

Tom Fotherby & Chloe Cowland

St John's church, Stoke Row
and Rose Cottage, 10 June 2006

Photography by Dave Cowland



Tom and Chloe met whilst at university in a math tutorial during freshers week and got together in the Spring Term. Seven years later, and after buying a house in Reading together, Tom proposed while on a weekend away in Whitby. The couple tied the knot at a very special wedding in Stoke Row, Oxfordshire.



Ceremony - The ceremony was held in the small village church which allowed enough room just for the couples family. During the signing of the register, Alice, Toms cousin sang Panis Angelicus and Whistle down the Wind. Since the weather was so nice, guests could walk through the village from the church back to the reception.

Transport - The Bride arrived in a 1965 Bentley Continental driven by an old school friend of the Grooms father. A minibus was provided for guests arriving at Reading train Station.

On the Day - The church service started after lunch half way through the opening English football match of the world cup (England v Paraguay),

Outfits - Chloe wore a strapless laced beaded gown from the Marlow Wedding Centre. The groom and ushers wore grey Edward jackets and ivory waistcoats.

Flowers - The brides bouquet was a tightly packed arrangement of ivory roses, freesia and cornflower bound with ivy.

Bridesmaids - The four bridesmaids, Chloes sister, cousin and two second-cousins wore blue dresses from Debenhams and tiaras hand-made by Eleanor, Chloes Cousin.

The Venue - The reception was held at Rose Cottage, the grooms family home which was built brick-by-brick by the grooms parents and had plenty of space and lovingly cared for gardens.

Reception - The guests centred around a yard enclosed by two barns facing each other, one barn contained the bar and the other, a Swing band playing background music. The third side of the yard had a marquee for dining in. Ivy collected from the nearby woods together with fairy lights were used for decoration. A swimming pool and trampoline acted as entertainment for the children.



[Wedding Breakfast](#) - Tea was served along with a huge selection of cakes and krispy kreme doughnuts.

[First Dance](#) - The Sheena Davis Group played "Beyond the sea" by Bobby Darrin.

[Wedding Cake](#) - Made by Tom's mother, the cake had three simple white tiers decorated with wire intertwined with crystals. Each layer was different, chocolate, sponge and fruit.

[Bar](#) - One of the barns was turned into a home made bar complete with optics for spirits and a glass fronted fridge for the wine and lager. The kids enjoyed Capri Suns and soft drinks.

[Supper](#) - A giant buffet was served from 7.30pm. All the food was homemade by various guests. The food was predominantly vegetarian but there was a separate table offering a whole ham, a sirloin and coronation chicken. The mountain of profiteroles for pudding went down a treat.

[First Night Hotel](#) - The couple left at 11pm in a taxi to stay in the Renaissance Gatwick hotel. Chloe wore her Wedding dress to the hotel and got a free room upgrade.

[Honeymoon](#) - The couple spent 10 nights at an exclusive hotel in Antigua. They stayed in Cabin 14 nestled in a land-sculpted hillside with a balcony over-looking the turquoise bay of Jolly Beach. The hotel included a beach bar serving free chilled drinks in the shade of the palm trees. The couple had their own hammock and outside shower on their private balcony.

[Post-Honeymoon](#) - The couple spent a week after they returned from their honeymoon visiting family and settling down before going back to work.



Toms brother, James, set off 7 heart shaped rockets on the couples departure - One for each year they've been together.

