value for the brand with all boxes made from FCS certified card and the tubes from aluminium, one of the most sustainable materials on the planet.

Check out the collection, available online at www.mysmartskin.co.uk


BALANCING ACT

If oily skin is the source of your wedding-day beauty worries, this could be what you've been looking for. Bioderma's Sébium Lotion deeply rebalances combination to oily skin, even the sensitive ones.

Zinc combined with vitamin B6 purify and regulate sebum production, agaric and ingredient-of-the-moment salicylic acid refine the skin texture and tighten pores, while glycerin moisturises skin for eight hours. What's more, the brand's patented Fluidactiv restores sebum quality and prevents clogged pores.

Priced at £11, it's well worth a try. Check out www.bioderma.co.uk





MAKING *waves*

Kelly Andrews talks to
bridal hair specialist
Heather Dapaah about
her top big-day looks



Award-winning hair stylist Heather Dapaah opened her London-based salon, Her Definition at 23 and since then doors have continued to open on her career, working on TV sets, music videos, and getting celebs event-ready. To name drop a few, Heather's clients have included reality stars Kaz Crossley and Priscilla Anyabu, athlete Perri Shakes-Drayton, and British RnB artists Ray BLK, Miraa May and Dolapo. She's known for her signature Hollywood waves and says, "I love to help women understand their true hair type and learn how they can achieve their hair goals."

Heather is highly sought after for her wide range of hair knowledge, having worked with all hair types and textures, so CWM beauty editor Kelly Andrews was delighted that she was able to take some time out to chat to her about their mutual passion – bridal hair.

What's your main ethos when it comes to creating wedding hair?

No matter what the look is I always try to create statement hair that's timeless, classy and stylish.

What's your signature look?

My clients always want my signature Hollywood waves, which instantly add glamour and volume to lustrous locks. It's a timeless look that's more than a trend, enhancing any wedding style.

What's been the highlight of your career so far?

I've been super fortunate in my career so far, especially on a global-scale as I get to meet lots of people. I'd have to say the highlight is the recognition I've received for the elegance of my bridal hairstyling.

If you could choose any celebrity to work with, who would it be and why?

Can I give two? Michelle Obama and Dina Asher-Smith. They're very different but both stand for excellence and class. They're extremely down-to-earth, hard workers and I really admire them both.

What's hot in bridal hair at the moment?

Definitely the more relaxed hair styles that look romantic and sultry. So, it makes sense that romantic waves, maybe with the sides pinned up, are popular at the minute.

If you could impart just one piece of essential advice to brides about their big-day, what would it be?

Please take in the moment. Stop thinking of how people will view the day, the reception or indeed, you. Just think of the blessing of marriage and take in every moment.

Are there any red-carpet celebrity styles that you've created that would translate to a bridal look?

I'd have to say Gatsby-themed Hollywood waves and vintage waves. No matter what the latest hair trend is you always see these looks on red carpets everywhere.

What hair products or tools can't you live without?

For bridal hairstyling it's my one-inch curling tong, liquid hairspray by L'Oréal Studio Line, hair pins and my tail comb.

How can a bride set about deciding the right style for her on her wedding day?

I would say, start with the neckline of your

desired dress because that will determine how much space we have to play around with. Obviously, face shape is really important too. In general, most people know what hairstyles suit them best, but you want to push the boundaries a little and come out of your comfort zone for your big day. Finally, the style of dress: whether it's A-line, ballgown, fishtail and so on. Ultimately, you want a well-balanced silhouette. So, if you have an A-line that's quite slim at the bottom, you can get away with bigger, wow-factor up dos.

What's the biggest pitfall brides should take care to avoid when it comes to their wedding hair?

Make sure you have a trial with the hair stylist if you haven't already seen them do the look you have in mind. It's also important to practice your wedding hair style as what you think you want might not look or feel right for your day.

How can brides ensure their hair is in its best condition for the big day?

Do exactly as your wedding hair stylist recommends! This is the only time I would say don't listen to your hairdresser, because your bridal specialist knows and understands the look you have envisioned together.

What's next for you?

Well, after the detrimental effects of this pandemic, it's definitely to get back to my beloved brides. I'd love to work on some celebrity weddings too.

For further information, check out www.herdefinition.co.uk



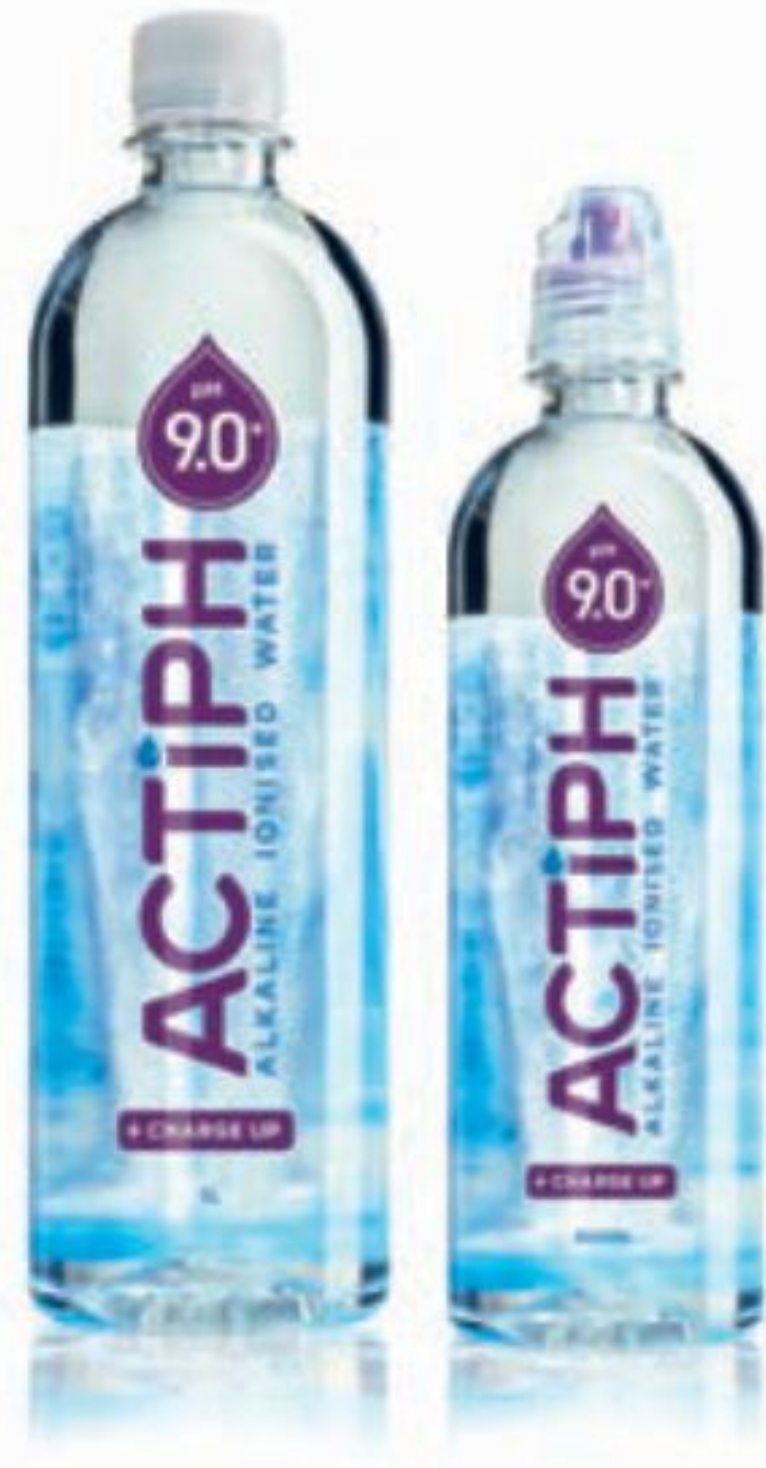
Wedding wellness

The last year's been tough – take some time out for self-care and focus on your wellbeing

