





When I was a young girl, my grandmother told me:

"Keep a diary and one day it will keep you."

Ever since, I've always kept a journal. Having just enjoyed the most unforgettable weekend in the Cotswolds with Nick, I simply had to put pen to paper...





He picked me up in his lovely classic car and told me were heading off to a quaint little B&B miles from anywhere. I didn't know what to expect. When we arrived at our beautiful hotel in Chipping Campden, I was thrilled!











Our room was amazing. I never realised he had such good taste. We tried to play the part of a sensible, mature couple, but in the end we were just too excited. Nick picked the wrong girl to have a pillow fight with!











We went to a fabulous restaurant. It gave me an excuse to get dressed up. He said I looked beautiful and he looked pretty good too!



We were relaxing in the bar after a delicious meal when suddenly, Nick dropped down on one knee. My heart was racing.









Of course, I said "Yes!"

The ring he'd bought me was simply beautiful. It's just what I have always imagined. I can't believe he chose it himself! And it fits perfectly. I can't wait to show off my fantastic diamond ring to all the girls.



A selection of platinum and white gold rings with Emerald, Brilliant, Baguette, Marquise, Trillion and Princess cut diamonds.

















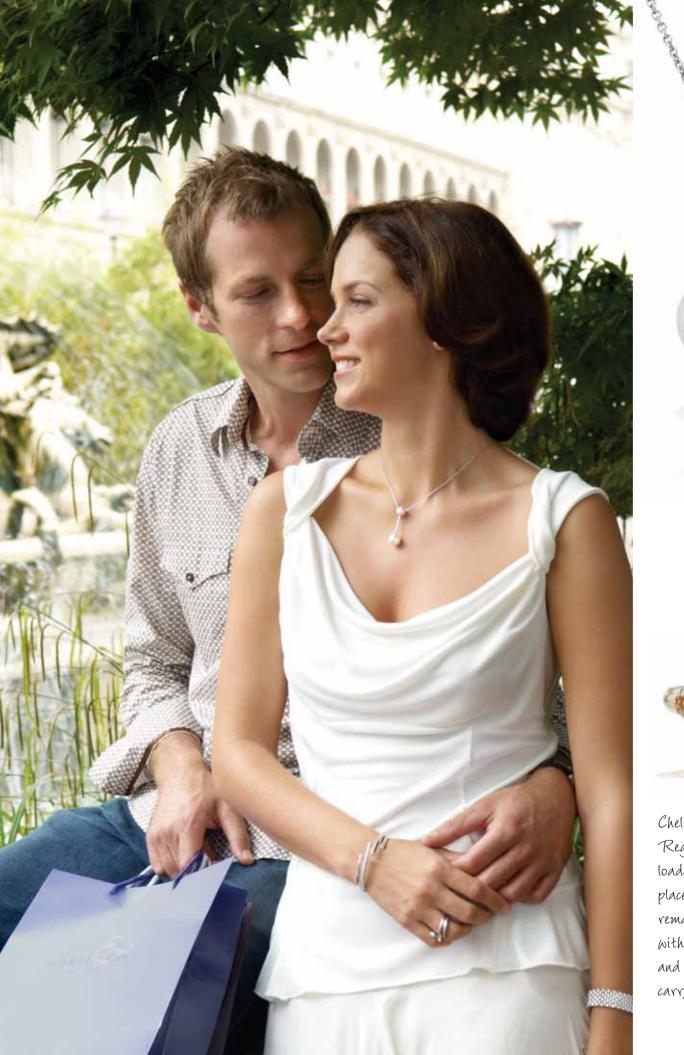
Later that morning, he took me to Martin & Co where he'd bought The Ring. We popped in to have a closer look. It was amazing.
Inside was everything a girl Cor boy! I could wish for.

I found Nick a wonderfully stylish watch – the perfect wedding gift. Now who's coming up with the surprises!



Bedat No.8 Series automatic watch with large date complication and hand woven alligator strap.

