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WHAT A YEAR

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Our second virtual wedding fair, goes live on Sunday the 14th February. Curious to know more?

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PRESENTING

CURIOSITY

OUR VIRTUAL WEDDING EVENT

14.02.21

WE ARE EXCITED TO PRESENT 'CURIOSITY' THE SECOND OF OUR VIRTUAL WEDDING FAIRS.

This special event will go live on Sunday February 14th 2021, via our online platform. The event will feature a host of suppliers, live q&a via social and the launch of our 2023 pricing structure.

The event has been curated to bring you exciting updates, exclusive offers and although not our normal wedding fair, we are committed to finding

new ways to showcase our venue and adapting to how we work.

Are you curious to find out more about Bashall? What suppliers will be showcasing their talents? And what our availability is like? Keep an eye out for the link nearer the time!

STEP INSIDE OUR EVENT OF CURIOSITY!

FEATURED SUPPLIERS

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2021 THE YEAR THAT WILL BE BETTER THAN 2020!

Well I started 2020 with a wife and a business that was booming, very soon both changed for the worst as sadly my wife died in February 2020 after a very long illness and as I rushed back to work to distract from the obvious the world went very strange and stopped us in our tracks.

Upgrades to both the way the place looks and lots of things behind the scenes have kept us busy and out of trouble!

We were able to operate for a short time over the summer but pretty soon we were again forced to close and apart from the shop having its closing down sale in December the rest of the year has been one of staff at home on furlough champing at the bit to get back.

The business opened in 2001 and after 19½ years of running a shop in the middle

of the countryside and frankly trying to sell just about everything you can think of, in that time I never did find a way to make retail pay. It sadly became an expensive hobby and when we needed space to further expand the wedding offering with a very heavy heart I decided to convert the area into bedrooms for wedding guests.

Planning permission has been granted for 14 bedrooms and staff accommodation and the next chapter of the Bashall story is about the start. All the plans as you will imagine are currently on hold and the first 6 bedrooms are now scheduled to be built in the second half of 2021. After that we will look at the next 5 probably in 2022 and, if they are as popular as we think they will be, then we will do the final 3 in 2023...but my Covid effected

crystal ball is a little wonky at the moment so watch this space for more information!

The bedroom project is the next big thing for me to get my teeth into, the rest of the team are going to be flat out with the 150 weddings that we have on our books...once they start the team will be 100% focused on them and I will be concentrating all my efforts on completing the first 6 as soon as I can because they are in such great demand from our wedding couples.

Now the vaccine roll out has started I have high hopes for 2021...as I said it can't be worse than 2020...

Simon

Each issue we will introduce you to members of our Bashall team through a series of random questions

MEET...



Ramune

FUNCTIONS MANAGER

How long have you worked at Bashall?

Six years December gone.

What's your middle name

I don't have a middle name?

How old are you?

35....needed to think for quite a while.
I definitely don't act like it.

What is your dream job

What strange times we live in....my dream job at the moment - being back at Bashall, doing what I love - weddings - being a part of such a big day is very special.

Do you have a nickname?

I have a few nicknames....Mooney, Moons, Moonster....they are the ones I know of....

Your favourite out of work activity?

Walks with my dog.

Do you enjoy working at Bashall and what's your least favourite part of the job?

I do enjoy working at Bashall...I love my job, the amazing team makes it a very special place. That's why I can't think of a least favourite part of the job....I could name lots of favourites instead.

Favourite staff lunch?

Anything that comes from the pizza oven!

Award winning




We are very proud to announce that Ramune has been presented with the award for 'Exceptional Customer Service' from the Ribble Valley Tourism Awards. Ramune always makes all visitors feel welcome, whether they are there to shop, for afternoon tea or as part of a wedding party. Her attention to detail is exceptional and her customer care skills are outstanding. We are really proud... well done Ramune!



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LOOKING BACK IN TIME

Just a few of the changes that have happened here at Bashall over the years... it's been quite a journey and it's not quite over yet. With planning permission granted for new accommodation, we are set for quite a few more.



