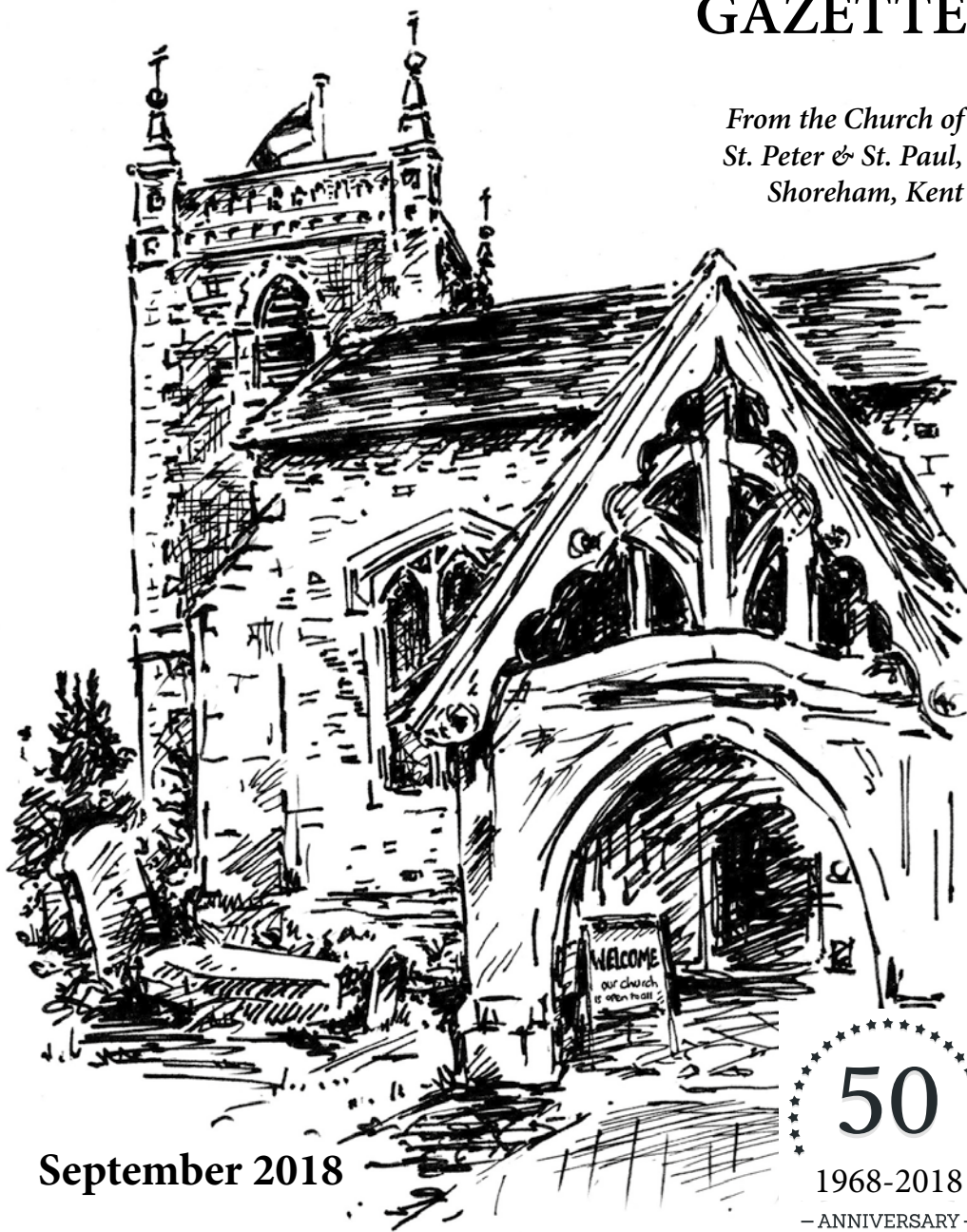


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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

2nd September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am – Eucharist

No evening service at Shoreham

3.15pm Diocesan service of welcome at Rochester Cathedral for Simon, The new Bishop of Tonbridge

9th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am – BCP Communion

10.00am – Short Eucharist with Taizé music

6.00pm – Iona Evening Service

16th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am – Eucharist

No evening service at Shoreham –

6pm Partnership Celebration with focus on Tanzania at St John's Church, Meopham. The Bishops from Rochester's African companion dioceses will be there. All welcome.

