

Meet the finalists

Congratulations to Hannah Collins and Christopher Marsden who won the fourth heat of our Wedding of the Year competition. We caught up with Hannah to find out more about their big day

How did you feel when you found out you'd won the fourth round of the competition?

Christopher and I were extremely excited, I called both sets of parents to tell them the news. It was lovely to be able to share our big day with everyone and we're both grateful to those who voted for us.

You tied the knot at Michelham Priory, near Hailsham, and your reception followed at The Sussex Barn, Hellingly. Tell us more about your nuptials.

It was the hottest day of the year, which we weren't expecting as we all know how unpredictable British weather can be. My father drove me to the ceremony in a mint green camper van. There was a classic car show taking place at Michelham Priory on the same day so lots of families smiled and waved at me.

Walking down the aisle was quite surreal, seeing Christopher looking handsome, albeit rather nervous. Instead of traditional confetti, we had a bubble machine and gave our guests bubble wands.



Our reception was just how we wanted it with everyone playing the games we had set up, sipping champagne and soaking up the atmosphere. It was fantastic.

What was the trickiest element of the day to arrange?

Bringing all the little details together was a challenge. Our wedding wasn't a package so we had made all of the decisions ourselves. Luckily, we had two days at the barn to set everything up and Christopher had an abundance of groomsmen who each had specific roles too.



Did any of your suppliers stand out as being particularly helpful?

Our caterer, Food Glorious Food, was exceptional. We came across them at another wedding we attended and noticed the professional service and amazing food. The company gave us a list of things to think about catering-wise and kept in contact with us throughout the year. The band, Beve and the Beatroots, was also fantastic and added personal touches to our entertainment.♥

Hannah & Christopher's contact book

Photographer

FitzGerald Photographic
www.fitzgeraldphotographic.co.uk

Ceremony venue

Michelham Priory
 01323 844 224

Reception venue

The Sussex Barn
www.weddingbarn-hellingly.co.uk

Entertainment

Beve and the Beatroots
www.beveandthebeatroots.co.uk

Catering

Food Glorious Food
www.foodgloriousfoodsouth.co.uk

