

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Graham Stewart Bell

13th November 1946 - 23rd December 2022

*A Free Spirit
(This one's on me)*

*Pray Landlord, charge my glass once more
the night is growing chill.
A goblet topped with Highland malt
my shallow life might fill*

*Mine Host! Another flagon please,
filled with your wholesome brew.
It's almost time to shuffle home
and face my motley crew.*

*Excuse me Barman, would you mind?
A schooner full of sherry
will melt the ice that chokes my soul
and make me much more merry.*

*Oh Barmaid fair, with golden hair,
your eyes spark like a gypsy.
Top up my jug with steaming grog
and I'll float home quite tipsy.*

*It's Christmas Eve in Lancashire,
the party's going well.
The Banshee wailing at the door
They've come for poor old Bell*

*He hadn't led a healthy life
but he always stood his round.
The famous grouse has won the race
now he's six feet underground.*

GRAHAM KIPLING BELL

*The Radlett Hospice for terminally pissed off retired police officers
November 1996*

The Final Ramblings of a Northern Cretin (A Walk too Far)

*They are all going to miss dear old Graham
He's decided to pack it all in.
There's no fun anymore in group walking
when your patience has worn a bit thin.*

*He's sick to the teeth of Llanwrtyd
The same walks that crop up each year.
A road leading to Abergwesyn
and a barn where they sell you flat beer.*

*So it's goodbye to his walking companions.
He's so sad it must come to an end
but he's going to go fishing in Dorset
and he thanks you for being his friend.*

*You must all try to look on the brightside.
Without him you can fit in one car.
You will not need to buy so much whiskey
and the rounds will be cheaper by far.*

*There is an old Lancashire saying
that old ramblers won't lie down and die,
they just follow the signpost marked 'Heaven'
to that great Pennine Way in the sky.*

*So to Graham and Elaine and dear Nikki,
and to Trevor and Brian and old Dave.
Your company is minus one person,
The man with one foot in the grave.*

Farewell



APPRECIATION

Tessa, Andrew & Mandy would like to thank you all for joining us today to share some special memories and to celebrate Graham's life. We wanted to share some of Graham's poetry and we hope they make you laugh as much as they make us laugh!

Thank you for your kind support.

Please wear the attached Alzheimers Society pin in memory of Graham.