

A Brides By Ariane Tobin MARQUEE WEDDING TALE

When we first considered having a marquee wedding at my parent's home, I was worried that it would be a huge amount of work and an imposition on my parents. I wanted us all, and particularly my parents, to be able to enjoy the whole experience of the wedding, especially as I'm the only girl. I felt that organising all the elements separately would be a full time job and very stressful to be honest. Then along came Flor Madden; after we talked to him I felt totally reassured that they knew what they were doing down to the last glass. We only had to organise the cake and the band, every other element was looked after, and any request we made was met with enthusiasm and a can-do attitude.

We decided to have a lavender theme because of the family business and although we provided the candles, the flowers for the napkins, and the ribbons for the chairs, Emma and Flor made sure that they all went on without a hitch, and I was enchanted by how it all looked when I saw it on the big day.

The day itself was a great success despite terrible weather – there were white umbrellas everywhere – drinks were ferried from the marquee to the house for the initial reception, with big smiles and unobtrusive attentiveness from all the staff. Weddings At Home were not just caterers hired in for the day: they managed the whole day, down to Emma fluffing out my dress and holding my wrap during the photos because it was in danger of flying away in the wind.

They didn't take over the place either: my Mum had her own peace and space in the house and everything was done in the marquee, we were able to go at our own pace, no one was watching a clock at the start or the finish – indeed the last hardy souls left at five in the morning.

A perfect finish to a perfect day..
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