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Jennifer Emptage, 35, married Matthew Fowler, 33, at Polhawn Fort on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017.

## Wedding with a view

Jennifer and Matthew's big day by the sea was at the picturesque Polhawn Fort  
Photography by Barney Walters

Jennifer and Matthew first met at a house party in 2008 and hit it off immediately. They didn't see each other again for a few years before bumping into one another at a rock festival in Belgium that they had both attended with mutual friends. "I was seeing somebody else at the time," Jennifer explains. "So another few years went by and a deep friendship blossomed between us. Matthew kept asking me out on a date until I said 'yes!' The rest, as they say, is history."

The couple became engaged one year after dating in a romantic proposal at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire. "It was in Darcy's house from the movie adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen," Jennifer tells us. "It's a little outbuilding at the top of a waterfall feature in the grounds and it was such a special moment. He got down on one knee to ask me to marry him with a stunning antique engagement ring."

Here, Jennifer tells us more about their big day by the sea...



We wanted a venue that offered a relaxed atmosphere where everyone could have fun with good food, music and a bar that wouldn't run dry, which is exactly what we achieved.

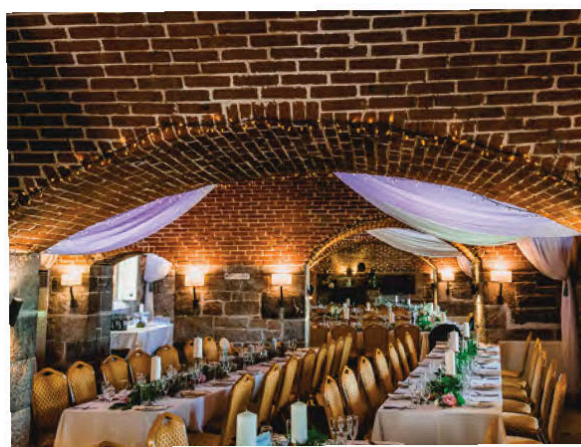




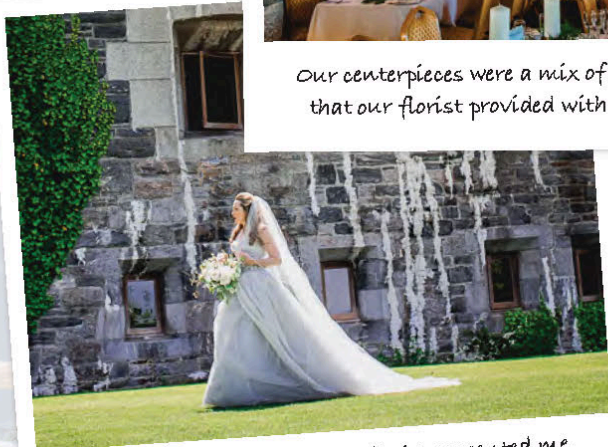
Polhawn Fort was the one and only venue that we looked at. We pulled up in the car park, admired the view and just knew it was everything we both wanted. We asked whether the date we needed was available before we even looked around and it was, it really was meant to be.



We hired a bouncy castle for the little ones which was such fun!



Our centerpieces were a mix of traditional flowers that our florist provided with plenty of foliage.



I burst into tears when our florist presented me with my bouquet! It was so pretty and mixed soft pink, peach and white flowers with lots of greenery. It was exactly what I had envisaged.



Matthew's parents made our wedding cake. They catered for all of our guests by using three different flavours and they had contacted our florist without us knowing so that they could match the flowers used to decorate it.

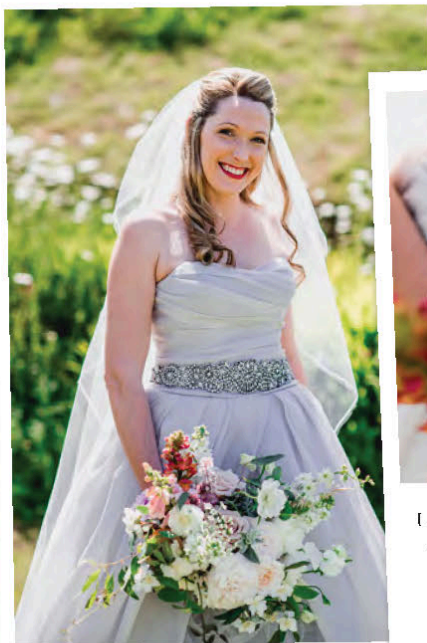




Our place names were handwritten by our bridesmaid, Sarah, who has an art degree. The table names were after different music venues and festivals that we love such as Brixton, Roundhouse, Reading and Glastonbury.



We decorated our venue with lots of bunting made by my mum including some special Mr & Mrs Fowler bunting behind the top table.



I chose a white by Vera Wang gown from David's Bridal in Westfield Stratford City, London. It was my one and only appointment trying on dresses and they soon realised what I was looking for. The gown really accentuated my curvy figure.



I added an embellished vintage-style belt to my dress that finished it perfectly. I wore bright red shoes under my dress because I love the pin-up girl style.



