

AN OFFICE ROMANCE

Wedding planner Sarah Young took care of **Chris Piscopo** and **Denise Cordina**'s wedding. They were married on 24 June at Marsa Trinity Church followed by a reception at Castello Dei Baroni, Wardija. This is their wedding story

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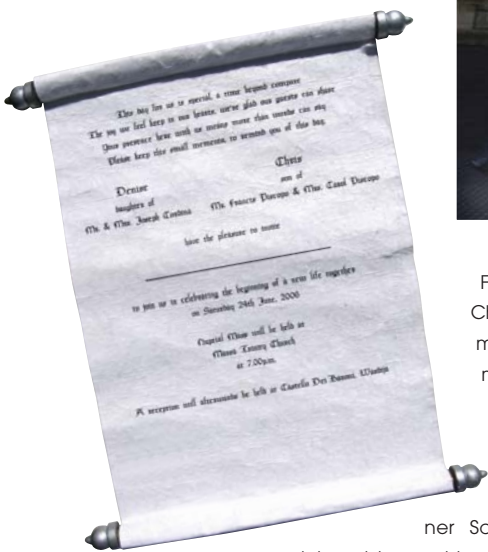
Chris and Denise met in December 2002 at work, but the strange thing was that she didn't have any idea who he was at the time. Finally Chris had the courage to ask her out for a coffee. "At first I was a bit reluctant to date someone from work as I always taught that it would never work out, but with his charm he convinced me to go out on a date.

"I remember clearly that we talked for hours that evening. Even though we were both working morning shift that week and had to be at work early, we didn't care about the time as we both felt comfortable talking about everything. We clicked immediately and so we continued dating. Three months passed by and we were reading the newspaper together when we saw an advert for a wedding hall which I had always wanted to see. He told me 'tonight we'll go and check it out'.



Denise in an informal pose with her bridesmaids

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For me it was just a drive but I didn't know what was going through Chris' head. As we were looking around he stopped me and told me 'I can see myself getting married here!' and he proposed to me there and then."

The couple had 3 years and 7 months to plan for the big day but still decided to find a wedding planner to help them.

Browsing through a website Denise found wedding planner Sarah Young. They made an

appointment to meet her and immediately got along so they decided to book her services. Sarah asked them what they had in mind and they told her that they wished to have a traditional wedding with 550 guests.

"Both of us used to look forward to meeting Sarah over a coffee to discuss the wedding and what needed to be done. She was actually our diary and that relieved most of the stress for us."

After the groom's attire was rented from Cefai in Gozo, finally it was time for Denise to choose her wedding dress.





Bridesmaids Maria Farrugia, Marie Cordina, Dorren Piscopo and Chantelle Testa. Flower girls Amy Cordina and Winonah Peplow. Page boys Jake Cordina and Wesley Peplow.

"I took Sarah and my sister-in-law with me to Alamango to start trying on dresses. I tried about 15 dresses until I found the right one. And I can say that I was treated like a princess. My make up was done by Francesca Rizzo and hair was by Lorraine at Alfie's."

The bridesmaids' and flower girls' dresses were sewn by Josette and the flowers were by Bjorn from Floreal.

The music at the Mass was by the Soli Deo Gloria choir, while at the reception Conrad Briffa provided the music.

On the day, the wedding was catered by Denise's uncle Joseph Market. "We were also pleased when we found out that our relatives from Canada and Australia were coming from abroad to celebrate our wedding with us."

For Chris and Denise, the day went by like a dream, but what they remember the most is the happiness they shared together with family, relatives and friends.

"They were always there for us to make everything possible on that day and to create the memories we will treasure for eternity."

After the wedding the couple stayed at the Westin Dragonara Resort followed by a long relaxing honeymoon in Florida, Cancun and Canada.



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