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Michaela Donnelly & Michael Avery

Michaela and Michael's wedding at The Mandolay Hotel in Guildford, Surrey, ran like clockwork

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WE HAD a five-year engagement. I started shopping for a dress 10 months before the wedding and I was dreading the experience. I had no idea what I wanted. I made appointments with one of my bridesmaids, my mum Pam and my mother-in-law-to-be Mena Avery and visited four shops. I found my dress in the second one. The owner could not have been more helpful.

To go with my dress, Mike brought me rose gold Jimmy Choos – my pride and joy of the day.

When we found The Mandolay Hotel in Guildford we loved the modern feel and everyone seemed to know what they were doing. We got the impression straight away that the day would run like clockwork and we weren't wrong.

The flowers were designed by Floral Studio Events. I wanted them to be bright and noticeable as I was conscious the bridesmaids' dresses were very pale. The flowers were everything I had hoped for – they really stand out in the pictures and complement the venue décor and the dresses.

On the day I woke up feeling very excited; I wasn't nervous until I got in my dress – that is when my knees started to shake. The bridal party kept telling me how nervous Mike was, which amused me given he had had five years to prepare for this day.

The best memory from our wedding day is walking down the aisle and realising that all our family and friends were there for us, to share and witness our marriage. ♥



How they did it

♥ I contacted and booked Carrie Jessup, the make-up artist recommended by the hotel. Carrie got me and my style straight away. I was keen to look natural but with make-up that would last the whole day. I wanted Mike to look down the aisle and see me walking towards him, not someone who looked completely different.

♥ Our bridesmaids wore dresses from ASOS and the flowergirls' dresses were from John Lewis. We hired the suits from Moss Bros, with the best men and fathers wearing navy blue Ted Baker and Mike wearing a Ted Baker blue check.

♥ We chose a semi-naked cake. This was a detail I worried about slightly as you do not see the finished product until the day, however after the cake tasting we were confident it would taste nice and on the day it looked just perfect.





Making it possible

PHOTOGRAPHY: Pixidrome Wedding Photography, pixidrome.co.uk

CEREMONY & RECEPTION VENUE: The Mandolay Hotel, guildford.com

DRESS: Wtoo Collection by Watters from Bridal Indulgence, bridalindulgence.co.uk

ACCESSORIES: Jimmy Choo, jimmychoo.com

WEDDING RINGS: Smooch, smoochrings.co.uk

BRIDESMAIDS' DRESSES: ASOS, asos.com

HAIR & MAKE-UP: Carrie Jessup, cljmake-up.com

GROOM'S OUTFIT: Moss Bros, moss.co.uk

STATIONERY: Coral and Slate Designs, coralandslate.co.uk

FLOWERS: Floral Studio Events, floralstudioevents.co.uk

CAKE: Joeldanna Knight, cakesbyjoeldanna.co.uk

CATERING & VENUE DRESSER: The Mandolay Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT: Direct Disco, resident DJ at The Mandolay Hotel

SEATING: Crystal Hire, crystalhire.co.uk

LOVE LETTERS: Love Lights Surrey, 07889 752462

SWEET CART: Dovey Occasions, facebook.com/DoveysOccasions

WHITE LED DANCEFLOOR: WOW Factor Weddings, wow-factor-events.co.uk





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