Love at *first bite*

The past few months have been spent beavering away to transform our 2022 brochure from an addendum into the real thing. One of the things we've been mulling over for a little while is the menu. Food is so important to us, it's what we do and it's what we do well.

We wanted to change our menu a little and spice things up slightly. So, we listened to the feedback from the past few years and we discussed all the things that have been popular.

There's a reason why the classics are the classics. There's a reason why the popular dishes have been popular. And, with all of this in mind, we got to work.

Something which has gone down a treat recently is sharing food. It's pretty much the "in" thing isn't it?

But why do we love it so much for your wedding breakfast?

Well, it's the ultimate ice breaker. Try as much as you can, you can't always guarantee that everyone on every table knows each other but pop a pie or a pavlova in front of them and watch the conversation flow. Hence why, when you take a look at our 2022 menu, you will now find a number of sharing options.

Another thing we're always asked about is our vegetarian and vegan options, as well as whether we can cater for gluten and dairy free guests. The answer is always yes! We can often amend our dishes, making gluten free Yorkshire puddings to serve alongside our roast beef for example or serving a wellington instead of beef for vegetarian and vegan guests.





We've kept our world famous sticky toffee pudding on the dessert options because we think there would be a revolt from guests, and photographers, if we dared to take it off. But if sticky toffee pudding doesn't tickle your taste buds, we've added an apple crumble and custard for the nostalgia or a lemon and ginger cheesecake if you want something a little lighter in summer.

No meal is complete without dessert but no dining experience is complete without tea and coffee. If tea and coffee aren't your thing or you've got little ones in your party, we've now added a hot chocolate station which we think will go down a treat with the big and little kids.



For more information about our venue and availability please don't hesitate to contact us.

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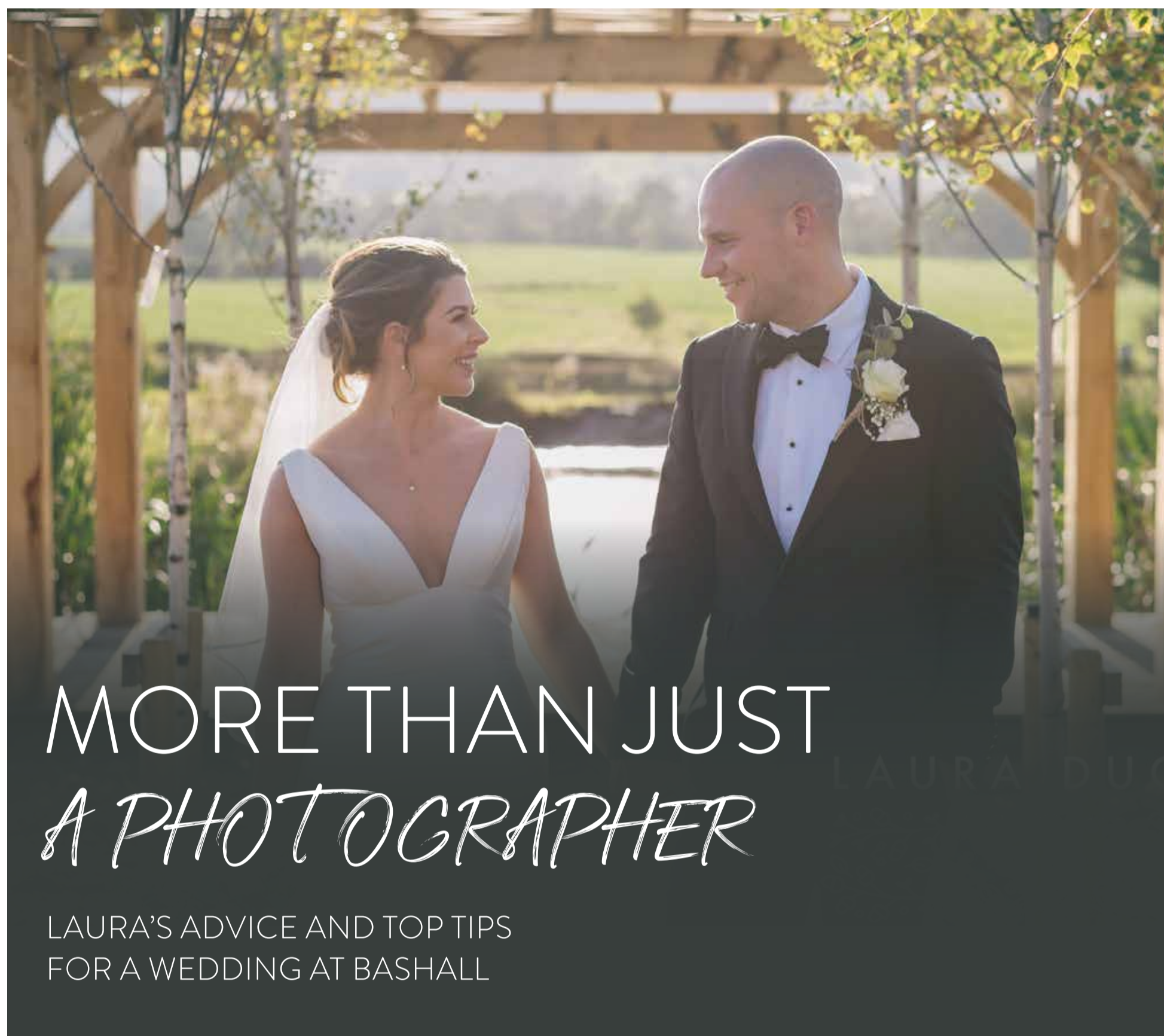
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MORE THAN JUST A PHOTOGRAPHER

