



A home from home

A scenic hotel in Gloucestershire was the warm and welcoming location for Corinna and Barry's special day...



Corinna Berg & Barry Green

The Painswick Hotel,
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When Corinna met Barry she was very much in work mode. "I was pitching for business," she recalls, "so I didn't look at him in a romantic way." Barry, however, was instantly smitten, and his feelings were soon mirrored by Corinna, who admits she had "a major crush" on him by the time he asked her out. Barry proposed on Valentine's Day 2005 and the couple married on 12 August 2006 – the first birthday of their son Joshua.



Clockwise from top:
Guests at the Painswick Hotel; flowers by Frances Fenwick; Corinna with baby Joshua; Corinna walks down the aisle; floral arrangement by Frances Fenwick; glassware at the Painswick hotel; another exquisite floral motif





“My mum did my hair, and I did my own make-up so I would look like me”

The bride's outfit...

German-born Corinna went home to Hamburg for a special shopping day. “My fabulous mum checked all the shops and made a pre-selection for me,” she says. “The dress is a one-off and had come fresh from the catwalk where it was shown once by a model.” Corinna also proved that you don’t need designer labels to make the right statement. “My shoes were by John Lewis,” she admits, “and very cheap. But that was supposed to be a secret!”

The groom's outfit...

For the occasion, Barry rented a simple and elegant combination of dark suit with white waistcoat.

The colour scheme...

For Corinna, it was important that the floral creations did not clash with the colour scheme of the hotel's interior.

The venue...

Corinna and Barry chose the hotel because, as Corinna explains, “it was romantic and most importantly it was exactly the right size to be able to look

after us and about 40 guests. It felt like a home from home”.

The reception...

Champagne and canapés were served in the garden while a string quartet played. There was no special entertainment at this most civilized of celebrations. Instead, Corinna says, “we just talked and talked and talked”.

The flowers...

Roses and calla lilies arranged by Frances Fenwick.

The cake...

Corinna's parents brought the cake all the way from Germany by car. Disaster struck when they picked it up from the bakery to find it was too big for the cooling box they had bought specially. The hotel, however, did a super job of rescuing and redecorating it on arrival.




Clockwise from top:

Birthday baby Joshua, signing the register; the happy couple; a string quartet plays in the garden; buckets of roses brighten up a windowsill; guests enjoy canapés and champagne in the garden; a light-hearted moment; the lavish meal; the perfect garden party music; the couple steal a kiss


SPECIAL DETAILS
Your best idea?

We didn't want presents, but asked our guests to donate to the NSPCC.

Your biggest surprise?

There were no surprises – everything went to plan.

What pleased you most?

All of our guests enjoyed themselves just as much as Barry and I – as they are still telling us.

Would you do anything differently?

No.

Your advice for brides?

Let other people do the work! All you should do is absorb and enjoy every single second of this very special day – it flies by only too quickly.

Special moment?

Walking down the aisle. The memory still brings tears to my eyes.

“Some of our guests came a long way, so we considered that a big present”

