

Helen & Ben

**Fun, quirky and romantic –
we've fallen head over heels
for this beautiful big day**

How they met

"Our first date was playing pool at a local pub in Middlesbrough," remembers Helen. "It wasn't the most romantic of settings, but I felt like a giddy lovestruck teenager. We were 18 and 17 when we first got together."

The proposal

"We were backpacking around Thailand, and at the very end of the holiday we decided to treat ourselves to a posh meal," explains Helen. "Nice restaurant booked, we headed back to our hotel to get ready. While I was out chatting to some friends, Ben was faced with a calamity... A rat had jumped up on to the TV table and ran behind the wardrobe! Now, should he tell





BIG DAY DETAILS

Where: York Maze, Dunnington Lodge, Elvington lane

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me, but possibly spoil the romantic mood, or let it go, but face the prospect of a rat running around our room? He decided to 'fess up in the end, and the hotel staff came to our room and found a hole behind the wardrobe, stuffed it with newspaper and proclaimed 'problem solved!' We headed to the beautiful restaurant for our well-earned meal. Just after the main course arrived, Ben got the waitress to bring the ring (that he had hidden at the bottom of his backpack inside a sock) and a couple of glasses of Champagne and then got down on one knee to pop the question."

"He didn't know whether to tell me about the rat – and ruin the romance!"



The bride's outfit

"After visiting a few wedding shops I soon decided that they were not for me! Having read a feature online about the new boutique wedding dress range by Anthropologie, I headed over to the website. The range was called BHLDN (beholden)

