

OFFICIAL WEDDING PHOTOS AND INTERVIEW

IN A JOYFUL CEREMONY, 'THIS MORNING' CHEF
CLODAGH McKENNA
MARRIES THE HON. HARRY HERBERT AT
HIGHCLERE JOINED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS



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When celebrity chef and TV presenter Clodagh McKenna married the Hon. Harry Herbert, there were so many wonderful ingredients to their special day that made it both memorable and meaningful. "I'll never forget walking down the aisle and seeing Harry waiting for me at the altar, surrounded by family and friends," Clodagh tells HELLO!, as she shares some of the magical moments of their wedding on 14 August at St Michael and All Angels church in Highclere, Hampshire. "My friend Imelda May was singing as I entered and the church was filled with flowers."

Wearing a beautiful lace wedding gown by Alice Temperley – "She is one of my favourite designers so I knew from the beginning it would be from her" – Clodagh, 46, exchanged vows with Harry, 62, the founder and chief executive of Highclere Thoroughbred Racing.

Harry's father Henry was Lord Porchester, the 7th Earl of Carnarvon, who was known as "Porchie" and was the bloodstock adviser and racing manager to the Queen, who is also the groom's godmother. The family home is Highclere Castle, better known as the fictional Downton Abbey.

A TASTE OF IRELAND

Irish-born Clodagh's heritage also featured at the wedding, with guests drinking Guinness and enjoying traditional music.

"It was important for both of us to have Irish moments throughout the whole day," says the bride, who is a resident chef on ITV's *This Morning*. "Guinness was enjoyed along with the most incredible Carlingford oysters that arrived fresh from Ireland the day before."

Of the ceremony, Clodagh says: "My darling brother, Jim, gave me away and I walked up the aisle to *She Moved Through the Fair* sung by Imelda. We also had an amazing choir called Sansara, who Imelda sang the first verse of *Amazing Grace* with. And she sang her hit *Don't Let Me Stand on My Own* with Niall McNamee, which was breathtakingly beautiful."

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Her bouquet, from Katie ▶

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After the ceremony, Clodagh and her new husband Harry Herbert are joined by flower girls India and Zalfie Warren, as well as the newlyweds' dogs, Nolly the boxer and husky-pointer cross Alfie, outside St Michael and All Angels church, where they share a first kiss (left)



Four years after meeting at a boardroom lunch at Fortnum & Mason, the couple's joy at tying the knot is clear as they walk down the aisle surrounded by their family and friends, who shower them with confetti as the *This Morning* chef lifts her bouquet in delight (right). The bouquet was made with flowers from their garden, including daisies and wild grasses

Smyth of floral design studio Worm, had a special connection to the couple: "It was made using all the flowers in our garden – fizzy white cosmos, scabiosa, daisies, chamomile, hydrangea paniculata, dahlias, blackberries, broad beans, wild grasses, lisianthus and one giant dried dandelion."

STARRING ROLES

After exchanging vows, the newlyweds – who first met when they were seated next to each other at a boardroom lunch at Fortnum & Mason in 2017 – walked back down the aisle to Mendelssohn's *Wedding March*, before posing for photos with their dogs Nolly and Alfie. "We love our doggies," Clodagh says. "They were always going to be part of the day."

Guests included Harry's three children Chloe, Francesca and William, his brother George, 8th Earl of Carnarvon, with his wife Fiona, as well as his sister Carolyn and her

husband John Warren, who is the Queen's current racing manager, and their son Jake with his wife Zoe, whose five-year-old twins Zalie and India were the flower girls.

Also enjoying the day were Clodagh's two sisters, her brother and their children, along with 150 of the bride and groom's extended family and friends, including the Duke and Duchess of Richmond, Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife Madeleine, former Chancellor George Osborne and his fiancée Thea Rogers, TV presenter Laura Whitmore and jeweller Theo Fennell.

There were many messages of congratulations from the bride's TV friends. "They've all been so lovely," she says. "We're a big loving family on *This Morning*."

There was also a starring role for another of the family's VIP four-legged friends. "My sister-in-law Carolyn organised for her gorgeous Irish horse Duffers to take us back to our



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TV's Laura Whitmore is stylish in Alessandra Rich



Guests gather, including former Chancellor George Osborne and his fiancée Thea Rogers, with their month-old baby son Beau (above), Andrew Lloyd Webber and his wife Madeleine (below left) and the Queen's racing manager John Warren with daughter-in-law Zoe and son Jake (below right)



home, Broadspear, from the church," says the bride, adding: "It was surreal as it was suddenly just us and our bridesmaids in the idyllic surroundings of the park. It was unforgettable."

READY FOR A FEAST

Back at the newlyweds' home, nestled on the grounds of Highclere Park, the wedding guests enjoyed drinks and canapes in the 18th-century walled garden before dinner in the adjacent woodlands.

Clodagh was always going to be hands-on when it came to creating the wedding menu and decorating the tables, sourcing bespoke linen that has become a bestseller on her online store.

"We had sharing plates to bring the family style of eating, which I love, to the day," she says. "Fresh burrata with grilled peaches, our own figs with

Broadspear honey and English ricotta, Dublin Bay prawns with dill aioli and, of course, my rosemary Clodagh bread, which I baked the day before.

"Then we had sea bass from Dorset, potatoes and vegetables from our garden and dessert was our favourite lemon cheesecake with a glass of limoncello. We rounded everything off with Gubbeen cheese made by the Ferguson family in West Cork."

The couple are now enjoying "two weeks of sun and fun" before Clodagh starts work on *Clodagh's Ireland*, which will be shown on *This Morning* at the end of September.

"Then I'm on the road around the UK launching my new cookbook *In Minutes*, which is released on 28 October," she adds. "And Harry is off to the horse sales in Newmarket to buy yearlings, so we both have a very busy autumn ahead." **H**

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Harry takes the reins as Irish horse Duffer transports the happy couple and their flower girls (left) to their home, Broadspear in Highclere Park, to start the celebrations

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