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MAIDSTONE

Sarah Fyfe and David Hutchings had a romantic wedding fit for royalty at a venue that holds special memories for them

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THE VENUE

David and I had one of our first dates at Leeds Castle. We visit often as we have season tickets, attend the fireworks and Christmas fairs and on a nice day potter around the grounds taking in the views. It never gets boring.

We got engaged on holiday and when we got back I had my heart set on marrying at Leeds Castle; it was the only venue we looked at and it will forever hold a special place in my heart. The history, architecture and grounds are out of this world and truly breathtaking.

Now that we have had the best day of our lives at the castle, I feel choked every time I think about it.

THE FLOWERS

I took my mum, Carol, for a little trip to Leeds Castle as there was a wedding event and we saw the banqueting hall layout. Mum and I fell in love with the flowers with candelabra theme and chose white and blue flowers. The arrangements, done by the in-house florist, were absolutely stunning and definitely made the room.

THE BIG DAY

We left home at 12.30pm to get to the castle, where there was a car waiting for us to take us from the private carpark to the castle itself. On arrival, the team were so friendly and explained what was going to happen and when.

WALKING DOWN THE AISLE

The music started playing as we were waiting in the library room, off went my beautiful bridesmaids and I started to fill up with tears of happiness. I turned to the wedding co-ordinator and said, "quick, I need a tissue," but before she could get back to me, my dad John said, "come on, we haven't got time for this" and I was frogmarched into the room.

THE CEREMONY

When I got to David, I looked at him, grinned and said "watchhha," which is a phrase we use when we see our gorgeous dog Buddy. David smiled and looked so nervous. I grabbed his hand, thinking 'why are you nervous, you have the rest of your life with me to drive you crazy.'

THE RECEPTION

Iain Baker, who was the DJ for our wedding, was there all day and played the music for our ceremony, reception and then for the evening.

The Henry VIII Banqueting Hall was breathtaking and with the flowers and candelabra it was even more stunning. We had two long tables and a top table. Everyone was waving their napkins around in the air as we entered – it was brilliant. The food was delicious and the hospitality assistants were attentive, polite and so friendly. Everything ran smoothly and I even had the chance to catch the executive chef to say a massive thank you.

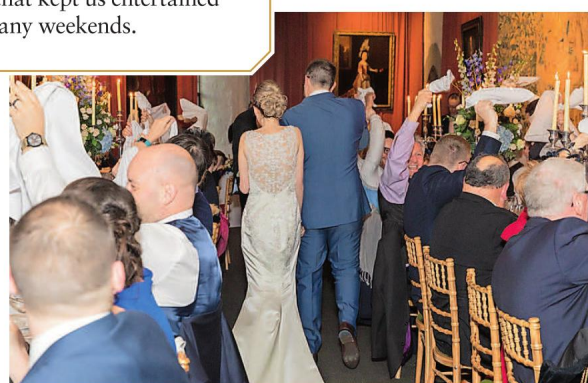
THE ENTERTAINMENT

As well as the DJ Iain Baker, who was awesome, we were supposed to have a photobooth. Unfortunately, the photobooth supplier broke down and couldn't attend – I didn't even realise until the next day, which shows that sometimes you don't need to go overboard. If I hadn't even realised, it clearly wasn't too important. ♥





OUR ADVICE
 Don't fall out with each other – we are best friends and worked together to plan and organise our day. It was our mini projects that kept us entertained for many weekends.



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