23rd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am – BCP Communion

10.00am – All-Age-Service

6.00pm – Choral Evensong

30th September – 18th Sunday after Trinity

10.00am – Eucharist

6.00pm – Discussion

Sunday 7th October – HARVEST FESTIVAL



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SHOREHAM CHURCH EXTENSION UPDATE

BUILDING CONTRACT

Riverside Construction started on site on 17th July. They constructed a ramp over the east boundary wall to the churchyard so that materials stored along the wall in Church Field can be taken in wheelbarrows to the extension site via the ramp thereby limiting disturbance of the pedestrian access through the kissing gate. They located their offices and secure storage container along the east wall in Church Field. The normal access to the footpath and bridleway will be maintained. Access to the site via the Lychgate will be kept to a minimum.

The remaining soil in the excavated site has been taken via the Lychgate to a skip located in The Old Vicarage Cottage forecourt as before. Piling has been completed and the drainage is being installed prior to the laying of the concrete foundation slab.

Fundraising

In April the fund raising target was raised from £500,000 to £700,000. Funds raised currently total around £620,000. Cheques should be made payable to Shoreham Church Extension Fund and sent to The Vicarage with an indication of whether gift aided. Direct transfers: NatWest Sevenoaks, Sort Code 60-19-02, Account number 13785524, account name Shoreham PCC Extension Fund. Please 'Gift Aid' your donation. For every £100 donated we receive £125. Alternatively give through Mydonate by clicking button at www.shorehamchurchkent.org/church-extension.

Frank Hinks Churchwarden



As I am writing it looks like our very un-British Summer has come to an end... I woke up early the other day to the unaccustomed sound of rain on the windows, thinking 'Oh well, the gardens and the farmers need it'. But I wonder how many youngsters thought... "It could have waited to the end of the school holidays!"

This month children in Shoreham and other towns and villages, will be going back to school. For many starting school for the first time or going on to new schools, it's an exciting time but not without a few 'wobbles'. Will I make friends? Will I like the teachers? Will I cope? We all had those doubts...

Other young people stepping out into the world of work, having just left school or university - something many youngsters look forward to (I know I did). But how often in later life do we look back nostalgically to our school days.

A few years on and starting a new job – perhaps changing careers - can be both exciting and worrying - have I bitten off more than I can chew, what if the job isn't what they said it would be?

Then one day comes retirement – some look forward to it, time to do what you've always wanted time to do - others will be less keen, loss of status, even of purpose in life. Either way it can take some adjusting to (and not everyone does). Every turn in life's journey is full of possibilities and doubts... it's how we respond that counts.

Jesus had some advice for people starting out on a journey which we could all find helpful. He sent a group of his followers out into the world to heal people and to preach the gospel, with the instruction to take no 'luggage' with them - in effect they were to leave behind anything from their old lives which might prevent them making the most of the new one.

Perhaps that's how we should all approach the turning points of our lives. Not looking back to what we will leave behind, be it a school or a career – nostalgia often has rose tinted lenses - but looking forward to what lies ahead. After all as someone once pointed out to me – you only get one life... so make the most of it and may God bless you, wherever it takes you. *Bryan Harris- Lay Minister attached to Shoreham Church*

FROM THE CHURCH REGISTERS

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SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

With a bright new painted exterior, new fridges and a new colour photocopier, the shop is looking forward to further improvements in the autumn including the return of the Lottery, more offers and a new parcels service. "I remember coming to the shop for the first time," says Kannan of his arrival a year ago from India. "Shoreham was the first place in England I saw as I came here straight from the airport. Everyone's gardens and the Darent River were so beautiful and everyone was so polite!" Don't forget to pick up your tickets for the Shoreham Music Festival from the Stores. There is a full range of back-to-school items from craft glue to crayons and everything for children's lunch boxes.

Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasant

SHOREHAM VILLAGE PLAYERS

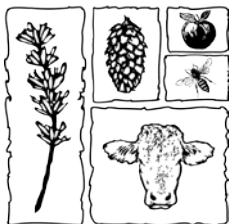
AUDITION SUNDAY 9th September at 2.30pm

On Sunday 9th September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall there will be an audition for the Players' next production – Tom Stoppard's witty send-up of the whodunnit – The Real Inspector Hound. There are a variety of parts for men and women so if you've ever felt the desire to tread the boards now is your chance. We'd love to see you if you'd be interested in making things happen back-stage, creating costumes, or helping with publicity, selling tickets, or serving behind the bar. There is a role for everyone in our friendly group. If you have never done anything similar before, you will be caught up by just how much fun it is to work together to put a production together. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th, but if you'd like more information in the meantime you can email shorehamplayers@gmail.com.

If taking part is not for you, come and see the show on November 29th and 30th, and December 1st. Put it in your diary now!

