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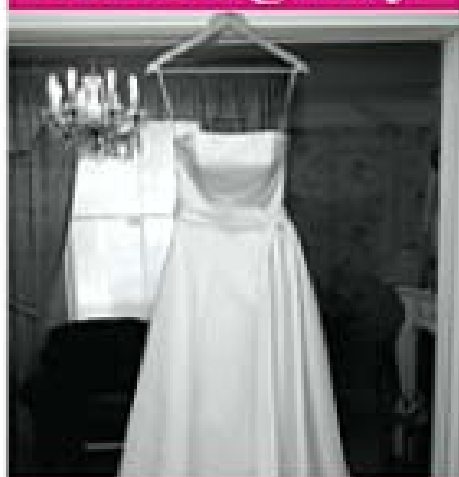
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The big day



WHERE: St Mary's Church,
Stoke Newington, London

WHEN: July 2006

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Michelle & Warren

HOW THEY MET

Warren was visiting Chester with friends when he met Michelle. When he returned home to London they kept in touch and Michelle moved down two years later.

THE PROPOSAL

Was completely unexpected for Michelle. Warren proposed in Mexico, where the couple were attending a friend's wedding.

SHE WORE

Michelle looked elegant in a fabulous heavy silk gown bought from Ring O' Roses on Butlers Wharf in London. The A-line skirt swept into a train and the waistline was detailed with a simple ivory sash. The bride wore vintage pearls borrowed from Warren's grandmother and a simple tiara, which Michelle customised from a design she bought on the internet.



HE WORE

The groom bought his dark grey suit from Duffer of St George and the fabric had a pale pink pinstripe to match the bridesmaids' dresses

THE BRIDESMAIDS

Michelle's four bridesmaids wore pale pink, prom-style dresses from Warehouse. Their pink leather shoes were from Faith and were a bargain find in the sales!

THE FLOWERS

Michelle's beautiful bouquet was designed to fit with their *Alice in Wonderland* theme and had pale pink and ivory roses with lots of greenery

THE TRANSPORT

The highlight of the day was the amazing pink Cadillac convertible from pinkcaddillaccarservices.com, which Michelle loved for its super impact. The bride's family, who came down from Chester, enjoyed the trip to the reception in an old Routemaster bus

THE CEREMONY

The wedding service was very emotional for the couple and Michelle relaxed as soon as Warren told her that she looked lovely

THE RECEPTION

Was held at The Salters' Hall in London. The reception was decked out in the style of the 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' in *Alice in Wonderland*, with pink gingham tablecloths, white napkins and chair covers. Chairs were also adorned with pink ribbon and tables were named after characters such as 'Tweedledum' and 'Queen of Hearts'. They placed a bottle of pink lemonade on each table that guests mixed with vodka to create a unique wedding cocktail. Delicious catering was provided by thecookandthebutler.co.uk



THE CAKE

Was supplied by utterlysexycake.co.uk and Michelle and Warren chose individual cupcakes for their guests, each decorated with gems and flowers in pastel shades

THE FAVOURS

Were *Alice in Wonderland* lollipops from Whittard's, which Michelle tied with pink and white ribbon and placed in guests' wine glasses. She found her theme inspiration in a window display at Whittard's

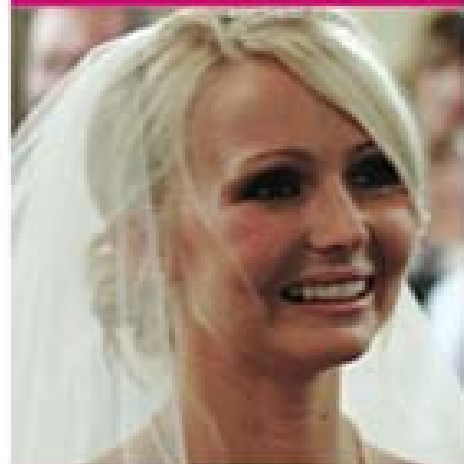
SPECIAL MOMENT

For Michelle, the drive to the church in the fabulous pink Cadillac with her Dad was a really special memory

THE HONEYMOON

Michelle and Warren visited Elounda in Crete and would highly recommend it as a honeymoon destination for other couples.

Bride's top tip



"We didn't set a budget and, for us, it was the best way. Every bride I know who has set themselves a budget has ended up going well over it. However, we were really lucky because the cost for the day was split between ourselves and our parents. Also, as an extra tip, I would ensure you let everyone know what they are doing on the day so there's no confusion."

