

Best day of our lives



TRAVELLING IN STYLE: Linda Fogarty and Lee Brockway, passing by the Bulman, in Kinsale.



A BEAUTIFUL VISTA: Linda Fogarty and Lee Brockway at Charles Fort in Kinsale.



SPECIAL GUESTS: Megan and Carys who played an important role in the couple's big day.



I THEE WED: Linda Fogarty and Lee Brockway, who live in Cardiff, wed at the Kinsale Hotel and Spa, in an outdoor ceremony. Pictures: lauraandbennyphotography.com

Wedding of the week

LINDA Fogarty and Lee Brockway made the trip from Wales to Cork for their humanist wedding ceremony in Kinsale. Linda is from Tower and Lee is from Cardiff, where they met seven years ago at a charity event.

They were wed at the Kinsale Hotel and Spa, in an outdoor ceremony, followed by a reception.

Linda said: "Planning a wedding from abroad could have been very stressful, but our wonderful suppliers made it a breeze and it all went superbly on the day."

Present on the day were the bride and groom's brothers, David and Paul, as groomsmen and Linda's stepdaughters, Megan and Carys, who she said played an important role. Lee's stepmum was unfortunately unable to travel from Cardiff to be with them, but they Facetimed her for the ceremony and speeches to make sure she was still part of the day.

"Friends are the family we choose for ourselves so it was great for us to have them involved," said Linda. "Leone Levis was my maid of honour along with Louise Scanlon and Theresa Bray-Ellis as bridesmaids, as well as Carys and Megan as junior bridesmaids. Lee had his longest best friend from Cardiff, Steve Martin, as his best man, as well as my brother David and his brother Paul as groomsmen."

The couple had a humanist ceremony by Geraldine O'Neil and they included Irish and Welsh traditions — from reading poems and lighting candles to the Welsh love spoon!

"It was really great having the ceremony and the reception in the one place. The location was spectacular and the weather absolutely added to that," said Linda.

Christine O'Sullivan and her team from Creation Hair and Beauty did the hair and make up. Their cake was from Trace of Cakes. The band were The Love Bugs, while their first dance was to *The One* from Kodialine.

Laura & Benny Photography did pictures throughout the day, including a trip to Charles Fort, while DM wedding videos also captured every moment.

"To say it really was the best day of our lives is an understatement," added Linda. "I think out of all the wonderful memories, walking down the aisle and meeting each other at the top, turning and that first look at each other. It does take your breath away."

Liz at Wonderous Weddings did the bouquets, boutonniere, corsages and ceremony flower arrangements, and Daisy Chain Kinsale did the table flowers for the reception — "all of whom helped ensure we had a stress free day and were allowed to have the best day of our lives", added Linda.

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THE WEDDING PARTY: Linda and Lee were joined by family and friends in their bridal party, which included Leone Levis as her maid of honour and Steve Martin as best man.



SAYING I DO: The couple enjoyed a humanist wedding ceremony by Geraldine O'Neil, at the Kinsale Hotel and Spa.