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This photograph of our real wedding couple Steph and Tom standing on a bridge at The Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. After the ceremony, make sure you and your husband steal away with your photographer to get some Mr and Mrs snaps. To find out more about their big day, turn to page 63.

Style me pretty

If you're looking for a wedding gown that's a little bit different, why not check out Frockfollies? Based in Broadstairs, the company creates bespoke period and fantasy-inspired wedding gowns. During the initial consultation with

designer Gill Linley, brides-to-be choose the style, colour and fabric for their gown and are encouraged to share their ideas through to the final fitting. Gill says, "I'm a theatrical costumier, with experience in film and television and specialise in corsetry and period outfits. In recent years, I've noticed a huge demand to cross these designs over into wedding gowns." For more information, phone 07887 925 946 or visit the website www.frockfollies.com



Manon couture gown

IN BLOOM

"The red calla lily (zantedeschia) is an elegant, sophisticated flower and a symbol of love. Originally from South Africa, it blooms in late spring and throughout summer, and can grow up to 40 inches tall!"

"The best way to cut calla lilies is with a sharp knife rather than scissors to avoid bruising the fragile stem. This bouquet (pictured) also includes goulda, which has a woody stem that you should split before putting it in water to make it last as long as possible."

Jessica Blackwood Murray, Moyses Stevens
www.moyesflowers.co.uk



Reasons to celebrate

The Pantiles Bride, located in Tunbridge Wells, has many reasons to celebrate this year. Firstly, the bridal boutique is celebrating its 16th year of trading, secondly, the company was a finalist in the Best Bridal Retailer South category at the prestigious Bridal Buyer Awards, and last but not least, two new designers, Ivory & Co and LM by Lusan Mandongus, have been added to its exquisite collection. For more information, telephone 01892 513 333 or visit the website www.pantilesbride.com



Steph and Tom married at St Paul's Church followed by a reception at The Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells on 21st July, 2012

YOU ROCK MY WORLD

Steph Vaughan and Tom Knight chose a mint green and cream colour scheme for their big day to complement their seaside theme

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Darryl Curcher Photography*

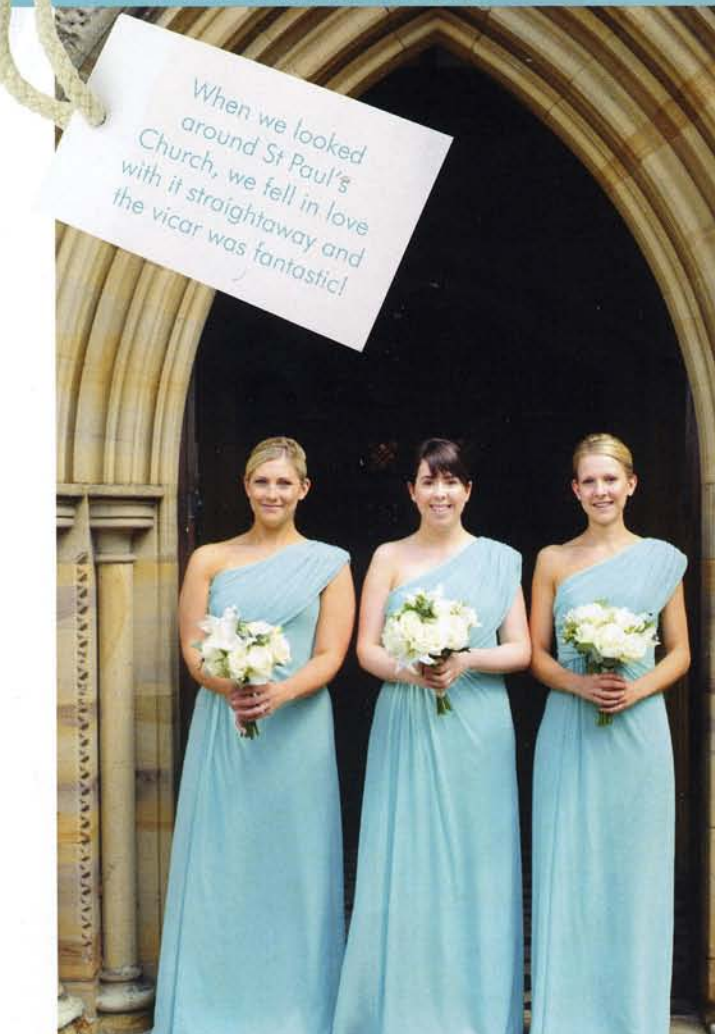
Steph and Tom met in September, 2005 on a fresher's night at university but they didn't become a couple until the following Valentine's Day.

