

## *Introduction*

This booklet will give you an insight into the happy couple, an introduction to our background and perhaps answer some of those questions you have been dying to ask.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy your day with us and join in our celebrations like you have never done before.

Love and best wishes  
Sophie and John



## *General facts about Sophie*

Age:	37
Nickname:	Soph Loaf
Favourite colour:	Blue
Favourite food:	Potatoes (mashed) Chocolate raisins
Favourite drink:	Gin & Tonic (in a long glass with ice & a slice)
Hobbies/Sports:	Eating, yoga, bodybalance (like Tai Chi), walking the dog, singing along to Abba songs
Favourite TV:	Angel, Buffy the Vampire, Slayer and The Office
Favourite Films:	Gone with the Wind, Matrix, All James Bond stuff
Favourite Music:	Dollar, Abba & anything disco

## *General facts about John*

Age:	33
Nickname:	Tricky or Moose or Denny
Favourite colour:	Arsenal red
Favourite Food:	Cauliflower cheese, roast potatoes, profiteroles, Tiramisu, Cornflakes with hot milk, burnt lasagne
Favourite Drink:	Becks, Guinness, Gin & Tonic, Tea
Hobbies/Sports:	Football, squash, walking, eating out, socialising, stamp collecting, brass rubbing, pot holing and hand gliding,
Favourite TV:	Porridge, The Office, The Royle Family
Favourite Films:	Lord of the Rings, Shawshank Redemption, The Green Mile
Favourite Music:	Many favourite albums – Paul Weller, Travis, Stereophonics, Cast, Black Grape, Starsailor, Robbie Williams, Oasis, Blur, Queen.

## *Sophie Growing-up*

Born in Sept 1967 in Rochford hospital in Essex (I've heard all the jokes). Lived in Rayleigh until the age of 4 when we moved to Suffolk.

Earliest memory is swinging on the clothesline and then landing flat on my back when it broke.

Started school when we moved to Suffolk, but didn't like it much so I walked home at lunchtime on the first day. I was devastated when I found out that I had at least another



10 years to go. Always thought school was a pile of poop. Consequently, attended when I had to and did the least amount of work that I had to, certainly did not join any school clubs. Also, I was painfully shy (yes, I am still talking about me).

Thought boys were smelly creatures, in fact I am still of the same opinion.

## *John Growing-up*



- 1969 Born in Boston, Lincolnshire
- 1974 Moved to RAF Uxbridge, Middlesex. Grew to support Arsenal and played football a lot
- 1977 Played football
- 1978 Moved to RAF Wattisham, Suffolk
- 1979 Played football
- 1980 Played football
- 1981 Played football
- 1982 Moved to Needham Mkt, Suffolk and played football
- 1983 Played football
- 1984 Played football and discovered girls
- 1985 Girls and occasional football
- 1986 Girls and discovered beer
- 1987 Beer and girls but never at same time
- 1988 – Present day: Girls, football and beer

## *Sophie's most embarrassing moment*

Most embarrassing moment was when I went to pick up my bag from the baggage carousel at Glasgow airport. As it came around, the bag was buzzing and vibrating due to a battery operated accessory going off unexpectedly. Has anyone else's electric toothbrush ever done that??

Breaking wind and following through while wearing a yellow (so not my colour) sundress was pretty embarrassing too.



Should never have eaten that bunch of under ripe grapes.



## *John's most embarrassing moment*

One of my most embarrassing moments was when I was doing a vehicle paint inspection for one of my then new customers in Sheffield. As I bent down inspecting the front door, my trousers split from bum to belt and made a rather embarrassing 'wind like' noise. I was wearing white boxers at the time and had to make sure I kept my jacket on for the rest of the day and never bent down.

Other than the above, I am genuinely embarrassed when I think back to some of the clothes, shoes and hairstyles I adorned in the 80's...

...I certainly wasn't Simon Le Bon.



## *Sophies greatest achievement*

Convincing John that I had trained Sydney to be an attack dog. For those of you that have met my dog will know that he is soft as lights. I chose a moment when John was vulnerable (in the bath) to demonstrate Sydney's savaging skills. I will never forget the look on his face, as he clung desperately to his wed-

ding tackle. I uttered the word 'Seize!', to which Sydney responded as usual open mouthed, tongue lolling and tail wagging.