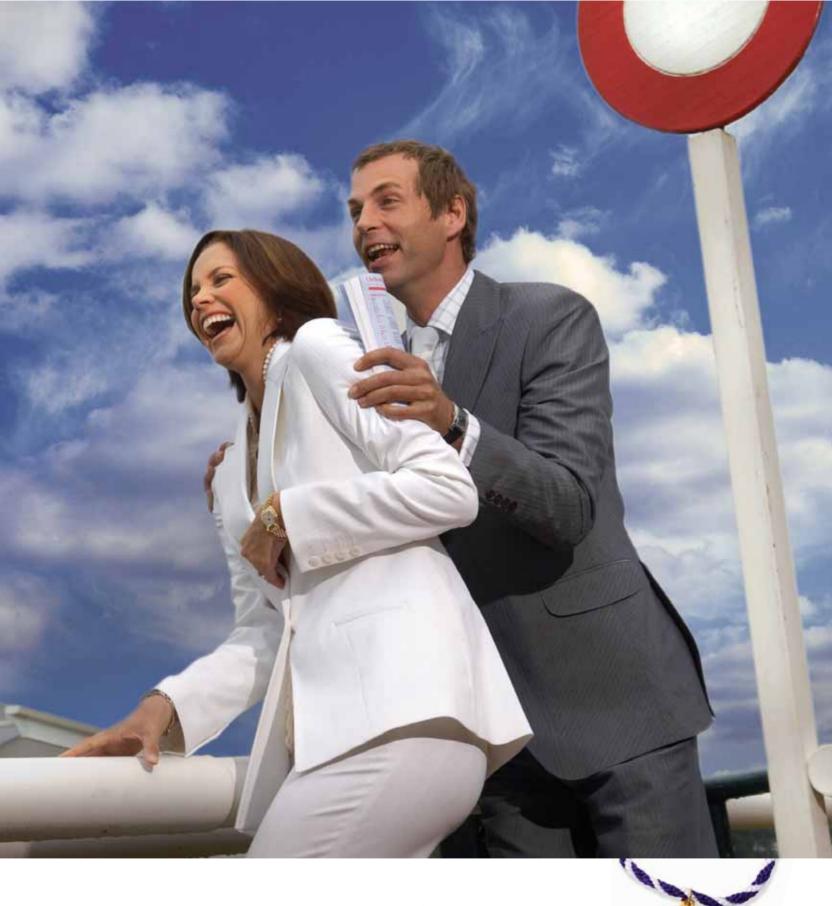






Cheltenham is a lovely Regency town with loads of trendy little places. Nick was remarkably patient with my shopping habit and very good at carrying all my bags!





That afternoon, we headed over to the racecourse. Nick claimed he knew a thing or a two about racing. He was convinced he could pick a string of winners. I didn't have a clue, so I chose horses with names I really liked.

After I won the first three races, poor Nick wanted to call it a day!





On Sunday morning, we checked out of our hotel and drove to a nearby Cotswold village. It was so picturesque just like a postcard. "We could live here after we get married," I joked. Nick simply smiled.



Antonini Brasilia Collection with diamonds set in 18ct white gold.





Before the drive home we made a quick stop at Broadway Tower.

The views were incredible. We took heaps of photographs.

Nick said, on a clear day, you can see thirteen counties.

He really is a fount of useless knowledge!





Antonini Barcelona Collection. 18ct rose gold earrings.
18ct white gold ring with pavé set diamonds.
18ct rose gold pendant.
18ct rose gold bracelet set with diamonds.

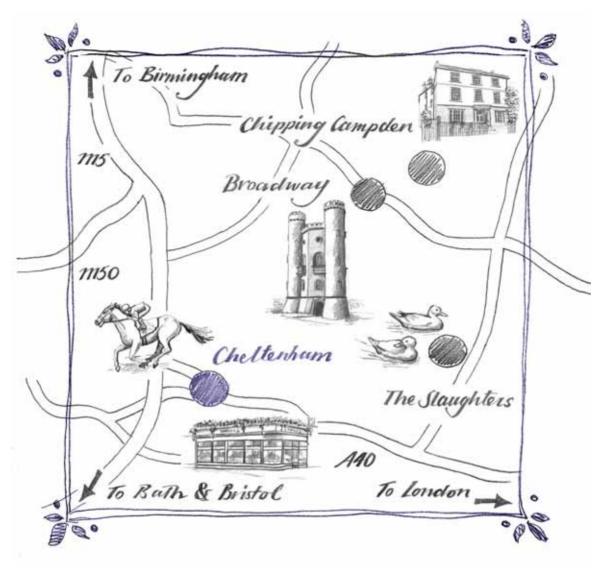


This had been the best weekend ever. He certainly knows how to spoil a girl. We laughed and joked all the way home. So many people to tell, so many plans to make. I can't wait for the wedding. But that's another story ...











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