

# Laura & Aidan

Were Married on July 16th 2015 at The Hamlet Court Hotel





### Teenage Love

Myself and Aidan knew each other for years and had dated on and off since we were teenagers. My grandfather had a farm which was close to Aidan's home and this was where me and my siblings spent most of our summers. Aidan's dad carried out contracting work on the farm for my granddad and this is where I first set eyes on Aidan. My best friend was dating one of his friends and so we regularly bumped into each other on nights out. We met in a night club one night out after not seeing each other for some time and it started from there.

Aidan proposed on the beach as the sun was setting in Byron Bay in Australia

We decided to travel Australia for the summer in 2014 and stopped off in Byron Bay three weeks into our travels. Aidan proposed along the beach as the sun was setting in Byron Bay and I was speechless, it took me a few moments to get out the 'yes'. We both always wanted a traditional church wedding in Ireland with our family and friends. I had three bridesmaids, my two sisters and my best friend. Aidan's three brothers were his groomsmen with his youngest brother Ciaran being his best man.

### Wedding Dress Shopping

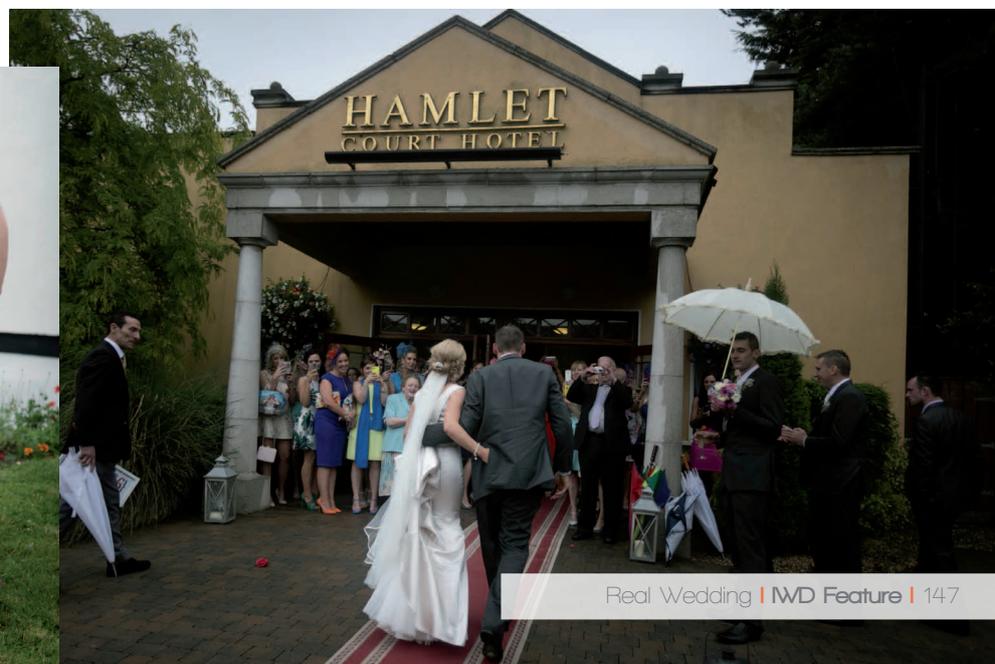
I went wedding dress shopping with my older sister and my mum and I bought my dress in the first bridal shop we visited, I just fell in love

with it instantly. I had tried on a number of dresses but when I walked out with my dress on, both my mother and sisters lips started to quiver and I knew it was the one.

### Miss Organised

As a teacher I tend to be very organised and planning the wedding was no different. With just a year to the big day, I had lots to do and little time! With my dress sorted, next on the list was a venue.

After searching far and wide, we came across the Hamlet Court Hotel in Enfield. A 30 minute drive from the church, it wasn't too far for us to venture.





### Hamlet Court

From the moment we sat down with Trish, the wedding co-ordinator, we knew this family run hotel was exactly what we wanted. The ballroom was stunning, with everything exactly as I had wanted. Having sat down with Trish and discussed the wedding we didn't waste any time on booking our date. July 16th was only around the corner! However my job was

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made extremely easy with the help of the Hamlet Court Hotel. Trish was amazing and looked after so many of the little bits that I got credit for! She was wonderful and couldn't do enough for us, we were regularly in contact with Trish and the staff were so accommodating with anything we required.

### The Big Day

I stayed at home in my parents' house the night before the wedding along with the bridesmaids and Aidan also went home to his parents' house. My brother had come home from Australia for the wedding so it was lovely to all be back home with mum and dad again. Hair and makeup technicians came to my parents house the morning of the wedding which was great, It made it extra special having it all happening at home. The house was busy that morning with an early start. However I was surprisingly calm, more excited than anything, as I was about to marry my best friend. The wedding mass was at p.m. and I was dressed and ready for the off by 12.30, giving us plenty of time for some great photos. The cars and drivers arrived and before long I was sitting hand in hand with my Dad on our way to Durrow church.

After the church, we moved on for photographs and to meet our next mode of transport. A helicopter awaited us to fly us to The Hamlet Court Hotel and we landed in the set down area as our guests awaited us with the champagne in hand. It was amazing. We danced till the early hours and had the best day of our lives. I cant thank Trish and her amazing staff at The Hamlet Court Hotel enough for helping us to have exactly wedding we dreamed of, everything was just perfect from start to finish

Exactly a week after the wedding we flew off to the sun for 10 days for a much needed break. I just wish I could do it all over again!

