

# Kirsty Craig & Mark Plummer

*The blue colour scheme at Kirsty and Mark's wedding at The Mandolay Hotel in Guildford was a winning choice*

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We had wanted to get married abroad but we changed our minds due to the cost to family and friends to attend. The reasoning originally was that a wedding abroad would cost less and it would have for us but not for our wedding guests. We then looked into pricing in the UK and specifically the Woking and Guildford areas.

We searched around for the perfect location for the wedding a good year before the date and every venue we looked at had something that was not quite right. One day while shopping in Guildford we stopped for a drink at the Mandolay Hotel. Immediately we knew this was the right venue for our wedding. The hotel is lovely and prestigious with its glamorous entrance, reception and main bar. We knew straight away that the hotel could easily cater for our guests' needs.

We opted for a blue colour scheme in the end; the boys in the family all thought this was because they're keen on Chelsea and Reading FC but truthfully it was because Mark wanted blue suits so we decided to match everything around that idea.

Flowers are very personal and the hotel suggested their preferred flower supplier, Floral Studio Events. We decided on a variety of ivory roses and dahlias for the bouquets and ivory roses for the buttonholes. Our florist also suggested having a twisted willow arch with silk blossom, hydrangeas, roses, peonies and orchids, which we thought was a romantic touch.

For the wedding breakfast, we had cylinder vases with white roses, Singapore orchids and ivory cymbidium, with floating candles and tealights. ♥



“It was magical walking into the reception with all of our guests cheering and clapping. The décor, cake and entertainment was on point”



## Key choices

♥ After months of deliberating over several designs, I bought my dress online through a bridal website that had the perfect dress for me. I went to one bridal shop and tried three dresses but I didn't feel comfortable in any of them. I knew what I was looking for and found it online, so I had it made and shipped to me from the United States. It arrived after two months and I couldn't wait to try it on.

♥ The bridesmaids wore a royal blue mermaid, trumpet design and our flowergirl wore a dress from John Rocha. We found all of the dresses quite quickly; in fact we got the bridesmaid and flowergirl dresses before my wedding dress.

♥ Mark and the boys went for Ted Baker suits from Moss Bros. We had seven boys in total, so you can imagine what it was like in the Moss Bros store in Camberley when they were all there.





## Making it possible

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** Piers Thompson Photography, [piersphotos.com](http://piersphotos.com)

**CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE:** The Mandolay Hotel, [guildford.com](http://guildford.com)

**DRESS:** Ingrid's Bridal, [ingridbridal.com](http://ingridbridal.com)

**ACCESSORIES:** Pandora, [pandora.com](http://pandora.com)

**WEDDING RINGS:** Ernest Jones, [ernestjones.co.uk](http://ernestjones.co.uk)

**BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES:** JJ's House, [jjshouse.co.uk](http://jjshouse.co.uk)

**HAIR:** Powder Divas Makeup and Hair Artists, [powderdivas.co.uk](http://powderdivas.co.uk)

**MAKE-UP:** Becky Clarke, [beckyclarke.co.uk](http://beckyclarke.co.uk)

**GROOM'S OUTFIT:** Moss Bros, [moss.co.uk](http://moss.co.uk)

**STATIONERY:** Gemma Milly Wedding Stationery, [gemmaamilly.com](http://gemmaamilly.com)

**FLOWERS:** Floral Studio Events, [floralstudioevents.co.uk](http://floralstudioevents.co.uk)

**CAKE:** Alexander Taylor Cakes, [alexandertaylorcakes.co.uk](http://alexandertaylorcakes.co.uk)

**CATERING:** The Mandolay Hotel

**VENUE DRESSER:** The Mandolay Hotel

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Direct Disco, [directdisco.com](http://directdisco.com); photobooth, Twilights, [twilights.co.uk](http://twilights.co.uk)

**LOVE LETTERS:** Wedding Letter Hire, [weddingletterhire.com](http://weddingletterhire.com)