



A HEARTFELT CELEBRATION & MEMORIAL
GATHERING OF THE FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

MARTIN ANDREW GATELEY

13th June 1966 - 11th January 2024

To be held on

Friday 9th February 2024

Gedling Crematorium at 2pm
&
Woodborough Hall at 3:45pm

Burial at Tithe Green

Martin was laid to rest at a private service at 1pm on Friday 9th February at Tithe Green Burial Ground. This is an award-winning site in Calverton, Nottinghamshire, spread across 36 acres of stunning woodland and meadow areas. Opened 20 years ago, the site is situated within Sherwood Forest and is a rich haven for wildlife.

In early March, when the tree planting season starts at Tithe Green, the Gately family will return and place a fruiting Crabapple tree and a discreet name plaque to mark Martin's final resting place.

We will also be sowing seeds and planting bulbs.

Eve has picked the Crabapple from the sites list of suggested trees and on further research, we discovered to our delight that Crabapple symbolises: "A foragers delight - a symbol of fertility & long associated with fidelity in love and marriage - giving plentiful blossom and neat exquisite apple-shaped fruit that makes jewel coloured jelly and jams".

Martin wanted to be "returned to nature" in the ancient traditions of the Green Man of the Forest.

Martin - be at peace my darling, in the sweet English soil.



WELCOME ONE AND ALL

Greeting by Celebrant - Colum O'Shea

Processional Music as the Gately family join the mourners

Superman -The Movie Prelude and the Main Title March

Written & Conducted by John Williams

Requested specifically by Martin. His life-long passion for comics began at the age of seven when his Mother bought him a Holiday Special comic, "The Adventures of Superman."

It was his epiphany and the genesis of all his interests; he spent the next 50 years seeking out and curating a world class collection of comic books and original comic strip art. His knowledge of the Golden, Silver and Bronze Ages of comic book writers, artists and inkers was encyclopaedic.

Martin also had many, many short stories and comic strips published in English & some were translated into French.

His latest short story came out just before he passed away.





Family Music
I'm Not in Love
10CC

Louis' choice: 10CC was the first rock music show Louis was taken to by Martin - a boys only outing.... It was a mesmerising blast - a wall of sound and light. Seeing live music played for the first time is an unforgettable experience.



The Eulogy - Part 1
Southwell and Beyond
Given by Mark Hulin-Taylor

Family Music
Bridge Over Troubled Water
Simon & Garfunkel

Shirley picked this classic song as it brings back many happy memories of long hot summer holidays spent with Terry and Martin on the Cornish coast.

It was also Martin's choice at Terry's funeral in 2013.







The Eulogy - Part 2
The Mapperley Years
Given by Pete "Taff" Jenkins

River Man
Nick Drake

Eve's choice. The first album my Dad ever bought for me was Nick Drake, A Treasury. He wanted to encourage my love of classic style guitar. I played the album endlessly and it will always remind me of him.



Seasons by Marie Luhr

Read by Alison Broome

As if to mock the stricken heart, the tree
A fountain quivering and indolent
Sprays green leaves on the grass-pools quietly
Fluent as fish, white-blossom flowers are swirled and bent
In the blowing streams of grass. Innocent
Of my pain, shadowed
in green, the birds sing
Or brush the leaves with a fan of wing
What matter to Spring and Summer that my heart grieves?
Summer is sunlight and birds and the beautiful drifting of leaves.

More beautiful than Summer green is this shift to yellow.
More beautiful than Spring is this pale Autumn
A scarletting of leaves
The air of the days in Autumn is so sweet
Nevertheless my beloved, I weep.
The moon of night in Autumn is mellow
But under the the light of the moon, I can not sleep
The trees of Autumn burn so intensely that I hold my breath
Knowing too well its transformation to silver wintry death
Knowing that the leaves of coloured fire will drift down the sky
Because I was so happy with you beloved, I can only cry.

Innocent of grief, the birds continue to sing
Of the next inevitable Spring.

This reading will be followed by sounds of birdsong, forest & meadow.

We invite you to reflect on your memories of time spent with Martin.

May they be joyful & comforting.

Fear No More the Heat of the Sun
Extract from Cymbeline
by William Shakespeare
Read by Christian Young

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,
Nor the furious winter's rages;
Thou thy worldly task hast done,
Home art gone, and ta'en thy wages:
Golden lads and girls all must,
As chimney-sweepers, come to dust.

Fear no more the frown o' the great;
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke;
Care no more to clothe and eat;
To thee the reed is as the oak:
The scepter, learning, physic, must
All follow this, and come to dust.

Fear no more the lightning flash,
Nor the all-dreaded thunder stone;
Fear not slander, censure rash;
Thou hast finished joy and moan:
All lovers young, all lovers must
Consign to thee, and come to dust.

No exorciser harm thee!
Nor no witchcraft charm thee!
Ghost unlaid forbear thee!
Nothing ill come near thee!
Quiet consummation have;
And renownèd be thy grave!

Family Music

Journey of the Sorcerer - Eagles

Chosen by Sarah. This is the first piece of music that Martin and I listened to, on repeat, in the Autumn of 1986 while sipping chilled vodka from little crystal glasses in my room at Rockside Hall.

It was like a door was flung wide open & we just tumbled into each others head & heart. We ran fearlessly, happily & always hand in hand to discover what precious gifts love & life had in store.

We made a great team and I miss him beyond measure.

Martin always cast a blissful spell of love & laughter.

He was by far, the best thing that has ever happened to me.

We plan to meet again, at the bend of the river and we will journey on to a new galaxy far, far away.





FINAL REFLECTIONS AND CLOSING WORDS

The last song for you my darling man
I'LL BE SEEING YOU - BILLIE HOLIDAY

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC - Star Trek III -
The Finale - by Alexander Courage
Selected by Martin - another of his favourite
pieces of movie music.





APPRECIATION

The family would like to thank you all for your kind support during this time of profound sadness.

