

Memorial Service held for Nicholas DIBLEY in Saint James's Piccadilly on the 14th October 2021 and afterwards at the Travellers Club – plus some background.

Memorial Service Recording : <https://tiny.one/Nicholas-Dibley-Memorial-Life> & slides of his life



A memorial service was held for the many friends of Nicholas Dibley (27 April 71 to 26 March 20) on Thursday 14th October 2021 at 14:00/2pm in St James's Church 197 Piccadilly. The Rev'd Lucy Winkett Rector of St James's Piccadilly conducted the service.

After the church service a champagne reception was held at the Travellers Club 106 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5EP, which Nicholas loved and was part of the management committee, a party he would have approved with delight.

189 registered to come in the list <https://tinyurl.com/NicholasDibley-Memorial-Coming> and over 200 people actually attended.

For those who may not know, on Tuesday 24th March 2020, the day after the start of the first COVID-19 lock down and the mantra “Stay at home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives” Nicholas fainted on the pavement when walking with his husband Erlend to Waitrose and they managed to get back to their 4th floor flat.

The clinic had checked his heart to be sound 9 months earlier so called the clinic when Nicholas told he thought he had the virus – as Erlend, Nicholas and his father Hugh had been to France (the initial super spreaders to the UK came from France) and Nicholas had a cough the doctor recommended that he stay at home and advise of any change as the normal hospital check was not possible in the circumstances – testing for COVID-19 was not then available.

From Wednesday Nicholas felt better but when making supper on Thursday evening he felt unwell, lost consciousness and died while Erlend gave him CPR - 10 minutes before the ambulance arrived shortly after Erlend's call.

A Digital Autopsy/Scan gave the likely cause of a heart attack/acute cardiac event with no features of COVID-19 pneumonitis. (It is possible that e-vaping was a factor in his heart attack, something that is worthy of note considering some current guidance.)

The Order of Ceremony of Nicolas' funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday 7th May 2020 with a link to the recording on the pages is at: <https://tinyurl.com/Nicholas-Dibley-Funeral-7may20>

Messages from his old friends/colleagues in LinkedIn can be read at: <https://tiny.one/Nicholas-Dibley-LinkedIn-Mesgs>

On a lighter note - Nicholas thought "The Ballad of Dunny Roll" sounded like Eskimo Nell which we discussed on Saturday 21st March 20 while trying to remember the verses attributed to Noel Coward - some of you might agree? <https://tiny.one/The-Ballad-of-Dunny-Roll-mar20>

Only 10 people could attend his funeral in May 2020 and the consensus was that we gave Nicholas a good send-off as befitted his full life with his many friends able to relive their happy times together for over 3 hours in the Travellers Club, his true home from home – where Erlend and Nicholas had the Travellers Club's last meal on Friday 21st March 2020 before closing for the first COVID-19 lockdown.

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