Tom managed to pluck up the courage to ask Steph's parents for her hand in marriage in February, 2011, but waited until their anniversary the following year to propose. He used the celebration to his advantage, and booked a London hotel with views of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, and tickets to see the West End show *Dreamboats and Petticoats*. Distracting Steph with a congratulatory chocolate cake and her favourite tippie, Kir Royale, Tom popped the question on bended knee with a platinum solitaire diamond ring, which he designed with the help of Fitzgerald Jewellers in Canterbury. Here, Steph tells us all about their big day...

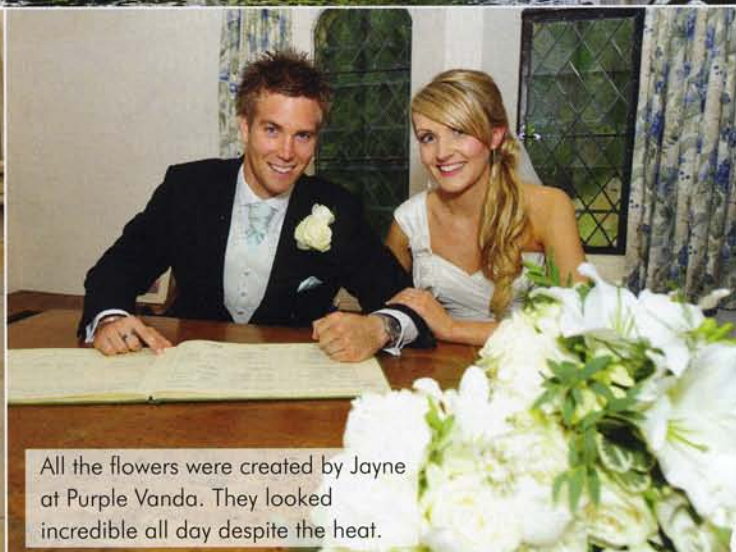


Tom wore grey and black pin-striped trousers paired with a black dinner jacket, cream waistcoat with mint green detail and matching cravat.

I found my Ellis Bridals dress in Abigail's bridal boutique. I added a few personal touches, such as extra crystals on the rouches, and accessorised with a pair of Swarovski crystal shoes by Benjamin Adams and a tiara and veil from First 4 Brides.



When we looked around St Paul's Church, we fell in love with it straightaway and the vicar was fantastic!



All the flowers were created by Jayne at Purple Vanda. They looked incredible all day despite the heat.

I've known my bridesmaids Annie, Jess and Lucy, since school. They wore mint green Dessy dresses from Abigail's and accessorised with shoes dyed to match.