#HYDRATIONISKEY

We all know by now that hydration is imperative to good health and a key part of any beauty regime. And if you haven't been told by now that it's the key to your wedding skin prep – you will be! However, switching that second cup of coffee for tap water isn't necessarily the easiest change to swallow. What if we told you there was something that hydrated you faster than ordinary water, tasted better and provided an energising alternative to that acidic cuppa? It's time to say "hello" to alkaline water. Actiph Water is the UK's first alkaline ionised water. Purified from Shropshire with added electrolytes and minerals it hydrates you fast and helps to give your skin its glow back.

Find out more at <https://actiphwater.com>



#ThePowerOfSleep

Given the trials of the last year, looking after ourselves at home has never been more important, so to help with this endeavour, The Somerset Toiletry Company has created a collection of gifts to promote self-care and wellness and we're all about its Sleepyze range. After all, the importance of sleep when it comes to ultimate wellbeing can never be underestimated, it's crucial for body and mind.

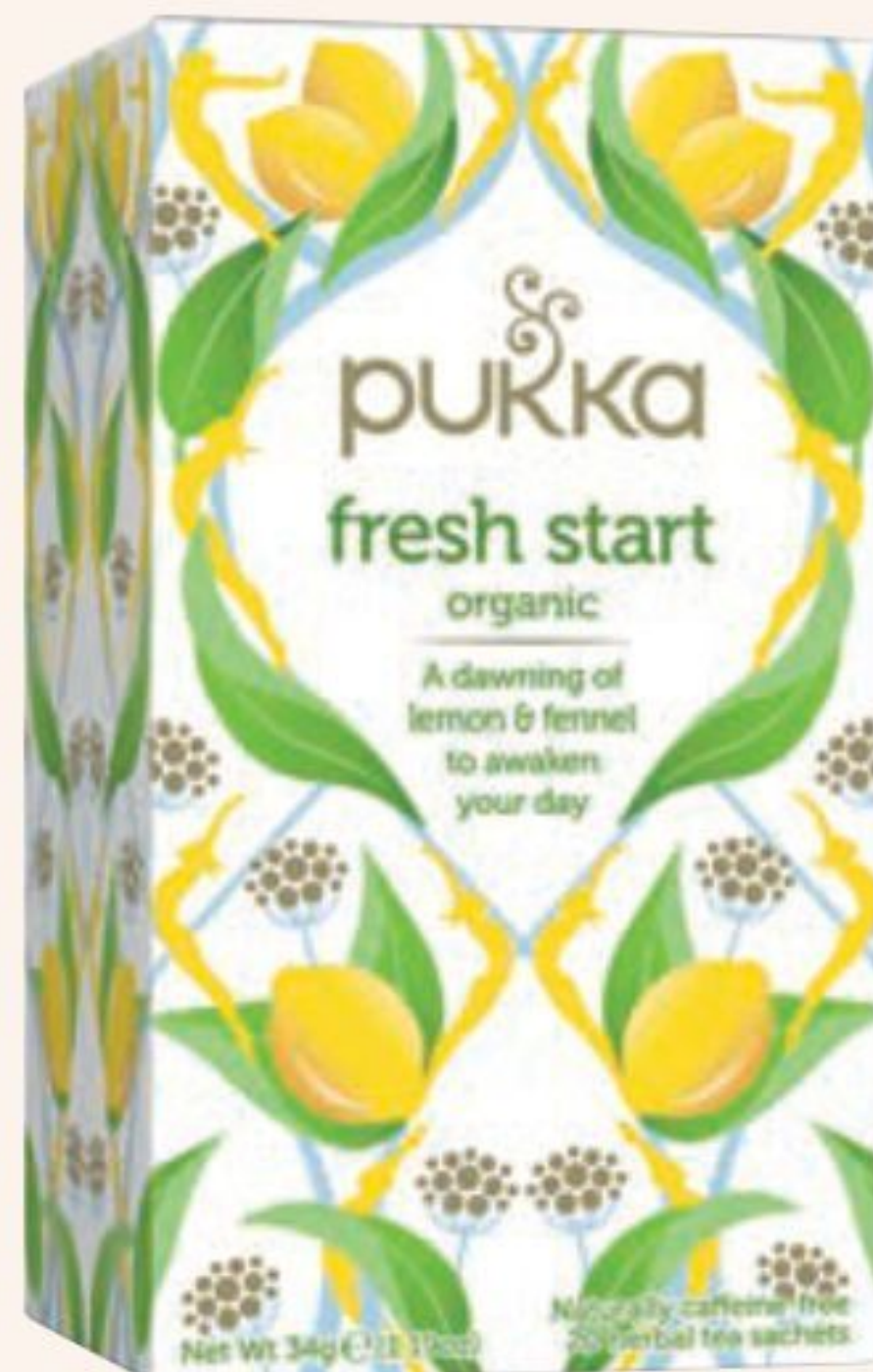
The Sleepyze Calming Gift Set, £9.95, includes a silky eye mask, pillow mist, and essential oil-based rollerball. Then there's the Calming Sleep Stones, £11.95 – 200g of volcanic rock infused with essential oils to enhance your night-time routine. Finally, in the collection is the Calming Bath Salts, £4.95, perfect for washing away that build up of daily stress before bed.

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#FindYourInnerCalm

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Find it at www.espaskincare.com



#SCREENEYES

Modern life means we spend more and more time on our devices and computers, and since you blink six to eight times less when you look at a screen, it's no wonder that many of us are ending the day with tired and heavy eyes. Dry eye syndrome is a condition that affects around 80 per cent of us – a sobering thought considering screen use has increased by 187 per cent over the last three lockdowns.

To combat this problem, modern eyecare brand Peep Club has launched its new Relief Eye Spray, £15, which hydrates eyes from the inside out with a clever combo of vegan-friendly, organic and wild-harvested ingredients. It's suitable for even the most sensitive of peepers, as well as being safe for contact lens wearers and can be used over make-up.

Check out www.peepclub.com



Fashion & Beauty Q&A

Our experts share their advice to help you look your big-day best

BOHO BABE

I'm looking for a boho-style gown and accessories for my wedding, what's currently popular?

