

The big day



WHERE: Friday Island, Poole
Keynes, Gloucestershire
WHEN: August 2006
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Teresa & Peter

HOW THEY MET

Teresa and Peter met through work, when both ran corporate team building events

THE PROPOSAL

Peter proposed over dinner in a Thai restaurant, but Teresa was so taken aback that it took six months for her to give him her answer

SHE WORE

Teresa looked fabulous in her chic and unusual 'Lola' gown by Jenny Packham. She bought the antique oyster-coloured dress from The Wedding Club in Harbourne, Birmingham. The beautiful gown was softly fitted from the strappy bodice and overlaid with tulle, which had been encrusted with silver glass jewels. The full skirt had a Latin style and was covered in dainty tulle rosettes



THE ACCESSORIES

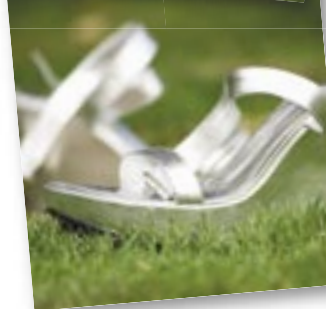
Teresa's large rose tiara was from Halo & Co (haloandco.com) and she finished her look with small diamond stud earrings. Her silver wedge shoes were from Bertie and Teresa made her own pretty parasol

HE WORE

Peter went for a contemporary groom's look with his duck egg blue corduroy Marc Wallace single-breasted suit and cream floral shirt (marcwallace.com). His blue shoes were bought from Aldo (aldo.com)

THE BRIDESMAIDS

Teresa wanted her four bridesmaids' outfits to be individual and fun. She found their vintage dresses in Just Maude in Cirencester, and chose different styles in various toning colours. Their canvas wedge shoes were from Barratts, and the ribbon was changed to match their dresses. Teresa found their Chinese paper parasols on the internet



THE FLOWERS

The bride's mother, a florist, created all the floral arrangements. Teresa had an antique-style bouquet of dusky pink flowers with bronze foliage. Bridesmaids wore wrist corsages of raspberry roses on ribbon matching their dresses. The flowers used at the reception had two themes; the eccentric English tea party was decorated with little vases of lavender and raspberry coloured roses, lemons tied to table cloths, pastel floral bunting and hanging silver hearts. The evening reception had a Latin flavour and the flowers were more dramatic, with two huge globes of exotic pink flowers, yellow and red chillies, limes, lemons and palm leaves

THE TRANSPORT

The wedding party arrived in a stretch limousine and an Edwardian-style launch boat took them over to the ceremony

**THE CEREMONY**

Teresa and Peter had a humanist wedding ceremony on Friday Island (fridayislandweddings.co.uk). They arrived in the island's own boat. Peter's three sons gave readings and the couple left the ceremony to Frank Sinatra's *Let's face the music and dance*

THE RECEPTION

Was held at the same place as the ceremony. Friday Island is a unique venue, allowing couples who dream of a Caribbean wedding the chance to have one in the UK, surrounded by all of their family and friends – the perfect venue for an individual, informal day. An English tea party followed on James's Point, with a marquee decorated with bunting and bright, spotted table cloths. The evening reception with food and salsa dancing, was held on Friday Island and afterwards a huge bonfire was lit on the edge of the beach

**Bride's top tip**

"It's easy to get carried away when creating your wedding, but be as creative as you like, make things or find people who can help. Your guests will never forget your wedding if they had fun, so avoid boring your guests with hours of photography and formality. If you're on a budget think what will have the most impact – entertainment is a safe bet."



THE MENU

During the tea party guests enjoyed canapés, tiny sandwiches and fairy cakes. In the evening there was a latin-style barbecue with spicy dishes, salsas, salads, and chocolate and lime pie to finish, all by williamsatcalcot.co.uk

THE CAKE

Instead of a traditional, tiered cake, Teresa and Peter had lots of brightly iced fairy cakes made by Teresa's sister-in-law, which were decorated with dragonflies, butterflies and sugar flowers

THE ENTERTAINMENT

On the day two entertainers mingled with guests; Alex Crow, a psychic entertainer and Jason Maverick, who juggled and performed illusions. In the afternoon, guests went out in rowing boats on the lake, played with hula hoops and giant Jenga

**THE MUSIC**

The tea party was accompanied by a mix of Noel Coward, Temperance Seven and others, but after the meal it all took a Latin turn. Teresa changed into a red and orange lace dress and everyone danced the night away to Colombian band Palenke and DJ Nigel Maye, with many of the guests limboing!

THE FAVOURS

Guests each received a hand-painted tin heart, which Teresa bought in Oaxaca City in Mexico

SPECIAL MOMENT

While travelling, Teresa and Peter witnessed a Vietnamese new year tradition of launching little boats holding lit candles. They thought it was the perfect romantic touch for their day. At 10pm everyone launched their own boat, creating a stunning and lasting memory.