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SHOREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL **FRIDAY 14th SEPTEMBER – HOLYWELL QUARTET** **SATURDAY 15th SEPTEMBER – THE DAMIAN SINGERS** **7.30pm SHOREHAM CHURCH**

Following last year's successful revival, Shoreham Music Festival 2018 will take place at 7.30pm on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September. We are very excited to welcome the Holywell String Quartet on Friday evening and our guest choir The Damian Singers on Saturday evening. The Church will once again be the atmospheric venue for the concerts followed by mellow jazz in the Old Vicarage.

The Holywell Quartet will be playing three beautiful string quartets: Mozart KV 156, Borodin no.2 and Beethoven Op.59 no.2. We are delighted to welcome back lead violinist Sophie Lockett who has previously led the Cavell Quartet at the Festival. Sophie has been playing with the internationally acclaimed Barbican Piano Trio since 2009 and enjoys a diverse freelance orchestral and teaching career. Last year she was made an Honorary Associate of the Royal Academy of Music, for recognition of her services to the Academy and the music profession.

The Damian Singers were formed in 1994 by two doctors: Tim Peters and their organist Julian Gunn. Their name comes from St Damian, a physician working in 3rd century Asia. Their programme will feature music both sacred and secular in a wide variety of choral styles, all chosen to celebrate food and wine.

As for the post concert jazz, the festival is again in for a treat as we welcome back Lorrie Benwell's jazz group, 'Colours of Jazz' on Friday and Frances Rae and her jazz group on Saturday. Many thanks to Susan and Frank Hinks who so generously invite the audience and musicians into their home for the jazz reception. There will be a paying bar in the Old Vicarage. Any surplus profits will go to the Friends of Shoreham Church for the Church upkeep. We extend a very warm welcome to all, especially if you have not been to the Festival before and we hope to see many of you in September. Please save the dates and tell your friends!

Tickets priced £12.50 each night (U16 £8) will include the Church concert, Jazz in the Old Vicarage and homemade snacks and are available from the Village Shop, Sevenoaks Bookshop or via ticketsource.co.uk/shoreham-music-festival. *From the Committee - Kate Howie, Linda Lattimer, Jane Scott, Jill Webster and Vanessa Welsh*

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STOP PRESS:

Our Coffee Community morning for September is on Thursday 13th, and all proceeds raised from this event will be in aid of MacMillan Nurses. Please come and support this worthwhile event. 10.00am -12.00 noon in The Village Hall where tea/coffee and delicious cake will be served. We look forward to seeing you there - bring your friends, all welcome.

Sylvie Poynter

HORTICULTURAL AUTUMN SHOW

Come along and join us at the village hall on Saturday 15th September for our Autumn Show. As well as horticultural exhibits, there are classes for cooking, flower arranging, craft and photography and children's classes, there is something for everyone so why not come along and join us. If you would like to request a show schedule please contact shorehamhortsoc@gmail.com . Schedules will be available from the village store approximately two weeks before the show.

Entries can be staged at the hall between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Please register your entry with Sylvie Poynter beforehand as this helps us on the day. Doors will be open to the public at 2.00pm when you will be able to see the show and enjoy a drink and homemade cake. Prize giving will take place at 3.15pm. We look forward to welcoming both seasoned and new members to the society, or just drop in for tea and homemade cakes during the afternoon.

Sharon Desmond

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CONCERT

We would like to thank everyone for coming to our WW1 70th Branch Anniversary Concert in June. It was a very special event for us, involving months of planning. But the end result far, exceeded all our expectations. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. Thanks go to all those who were involved in whatever capacity.....those behind the scenes and those who took part on the night. But the biggest thanks goes to Henry Desmond whose idea it was in the first place! He worked tirelessly with us over weeks and months leading up to it. Without a doubt it would not have happened without him! We are very pleased to announce that we made over £1000.00. Thankyou

Shoreham RBL Committee.

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During the evening there will be a range of hot and cold snacks available - no cinema experience is complete without a box of popcorn! There will be a fully licensed bar, selling alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink along to the event but to ensure everyone's overall enjoyment and safety on the evening we do request no glassware in the gardens. All tickets must be booked in advance, so don't miss out on this fantastic cinematic experience this summer. Tickets can be purchased via our Eventbrite page (aircinema.eventbrite.co.uk) or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/1715909385112273/>).

TALES FROM THE HILL

At intervals along the narrow winding streets of a little town in Greece, a town we often revisit, old men sit in the shade and talk, while the women talk and make lace or prepare vegetables. The men have loud base voices, that have such power that they can communicate with other old men further up the street and apart from calling a doctor or a son or daughter in Athens they have no need for a telephone.