Boho-style weddings are trending and brides want to feel effortless yet romantic on their special day. Popular boho looks for 2021 feature billowing sleeves and nature-inspired lace; these styles don't fit the conventional 'traditional' wedding day look, but you will have to think outside the box for this style. My advice is to throw out the rule book and then go for the fabrics and shapes you're drawn to.

A boho style is about being creative and breaking the rules. So, whether that's head-to-toe in thick lace, a floaty

A-line dress or something more fitted with additional fringing on the sleeves – be creative and express yourself!

For accessories, decide on a hairstyle first and then go from there. Popular pieces include fedora hats covered in florals for a soft laid-back look. If you're looking for something more edgy and bold, consider a boho halo or crown.

The image shown features a boho fitted lace two-piece with optional fringing on the sleeves designed by Shikoba Bride and available at Rare Bridal Studio.

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MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

I'm looking for a foundation for my wedding day, what advice can you share with me?

Matching your foundation to your skin tone is a hugely important part of your bridal make-up and will affect your overall look on your wedding day. Here are some of my top tips to help:

Many people get colour matching wrong, you need to identify if your skin has a warm, cool or neutral undertone – you can figure this out by the colours of the veins on your wrist. Blue veins show you have cool-toned (pink) skin, green indicates warm-toned (yellow), while neutral skin has no apparent tones of either colour and typically the skin's natural colour is more evident.

The next step is to match a foundation to your skin colour and remember, your

décolletage area will usually be visible and the shade must match this area and not just the face.

If you're planning to have a tan for the wedding, keep this in mind and don't wait until the special day arrives to find out that the shade doesn't match.

The next step is to think about the condition of your skin, do you tend to be oily or dry? I usually find that most brides require a foundation that offers hydration and also a light luminosity to create a flawless, healthy and radiant complexion.

Consider the level of coverage that feels right for you; I prefer to choose a light-to-medium coverage foundation to build up the coverage using thin layers to achieve a flawless base.

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HOT TOPIC

Top advice for the perfect wedding

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We want our wedding photos to stand out, how can we achieve this?

Wedding photography captures all the emotions, smiles and love you feel for each other, but sometimes it can also capture a completely different perspective.

Using a drone is a fantastic way to photograph your day and

capture any location including a walk down the beach or a stroll through the fields.

This option allows us to create exciting and memorable footage that otherwise would have been impossible to achieve.

This service is completely free and included in all my packages as long as the location allows it.

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MOMENTS THAT MATTER

What are the benefits of having a celebrant at our wedding?

There are huge benefits to having a celebrant write and deliver your wedding ceremony. Firstly, the celebrant will take the time to get to know you and your love story and craft the most memorable ceremony where friends and family can even get involved. Not only that, but the company will also help you write vows and promises meaningful to you both.

Symbolic elements can be included such as unity candles; here a candle is lit to symbolise you both coming together as a loving unit. This would then become an anniversary candle lit each year to remember the vows and promises made on the wedding day.

Janet Glenwright

Glenwright Celebrancy

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LOOKING YOUR BEST

I want to look my best for our whimsical-themed wedding, what style suits would you suggest?

At Suitperior, we love the whimsical wedding theme as it allows our grooms to step away from the traditional navy three-piece suits and capture the essence of spring and summer with stunning pastel shades. Our three-piece sky-blue and cream suits are perfect examples of this and are brilliantly versatile, allowing you to add finishing touches such as bow ties or neckties to suit your style.

A rising trend and a perfect fit for this theme is the comeback of the black two-piece tuxedo and we absolutely love it. Complete with black shoes and a bow tie, you're guaranteed to look and feel your sophisticated best!

Chris Curtis | Suitperior | www.suitperior.co.uk



<https://neverendingstories.co.uk>



A PASSION FOR FASHION

Our summer wedding is approaching and my mother is looking for a headpiece to finish off her look. What pieces are currently on-trend?

Wearing something comfortable is so important as she'll want to wear the piece all day. The item shouldn't be too big; opt for something subtle instead which matches her outfit and take into consideration the size and style of your wedding and your mum's personality.

Pillbox and disc-based headpieces are very popular and can be made to complement your mother's outfit while matching any colour scheme. This can be upcycled and worn again – don't let it sit in the hatbox for years to come.

**Lynne Young | Lynne Young Millinery
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READY, SET, BAKE

We're having an intimate wedding but still want a showstopping cake. How can we achieve this?

When we create our cakes, people want a much taller and grander design to achieve that wow factor. However, in this case the cake would go to waste if it's only a small intimate wedding.

In these circumstances, we use dummy tiers that are made from polystyrene. This means couples don't have the extra cost or waste because they only have the amount needed.

We cover the dummy tiers the same way we do with the whole cake and use chocolate and sugar for the decorations – every couple can have the cake of their dreams this way!

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Ring-a-ding-ding

County Wedding Magazines editor Melissa Barker shares her wedding planning journey

Like many of you, I'm currently trying to plan my wedding during a global pandemic – there's a sentence I never thought I'd say!

My partner Dave and I have been together just under three years, and we'd talked about getting engaged a few times over the course of our relationship. My work colleagues were also giddy every time we went away thinking he would propose; after a fantastic trip to the Northern Lights and coming back ring-free none of us had any idea when it would be – but I kind of liked it that way!

He had planned to propose last July but, due to COVID-19, his dreams of a romantic trip abroad were quashed. He had several backup plans, all of which were ruined by lockdowns and restrictions, so in the end, he asked me in front of my family (virtually) on

Christmas Day. It was a lovely moment, and we were both really excited and couldn't wait to start planning.

PLAN, PLAN, PLAN!

Having worked in the wedding industry for the last few years, I had a rough idea of where to start with the planning process. I'm highly organised and a big fan of making lists – there isn't a folder in our house that isn't colour coded, so the first thing I did was purchase a wedding planner to keep track of everything. I also looked through local wedding magazines, made a Pinterest board and joined a few Facebook groups, which are full of community spirit.

Next, Dave and I sat down and made a list of the people we wanted to come to our wedding. A great rule we followed was to only invite people that we'd spoken to in the last six months. It might sound harsh, but we both have large extended families and were concerned it may quickly turn in to a big list of people who we don't really know! We narrowed it down to 40 day guests and an additional 40 in the evening. Once we had the list, we were able to start focusing on the dreaded budget, which has been one of my least favourite parts of the process so far. We looked through guides online and over-budgeted for everything to ensure we don't have any nasty surprises further down the line.

and budget, we began the exciting part – looking at venues. Due to the restrictions, this was a bit unconventional, with many properties only offering virtual viewings or only communicating via e-mail. Luckily, we managed to view our favourite venue in person the day before lockdown 3.0 began, and I'm so glad we did! We fell in love with it right away, and the staff have been amazing throughout the initial planning process. They were more than happy to answer all of our questions, in particular the dreaded COVID-19 related ones, and quickly set our minds at ease. It was exactly what we wanted with a gorgeous outdoor ceremony space and a barn area for the reception, perfect for our desired summer nuptials. We're so excited to visit again, and for my mum, who is in full planning mode, to finally see it.

