



Beginning Isabel, a chartered surveyor, and James, a helicopter pilot and lieutenant in the Royal Navy, have been together since university and throughout James's postings with the Navy to Belize, Rio, Dubai, Northern Ireland and Bosnia.

Where St Mary Magdalene in Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire. As a gift to the couple, the bride's father asked the Ex Cathedra choir to sing at the ceremony.

What the bride wore An ivory dress by Pronovias, fitted to perfection, with a strapless bodice, pleat and button detail at the back, leading into a soft duchesse-satin skirt with a cathedral-length veil. The decorative theme referred to Isabel's love of bows – they appeared on her dress, her shoes, and on her mother's labradors, Flora and Alice, the "honorary bridesmaids", who wore – briefly – gold bow collars.



Guard of honour Friends of the couple's from the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines, the Army Air Corps and the Gurkhas – one of the Gurkhas was Isabel's brother Robert, who had flown in from Cyprus.

Reception Pimm's on the lawn at Isabel's parents' house, where the marquee was decorated with bows and lilies. On the tables were lavender favours made by Isabel's mother. Around the napkins were pink bows for girls and sprigs of ivy for boys. The dancing continued until 1am.

Honeymoon Off to the South of France in James's TVR Griffith. ALEXANDRA COLE



ISABEL MONTAGU-WILLIAMS & JAMES NEWTON

In firmly traditional style, this lovely couple were saluted by a guard of honour from the Army and Navy, and guests were received at the bride's parents' house



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