

Love on the slopes

Newton Park Farm set the scene for Eve and Carl's gorgeous day

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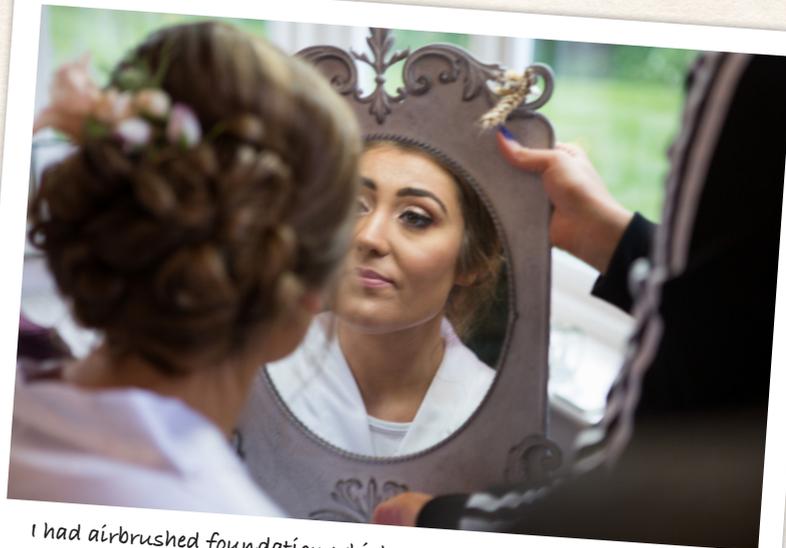
Eve Petrušić, married Carl Houghton, both 26, at St Andrew's Church, followed by a reception at Newton Park Farm on 19th August, 2017.

Eve and Carl's journey started as flatmates when they were studying, "We both started at Southampton Solent University on 19th September, 2009," says Eve. "We shared a flat and our bedrooms were opposite so we got quite close as time went by," says Eve. Their first date was like a scene from *Grease*, "We went to a drive-in cinema as a surprise for my birthday. We watched *Mamma Mia* with the sound coming through the radio and shared a picnic that Carl had made, it was really romantic," Eve recalls.

Years later the duo went on a family ski holiday in the France Alps when Eve got the surprise of her life. "Carl took me off on our own down our favourite run and then claimed we needed to go round one more time so the clouds would clear to take photos. My mind did wonder but I never thought it would happen. He proposed on the tulip run with a stunning view of the mountains behind, it was perfect," she says. The day after they returned from France, their venue was booked and 18 months later, the big day arrived. Here Eve tells us more about it...



I loved my dress, it was perfect in every way. It had a lovely train and I added a lace off-the-shoulder top to finish the vintage look.



I had airbrushed foundation which was amazing, smoky eyes and plum lips. It was extra special to have it done by a professional and looked fantastic.



Our best friends' son Roy, was our pageboy. He looked fab in his morning suit with a Batman pocket square!



Carl, his best men and ushers all wore traditional morning suits and his top hat was his favourite part. He enjoyed the shopping, as it was a good excuse to go to the pub!



My bridesmaids Kate, Rachael, Chloe, Katy, Maria, Charlotte and Aimee all wore dresses in lavender fog. Three became pregnant after the fitting but we found some maternity dresses in the same shade and they looked gorgeous.

EVE'S TOP TIP: *Enjoy planning your wedding, don't let stress overcome the fact that you're planning your day for you two as a couple, the best day of your lives!*



We fell in love with the venue as soon as we saw it. We had hot air balloons hanging in the barn and marquee with baskets full of blooms.



Our bouquets were made with café au lait dahlias, flowering mint, garden roses, astrantia, astilbe and summer foliage. Our florist did a fabulous job.



For our name places we made hearts out of coloured card and old books then stuck everyone's name on a little arrow in calligraphy.



We travelled in a vintage blue Ford Anglia. It was a lovely time for us to soak it all in and enjoy those cherished first moments as husband and wife.



Natural flowers lined the aisle. It was stunning and really set off the rustic country theme we were going for.



At the church we had a beautiful flower arch at the entrance porch and two vintage milk churns either side of the door full of blooms.



We made lengths and lengths of tassel and fabric bunting to add colour to the barn, marquee and fences.



For our table decorations we used old coloured glass and china candlesticks, vintage china cups and tea pots, old glass bottles and jugs.



I run my own cake business so of course I had to make our wedding bake! We had a table full of our favourite flavours, cupcakes, mini loaves and macarons. It was really eye-catching in the marquee.



Our highlight was the flower heart that our florist lovingly created to hang behind us at the wedding breakfast.



We had lots of wooden signs and sayings written in calligraphy around the venue.

Eve and Carl's contacts:

Photographer | Becky Kerr Photography | beckykerphotography.co.uk

Ceremony venue | St Andrews Church | standrewsamphill.org

Reception venue | Newton Park Barn | newtonparkbarn.co.uk

Bride's dress | WED2B | wed2b.co.uk

Bride's hair and make-up | Amber Julie Smith | facebook.com/amberjuliesmithMUA; Hair by Charlotte Day | 07805 064 903

Bridesmaids' dresses | TFNC | tfnclondon.com; Asos Maternity Range | asos.com

Groom's outfit | Dobell | dobell.co.uk; Trotter and Deane | trotteranddeane.co.uk

Groomsmen's suits | Waterer's | waterers-menswear.co.uk

Rings | Harrisons | harrisonsjewellers.co.uk

Cake | The Crumble Cakery | thecrumblecakery.co.uk

Flowers | Millie Richardson Flowers | millierichardsonflowers.com

Transport | Woodside Garage | woodside-landrovers.co.uk; Piaggio Ape | Soper and Co | soperand.co

Catering | Benedickers Catering | benedickerscatering.co.uk

Videographer | York Place Films | yorkplacefilms.co.uk

Band | The Somebody's, Ear Candy Live | earcandylive.co.uk

Wedding night accommodation | Brook Bell Tents | brookbelltents.co.uk

Guest accommodation | The Three Cranes | thethreecranes.com; The Old Mill | oldmill-newtonblossomville.co.uk