



A LETTER TO FRIENDS
AND FAMILY OF

Kirsty

AND

Anthony

ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST 2023

A memory for you to keep,
instead of a soon forgotten speech.

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In a break from tradition we thought that writing a letter is better. With love from Fran and Steve (Kirsty's parents).

Firstly, on behalf of the both of us and Tony's parents, a warm welcome to all the family and friends who have joined us to celebrate Kirsty and Tony's wedding. We know some of you have travelled long distances to be here. Today we are the proudest parents as she exchanges vows and having had a preview, we know how beautiful she looks.

As a small child Kirsty was always curious, smiley, happy and contented. She had a habit of trying to jump out of her shadow as she thought somebody was following right behind her. As her parents we have seen her develop into a caring, helpful, loving daughter. She has been the best big sister to both Charlotte and Daniel.

This is where we are supposed to say a few embarrassing things about her. We have both worked and partied with her as she has grown up. Kirsty occasionally enjoys a drink but probably knows more gossip about us all than we know about her so we will call a truce on the embarrassments.

Here we take time to remember and think of the people in Kirsty's life that cannot be with us today. Daniel, her much missed little brother. Little Nanny (her grandmother Betty) and her Grandad Ray. Not forgetting her uncles, Dennis and Nick.

We are very proud of our children and how Kirsty has grown up. We are delighted that she has found in her "Toto", someone she loves and cares for so much. Steve has only one reservation with Tony, his support of Fulham. But someone has to support them we suppose!

There are things in life we try to give our children. One is roots and another is wings. Kirsty you have grown your wings and fled the nest, but you will always be loved and have your roots in our family.

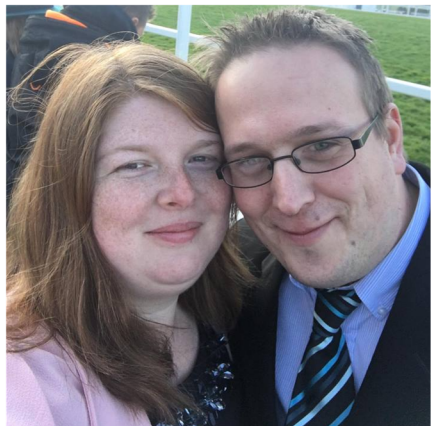
According to tradition this is the part where we give advice to the newlyweds. After over 38 years of marriage we feel fairly qualified to give advice. The only thing you really need to know, is that it is the time to stop painting the town red and starting painting walls instead.

Tony just needs to remember these three words: All, just and only. He will hear them time and time again. Such as, all you need to do is this..., it only costs this much..., It will just take 5 minutes. These are all gross understatements! As someone once said women are to be loved and not understood.

Helping around the house and with the cooking is not a bad idea. Crime statistics show that there has never been a case of a wife shooting her husband while he was washing up! To our new son in law, if you forget an anniversary once you'll remember it for the rest of your life.

We love being married, it's great to find the one special person that you can annoy for the rest of your life. You are part of a union in which one person is always right and the other is you, remember this and you will be fine.

They say marriage is like fine wine, it gets better with age. Yes, as long as you put a cork in it!



To the both of you, as you sit side by side on the rollercoaster of life. Remember to scream through the peaks, hold hands in the dips, laugh through the loops and enjoy every twist and turn for the ride is better because you share it together.

it's worth bearing in mind neither of you will ever be perfect. But you can be perfect together. May your love be modern enough to survive and old-fashioned enough to last forever.

One last honour and privilege we have as Kirsty's parents on this special day is to ask you to please be upstanding with us in a toast to wish the newlyweds a long, happy, healthy future together.

May all sweethearts become married couples and may all married couples remain sweethearts.

All our love, today and always.

Fran and Steve x

