

Former Warwickshire cricketer Dougie Brown & Amelia Whiteman met at Christmas drinks on Christmas Eve 2005. Dougie later proposed to the New Zealander whilst on a flight to Australia—for Amelia who is not a great flyer, this was just perfect as the champagne flowed and the flight just 'flew.'

Dougie and Amelia decided to get married in the UK - they plan to honeymoon in New Zealand in 2010 to celebrate with those who could not be there on the day.

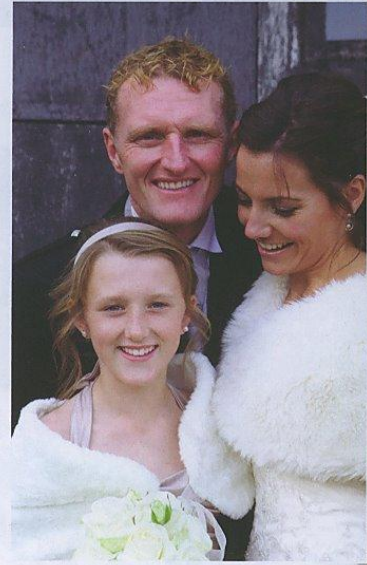
On October the 1st, 2009 they were married by their close friend, Reverend Peter Worth at the Barnt Green Baptist Church. The Reception was held in the marquee at the Barnt Green Cricket Club where Dougie is Club Captain.

Thankfully that day the sun shone which enabled the wedding party and guests to be baggiped, by piper Andy King, from the church up to the marquee, which had been beautifully decorated by Amanda Plester from 'Bonne Fete' and florist Gill from 'Flower Thyme' Amanda and Gill also helped to create the most beautiful setting at the Church. The bride and groom always envisaged their

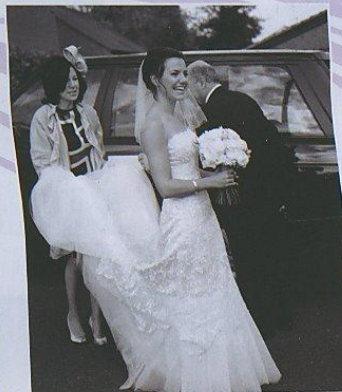
family and friends to sit in a circle surrounding them during the ceremony. Ambience Venue Styling provided white chairs covers with organza sashes and Paul Lerner, a very close friend of the bride and groom, set out to achieve this intimate setting. Paul from ESP Support in Rubery, purchased an ornate pagoda as a wedding gift to Amelia & Dougie, and then placed this in the middle of the church. Under this pagoda is where the ceremony took place and now this pagoda has a special place in Dougie and Amelia's garden in Bromsgrove.

Paul spent hours placing star cloth around the church, arches were placed in the entrance to create an aisle, a chandelier was placed above the pagoda, which he then draped fabric from to create a magical, fairytale setting. Gill and Amanda provided beautiful white roses and lilies entwined through the arches and pagoda with Scottish tartan, thistles and silver ferns to represent both countries of the bride and groom.

Amelia is one third of the singing trio called Elysium III so the wedding was always going to have a musical flavour. During the service the



Warwickshire Cricketer Dougie Brown marries Amelia





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guests were treated to Siona Stockel on the harp, Graeme McCullough, organist, who led the congregation in the hymns and the remaining 2 members of Elysium III sang during the signing of the register.

This musical flavour continued to the reception where Pete Hartley entertained the guests on arrival. Paul Greetham, JK and Phil sang a fantastic set just after dinner with a very emotional rendition of 'Dance with my Father Again' which Dougie had arranged as a surprise for Amelia and her father Graham. Friends Jo Jeffries and Paul Larner also sang a special set of the bride and grooms' favourites. Then Buddy Holly and the Cricketers came on and got everybody up on the dance floor and continued to do so until the early hours of the morning.

Food was provided by Edwards Catering. Gianni, Chris and his team provided an amazing buffet - even pork baps at 11 pm for those hungry cricketers and Amanda supplied a candy buffet which went down a storm.

The wedding cake was built up of a layer of different cheeses. Dougie and Amelia adore cheese and thought it was quite a unique wedding cake. There was a real NZ flavour at the wedding...whether it was the NZ wine that was supplied, the NZ lamb, NZ sweets as favours and the huge NZ presence. Over 20 of Amelia's family and friends made the trip. They all stayed nearby at the newly refurbished Old Rose and Crown.