Based on our venue's advice we reserved the date, checked that our local council had a registrar available and once that was confirmed, we paid our deposit – yipee! I've since seen online a few brides who have booked their wedding but have been unable to secure a celebrant or registrar for their date. I'm thankful we followed the advice and checked first, it's meant we have had a drama-free start to the wedding planning and are excited to see our plans unfold!

Next issue, hear all about our plans for the food – my favourite bit – and finding our photographer!

Melissa.
x





I love the idea of incorporating log slices throughout the day to add a rustic touch.



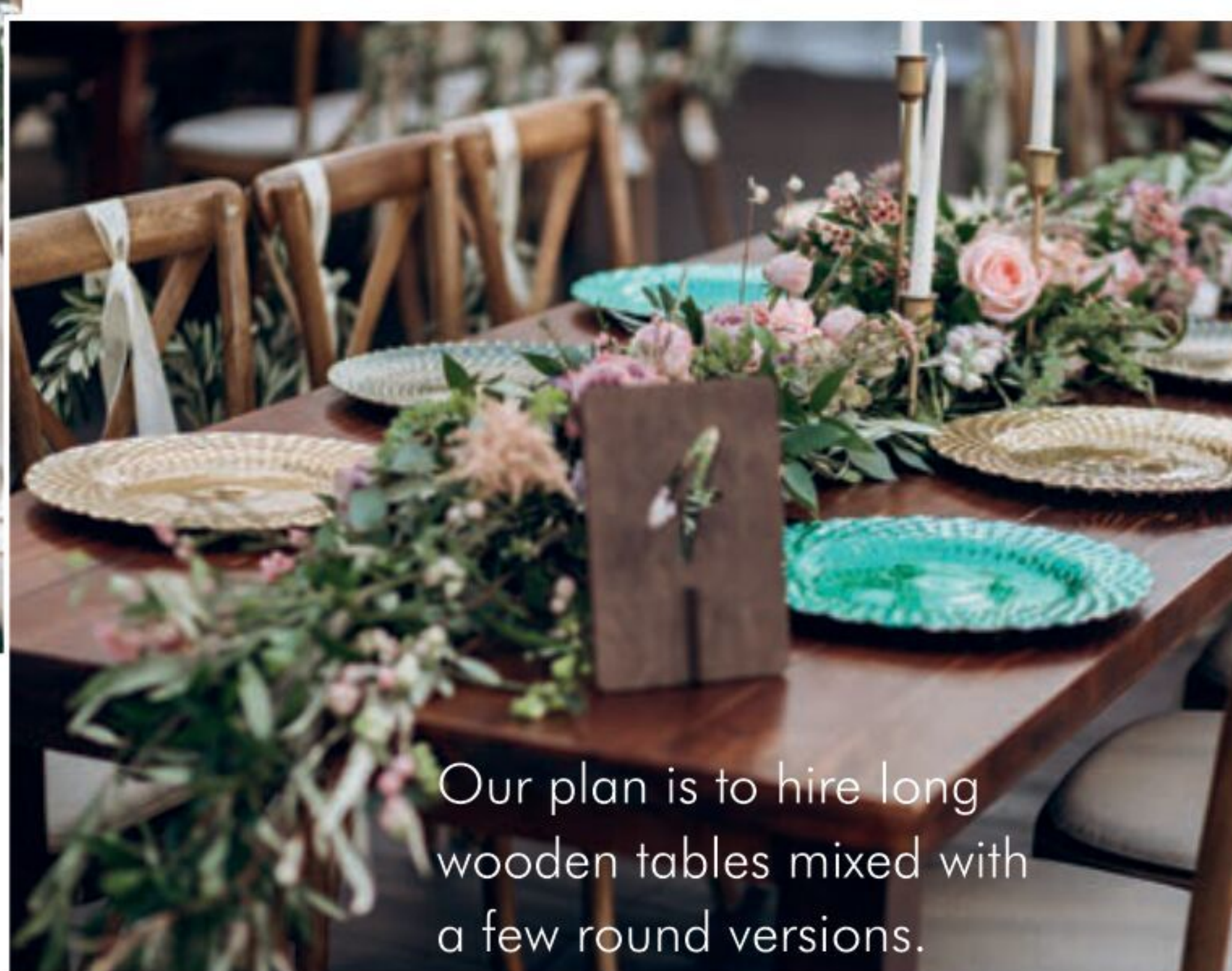
I adore macrame and have been learning how to do it in my spare time. We're planning to make an arch to place behind us when we get married.



Gold or rose gold cutlery is a must have!



Here's my moodboard to help give you heaps of inspiration.

