



BRIDGE HOUSE  
HOTEL, SPA & LEISURE  
TULLAMORE, Co OFFALY

*Bride and Groom Names:*

*Leila & Nathan*

*Length of Engagement:*

*2 Years & 3 Months*

*Wedding Date:*

*3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024*



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### *How we met:*

*We were friends growing up but when we started secondary school we grew apart and weren't close anymore. We happened to cross paths again in December 2015 and started our relationship on 21/02/16.*

### *Our Proposal:*

*Nathan proposed to me on 14/02/21. I had no idea it was happening. We had previously agreed to not buying each other gifts for Valentines Day as we had just found out we were expecting. We got up that morning and had our breakfast as usual and Nathan gave me a box to open. Inside the box was a little book with all pictures of us in it from over the years. On the back page, there were little cutouts of baby vests and baby grows with a caption 'The best is yet to come...'. Nathan was sitting across from me, and I leaned over to give him a hug when I seen two pages in the middle of the book were stuck together. I thought it was a manufacturing issue so I opened them apart and on the page was a picture of me and him with the words 'will you marry me?' across the picture. When I looked up, Nathan was down on one knee with the ring box in his hand. My eyes were full of tears so I couldn't see the ring in the box and thought he was messing! Safe to say it was the best surprise ever!*





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### *Our Wedding Theme & Colours:*

*We decided on a vintage/rustic theme for our wedding. I always adored my granny's pearls and style when I was younger. My granny's love for Princess Diana was passed down to me and that's where some of our inspiration came from.*

## *My Dress:*

*Since I was a little girl, I always wanted a 'princess' styled dress with a long length veil. When I first went dress shopping, I tried lots of different styles. Originally, I wanted long sleeves but when I tried a dress on with long sleeves, I didn't like how it fit. I was only a few months post partem when I started dress shopping and found it hard to spot something I liked and a dress that suited me. I attended one of the wedding showcases in the Bridge House Hotel with my mam and mother-in-law and that's where I met the owner of Eve's Bridal. Yvonne had some dresses on display and the first dress I had seen on the mannequin I knew that was going to be my dress. I took a quick picture of the dress to show my sister and told her this was the dress I wanted for my wedding. I arranged an appointment for a week later to go out to the shop to try on some dresses. I tried the dress I had seen at the showcase first and instantly fell in love with it.*



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## *My Hair & Make-Up:*

*I decided to pick Sin Makeup Studios for the wedding. Sinead has always been a makeup artist that I followed, and I adored her work. I messaged Sinead and booked her as soon as we set our date as I didn't want to risk her being booked already. I cannot recommend Sinead enough to any future bride. She made my wedding morning so calm and made me feel amazing. Her knowledge of makeup is impeccable.*

*For my hair, my sister done it. I always wanted her to do my hair the morning of my wedding. Nicole is gifted with hair and created exactly what I wanted. It was such a special moment to be able to have my sister to do my hair. For the bridesmaids and mother of the bride and groom, Lauren Pyke was the stylist. Lauren gave the girls the most gorgeous styles. Lauren is a natural and I couldn't recommend her enough.*



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### *His Suit:*

*Nathan got his suit and his groomsmen suits from Guy Clothing in Tullamore. From the first appointment right up until the day we collected the suits, the service they provided us is one we will never forget. Anthony and his team were a dream to work with. Nothing was a problem and they allowed us to feel relaxed and at ease whilst picking out which suits to go for.*

### *What our Bridal Party Wore:*

*I bought the bridesmaids dress in Pamela Scott in Athlone. I loved their dresses as they were simple yet had gorgeous sequins on top. It was hard to pick a style and colour as there are so many different options available. I wanted a dress that all 3 of my bridesmaids were comfortable in. The quality of the dresses were amazing and the girls looked stunning in them.*



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## *Our Ceremony:*

*We had a church ceremony in Tullamore in the Church of the Assumption. We always spoke about our wedding day, and both agreed on a church wedding was what we both wanted. The Parish Centre were brilliant to deal with while booking our wedding. We chose to have Fr. Fergal Cummins as our priest as he had christened our daughter 2 years prior to our wedding. Fr. Fergal is a light-hearted gentleman who made our nerves go away the moment we started to plan our ceremony. Fr. Fergal was on hand with any questions we had about our ceremony and marriage itself. He also put us at ease with his wit and humour. Fr. Fergal gave a beautiful ceremony.*





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### *We chose our photographer because:*

*We chose Best Photo and Video Production Ltd as from our first enquiry, Mick was outstanding. He explained everything to us and really made our decision easy. His work is outstanding, and we knew he was the photographer/videographer for us. Mick kept in constant contact with us and was on hand with all our questions in the lead up to our wedding day. We had a call with Mick 2 weeks before our day to run through timings and what we wanted from him. Mick and Lorenzo arrived to the groom's house at 10:30am and they didn't leave our wedding until 11:30pm.*







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### *We chose our Venue because:*

*I always knew I would pick the Bridge House Hotel. I always remember going shopping with my Mam and seeing brides going in to the Bridge House Hotel on a weekly basis and knowing when it was my turn, that would be where I would get married. We went and still go to the Bridge House Hotel regularly and our experience there is always impeccable. While we were engaged, we had our daughters christening in the hotel and were blown away by the service. Within a few weeks we had our wedding booked there. From the beginning, Colleen was there to help us with any questions we had and was there for us from the start of our planning right up until we left the hotel as a married couple. Having our reception in the Bridge House Hotel really made our day relaxed as Colleen & Noel ensured everything was in order and we couldn't have wished for better. Nothing was a problem and they both, along with all the staff, went out of their way to make us feel special.*



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### *Our Menu:*

*We chose our menu as we knew we had a variety of option for our guests. We wanted to ensure there was something on the menu for everyone. We had our menu tasting 5 weeks before our wedding day and the food was exceptional. We knew we made the right choices. The food is something that everyone is still raving about. The buffet of desserts is still talked about and we would recommend it to any future couple.*





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### *My favourite part of wedding day:*

*It's hard to pick a favourite part of the day as it was the best day of our lives. For me, the excitement of waking up in the hotel knowing I was getting married in a few hours was amazing. Getting ready and into my dress was a feeling I'll never be able to describe. Walking up the aisle and seeing each other for the first time is a core memory that we will never forget. It's like all of our nerves just went away once we made eye contact and we felt at ease.*



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*My piece of advice for other brides:*

*My piece of advice for any future bride is to try relax and not stress. Everyone told us our wedding day would fly by and it's not until the day is nearly over that you realise just how right everyone was. There are things that are out of your control and don't fixate on them - everything ends up working out perfectly in the end.*



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### *The names of our Suppliers:*

- *Venue- Bridge House Hotel.*
- *Flowers- Flowers by Lisa.*
- *Wedding Dresses- Eve's Bridal.*
- *Suits- Guy Clothing.*
- *Flower Girl Dress- Lippy*
- *Bridesmaids Dresses- Pamela Scott*
- *Wedding Shoes- Jimmy Choo*
- *Invitations- Paddy's Photobooth*
- *Makeup Artist- Sín Makeup Studios*
- *Hair- Nicole Pidgeon & Hair by Lauren.*

