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NAME:
Caroline Michelle and Colin Kerr
DATE: 10th August 2010
CEREMONY: George Heriot's School
RECEPTION: Grand 14 Mile Hotel, Edinburgh



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When Caroline and Colin's eyes met across a crowded office in January 2011, there was an instant attraction. "It actually just happened by chance," says Caroline. "We only worked together for a short period of time, but we were working on the same project and became close quite quickly".

After having spent two special weekends at the Lodge on Loch Lomond Head, Colin knew that Caroline lived in there and decided that it would be the perfect place to propose. Just before Christmas in 2012, Caroline and Colin planned another weekend away. On the morning that they were due to return home,

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Loch Lomond, and couldn't have been more romantic," remembers Caroline.

The planning of the wedding started immediately, as Caroline knew that she wanted to be married in the summer. "I wanted to have enough time to organise everything but not have a really long engagement," she laughs. They both had five time over the festive season, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity to start organising their dream wedding.

Caroline planned the wedding herself, helped by both her Mum and Colin. With the venue taking first priority, they spent time viewing a few prospective hotels. Needless to say they visited Broad Hills Hotel in Edinburgh. "It just felt right for us, we liked the way we were treated, and the staff made it feel so special."





"We were delighted that the manager had plenty of time for us, which we hadn't felt in other hotels."

They originally planned to hold both the ceremony and reception in Braid Hills, but decided that they would prefer a more traditional setting for the ceremony. Colin, a former pupil at George Heriot's School, mentioned that the school had an intimate, 400-year-old chapel. "We arranged a visit and when I saw the chapel, the grounds and the views of Edinburgh Castle in the background, I fell in love with it," beams Caroline.

With the venue secured, Caroline's attention turned to finding the perfect dress. Taking along her Maam for advice, the bride-to-be visited numerous bridal salons. After trying on various styles, she opted for a Hilary Morgan Ivory dress from Susan Grogan's in Edinburgh. "The moment I tried it on, my Maam and I knew it was the perfect dress for me."

Caroline picked out an exquisite open blue gown, also by Hilary Morgan, for Colin's sister, who was to be his best maid. This colour was continued in the charming dresses, hand-made by fashion designer Mera Bullie of Fuchsia Fashion in Edinburgh, which were worn by her three sisters as flowergirls. "I was absolutely delighted with the dresses," says Caroline. "Mera was recommended by a friend from work. She not only made a perfect job of the dresses but the whole experience was really exciting, and a lot of fun for the girls too!"

Colin wanted a traditional Scottish look for his outfit, and opted upon Madras Groom Douglas tartan, which features a touch of blue, and complemented the bridesmaids perfectly. The best man, usher and both the bride and groom fathers wore the same tartan. Colin opted for the Argyle jacket with a blue colour and

dark socks, making him stand out from the other male members of the wedding party.

Caroline had definite pictures in her mind of the flowers for her big day. "Long before I even started looking in magazines, I had this idea that I wanted cream roses." Having visited Harriet Garden in Mornington, who was wonderfully helpful, Caroline chose a bouquet of swirling cream wedding roses, which were accentuated by peonies. This theme was continued in the most beautiful and to the bridesmaids' bouquets, which incorporated wedding roses with traditional Scottish thistles.

The day of the wedding in August 2007 was filled with glorious sunshine. "I think it was one of the hottest days of the year, and was just perfect," the bride says. Caroline awakes in the morning feeling especially nervous but also excited that the day had finally arrived. As she walked through the spectacular grounds of George Heriot's School to meet her groom, she was accompanied by the sound of a traditional Scottish pipe, which was a dream come true for Caroline.

Following an emotional ceremony, the guests were whisked off to a fabulous reception at the Braid Hills Hotel. The couple had a slight 'hiccup' on the way to the reception - their beautiful Silver Shadow Rolls Royce broke down, leaving them abandoned halfway to the hotel! Fortunately, photographer Neil Furdoy came to the rescue. Learning they were in trouble, he sent another chauffeur back to collect them. "Neil was fantastic and he made it all light-hearted!" laughs Caroline.



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