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THE LONDON WEDDING - OUR READERS

Finally, proof that speed-dating works



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for thelondonpaper

AS MOST singletons know, speed-dating is more about getting merry with your mates than it is about meeting The One.

But Sophie Hosking, 31, an account manager, met future husband James Roberts, 37, a law partner, at The Worship pub in Moorgate.

"I met James after chatting to four guys," Sophie says.

"To be honest, I lost all interest in all the other guys after talking to him, and when the event ended, a group of us went to the pub. He took my phone number and asked me out."

A year later, in November



PAIR | Sophie and James

2008, James suggested re-enacting their first date with drinks at Charlotte Street Hotel and, after a glass of champagne, he popped the question. "James says he isn't romantic but it was a truly romantic proposal and I was thrilled," Sophie says.

The couple wanted a modern London wedding. "We thought Clerkenwell would be perfect as it feels like a village and has a trendy feel to it. We hired a black cab to ferry us between venues."

The ceremony was held at St James Church in Clerkenwell. To make it more personal, they made the effort to get to know their vicar before the wedding.

Sophie says: "The ceremony went smoothly apart from when my tiara fell off. I'm a bit of a giggler and this set me off. Luckily, a quick-thinking James stuffed it in his pocket before anyone saw."

The reception was held at nearby Portuguese restaurant Portal, favoured by Jose Mourinho.

James says: "I've been to a lot of events there in the past and loved the venue. It is City-based but has a courtyard - we thought it would be strange to have a country wedding

WEDDING ESSENTIALS

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Sophie wore a Caroline Castiglione dress; James wore a dark blue herringbone suit from Savile Row

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Ivory akito roses and white freesias from McQueens

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seeing as we live in London."

After a few Portuguese martinis and food (accompanied by the sounds of a live Brazilian band), the couple took to the dance floor - and everyone followed suit.

The party wrapped up at midnight. Sophie adds: "It was the perfect London wedding, I couldn't have asked for more."

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