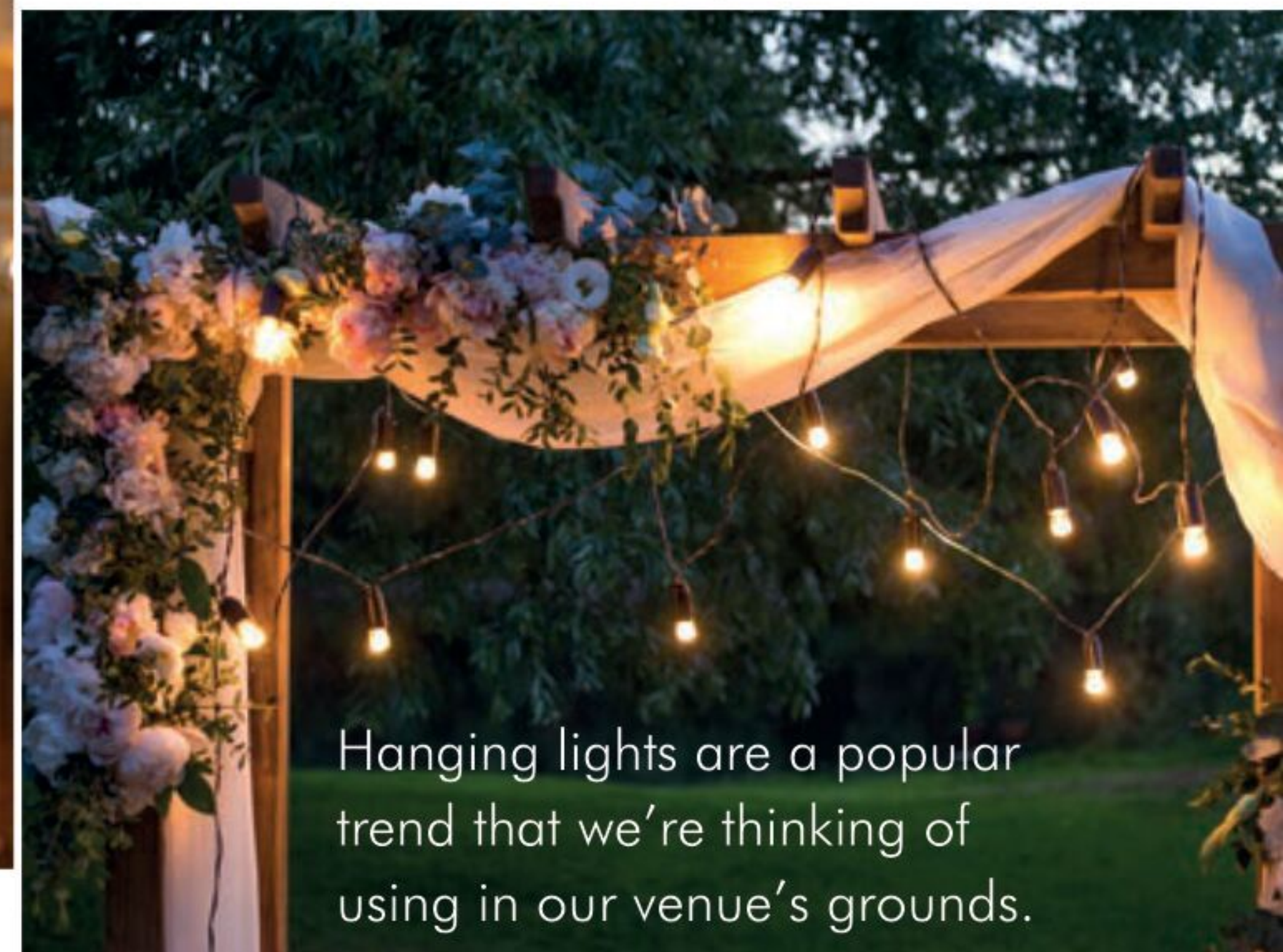


Our plan is to hire long wooden tables mixed with a few round versions.



BRIDE'S DIARY

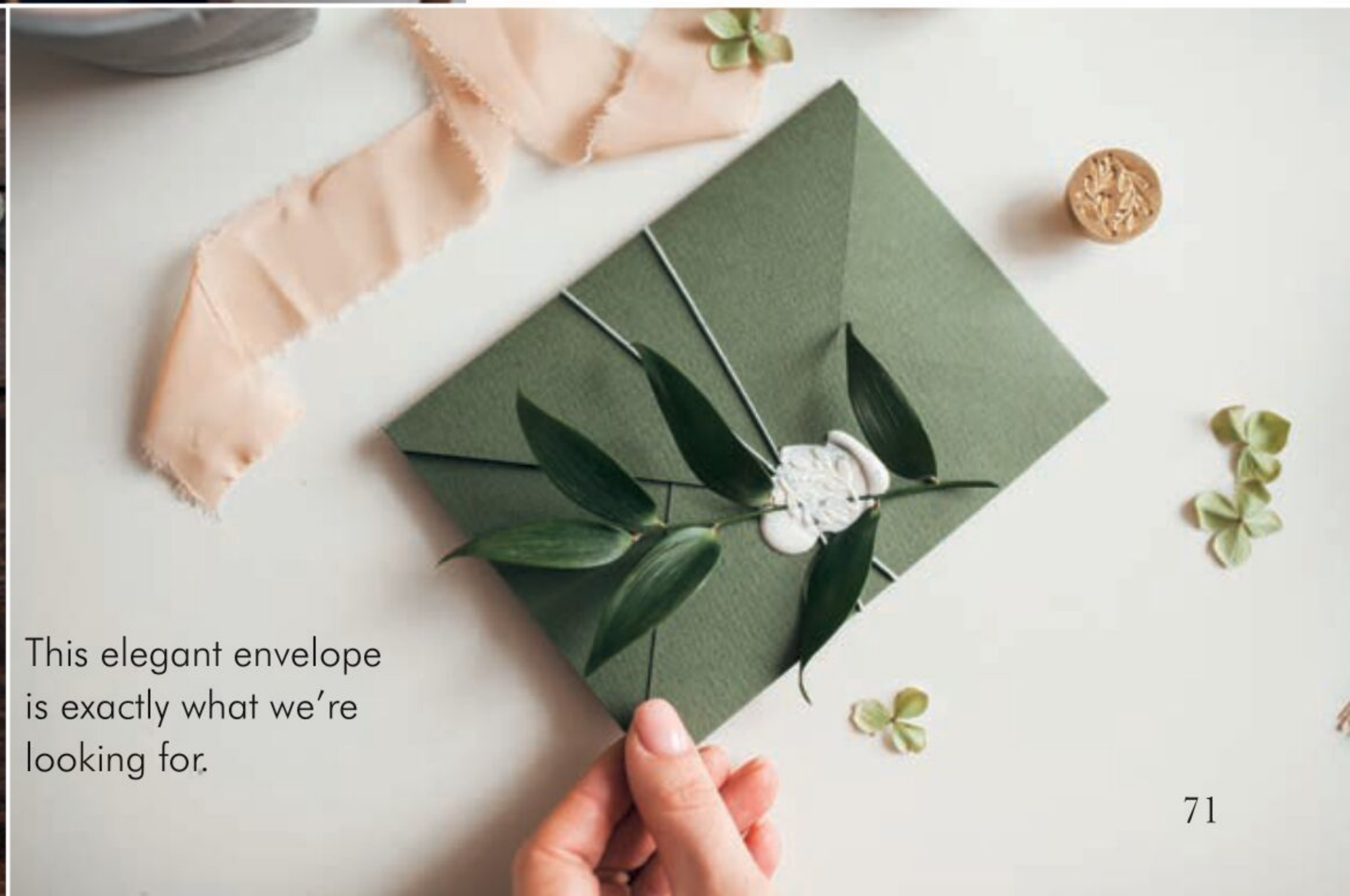
Dave and I want quite a simple cake that's full of delicious chocolate – yum!



Hanging lights are a popular trend that we're thinking of using in our venue's grounds.



We've decided on a sage green and blush pink colour scheme and want to incorporate lots of foliage.



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An embodiment of the Italian tailoring tradition, the Carlo Pignatelli for Pronovias collection will give each groom the chance to look seductive, elegant and stylish as he takes his vows.

Visit: www.pronovias.com



Chill-out style

British menswear label Charles Tyrwhitt introduces a capsule collection of luxe loungewear – perfect for pre- or post-wedding getaways. Renowned for its smart shirt and tailoring offering, the brand has released a selection of super-soft hoodies, relaxed polos, sweatshirts and luxury trackpants available in a variety of colourways including navy, mocha, sky blue and sage.

Check out: www.ctshirts.com



Grooms' NEWS

All the latest best buys and product launches



NATURALLY TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Premium products from black men's haircare brand Aaron Wallace are now available on ASOS, the global fashion and beauty e-tailer. Founded in 2016 by former barber Aaron Wallace he says, "Our partnership with ASOS is the next natural step in our mission to deliver equitable grooming options to black men that meet their unique hair needs. While we continue to fight discrimination against afro-hairstyles here in the UK, we're determined to remind folks to celebrate and protect their natural textures."

Aaron Wallace's shea, mango butter and black seed oil infused products are award-winning, the brand's formula uses all-natural ingredients and targets textured hair that requires products that don't strip away its natural oils.

