

*Order of Speeches*

LAURA DUGDALE

*and*

DOMINIC BOWDEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER SIXTEENTH,  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE  
AT TWO THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON

CHATEAU SOULAC, JULLIAC, 33890 | FRANCE

## *Father of The Bride | John Dugdale*

Laura I love you so much and I hope you'll feel the same about me after you hear my speech.

Hello everyone I'm John. I'm sure you all know me as Laura's dad, and now Dom's father in law; but if you don't, well done for sneaking into the wedding. Enjoy!!

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of Elisabeth and myself to thank you all, friends and family for making your way to this lovely venue here in Juillac to celebrate with Laura and Dom in their wedding breakfast. A special thanks to Mags and Andrew for all their support in making this day happen. I am certain that they too feel just as proud as Elisabeth and I.

Laura, what can I say about my beautiful, caring and loving daughter that you do not already know. Quite a lot actually, but I will not embarrass her, much!!

Laura was the first born of twins, by one minute, and she is proud of that fact, ask her sister. Being the elder of the two she often took the lead in whatever they both got involved in taking that trait with her throughout her school life. Rosie after a few glasses will be better placed to fill you in on their growing up together which may or may not have come out on the hen. Just saying.

Laura was always good at sports excelling in running which she continues today with Dom. I remember when Laura was about 9 or 10 years of age at a Kent schools cross country event held at Crystal Palace in London where she did quite well, not winning any prizes but beating her sister by a long way to the Finnish line again showing her competitiveness over her sister.

He is a tremendous competitor as shown by his impressive 2 London marathons and more recently an ultra marathon.

What you might not know is Dom's passion for fitness started years ago in the gym. So much so that we met up in Newquay of all places to have a long overdue catch up. Dom was so happy and impressed with his new found love for the bench press he couldn't wait to get checked in, get his shirt off and show us what he'd been up too, we were of course demanded to have a feel of his new and improved "pecks". So after a quick feel we donned our most questionable shirts and hit the town.

As we got deeper into our catch up and the good times were flowing, despite Doms effort to drop a Houdini, we cracked on with the night and found the only place left open. What we didn't know would happen that night is Dave, Marc and I were ordering drinks at the bar, only to turn round and find Dom in the middle of the dance floor with a 55 year old man feeling his new and improved chest. Luckily for the both of them, scuba Steve came fully equipped with flippers and an oxygen tank because they took his breath away.

But in all seriousness what a friend to have, dom you are the loyalist, most dependable guy I know. If I was ever in some serious trouble youd be the first person id call. So thankyou for an amazing 15 years of friendship!

Please join me in raising a glass to the happy couple – to {DOM} and {Laura}

*MAID OF HONOUR*

Rosie Johnson

*BEST MEN*

Chris Griffiths

David Condon

*BRIDESMAIDS*

Sophie Dugdale

Liv Booth

Sophie Bowden