



OUR WEDDING STORY



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How we got together?

The dance floor in the Bridge House Hotel truly holds a special place in our lives. Little did we know that a chance meeting one Thursday night would lead to us having our first dance as a married couple back on the same dance floor 10 years later. We live only 3 miles apart but until that night we knew nothing of each other. That soon changed as we both grew very close and soon became inseparable.

How we got engaged?

Brian had planned a night away for us to Dublin in June of 2012. On the morning of the trip I had actually promised my friend Caoimhe that I'd do her hair for a wedding she was attending that day. So while I was working and chatting to Caoimhe Brian was becoming more and more anxious to go, he even offered to pack my bag! Little did I know what was in store! Enroute to Dublin we stopped off at Brian's Grans house (which is to become our home) as Brian said he had an errand to attend to. In the sitting room, candles were lit everywhere, Bruno Mars 'Marry You' was playing in the background and on the wall was written 'Will you marry me?'. As I came into the room Brian got down on one knee and I just couldn't believe it. I can't even remember did I actually say yes I just started to cry, it was so romantic!

I know now why Brian was so anxious, he was terrified the house would catch fire with the candles burning!!





Bridal Party

For the bridal party I chose black bridesmaid dresses which were complimented with bouquets of red roses. I too carried a large bouquet of red roses with cream pearls. The boys also scrubbed up nicely in their grey suits, each with a red rose as a button hole.

Theme for the wedding:

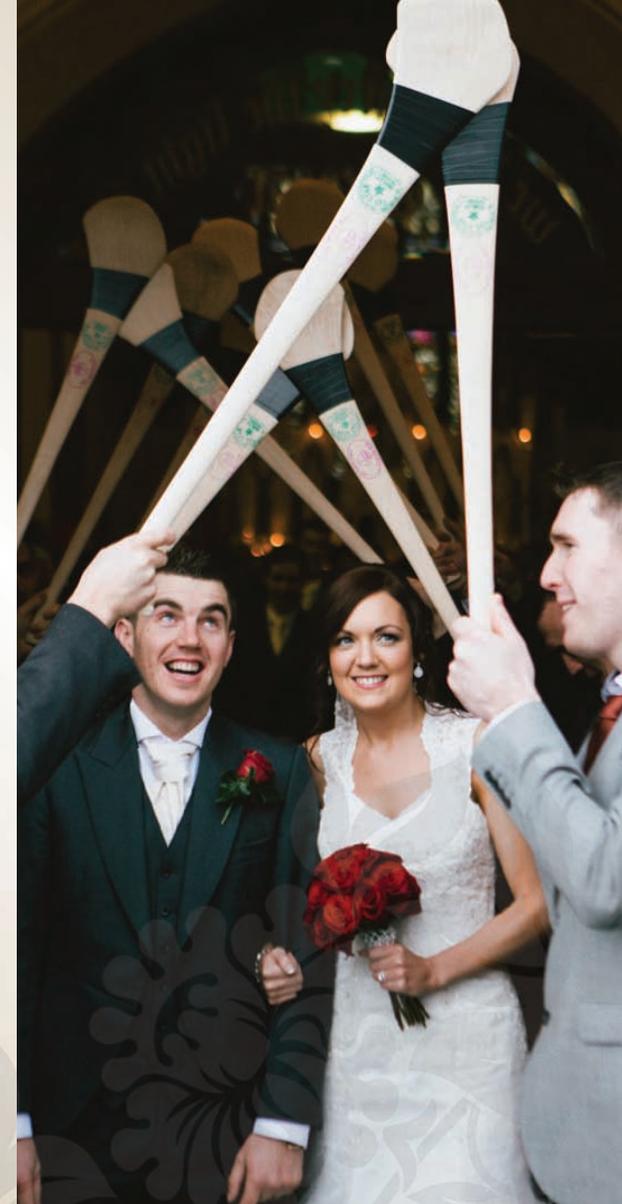
We chose a traditional Christmas theme for our wedding as we both love Christmas!! This was evident firstly in the church as we had wooden reindeers outside the church dressed as a bride and groom welcoming our guests into the Church. Our florist, Fiona Mc Cormack created a warm and festive ambiance with willow and ivy on the pews of the main aisle of the church. Hung from the willow were red Christmas baubles and ivy was draped along the alter railings. Each window sill in the Church was decorated with flower arrangements coupled with candles as the Church was filled with candle light and fairy lights. This theme also carried through to the hotel where the foyer and ballroom were decorated beautifully with a Christmas tree and decorations throughout. The hotel served mince pies and offered our guests mulled wine. We used Christmas songs as our table names. The hotel also provided our guests with Christmas crackers and vol-au-vents in the shape of a Christmas tree which I thought was a beautiful surprise touch to our

Christmas theme. The chosen colour theme for the wedding was black and cream and this was carried throughout. Black bows were tied around the willow in the Church and our table cloths and chairs in the hotel also supported this theme.

Venue:

We were married in St. Brendan's Church in Birr, Co. Offaly which is such a beautiful venue for a wedding ceremony. Our reception was at the fantastic Bridge House hotel in Tullamore, Co. Offaly. The service that was delivered by the hotel to the wedding party and all our guests was exceptional from start to finish. We cannot commend the hotel highly enough for their delivery and quality of service, their exquisite food and the outstanding hospitality and professionalism shown by all the staff.

Our arrival to the hotel was one of the most memorable moments of the day. We were welcomed with such warmth and excitement. Once we stepped out of the car we were escorted into the hotel by two gentlemen playing the bag pipes and bongos to our guests who were awaiting our arrival.





This moment felt sensational!! In the foyer we were greeted with an impressive champagne waterfall, a chocolate fountain and a general feeling of superb hospitality.

When we first walked into the ballroom we were in awe at how flawless and amazing the entire room looked. It was breathtakingly beautiful! It was elegantly dressed with a magical festive feeling throughout. It was exactly what we wanted! Beautiful silver candelabras lit up each table creating a romantic festive ambiance. The quality of the food was superior to any other hotel we have ever eaten in. To this day people still comment on how wonderful it was.

No task was too large nor detail too small for the staff in the Bridge House hotel. Their efforts and attention to every detail demonstrated their professionalism and expertise. We were both able to relax and enjoy our special day as we knew the hotel would ensure everything ran smoothly. Our day was filled with surprises that made it even more memorable and special for us. It truly was a day that we will both cherish for the rest of our lives and we now look forward to the rest of our lives together as husband and wife.

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