



*Emily  
and Chris*

Country style meets vintage Routemaster >>



*Emily Stanley and Christopher Brooks tied the knot at Shustoke Farm Barns, Warwickshire, on 4th July 2015*

“Before I walked down the aisle, I was suddenly overwhelmed by the realisation that I was actually getting married. I was incredibly excited, but petrified that I was going to ruin my make-up!

We held our ceremony at The Birmingham Oratory before transporting our guests to the reception venue, Shustoke Farm Barns, in a vintage Routemaster bus. Everybody loved it and it was one of our best wedding decisions.

It was a dreary January day when we first viewed our venue, but it still managed to bowl us over. We fell in love with the high ceilings, diamond brickwork, beautiful balcony and outside courtyard with its lovely olive trees, and could really picture having our reception there.

The menu sealed the deal for us – we’re both big foodies and loved the idea of our guests digging into big





GUESTS LOVED THE COUPLE'S VINTAGE BUS

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sharing boards of charcuterie and steak – a real rustic feast.

We carried this rustic look through to our decorations too, and thought Mason jars on wood slices would make amazing centrepieces. I'm the least artistic person in the world, but I experimented with decorating jam jars to get the look I had in mind. I was quite happy with the outcome, although I did burn myself on the glue gun a lot!

All the little details were completely worthwhile on the day – it all came together beautifully and we had an amazing time.

The most emotional moment was at the end of the night; my brother and Maid of Honour were in charge of the music and put on *Can you Feel the Love Tonight*. Chris and I started dancing and all of our friends joined together in a big circle around us and started singing – I was an absolute wreck by the end of it!

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EMILY'S ROSA COUTURE DRESS WAS SO PRETTY!

“Our venue had a gorgeous outdoor courtyard with lovely olive trees”





How they did it...

**Photography** Darren Gair Photography ([darrengairphotography.co.uk](http://darrengairphotography.co.uk)) Story Photography ([storyry.co.uk](http://storyry.co.uk)) **Venue** Shustoke Farm Barns ([crippsshustoke.com](http://crippsshustoke.com)) **Flowers** Ivison The Lichfield Florist ([ivisonlichfieldflorist.com](http://ivisonlichfieldflorist.com)) **Cake** Thé et Gâteau ([facebook.com/theetgâteau](http://facebook.com/theetgâteau)) **Stationery** Perched Bird ([perchedbird.com](http://perchedbird.com)) **Dress** Rosa Couture ([rosacouture.co.uk](http://rosacouture.co.uk)) **Boutique** The Bridal Room Broadway ([thebridalroombroadway.co.uk](http://thebridalroombroadway.co.uk)) **Shoes** Rachel Simpson ([rachelsimpsonshoes.co.uk](http://rachelsimpsonshoes.co.uk)) **Bridesmaids** Debenhams ([debenhams.com](http://debenhams.com)) **Hair** Updoo ([updoo.co.uk](http://updoo.co.uk)) **Bus** Commbus ([commbus.com](http://commbus.com))



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