Perhaps my greatest achievement was leaving the company where I had worked for for 13 years to pursue a different career.

## *Johns greatest achievement*

In my full and eventful life, I have had a number of great achievements. Many have occurred in the DIY field and isn't true that my handiwork led to me electrocuting an electrician and that I nearly decapitated our pet rabbit when building a run.

Other than that, I am very proud to be William's dad as well as being the first person to see Georgie when he came into the world, although the frame around him at the time wasn't too clever (think about it!)

Obviously representing my country at youth football and turning down a professional contract with Ipswich Town FC to pursue a career in car paint were mov-

ing moments in my life. This spurred me onto greater things as hand gliding across the Great Barrier Reef, meeting John Whitely, taming alligators in America and snogging Lisa Tarbuck are other epic moments.

Last year I climbed Mount Everest, played Trivial Pursuit and enjoyed it, understood Lord of the Rings and managed to persuade Sophie to marry me.

As you have gathered, the majority of the above is untrue and may be a figment of my limited imagination. All I will say is that being in Venice with Sophie on that fateful evening was something special and that Lisa isn't as big in real life as she is on the telly.

## *Sophie's favourite quote or phrase*

'Don't worry, I always poo before I get up' – Vivien in the Young Ones

Another sketch from the Young Ones involving two policemen  
'It's a laugh ain't it?'

'What is?'

'The noise you make at the back of your throat when you hear a joke'

Also, everything that David Brent in The Office says.

## *John's favourite quote or phrase*

Bessie Braddock:

'Winston, you are drunk'

Winston Churchill:

'Yes Bessie, you are ugly and tomorrow I shall be sober'

I once said this to a girl on a night out and she promptly hit me.

(Note, I didn't call her Bessie though)



## *About the bestman*

Bill Hill (May 1970- )

I have known Hilly since I was seven when our respective schools played each other at football. We got on immediately because we seemed to be the only ones not taking the game too seriously. We then were in the same class at Middle school and remained friends ever since.

Hilly was always one for the ladies and sometimes it was hard keeping up on who was flavour of the month. He has certainly settled down now and is quite surprisingly with someone who is really nice & lovely, Carol.

Hilly has always been quite an exercise freak and can often be seen pounding the streets of Suffolk early in the morning. Safety is obviously key on these dark mornings, as you will often see the light from the end of his cigarette as he strides down Needham high street.

Hilly isn't great after he has had a beer. An example of this was last year when Andrew & myself went on our annual Christmas shopping expedition to Norwich with two other friends, Wookie & Ormsie. We normally spend hours trudging the festive streets buying magnificent gifts for our other halves, however we did go into the pub for a swift one and as a result, Hilly Ormsie left the majority of their shopping on the train and ended up completing their Xmas shopping in January.

Hilly's cheerful attitude towards life and the issues it throws at us, is certainly an inspiration however anyone that went home earlier than his dad on my stag event, is certainly a wuss!

Anybody still interested at this point, Hilly inspects plums for a living.....no, he doesn't work in a male clinic - he works for a fruit wholesaler.



## *About the bridesmaids*

Where do I start? A bunch of great mates, in fact the best.

Elenor is the born organiser and everything relevant will be on a list somewhere. In conjunction with another friend, Sue, she arranged the most slick hen weekend in history. Cheers, Mate. We have shared a few laughs and we will definitely write that book as we so often threaten.

Sue is always there with a shoulder to cry on when the going gets tough. She has a tendency to fall down steps, this is due to her short legs and not the copious amounts of vodka that she has consumed, honest! Likes cake for breakfast.

Josie is beautiful, trendy and stylish (I hate her really). She worries far too much and has the tidying skills of a cross between Monica from Friends and Hyacinth Bucket – scary! She also has the worst sense of direction ever and has done the most circuits on the M25 in one day when driving from Slough to Bournemouth.

