

# Just Married

## Rachael and Luke Padfield

*Farmer Luke Padfield, wedded his bride Rachael in a countrified ceremony at Gaynes Park, Epping. We caught up with the newly weds to discuss October sunshine, bunting and a bride on horseback.*

*We have heard you had a rather unusual wedding day, or rather, an unusual wedding date?*

**Rachel:** We got married on the 10th October 2010, so the date was 10-10-10 or on numerals XXX. We couldn't believe no-one had already taken the date as it was so special! We later found out this date is also known as the day of the bride and would bring luck to anyone getting married on that day. How right they were! The sun shone like the middle of August (better actually) and we had blue skies all day.

*Did you have a theme for the big day?*

**Luke:** We went for a sort of farming theme.

**Rachel:** The table decorations were homemade, jam jars decorated with string and flowers and filled with tea lights. Our cake depicted Luke's tractor with Luke and me sat on the bonnet, alongside our two beagles Lucy and Toby (who couldn't be there on the day as Lucy had just had puppies). The tables were strewn with petals and swarovski crystals and my mum made some lovely bunting to hang on the front of the barn.

*Sounds like a day full to the brim with rural romance. We hear the pastoral theme didn't end with table decorations though...*

**Rachel:** Luke travelled to the venue in his blue tractor with his best man, Paul. I made my entrance riding my horse Mia, side saddle down the path of Gaynes Park's beautiful walled garden. It was like something out of a fairytale!

*It does sound like something out of a storybook. But before we let you get on with your 'ever after' do you have any advice for those planning their very own' happy ending?*

**Luke:** Don't stress! Plan everything well in advance and do as much as you can before the big day.

**Rachel:** Everyone kept saying they couldn't believe how calm we were. But I think it is because all we needed on the day was for the other to say 'I do'. Everything else will just fall into place. Don't get bogged down in what is not important.

**Bride's Dress:** Stuart Sevruga bought on EBay. **Bride's Tiara:** Halo & Co bought on EBay. **Bridesmaid's Dresses:** Monsoon bought on EBay. **Other outfits:** Hired from Moss Bros. **Wedding Rings:** Both from a small jewellers in Epping. **Cake:** Rosemary Stratton from Rosemary's Cakes [www.rosemaryscakes.co.uk](http://www.rosemaryscakes.co.uk). **Flowers:** Norpar Barns - [www.norpar.co.uk](http://www.norpar.co.uk). **Photography:** Rebecca Farries - [www.farries-photography.co.uk](http://www.farries-photography.co.uk). **Disco/DJ:** Steve Mayhew, Mayhem. **Wedding Favours:** Homemade. **The other groom, who took care of Rachael and her horse:** Jo Carter. **Dress & Groom's alterations:** Little Black Dress in South Woodford [www.thelittleblackdress.co.uk](http://www.thelittleblackdress.co.uk).

