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HARPENDEN SOCIALITES GATHER TO CELEBRATE THE WEDDING OF PAUL AND GERRY NASH

Harpenden Hockey Club luminaries were out in force last Friday, 17th August, to celebrate the marriage of diminutive club captain Paul Nash to his lovely bride Gerry.

After a touching ceremony at Barton-le-Clay village church, Bedfordshire, Paul (42) and Gerry (31) entertained many hundreds of friends including HHC stars, at the charming Hitchin Priory. The roads were lined with well-wishers, eager to catch a glimpse of the famous bride and groom. Commented one on-looker, Mrs Maureen Clough of Streatley, Beds “Ooh the bride looked beautiful, pretty as a picture! And didn’t the groom look smart! For a minute I thought he was a page boy but then I recognised his cheeky grin and then I knew it was Paul!”

For the groom, it was the most perfect day. “I’m a very lucky man. Gerry’s the perfect girl for me and I can’t wait to share the rest of my life with her.” He said, with a tear in his eye.

Gerry was wearing a beautiful ivory Vera Wang dress, accompanied by Jimmy Choo shoes and jewellery from Tiffany's. Paul was wearing a grey morning suit from Mothercare, with shoes from Start-rite.



Top: Usher Simon Redford & Best Man Sam Martyn
Above: Todd Baines, Lance Boyd-Clark, Kevin Moxham & Paul Nash
Below: Hitchin Priory, venue for the Wedding of the Year 2007



Paul and Gerry met almost 15 years ago, when Paul was a struggling amateur jockey and Gerry a stable girl. After many months of flirting, this phase of their burgeoning relationship reached a denouement at the yard's Christmas party. Discretion prevents your correspondent from revealing too much of what unfolded. However, it's believed that the young Gerry's gameplan involved making her beau jealous and spurring him to decisive action!

Her intentions were made highly apparent after she pulled the name P Nash out of the Secret Santa hat. A £5 ceiling on the present proved no obstacle, as Gerry blew the budget out of the water and splashed out on a pair of £15 silk boxer shorts, the finest available in XXS. Her intentions had been made very clear, Paul knew that he was in luck and the rest is history!

Conducting the Best Man duties was HHC star left back Sam Martyn, who was relieved that his speech had been very well received. "Of course, there's loads of dirt on Nashy – and I don't mean from all that time the little fella spends playing conkers and climbing trees. The hockey club website has loads of one-liners at his expense – check out the Mystery Wordsearch in the Fun and Games section for starters."

Paul and Gerry have headed off to the Maldives for their honeymoon, although Paul will be back in time for the start of the 2007/8 season. "I love the new Mrs Nash to bits, but she's well aware that there are three of us in this marriage – me, me and the Hockey Club!"

Needless to say, we at Harpenden Hockey Club wish Paul and Gerry all the very best for a long, happy and healthy life together.