



DAVID MICHAEL WILKINS

12th September 1948 - 4th September 2023

“I am here you know”

Conkers!

Conkers! I'm collecting conkers,
I'm trying hard to find the biggest and the best. Conkers! Lots of
lovely conkers,
I want a conker that is better than the rest.

Under the chestnut tree,
There waits for me,
A sight so marvellous to behold. Amidst the autumn leaves,
It gleams at me,
A conker, beautiful and bold.

Conkers . . .

Under the chestnut tree,
Where no-one's been,
The spiky shells lie on the ground. Beneath their armour green,
There hides unseen,
A conker, smooth and shiny brown.

Conkers . . .

Under the chestnut tree, I stretch to see,
A final conker to be mine. If I can only reach,
To pull it free,
I'll add it to my ninety-nine! One hundred!

Conkers . . .

DAD

There's so much I could say: his childlike wonder in collecting conkers every autumn, how he would wake up at 3am just to proof read my essays, how he would laugh so hard he couldn't breathe at any tv show that was even slightly funny and cry at a children's film every time. His love for 60s music and his never failing commitment to shouting "RUBBBIIISHHH" at Nottingham Forest for over 70 years.

You might have been the most infuriatingly stubborn person I will ever know, but I'm sure going to miss you. Thanks for all the laughter and good times, I'm just so glad you aren't suffering anymore. Hope Hattie is giving you all the cuddles in heaven xxx

WHO KNOWS DAVID BEST?

(Answers on the back, but no cheating - David was always a stickler for the rules!)

1. What was David's favorite film?
2. What was David's favorite song?
3. What stand did David sit in at the City Ground?
4. What was David's biggest pet peeve?
5. What was a David's favorite chocolate?
6. Not including his phone, money or cards, can you name 3 items that he always carried around in his pockets?



We want to thank you for being here, for your kind words and compassion. But mainly we want to thank you for being part of David's life : for being his friend, for making him laugh, for making him feel loved.

Answers: 1. When Harry Met Sally / 2. The Lion Sleeps Tonight (Wimoweh) by The Tokens / 3. Brain Clough Stand / 4. Bad grammar / 5. Chocolate covered marzipan / 6. An out of date bus timetable, a handkerchief, conkers and a tape measure (and not because he was any good at DIY, but because it annoyed him so much I never put it back in the right place!)