



A patriotic union


Sophie and Adam held their country-style, red, white and blue reception at Northbrook Park in Farnham, Surrey

The atmosphere... We wanted our wedding day to be fun, a bit quirky and, most importantly, relaxed. Our honeymoon was a round-the-world trip, so we loved the idea of celebrating our roots with a 'Best of British' theme. Arriving at Northbrook Park in Surrey, we completely fell in love with the old-style building, white picket fences and roaming peacocks. One of our taglines was 'no ties', which the men relished in the hot weather. Everything had a 'British' look, including the invites, drinks, guestbook and music. Keeping to red, white and blue was easy, as just after deciding our theme, Prince William and Kate got engaged and sparked off production of lots of British memorabilia!

The look... I found my Pronovias dress in Teokath, Wimbledon. It was a lace fishtail design with a sweetheart neckline. My headdress by Magpie Vintage was very special as it incorporated my great nan's brooch! We chose red roses for all the bouquets and buttonholes. Adam wore a blue suit from Next with a white shirt, red socks, Union Jack cuff links and Paul Smith shoes. His rose boutonniere was accompanied by an original silk Union Jack flag from the Queen's coronation, used as a pocket square.

The details... We designed and made the stationery ourselves. They all followed a vintage British postcard theme and included pictures of our own Rover Mini. We placed

hay bales and Union Jack cushions in the gardens for people to sit on, and strung red, white and blue flags around the venue. Decorating the tables were vintage teapots, cups and milk jugs filled with seasonal British flowers. Afternoon tea included homemade sloe gin, Pimms and local wine, cider and beer, as well as Bakewell tarts and scones. We had an open seating plan with the exception of a two-seater table for us. For the cake, we enjoyed banana and chocolate cupcakes from Le Papillon Patisserie.

My favourite moment... As the sun was setting, all of us let off red, white and blue sky lanterns into the sky. The colours looked great against the fading blue sky. 

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“After the ceremony everyone surprised us by singing *All You Need Is Love* by The Beatles”



Steal their patriotic style

Royal memorabilia: Celebrate your wedding Jubilee-style with bunting, napkins and ribbons in red, white and blue. For a great selection, try www.pipii.co.uk.

Vintage crockery: Give your big day a pretty, old-fashioned look by hiring traditional china. Source your perfect cups at www.theenglishparty.co.uk.

Sky lanterns: Create special memories by letting off paper sky lanterns. Find a great selection at www.nightsskylanterns.co.uk.

Hay bales: Solve the outdoor seating at your venue by asking a local farmer or riding stables for hay or straw bales to buy or hire.

Sophie's address book

Photographer: Chloe from Caught the Light (www.caughtthelight.com)

Venue: Northbrook Park (www.northbrookpark.co.uk)

Florist: Fiona Curry Flowers (www.fionacurry.com)

Dress: Pronovias (www.pronovias.co.uk) at Teokath (www.teokath.co.uk)

Headband: Magpie Vintage (www.magpievintage.co.uk)

Groomswear: Next (www.next.co.uk), Paul Smith (www.paulsmith.co.uk)

Cake: Le Papillon Patisserie (www.lepapillonpatisserie.com)