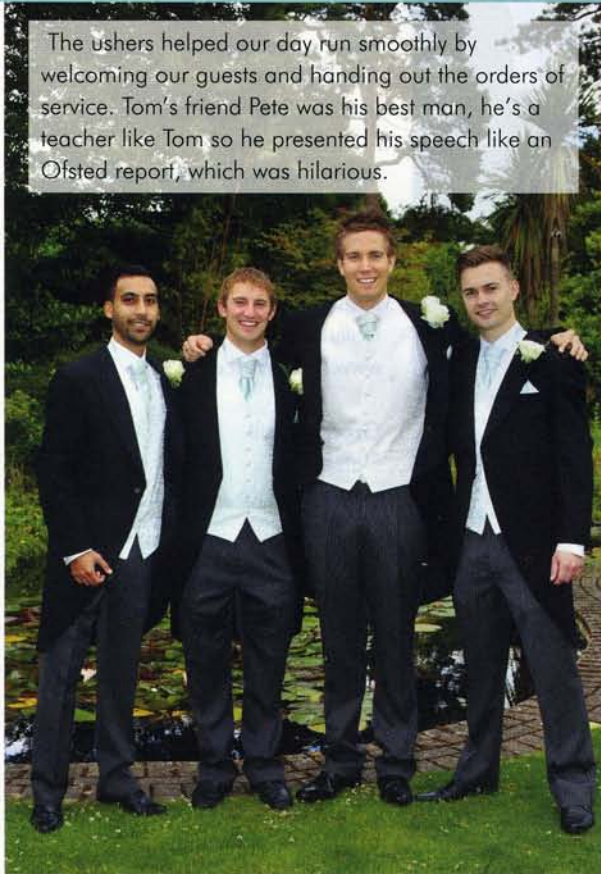


We've been to The Spa Hotel in Tunbridge Wells many times, as it's close to my parents' house. We've always been impressed with the level of service and quality of food, and my mum and dad also held their wedding reception there so it seemed fitting to have it as our reception venue.



The church choir sang Phil Collins' 'A Groovy Kind of Love' and 'Wherever You Are' by the Military Wives.

The ushers helped our day run smoothly by welcoming our guests and handing out the orders of service. Tom's friend Pete was his best man, he's a teacher like Tom so he presented his speech like an Ofsted report, which was hilarious.



My sister-in-law made our five-tier cake with different flavours: vanilla, chocolate, carrot and fruit – and a gluten-free top layer for Tom's mum.

Our photographer, Darryl Curcher, put us at ease the minute we met.



We hired a 1930s Brenchley Landulette from Wedding Cars Plus – the staff were fantastic before and during the day.



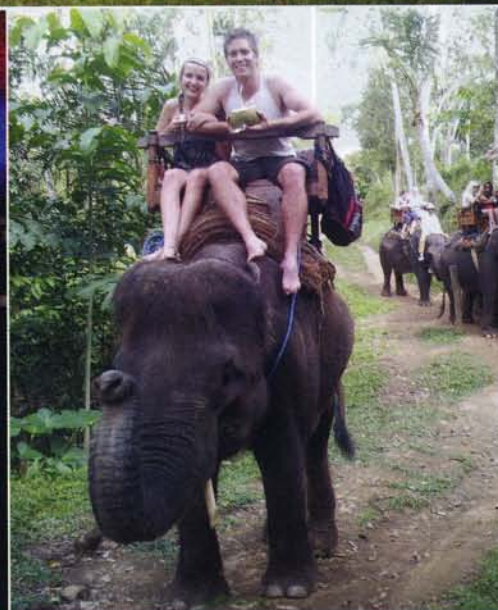


We named our tables after some of our favourite places in Eastbourne and gave out rock as favours.

My mum wore a fantastic turquoise outfit from The Touch of Silk complemented by a fascinator from Holly's Hats. She looked beautiful.



We had our first dance to Amazed by Lonestar. We chose it as Tom used to play it to me when we first got together.



We spent four days in Singapore and 10 days in Bali for our honeymoon. Our favourite moment was riding an elephant through the rainforest in Bali.



Steph and Tom's contact book

Photographer
Darryl Curcher Photographer
www.darrylcurcher.com

Ceremony venue
St Paul's Church, Rusthall
www.stpaulsrusthall.org.uk

Reception venue
The Spa Hotel
www.spahotel.co.uk

Bride's & bridesmaids' dresses
Abigail's
www.abigailbrides.co.uk

Bride's accessories
First 4 Brides
www.firstforbrides.com

Mother-of-the-bride's outfit
The Touch of Silk
www.tunbridgewellsdressmaker.co.uk

Hats
Holly's Hats
www.hollyhats.co.uk

Groom's suit
Slaters
www.slaters.co.uk

Rings
Fitzgerald Jewellers
www.fitzgeraldjewellers.co.uk

Flowers
Purple Vanda
www.purplevanda.com

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Wedding Cars Plus
www.weddingcarsplus.co.uk

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www.bellesbowsevents.co.uk

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Platinum Videotech
www.video-dj.net

Magician
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Your Beautiful Day
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