

without me present so I sent his mum along for a female opinion!" laughs Clare

### The bridesmaids

Clare asked her two best friends and her sister to be her grown-up maids, while Iain's niece, Amelia, looked pretty as a princess as the couple's flowergirl. "I initially thought I would like prom-style dresses for the girls," says Clare. "When they tried on a full-length gown, however, they looked so sophisticated that we all made the instant decision to go full length all the way!" The girls looked gorgeous in their soft sage gowns with a blush-pink sash, designed by Alfred Angelo ([alfredangelo.com](http://alfredangelo.com))

### The flowers

Clare carried a stunning bouquet of baby-pink peonies. The bouquets and centrepieces were arranged by The Flower Patch ([theflowerpatchmaldon.co.uk](http://theflowerpatchmaldon.co.uk))

### The ceremony

"We chose a civil service but wanted to expand the length of the ceremony so we added three readings, which made it really special," explains Clare. "My dad walked me down the aisle and I can honestly say he was more nervous than I was!"

### The reception

"Leez Priory ([countryhouseweddings.co.uk](http://countryhouseweddings.co.uk)), a beautiful Tudor manor house, is a venue to remember," says Clare. "You have exclusive use of the venue and grounds so you really do feel like a princess in your castle for the day!"

### The entertainment

"We hired Classic Sinatra ([classicsinatra.co.uk](http://classicsinatra.co.uk))," says Clare. "Our first dance was to *Strangers in the Night* and it fitted the way we met perfectly!" she adds

### The honeymoon

Clare and Iain spent ten days in the sun-soaked Maldives.



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### Bride's beauty tip

"I found a make-up artist, Leanne Chilvers at [leannechilvers.co.uk](http://leannechilvers.co.uk), and she was absolutely fantastic. She really listened to what I was looking for and created a really natural, fresh look, which came out really well in the photos. She also did the bridesmaids' make-up on the day, giving them an individual look to suit all of their colourings."