It got me thinking about how these deep strong voices came about, was it to do with fishing and the need to communicate with one another at sea? This phenomenon is far from unique, the Baka Pygmies who live in the West African jungle call to each other in a wonderful musical way, their calls penetrate the dense dark jungle, hearing rather than seeing becomes the most important sense. Nearer home certain politicians have adapted their speech so that nobody can get a word in.

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Communication is everything today, apparently the faster the better. Regardless of content just send it! How many times have we pressed the accursed "send" button, reread the message, and then contemplated emigrating. I saw a young man on television recently, he was training to be a teacher who said he had never written a letter. This kind of hit home and scared me a little.

Another year has passed without me hearing a cuckoo but as compensation a song thrush took no notice of the rumbling thunder and from the top of the highest tree serenaded me for a couple of hours. I expect an ornithologist would give sound scientific reasons for its bravura performance, but I think that like the old men in the shade, the singing factory women and the Baka pygmies, it just enjoyed the sound it made

John Bovington

ANNIE HIGGINSON

Peter and his family would like to express their sincere thanks for all the tributes and cards in memory of our darling Annie. A big thank you to all of you kind villagers for supporting us all and your help in giving Annie a good send off and for being very special friends to her and Peter. When you hear Annie's Song by John Denver please give her a smile and a thought. Love and hugs. *Peter, Martin, Melanie, Lizzie and family*

SHOREHAM MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 24 JUNE

Well, we certainly got very lucky with the weather - it couldn't have been a more beautiful day. And happily this was reflected in record attendance and a lovely happy summery atmosphere. Huge thanks are owed to all the generous volunteers who came and helped, whether setting up, taking on parking duties, selling tickets, running the bar (football match timings worked out in the end!) and the tea stall, leading workshops and activities, and in the case of the Shoreham Village Players, putting in hours of rehearsals to make it all so much fun.

We hope you enjoyed finding out more about fabulous local artist Samuel Palmer and look forward to the trail celebrating his life. And of course we hope you enjoyed all the delicious food, the diverse range of activities and the interactive and creative nature of everything. We are delighted to say that we have made some money too and will put it

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to good use in future years for more local (and national) artists - perhaps for music and a barn dance next year and the full festival the year after that. Thanks again for coming and for helping -
Sarah Newman and the SMF team.



This lovely grave stone was found very far below the surface on the north side of the Church while digging out the foundations for the extension. With the only clue being “1720 hundred his age” I visited the Kent archives at Maidstone where the very helpful staff located the burial register for this year and there was our man. David Denny from Chiddngstone who died on 4th November 1720 and was buried on 12th November 1720 by Reverend M Gibson Tilson. His relative seems to have been Mary Arnold. Are you related to David? *Ann Ball*

SEVENOAKS FLOWER CLUB

After many years in Sevenoaks the Club now holds its meetings at Otford Village Hall every second Tuesday in the month starting at 1.45.p.m. The members find it more convenient for parking. On September 11th the National Demonstrator will be Nick Grounds his display is called “The Materialist”. It is sure to be entertaining. We would be pleased to see you. Visitors £5.00. Membership £37.00.a year. Do look and enjoy our website for all information on meetings and recent club events.
www.sevenoaksflowerclub.co.uk. *Muriel Fuller*

FUN PALACES ARE COMING TO SHOREHAM!

Sunday 7th October 1pm – 4pm

Just before the end of the school year it was agreed that we would run a Fun Palace (funpalaces.co.uk) at Shoreham Village Primary. Fun Palaces are based on an idea by the British theatre director Joan Littlewood and take place across the UK (and the world) the weekend of 6-7 October. The idea is that local people share their knowledge and passion for sport, art, music, science, tech, etc with other local people.

We're keen to get to the school children involved in teaching other people some of their specialist skills, and would love it if local community groups and individuals could get involved so that it is a true community event. For example, if you know how to play the



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flute, you could teach others how to play a few notes, or you could lead a group in particular aspects of cricket skills, teach strategies for standing on one foot for a long period of time, or introduce people to knitting. And of course, you can come along and learn a thing or two!

The key to Fun Palaces is that they are free and accessible to everyone - this means it will be run on a shoestring budget, but if anyone is able to help with materials for sign-making, decorations, etc that would be wonderful. I will be approaching various village groups to see if they want to get involved but in the meantime, if you think you can offer something (and maybe attract a few people to your group/activity as a result), then send me a message (thebluenoser@gmail.com).
Karen Morash

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SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Consultation on Sevenoaks District Council's new draft Local Plan is well under way. The Local Plan helps to set important planning policies, which state what can be built, and will guide housing, employment, retail and other infrastructure needs up to 2035. All residents of Sevenoaks District have the opportunity to give comments on this and although the Parish Council will be submitting a response, we would urge people to comment on an individual basis. You can do this by visiting the Council's website at www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/draftlocalplan. The consultation will run until 5pm on 10th September 2018.