Shop for products on ASOS, Zalando, and <https://byaaronwallace.com>

New launches



Inspired by the iconic tiles of Damascus this 100% silk pocket square will complete any big-day outfit, priced £38 from www.roryhutton.co.uk

This new watch from Briston Watches is the perfect honeymoon accessory, priced £255 from www.wolfandbadger.com



This exclusive bow tie is embroidered with a heart creating a unique item perfect for special occasions and weddings, priced £60, from www.sarahberesford.co.uk



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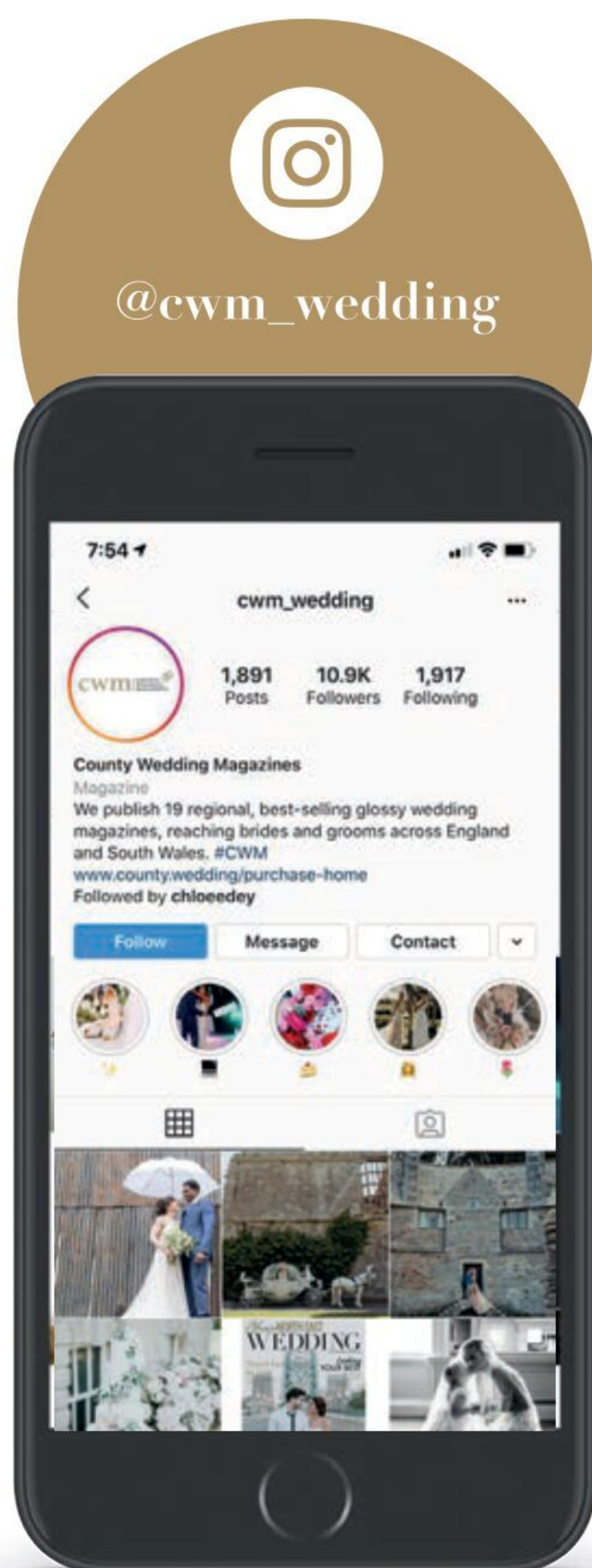


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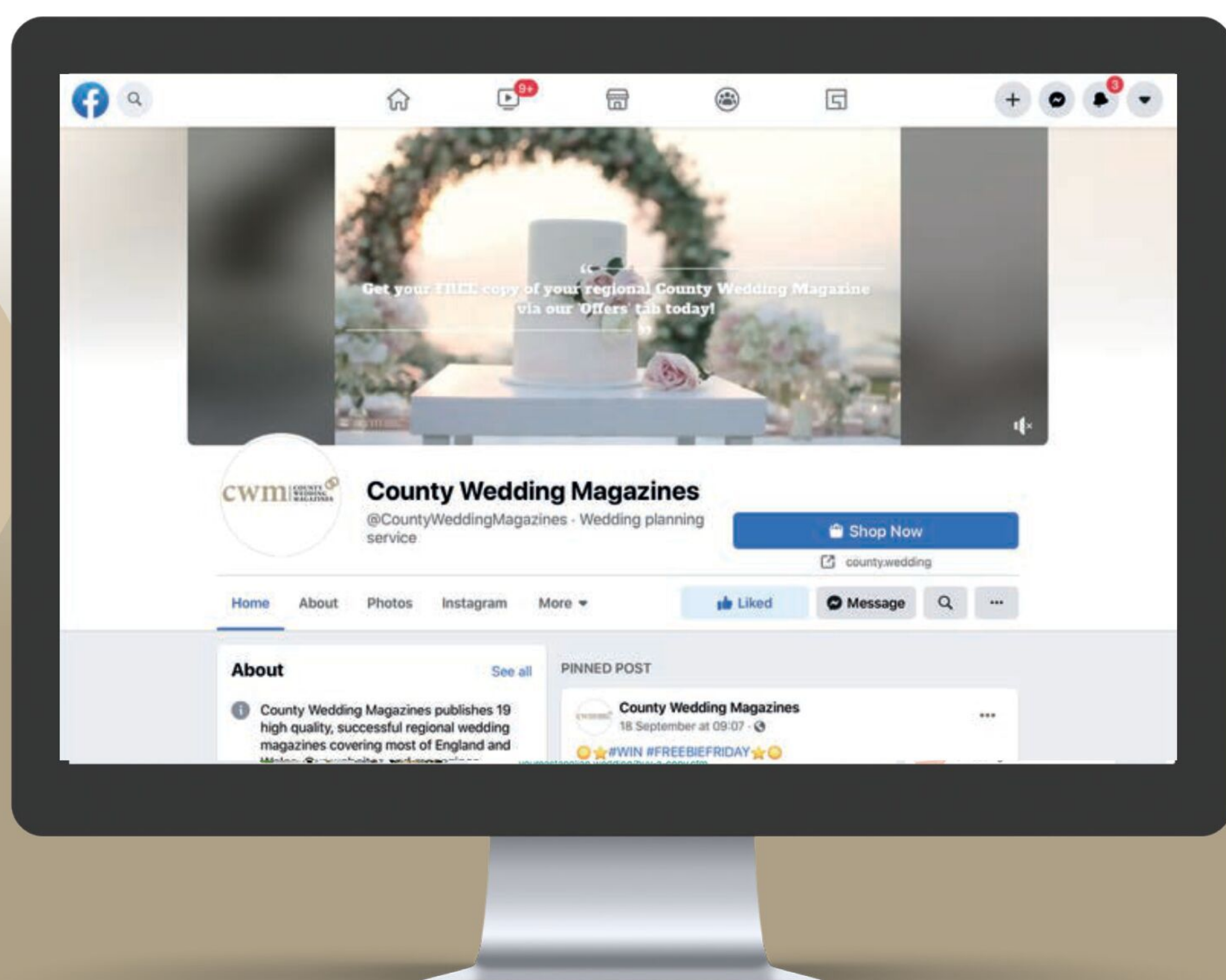
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Licensed for civil ceremonies, The Milestone provides the perfect venue for an intimate celebration with traditional British style and unrivalled service. The property's expert team of chefs, sommeliers, waiting staff and event organisers will put couples' minds at ease and ensure an ideal setting for the most important day of their life.

