



A dream came true

THE BRIDE Catherine Robertson, 26, conference and events coordinator.

THE GROOM Brett Mattison, 26, legal advisor.

THEIR STORY Catherine and Brett met through a mutual friend at Stellenbosch University. Nothing much came of it because, at the time, Catherine was seeing someone else. But, she says, 'even then... in my heart, I knew it was love at first sight when I saw Brett.'

A few months later they got together and, after a holiday with her family, Brett was officially adopted as the family sweetheart – there was no going back!

THE PROPOSAL They'd been together for seven years and were living in KwaZulu-Natal when Brett suddenly suggested they take a minibreak in the Cape.

Catherine thought it odd to be taking wine to the winelands, when she noticed he'd packed a special bottle, but all was explained when he brought it out on the day they decided to visit all their old student hang-outs...

Brett had planned well: the year they'd met was inscribed on the cork; they sat at a table no 15 (the dates of both their birthdays); they listened to a CD that had all their favourite songs from the year they met, and, eventually, they ended up on the rugby field where they'd shared their first kiss. Then, in the middle of the field, Brett asked Catherine to be his wife.

THE BIG DAY 26 February at Moorcroft Manor near Himeville in the Southern Drakensberg.

ONE THING I'VE LEARNT 'The actual day is such a magical one that it's not worth sweating the small stuff,' says Catherine. 'When you walk down the aisle and see your husband-to-be, it's only really the two of you – nothing else matters. Enjoy every moment, because it's all over so quickly.'



Most little girls dream, at one time or another, of being a lovely bride in a long, white dress – on a wedding day that's filled with love, beauty and tranquility. (And roses. And butterflies.) Welcome to the wedding of Catherine and Brett. They added to the magic with strong, deep chords of bagpipes, and travelled to their reception in a horse-drawn carriage. Perfect.



MENU HIGHLIGHTS

For dessert, each table got a large Camembert cheese filled with preserved figs and ginger, grilled under a strawberry-and-treacle glaze and topped with caramelised nuts and praline. It was served with a selection of savoury biscuits

WEDDING CAKE

A three-tiered carrot cake wrapped in bands of white chocolate, with fresh roses and butterflies between the tiers

SERVICE PROVIDERS

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