The Scottish theme was very much present also. The groomsmen were all in kilts provided by Andy at Van Kilter. Their button holes were made up of thistles and there were thistles as napkin decorations. Dougie's father was in Tartan Trews



and his 9 year old nephew Callum wore a kilt for the first time.

The wedding party was made up of best man, Ashley Giles, Darren Purse, Paul Larner and Andy Walton and the girls were Lauren Brown, Dougie's lovely 11 year old daughter, Julie Moseley, Cathryn Worth, Margot Marshall, Annalise Whittlesea from Elysium III and Amelia's niece, Jenna Whiteman was her flower girl.

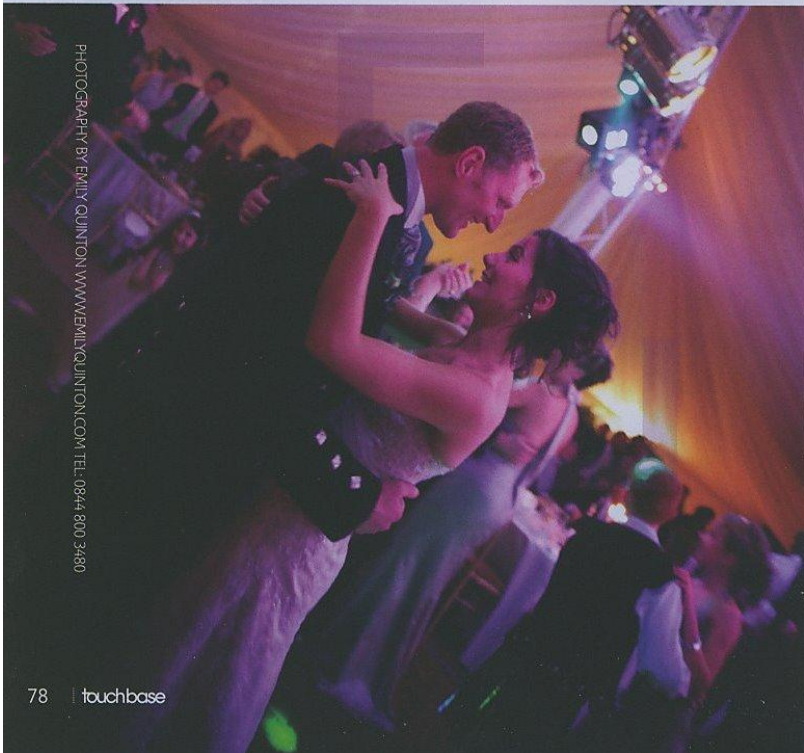
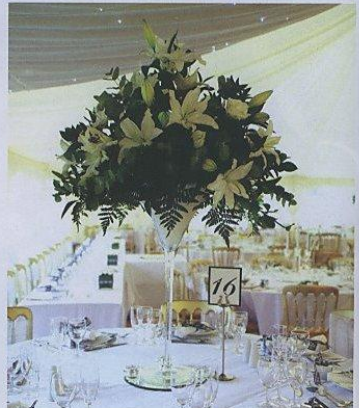
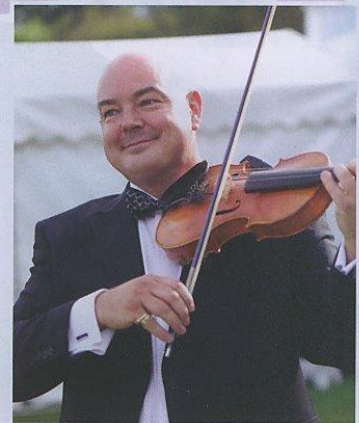
Amelia found her dress at Amelia Classics in Wiltshire which was a Sottero & Midgley dress. Deb Hanson at Wedding World in Barnet Green provided Amelia's veil.

The bridesmaids wore latte halter neck dresses from Kelsey Rose provided by Continental Collections in Barnet Green also. All the girls wore Victorian satin lace up boots.

The bridal party's bouquets and button holes were provided by local Bromsgrove Florist, Jacqui from Eden Flowers.

Emily Quinton was the official photographer and Amelia's brother, Clark Whiteman, recorded the day on video.

The Bride and Groom then headed to the Cardigan Coast with their families for a few days of sea air and relaxation.



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