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County Wedding Magazines has teamed up with The Milestone Hotel & Residences to offer a two-night minimoon for two people staying in a beautiful Junior Suite. This includes an English Breakfast on both mornings and a three-course dinner in Cheneston's Restaurant including a bottle of Estate Bouchard Finlayson wine.

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The hotel itself is elegant and romantic lending itself perfectly to the occasion. Fine ornaments, antiques and unique artwork adorn the walls, and professional floral displays to complement the colours of the wedding party can be arranged. Intimate ceremonies can be coordinated in The Oratory – one of the oldest and historic wedding venues in the country. Additionally, there are six luxury two or three bedroom residences, which are perfect for pre- and post-wedding days; couples can relax and rejuvenate after their special day soaking up views from their private terrace – the hotel is ideally located opposite Kensington Palace with views over Kensington Gardens!

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News

CLOSE TO HOME

Sark is the smallest of the Channel Islands and considered the jewel of them all. Already famous for several things; its unspoilt beauty, for having no cars and for being the world's first Dark Skies Island, it now welcomes a new attraction. The tiny island is celebrating the imminent launch of its first community dairy.

From this June, no trip to this stunning rural island hideaway will be complete without meeting the 16 stunning Guernsey dairy cows, seeing the dairy parlour in action and picking up treats from the shop.

At the helm are dairy farmers Jason and Katharine Salisbury, who, with 20 years' experience of looking after Channel Island dairy cows in Suffolk, harboured a longheld dream of running their own small artisanal farm in Sark. From 80 applicants worldwide the Salisburys bagged their dream job, combining authentic dairy farming with providing a delightful destination where you can visit and be charmed.

The island enjoys a variety of accommodation options from glamping to luxury hotels and everything in between. For self-catering the beautiful Clos a Joan rental cottages are a must-visit (www.sarkholidaycottages.co.uk) or, for a touch of honeymoon luxury, check out Stocks Hotel (www.stockshotel.com). For more information about this idyllic destination's dairy trust visit <https://sarkdairytrust.com>





SUN, SEA AND SAND

Elivi Skiathos, the most high-end luxury hotel on the island of Skiathos, has new experiences for couples looking to plan a heavenly honeymoon or celebrate a special anniversary in 2021. The romantic experiences include private dinners on the beach, sunset cruises, private film screenings and in-suite spa treatments.

Spread across 213 acres, Elivi Skiathos is tucked away, perched on a verdant hilltop, in an area of natural beauty on the south-west of the island beside a wildlife refuge and with direct access to four of the island's best beaches – a picturesque backdrop!

The hotel is separated into three distinct accommodation areas well spread-out across the vast acreage encompassing hilltop-view rooms (also with views of the Aegean Sea), suites that sit directly on the beach and rooms, villas and suites which lay dotted amongst pine trees and olive groves.

Check out www.elivihotels.com

Something for...

...The Adventurer: Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort & Spa, Seychelles has a new package, For Your Eyes Only, for couples who love exploring and are lusting after a long-haul adventure. Perched on the hilltops in north Mahé, the property is a great option for couples wanting romance, but with a touch of adventure, as there is a host of activities available on the hotel's doorstep, including diving, hiking and exploring by mini-moke.

The resort offers private, treehouse-style villas, nestled amongst lush greenery and leading down to the waterfront. Only welcoming guests aged 13 and above, the hotel is ideal for those looking for the exclusivity and tranquility of an adults-focused destination.

Check out www.seychelles.hilton.com



...The Staycationer: Rediscover the capital post-lockdown at the five-star Hyatt Regency London - The Churchill in Marylebone.

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Check out www.hyatt.com



...The Wellness Guru: Nana Princess, Crete. This five-star hotel boasts sleek interiors, sumptuous suites, private plunge pools, gyms and sauna/steam rooms, making it the ideal destination for a romantic, post-lockdown getaway. Nana Princess' spa, The Royal Wellness Club, is a 1,400m² high-tech oasis offering everything from more classical treatments, such as Mediterranean candlelit massages to more advanced, innovative programmes. For those feeling the strain after lockdown, the recently launched Star Sign Spa Menu offers bespoke treatments based on guests' zodiac sign - for example, if your partner's an Aries, known to overthink and carry stress in their head area, the head massage with nourishing oils (including baobab, patawa, birch, soya and sesame) will help aid restoration and balance.

Check out www.nanaprincess.com



SERENE Cyprus

This idyllic island in the Mediterranean sea has it all: mountainous valleys, picture-perfect beaches and well-renowned traditional Cypriot cuisine. Here we showcase five locations for a post-wedding getaway...

CORAL BEACH HOTEL

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Seven nights travelling September 2021 from £773pp, with flights from London Gatwick staying in a Mountain View Room on a B&B basis.



KING EVELTHON

Relax and enjoy knowing you have so much covered at the five-star all-inclusive King Evelthon Beach Hotel & Resort in Chloraka, near Paphos. Bright blue sea views and landscaped gardens provide an impressive backdrop to the lagoon-style pool and waterpark. Couples seeking to get away from it all will enjoy the adults-only pool. Live music, evening shows and dances can be enjoyed by day and into the evening. The hotel is on Chlorakas Beach, in a quiet setting west of Paphos, with the nearest shops and tavernas conveniently a short walk away. Historic Paphos Castle, as well as the ancient Tombs of Kings and beautiful Akamas peninsula are all in easy reach.

