

IN Luck

Laura Yeo thought her dream dress for her wedding to Tim Prince at Sprivers Mansion, Horsmonden, was out of reach, then by chance she came across it in the sale in her size

Photography: Helen England Photography



THE VENUE: Tim grew up in Horsmonden and used to play in the woodland surrounding Sprivers Mansion so it's a special venue to us. I fell in love with the beautiful Georgian frontage of the house.

THE THEME There was no real theme as such, just my two favourite colours – sage green and peach/blush. The bridesmaids wore full-length, sage green dresses by Little Mistress and the groom and groomsmen wore suits from M&S and ties from Swagger and Swoon to match the bridesmaids. The peach/blush colours I kept in the flowers as it's a difficult shade to wear.

THE DRESS I first saw my dress in a shop window before I was even engaged and I instantly loved it. After Tim proposed I phoned the shop and enquired about the dress, only to find it was completely out of my budget.

I tried on so many other dresses but they just weren't right. Then, on a shopping trip to Maidstone, I spotted *the dress* in a shop window and popped in to ask about it. It was in the sale, in my size and £2,000 cheaper than the original price. I bought it there and then.

THE CEREMONY I found the ceremony really nerve-racking, I was paranoid about messing up my 'lines' but it was all completely fine; the registrar was wonderful and calm and so patient.

I walked down the aisle to Sheep May Safely

Graze, the music my mum Margaret, walked down the aisle to at her wedding to my dad, Glyn. One of my favourite parts of the whole day was getting ready with my mum and bridesmaids. My make-up artist and hairdresser were so lovely and I just had the best time.

THE RECEPTION The reception was held in a marquee in the beautiful gardens of Sprivers Mansion. We had drinks and garden games on the lawn before an amazing barbecue cooked by our wonderful caterers Kitchen of Kent. Beef brisket, tandoori chicken, monkfish, lamb koftas, salads and potatoes were served to the tables; it was all absolutely delicious.

The speeches were really lovely and my bridesmaid, Bryony Parker, thoughtfully recorded them without us knowing; it was so lovely to listen back to them afterwards.

THE EVENING In the evening we had a local band, The 38s. The lead singer is a friend and it was lovely to have that personal connection. Our first dance was to Jack Johnson's, Better Together.

OUR ADVICE Guests will only remember three things about your wedding: the food and drink, the entertainment and the venue, so spend the most on those and get them right. And budget as much as possible for an amazing honeymoon – you'll thank yourself afterwards. ♥



Suppliers

Photography: Helen England Photography, helenenglandphotography.co.uk

Venue: Sprivers Mansion, spriversmansion.co.uk **Dress:** Justin Alexander from

Perfection Bridal & Menswear, perfectionbridalmaidstone.co.uk

Bridesmaids' dresses: Little Mistress, little-mistress.com **Hair:** Daryl Wallace,

[instagram.com/hyggeandhair](https://www.instagram.com/hyggeandhair) **Make-up:** Harriet Rainbow, harriet-rainbow.co.uk

Groom's outfit: M&S, marksandspencer.com; Swagger & Swoon, swaggerandswoon.com

Stationery: Etsy, etsy.com **Flowers:** Lily & Myrtle, lilyandmyrtle.co.uk **Cake:** M&S

Catering: Kitchen of Kent, kitchenofkent.co.uk **Entertainment:** The 38s,

facebook.com/the38suk **Marquee:** Ambassador Marquees and Furniture Hire,

ambassadorfurniturehire.co.uk



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