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for

Yorkshire Dales and Other Musicians, Callers, Singers, Dancers, Poets and
Listeners

Just one item for this newsletter - a letter to all from Colin:

REMEMBERING MUPPETT

Saturday 14th September, 4pm till late, Guiseley

Dear All,

I met Matt Palmer, Michael Pascal's/Muppett's stepson in Otley yesterday evening.

Matt will be known to many of us as a member of Keeper's Wood one of the groups who entertained us at one or more of Muppett's amazing fund raising events in Guiseley and also an occasional attendee (with his family) at the Buck Inn Sessions.

Matt is our best contact with Muppett's immediate family including his partner Ann (Matt's mum) , who we are very much hoping will be seen back on DalesBus as soon as feels able to.

Matt has explained that the family, respecting Muppett's wishes, have decided that there will be no formal funeral following his private cremation, but it is planned to have a formal Wake event, to which all his friends are invited.

This will take place, very fittingly, upstairs at Coopers Bar in Guiseley, where many of Muppett's DalesBus fund raising events were held, almost opposite Morrisons, just 7 minutes' walk from Guiseley rail station, on **Saturday 14th September** from 4pm until late.

Please keep the date free in your diary

Many of Muppett's friends and colleagues will be performing probably from all over the West Riding, in tribute, but with an emphasis on celebrating all that Muppett was and all he contributed in a warm and positive way to the lives of so many people. It is hoped that some refreshments can be provided and of course hot meals and drinks will be available at the bar. No need to book, just turn up and join in, but come early if you want to get a seat.

There will be no charge but a collection will be made for one of the causes that were near to Muppett's heart – as the family will decide.

Matt and I also decided that it would be wonderful to have a walk dedicated in Muppett's name – the Muppett Way. Two possible favourite walks of Muppett and Ann in Upper Wharfedale have been suggested by Ann which Matt and I are looking at, with a view to having not only a celebration walk along whatever route is selected – possibly next Spring – but also, if we can some form of booklet produced, to both describe the selected route and also to summarise some of Muppett's many achievements as a campaigner, activist in so many worthwhile causes, singer-songwriter and amazing human being.

We will also look at having some more permanent memorial – whether plaque or bench – if permission can be granted and funds duly raised.

If you want to contact Matt and the Palmer family Matt's email is mattyopalmer@gmail.com, or mobile for texts +44 7984 59381 and address for any cards or written correspondence: 30 Kineholme Drive, Otley, LS21 3LX.

I'll keep everyone informed on further developments on the Wake, memorial walk and anything else that is planned.

Please feel free to pass this information to any groups or individuals who also might be interested in paying tribute to our dear and already much missed friend and colleague.

Best regards,

Colin
28/82024

This newsletter no. 21 sent as usual by
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(I regret that I can't attend and take part in this remembrance of Muppett. I am away on a family visit in the far south of the country. Richard)