

Real Weddings at The Boat House

Lisa & Stacey

The perfect blend...

Lisa & Stacey's beautiful wedding day at The Boat House brought touches of Yorkshire to the heart of Staffordshire, blended sparkle with a rustic touch (and campervans!) – and celebrated the couple's love of music. Our resident swan family even joined the party, making a regal appearance in their stunning photoshoot by the very talented [New Road Photography](#). We spoke to Lisa to find out why they chose The Boat House as the venue for their big day...

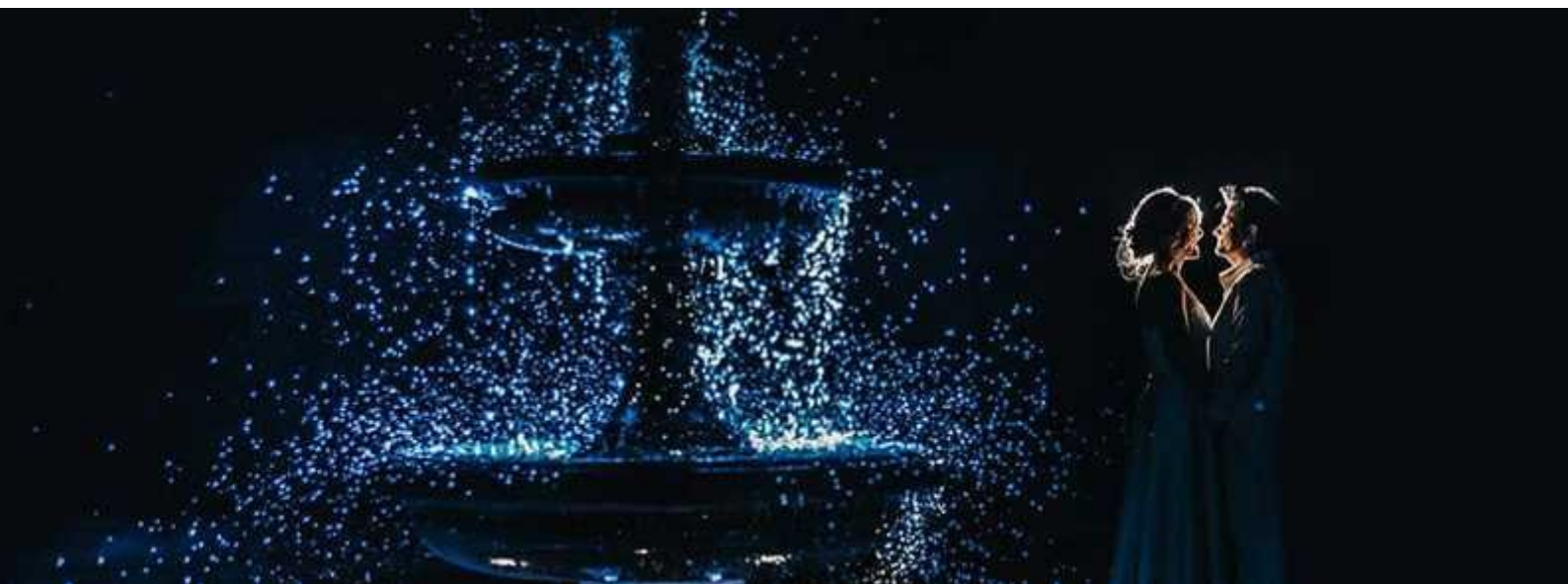


Who proposed, where and how?

I proposed to Stacey while we were on a Caribbean Cruise. I'd asked my mum (who has Alzheimer's) if I could borrow her solitaire diamond ring to propose. After Stacey accepted we bought her engagement ring and wedding ring at St Kitts, then bought my wedding ring in Barbados.

What were you looking for in a venue and what made you choose The Boat House?

It was all about the relationship with the girls in the office, especially Beckie. The venue spoke for itself - we loved the fact it was by the water and then at night the lights everywhere were beautiful. We also knew we could make our wedding whatever we wanted as the team were brilliant so accommodating; really listening to what we wanted - they were so flexible, not like other venues.



What was your wedding theme and how did you create it?

We didn't have a theme as such, more of a celebration of how different we are. Our thrones were a must - Stacey loves sparkly things and I love rustic, so we had a combination of both that worked really well, and guests complimented us on the attention to detail.

Any special touches to the décor?

We arranged the room on the night so we could run a slideshow of our dads, who are no longer with us, alongside our first dance - and again nothing was too much trouble. The colour blush/rose gold featured a lot – again one of Stacey's touches.



Where did you say your vows?

We said our vows outside under the gazebo.

How did your theme flow through the rest of your day?

Perfectly! I'm a VW nut (Dubster) so Campervans featured heavily – we went for a ride in one, our cake was one and the photo booth was one too. We had garden games for our guests, Owen Strickland the Magician was brilliant and, finally, we had the best playlist ever! We had two choreographed dances - one performed by the brides and the second performed by Stacey and her Bridesmaids, which was repeated later on with all the guests. Music is very important to us - so much so, we named our tables after songs that are important to us that we felt reflected the guests on each table.



What catering did you opt for and why did you select the menus you did?

The food had a very Yorkshire theme to match my upbringing – we had Yorkshire puddings for the wedding breakfast and Fish & Chips for the evening – there wasn't a Staffordshire oatcake in sight!

What was your evening entertainment?

It was all about music and dancing – neither of us were ever off the dance floor!

What was the highlight of your day?

This is a really tough question, as there were so many. For me, it had to be seeing my wife for the first time in her dress walking down the aisle with our daughter – she took my breath away. One of the many highlights for Stacey was seeing the cake, as this was a surprise for her, and the ‘icing on the cake’ was when all our guests joined in with her and her bridesmaids’ dance. The whole day was all about family - both our mothers were there (one with Dementia and the other with Alzheimer’s), our son walked Lisa down the aisle and also gave a brilliant Best Man’s speech, and our beautiful daughter gave a touching reading during the ceremony – so this was a marriage of our blended family. Very untraditional, but very us!

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