LAURA'S ADVICE AND TOP TIPS
FOR A WEDDING AT BASHALL

So, you're engaged and starting to plan your dream day, this is the exciting part! Where do you begin?



Well as a wedding photographer, I would always recommend that after securing your venue, you look to source your photographer! Experienced wedding photographers can be booked up for peak summer dates at least two years in advance, I'm often receiving enquiries for 2023 weddings now! So, it's definitely something you need to be thinking about before dress and flower shopping!

My top tips for what to look for with a wedding photographer are; ask to see examples of their work for your chosen venue. Most photographers will be happy to show their work and it will give you a good idea as to whether you like their shooting style and edit. Personality, your photographer will be with you for the best part of around 8 hours on your special day, so you really need to get on! For me, I hate being seen just as the photographer, I like helping out on your day as well as documenting it, pouring the champagne, helping with buttonholes, fluffing your dress and generally making you laugh and calming those nerves, I want and hope I am seen as a friend not just as a supplier. It's also useful

to ask your photographer about any worries you may have. If it's about rain on your wedding day, your photographer falling ill or being delayed en-route to the ceremony they will have the answer to settle your worries!

I've worked at Bashall Barn lots of times now, as the main photographer and also as a second shooter, I've also photographed a couple of styled shoots, so I know the very best spots for portraits! I love the bridal suites, they are nice and light with a great spot for hanging the all-important dress. The Brook room has the very best views of the Ribble Valley, and the balcony is a great spot for portraits or group images. If you are looking to do a confetti shot (please always do one, they make for fabulous images!) then you can do a bubble confetti shot on the balcony, or head just outside the venue to the lane for a full petal throwing experience! Final point for my top tips, bring your wellies for that all important photo with the cows and more importantly than all, enjoy yourselves. Your wedding day will take what will feel like an eternity to arrive, when it does, time literally speeds up, your day will fly by so please trust your wedding photographer to get you those awesome images and you can relive all those precious moments for years to come.

Love Laura x

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As we've said before we really can't wait to fling open our doors and welcome wedding couples, families and events back in, but only when it is safe to do so.

In the mean time, we are here for you and to answer any questions, offer virtual tours and chat through any plans you may have. We even have our very own virtual wedding event 'Curiosity' launching on the 14th February.

You can subscribe to our newsletter via our website, and also view all pricing and information along with our budget builder to give you a idea of pricing.

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