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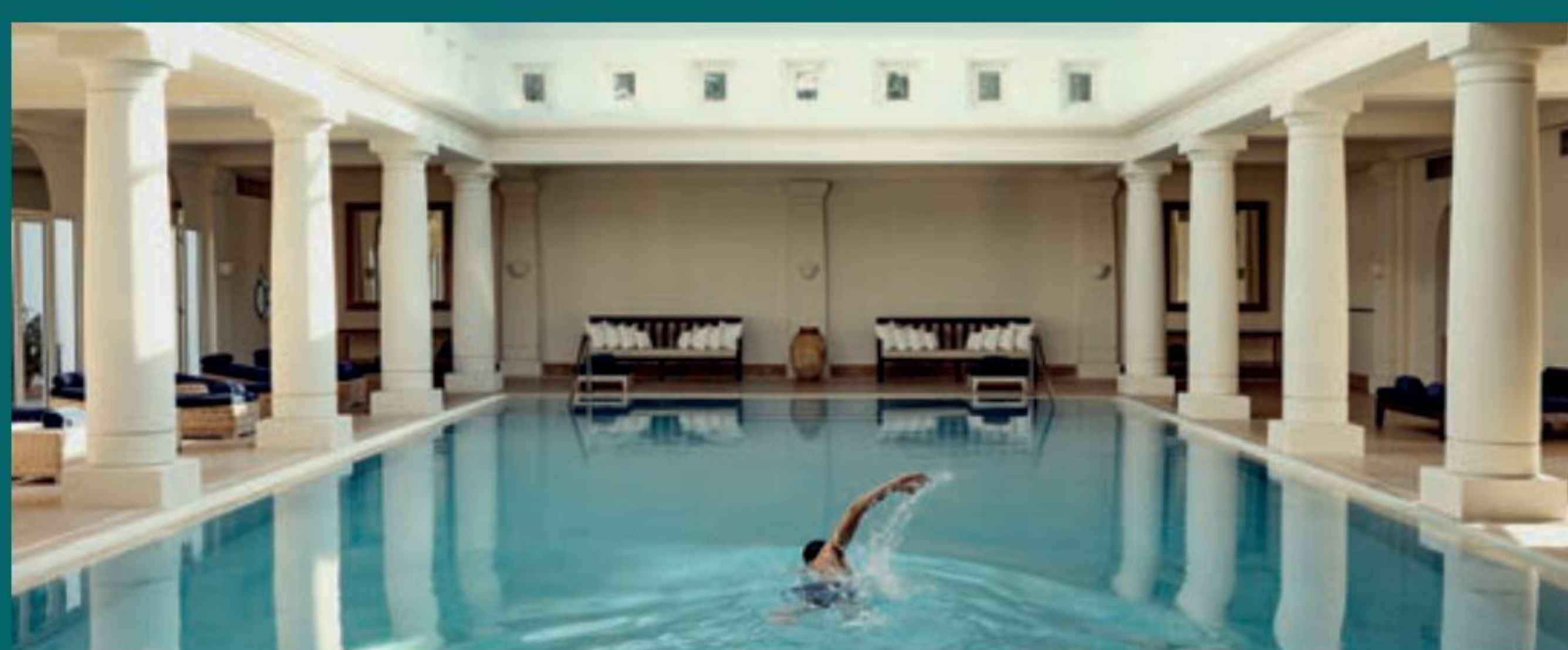
Aphrodite Hills Holiday Residences Cyprus, offers an extensive range of luxury holiday homes. Set within an award-winning five-star Resort in Paphos, the luxurious villas and apartments offer a slice of high-end Cyprus life at its finest. Many of the properties overlook the PGA National Cyprus Aphrodite Hills Golf course, while others have views of the sea or mountains. These luxury self-contained accommodations come fully furnished to the highest standards with fully equipped kitchens and some with private pools.

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ANASSA

The renowned Anassa, offers the ultimate in luxurious accommodation in an idyllic picturesque location bordering the famous Akamas Peninsula. Overlooking a beautiful beach with crystal clear waters, complemented with a backdrop of majestic mountains, this hotel blends beautifully with the surrounding countryside. Accommodation is designed in the Greek Village style, to the very highest international standards, offering the ultimate in luxury with interiors featuring Roman mosaics, Greek motifs and Venetian frescoes, all complementing the range of contemporary furnishings and artefacts.

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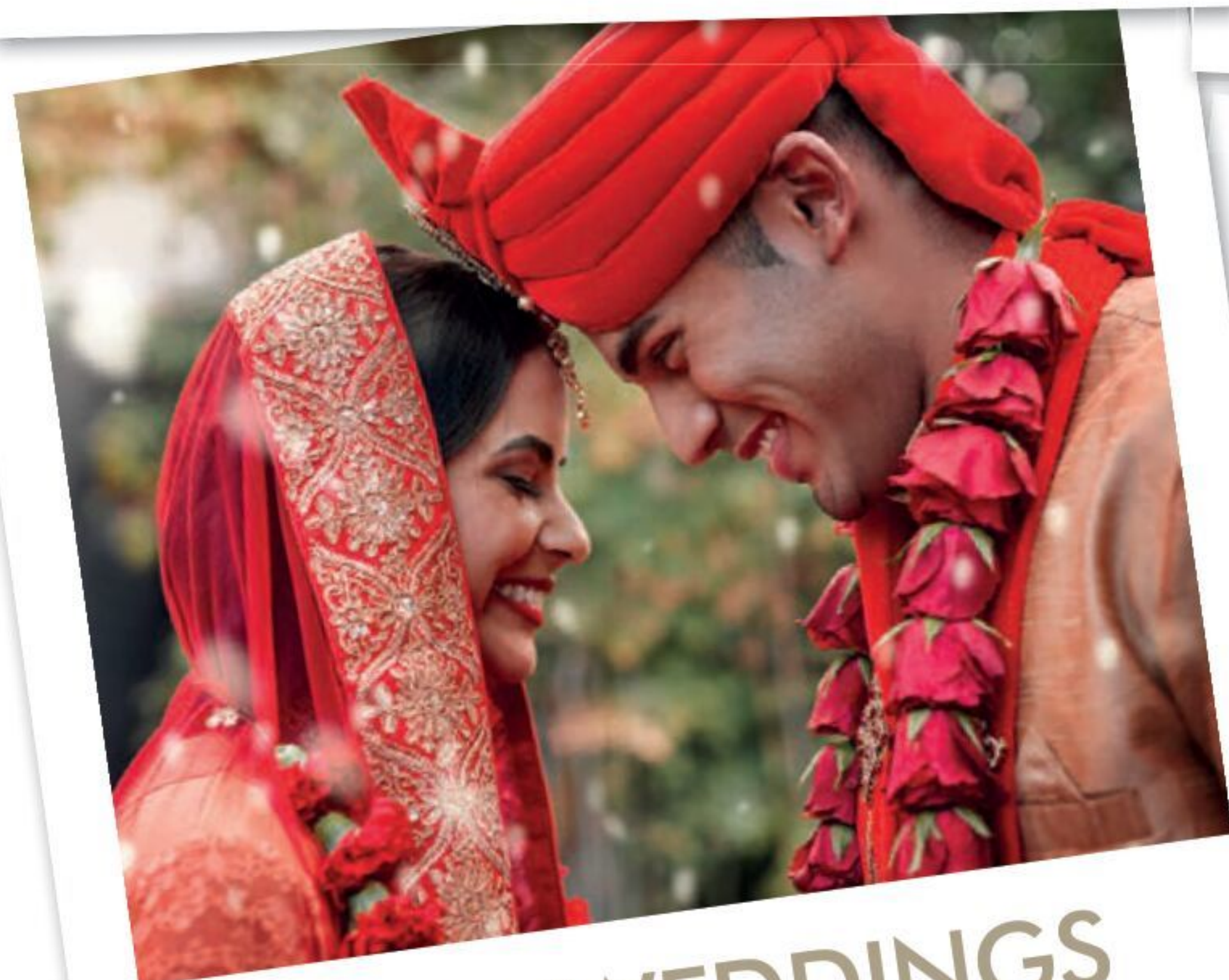
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