



# English charm

Lucy and Shaun celebrated their country wedding with cocktails and a picnic at Micklefield Hall in rural Hertfordshire

**The atmosphere...** We wanted a traditional English country party with summer cocktails on the lawn and picnic hampers in the fields, and Micklefield Hall proved to be the perfect rural setting. Nestled in 350 acres of rolling countryside, it even had a farm at the back of the venue. The chickens running freely around the gardens just added to the remote country charm.

**The look...** I loved my Maid Marian-style dress. It had a beautiful long lace train which I teamed with a daisy-chain headband to complete the bohemian look. For my bouquet, I opted for a romantic trailing arrangement of 'Million Star' gypsophila and 'Matricaria' daisies. Shaun wore a charcoal-

coloured three-piece suit with a white mandarin collar shirt, a pale pink scarf and matching suede shoes. His buttonhole was made with gypsophila and daisies pinned to an antique brooch. My beautiful bridesmaids wore 1950s-style rose print dresses flared with pale pink petticoats, and completed the look with pink shoes, pearl earrings and bouquets of soft pink 'Heaven' roses and 'Sarah Bernhardt' peonies.

**The details...** We decorated the walkway to the marquee with boxes of lavender and the walls were lined with willow and eucalyptus trees. To create a British tea-party feel inside the marquee, we chose tablecloths in pale pink and mint decorated with a

mishmash of vintage cutlery and china. My parents made the tablecentres from teacups and saucers they had collected and stacked on top of each other to create cake stands. These were topped with 'Avalanche', lilac 'Amnesia', 'Heaven' and pink 'Faith' roses, pink and white hydrangeas, gypsophila, and phlox with pittosporum and ivy. The focal centrepiece was a faux floral blossom tree with jasmine foliage, pink cherry blossom and cream magnolia flowers. We suspended glass globes with tealights from the tree canopy.

**My favourite moment...** The speeches were amazing, my dad had everyone laughing and Shaun's speech was so heartfelt he made everyone, including himself, cry. 





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### Lucy's address book

**Photographer:** Clare Fitzgerald  
([www.fitzgeraldphotographic.co.uk](http://www.fitzgeraldphotographic.co.uk))

**Venue:** Micklefield Hall  
([www.micklefieldhall.com](http://www.micklefieldhall.com))

**Florist:** Essential Wedding Hire  
([www.essentialweddinghire.com](http://www.essentialweddinghire.com))

**Dress:** Christine Kendall  
([www.christinekendall.co.uk](http://www.christinekendall.co.uk))

**Shrug:** Sassi Holford  
([www.sassiholford.com](http://www.sassiholford.com))

**Bridesmaid dresses:** Vivien of Holloway  
([www.vivienofholloway.com](http://www.vivienofholloway.com))

**Groomswear:** Windsor Formal Hire  
([www.windsorformalhire.com](http://www.windsorformalhire.com))

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Large heart shell wreath, £34, Buy the Sea



Hand-tied bouquet of gypsophila, Wookie Flower Design



White cosmos, delphinium and scabious flower circlet, £30, Bella & Fifi Flowers



'Sweetheart' candle, £8.50, The Country Candle Company



'With Love' vintage inspired teacup, £11, Kiki's

Get the look

# Rural romance

For a celebration infused with a British countryside feel, choose pretty details over grand gestures



White flower bracelet, Cindy Kirkland



Small tealight candle, £25, Lower Lodge Candles



Buttonhole of chamomile, craspedia and sage, Violets & Velvet



Pink teardrop earrings, £8, Accessorize



Decorative wheelbarrow planter, £29.95, Primrose



Silver heart and pearl bracelet, £10, Accessorize



'Cream Tea Rose' 50s halterneck floral dress, £79, Vivien of Holloway

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