

Katie & Ben Hunter

A ceremony at St Mary the Virgin church in Marystow, followed by a marquee reception at The Horn Of Plenty hotel, Gulworthy, Devon


The inspiration... I met Ben at a party in Devon. We started chatting, but I didn't really think of him in a romantic way. However, he sneakily gave his number to my friend, who couldn't stop going on about how fantastic he was all the way home. Eventually I agreed to put his number into my phone. I thought I'd never give him a second thought, but I had a dream about him that night and ending up texting him the next morning. He called straight back and we spoke every day until our first date. Ten months later, Ben proposed while we were walking on the banks of the Seine in Paris at dusk – it was all very romantic. We were married at my mum's local church in Devon. I'd always

dreamed of a white wedding with a huge marquee, and I wanted everything to look simple and elegant with lots of fresh flowers.

The look... I wore a beautiful silk fishtail dress by Spanish designer Rosa Clará – I loved the combination of the vintage feel with a modern shape. My bouquet was made from white roses and lily of the valley mixed with foliage, and hand-tied with ribbon. Ben wore a matching white rose and lily of the valley buttonhole, and my bridesmaids carried contrasting vibrant pink rose posies. The church was decorated with pew-ends, a porch arrangement and a pedestal, all containing a profusion of white and pink roses. Our florist Debbie Morris did a great job.

Our reception was held in a marquee in the gardens of The Horn Of Plenty hotel in Gulworthy. We had a fun beach theme with shells, boats, wooden fish and fish-shaped chocolates for favours. We filled the room with yet more white and pink roses, and added some large bay trees decorated with white agapanthus. The overall effect was the seaside meets the Devonshire countryside.

And the rest... For the wedding breakfast, we served sea bass with polenta terrine to start, followed by best end of lamb and a trio of desserts, including a delicious pear and chocolate tart. This was all washed down with lots of Champagne, merlot and pinot grigio.

Our three-tier chocolate cake was covered in white chocolate and handmade white chocolate flowers, made by a family friend. A string quartet played in the background and later we had a disco with a fantastic DJ. As the evening came to an end, we surprised our guests with a dramatic fireworks display, and I had a lovely surprise myself when Ben presented me with a stunning diamond necklace. 





Little white book

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