

WINTER

By Lisa & Ryan Cooper

Thursday 7th July 2005 – Chapel and Summerhouse

It was 08h30 on a winter morning when my sister whispered in my ear, “wake up sleeping beautiful bride, your breakfast is ready.” I slowly turned my head with a smile, greeted my sister and said, “I will be there shortly.” I lay in bed and whispered quietly to myself, “Today is the start of a brand new chapter in my life.”

Upon our arrival at Oakfield Farm, we were welcomed with the first smile of security at the gate, who directed us to the parking in front of the quaint guesthouse on the property. Paul and Mpho assisted us with our luggage and directed us to the beautiful dressing room that was prepared for me for the big event. With it being a winter wedding, Oakfield had prepared a warm and cosy atmosphere in the dressing room with glowing candles scattered around in my bathroom and a welcome note for my arrival.

To be somewhat different and break from tradition, we decided to have our photographs taken before the ceremony – the best decision that we had ever made as it gave us time to be alone and appreciate each other in the moment. Oakfield offers so many different photographic locations so we were not pressed for time.

Before we looked again, the ceremony was over. We were husband and wife and the peace doves had flown away. As the sun set, its rays falling gently on the winter leaves, Sugar and Spice took us in the carriage to the Summerhouse where we joined our guests around an enormous bonfire. The burning candles and log fires added to the ambience and warmth of the evening – we took a moment to appreciate the time and effort that had gone into preparing for our special day.

Photographer	Adam Hilton
Videographer	Mocke Prinsloo
DJ	Ian Daws
Dress	Richelle’s Dresses
Make Up	Chennay Bannie