The issue of rubbish is still a concern in the parish. Firstly, would all residents please refrain from putting out their rubbish until the morning of collection unless it is deposited in a bin. Foxes can easily open the black sacks and do so on a regular basis, causing rubbish to be strewn all over the village and it is very unpleasant for those who have to clear this up. Secondly, there have been incidents of fly tipping in the car park. CCTV may help prevent this but Kent Police are encouraging communities to download and use the Country Eye App to report incidents of fly tipping and minor crimes in general. The App allows the user to take a photo and mark the exact location using GPS. These images and reports can then be used as evidence for the Police and courts. Finally, the next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm Shoreham Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September. We would love to see you there so please come along. *Sarah Moon*

Parish Clerk – 07879655459 Clerk2012@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk

VILLAGE DIARY SEPTEMBER 2018

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| 4 th | Shoreham Women's Institute | Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 6 th | Friends of Shoreham Church | AGM | 7.30pm |
| 7 th | Parish Council | Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 9 th | Players auditions | Village Hall | 2.30pm |
| 9 th | Tanzania Fund Raising | Sevenoaks School | 6.30pm |
| 12 th | Over 60s BBQ | Car Park meet up | 2.15pm |
| 13 th | Macmillan Coffee morning | Village Hall | 10am-noon |
| 14 th /15 th | Shoreham Festival | Church | 7.30pm |
| 15 th | Horticultural Show | Village Hall | 2pm |
| 26 th | Over 60s | Village Hall | 2.15pm |
| 29 th | Allotments BBQ | | 5pm |

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The results of the 2018 Plot Competition are now in and many congratulations to Mick Wheeler (Full Plot) and Duncan Wood (Half Plot) on winning once more. It is good to see our “hardy perennials” thriving! All members are invited to our Autumn Social event taking place this year on Saturday 29th September. This will take place on the Allotments starting at 5pm. We will be having a BBQ and members are invited to supply any produce. Family and friends are welcome along with those who are members of the Horticultural Society. Our annual Allotment prize-giving will take place at this event.

Jeremy Tooley

R.O.G.U.E.S

We had the warmest of welcomes from Cherry Lodge Golf Club on Tuesday 17th July. As has been the case all season, the weather was kind to us, in that the scorching sun became clouded over just as we began to play and we enjoyed a great game in a pleasant temperature. Recently remodelled this is an interesting course although quite tight to play in places. Several attempts were made on the life of our current captain, but she is most forgiving. Heather Bennett was our top scorer with 39 points, closely followed by Richard Sansom and Fred Reed. A monster drive by Mark Summers won the Longest Drive and Nick Watkins was Nearest the Pin. A further Nearest the Pin prize, donated by Cherry Lodge, was won by Heather Bennett.

On August 23rd we met at the Rochester and Cobham Golf Course to compete for the President’s Trophy. This is an important meeting for us as, I feel, it reflects the respect and affection we have for our current and previous Presidents. John Skelton, our first President and past landlord of the Royal Oak presented the prizes. We were saddened that Peter Smith, our other previous President, was not well enough to be with us. My email is: christineeuman@yahoo.co.uk should you be interested in joining us.

Christine Euman

CHURCH REFRESHMENT ROTA

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| 2 nd September | Jill and Johnny Aisher |
| 9 th September | Georgina Hopkins |
| 16 th September | Mary Symons |
| 23 rd September | All Age Service – Sally Beesley |
| 30 th September | Pauline and Terry Clark |

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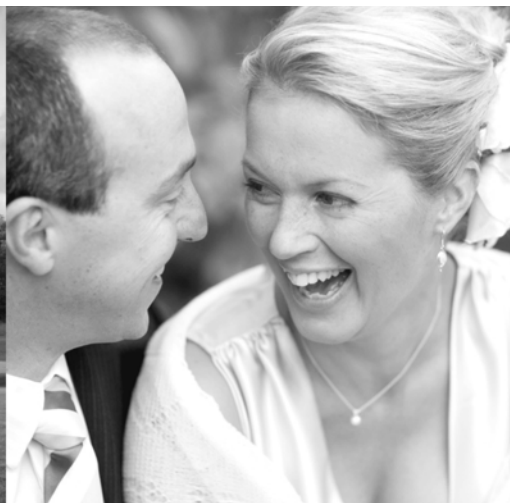
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