Jane is the warmest person that I know and greets you with a massive bear hug. She concerns herself with the effects of aging and is convinced that before long she will be tucking her boobs in her knickers. She also likes growing the hairs on her legs and then creating shag pile rugs by using her epilady to remove them.

Abbey is Elenor's daughter and is a 'mini me' of her Dad (including the dresses). She makes the best cups of pretend tea you have tasted. Definitely a scene-stealer.



elenor



sue



josie



abbey



jane

## *Our best moment together so far*

A few best moments - the whole experience we had in Hong Kong, Singapore and the Maldives on our first proper holiday together. Second was the marriage proposition in St Marks Square, Venice.

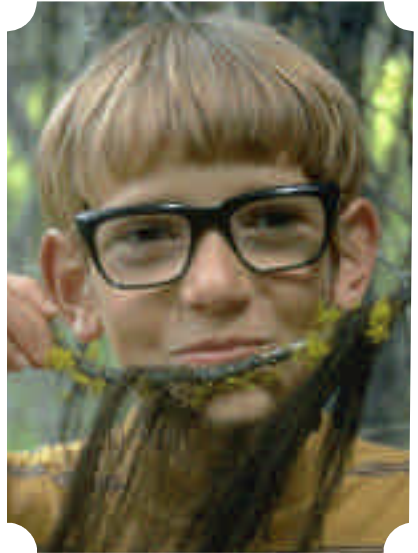
Also, all the times that we laugh together with William.

### **About children:**

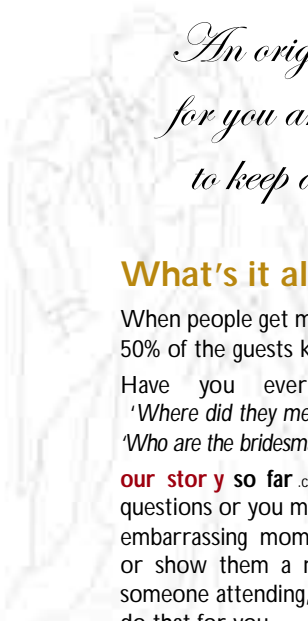
William is our eight-year-old son and is loved tremendously by us both. William is a joy to be around and comes out with some absolute pearls that have both of us in stitches. We are hoping he learns to lie in at least to about 9am on Saturdays & Sundays.

### **About pets**

We have a dog, Sydney who is a dear thing of the mature dog status. He often has his mates around for a few drinks where they play cards and talk about the good ol' days when dog pooh was white. Henry is our rabbit, a rather distinguished gent who has never forgiven Sophie for putting him in a carrier bag when she wanted to move him down the garden.



*The story  
continues . . .*



*An original keepsake  
for you and your guests  
to keep and treasure*

## What's it all about?

When people get married generally less than 50% of the guests know each other.

Have you ever heard people say:  
'Where did they meet?' 'Where is hefrom?'  
'Who are the bridesmaids?' 'Who's the best man?'

**our stor y so far** .com can answer all these questions or you may want to tell your most embarrassing moment, your favourite joke or show them a ridiculous photograph of someone attending, **ourstor y sofar** .com Will do that for you.

## What willour story do for us?

We will produce, for you, a unique 'keep sake' mini biography for you to give to your guests to remember your special day. It will give them some background and let them enjoy some of your special moments.

It can be given prior to your special day and incorporate the 'Invitation' and 'Order of Service' or left on the tables for your guests to enjoy at their leisure.

## What is the content?

That is entirely up to you. You can choose from 12 pages upwards. The size is 14.8cm x 21cm (A5) and it is tastefully bound in a choice of colours.

Its great fun to do and the response is even better!

### Some ideas on page/section headings:

Intoduction

General facts about the bride,

General facts about the groom,

The bride growing up,  
The groom growing up,  
Where did they meet,  
His/her most embarrassing moment,  
His/her greatest achievements,  
His/her favourite quotes/jokes,  
About the best man,  
About the bridesmaids,  
About the children,  
About the parents,  
About some of your guests,  
Honeymoon plans,  
Wedding list.           Order of service,  
Map/directions,       Invitation,

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