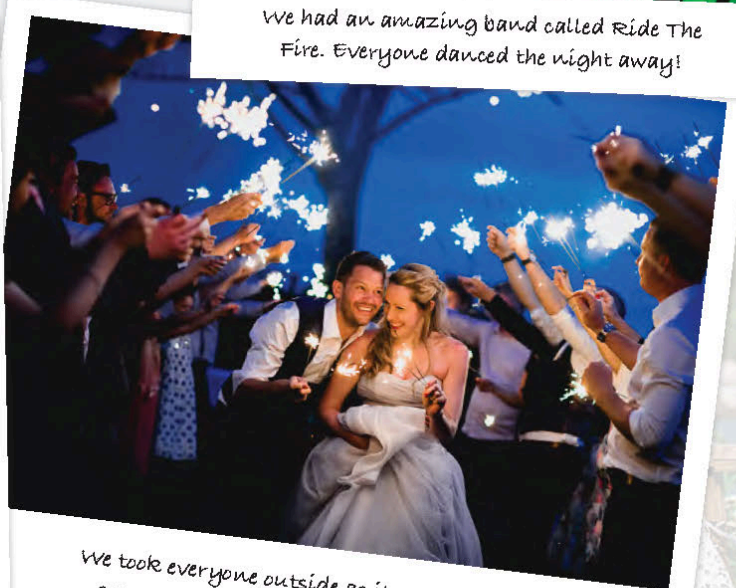
Our bridesmaids all wore navy blue dresses with their own silver shoes.



We had an amazing band called Ride The Fire. Everyone danced the night away!

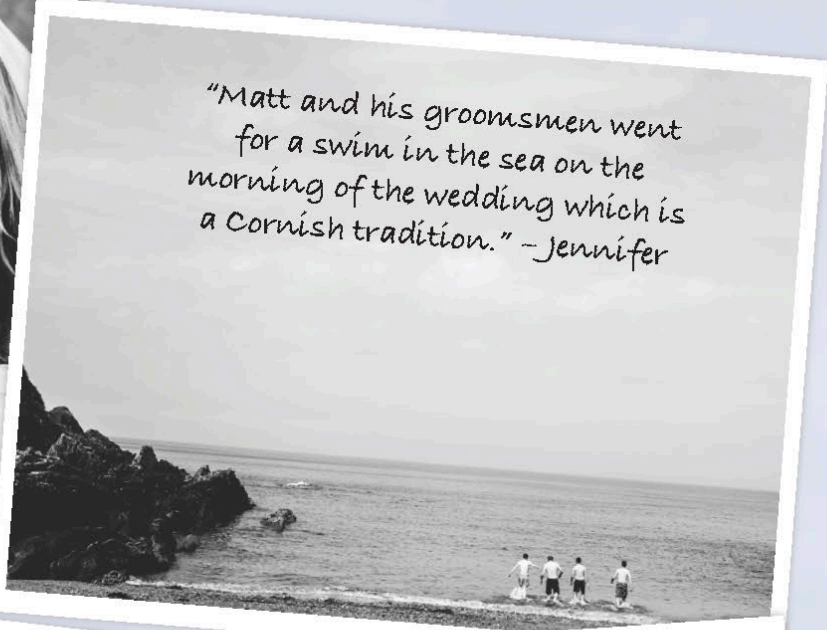


Matthew chose his own suit but I went along because I loved seeing him all dressed up! It was a blue style from Ted Baker. He chose pale pink ties for the groomsmen and his best man wore a matching suit to his.



We took everyone outside as it got dark to light some sparklers and take some photographs.





*"Matt and his groomsmen went for a swim in the sea on the morning of the wedding which is a Cornish tradition." - Jennifer*



## JENNIFER AND MATTHEW'S SUPPLIER LIST

**Photographer** | Barney Walters | [barneywalters.com](http://barneywalters.com)

**Venue** | Polhawn Fort | [polhawnfort.com](http://polhawnfort.com)

**Bride's dress** | White by Vera Wang at David's Bridal | [davidsbridal.co.uk](http://davidsbridal.co.uk)

**Bride's shoes** | Nine West | [ninewest.co.uk](http://ninewest.co.uk) and Monsoon | [uk.monsoon.co.uk](http://uk.monsoon.co.uk)

**Jewellery, watches and gifts** | Ernest Jones | [ernestjones.co.uk](http://ernestjones.co.uk)

**Make-up** | Avril at Beauty Within, Torpoint | [beautywithintorpoint.co.uk](http://beautywithintorpoint.co.uk)

**Hair** | Rapture Hair & Beauty Lounge | [rapturehairandbeauty.co.uk](http://rapturehairandbeauty.co.uk)

**Bridesmaids' dresses** | Coast | [coast-stores.com](http://coast-stores.com)

**Groom's suit** | Ted Baker | [tedbaker.com](http://tedbaker.com)

**Groom's shoes** | Barker | [barker-shoes.co.uk](http://barker-shoes.co.uk)

**Florist** | Mari at This Rugged Coast | [thisruggedcoast.com](http://thisruggedcoast.com)

**Design work** | Mark Nevard | [marknevard.com](http://marknevard.com)

**Entertainment** | Ride The Fire band | [ridethefireband.co.uk](http://ridethefireband.co.uk)

**Catering** | Fego Food Co | [devonwedding.catering](http://devonwedding.catering)

**Mini-moon** | Bovey Castle | [boveycastle.com](http://boveycastle.com)

**Accommodation** | Westcroft Guesthouse | [westcroftguesthouse.co.uk](http://westcroftguesthouse.co.uk)