

PRETTY IN PINK

Nat and Carlo had a beautiful September wedding at The Grand in Folkestone
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Nat and Carlo met through mutual friends on a night out in their local town of Folkestone. “We were surprised by how many people we both knew; our paths may well have crossed before but we just didn’t know it,” Nat reminisces.

After less than a year together, Carlo popped the question while the couple were enjoying a romantic meal for Nat’s birthday. “He thought I had no idea, but he had been dropping hints so I had my suspicions,” she says. Carlo adds: “I wanted Nat to have a bespoke ring made especially for her so we went to a jewellers in Hythe and talked through designs – she decided on a stunning platinum solitaire.”

The couple were engaged for 11 years before they got married on 15th September, 2012. Read on for Nat’s account of the big day...



I accessorised with pearl earrings and a beautiful headband from the Jon Richard collection at Debenhams. I also wore Carlo’s grandmother’s pearl bracelet which completed my look perfectly.



I wore a Justin Alexander gown from Wedding World in Folkestone. As soon as I tried it on I knew it was *the one*, but unfortunately it was out of my price range. I was so surprised to discover my mum and stepdad had bought it for me!



"I wore a charcoal suit with a pink cravat to match the bridesmaids' dresses." – Carlo

I had two bridesmaids, my twin sister Vikki and best friend Helen. They wore Alfred Angelo floor-length gowns in dusky pink.



We chose to marry at All Saints Church in Stanford, the village where Carlo grew up. It was beautiful and I fell in love with it the moment I saw it.



We had two flowergirls, Carlo's beautiful nieces Izzy and Holly. My nephew Oakley was my pageboy; he looked so adorable in his suit.



We used Carlo's dad's new Mercedes as our big-day transport.



My favourite moments were walking down the aisle, seeing Carlo's reaction and saying our vows.



We had two readings, one was by my bridesmaid Helen and the other was by Matt, a good friend of Carlo.



"My best man was my friend Nick. He pulled off all the typical duties in style and everyone was in fits of laughter when he made his speech. My brother and brother-in-law were my ushers and helped the day to run seamlessly." – Carlo

My bouquet was made up of stunning roses.



The Grand in Folkestone was the perfect reception venue, we both loved the spectacular views it offered, which provided a great backdrop for our photographs.

We decided on luggage labels hung from a birdcage as our table plan.



Our centrepieces were giant cocktail glasses filled with fresh flowers.





"My dad is Italian but I don't speak the language. However, for our wedding I had some lessons and prepared a speech in Italian as a surprise." – Carlo



We had a six-tier glass cake stand which displayed our amaretto and limoncello flavoured cupcakes as a nod to Carlo's Italian roots, with a cutting cake on top.



In the evening we had a sweetie table full of our favourite retro creations.



My stepdad created a vintage photo booth. We had great fun posing with all the different props.



We spent our honeymoon in Bangkok, Ko Samui and the Maldives. It was a great mixture of exploring and relaxing.

Nat and Carlo's contact book

Photographer
FitzGerald Photographic
www.fitzgeraldphotographic.co.uk

Reception venue
The Grand, Folkestone
www.grand-uk.com

Bride and bridesmaids' dresses
Wedding World
www.weddingworldkent.co.uk

Bride's accessories
Debenhams
www.debenhams.com

Bride's hair
Head Kandy Hair Studio
01303 242 553

Groom's suit
Moss
www.moss.co.uk

Cake
Pure Cupcakes
www.purecupcakes.co.uk

Venue décor
Designed Events
www.designedevents.co.uk

Stationery
The Range
www.therange.co.uk

Rings
Wakefield Jewellers
www.wakefieldjewellers.com

Wedding list
Kuoni
www.kuoni.co.uk