

Welcome to Marie's party



‘I don’t want anyone
to be sad or in
mourning. I want
everyone to party
and have fun!’

Join us in a celebration of a life well lived

7pm Saturday 20 July 2019

At the Hub, Huntingfield, Suffolk, IP19 0QH

and drinks provided by the Huntingfield Arms

Sheila:

Tales of travel, adventure, living well and having fun.

Joe:

Stories, wonders and the magic of words, while having fun.

Isobel and Robert:

Mischief, make-believe, dressing up and having fun.

Ken:

A night walk, love, laughter and the meaning of life.

The observations about Marie on these pages are a tiny taste from the hundreds of cards, letters, emails, texts and other messages that Ken, Joe and Charlie have received as tributes marking Marie's death.



Tales of travel, adventure, living well and having fun

As she welcomes guests from all corners and walks of life and sets out the shape of the evening Sheila will share some surprising insights into the singularly unusual life of her late great friend, Marie.



'I first saw Marie before I ever met her in person at Academic Press, many years ago. There was a photo of her on the production department's notice board, sitting outside 'Brenda', the van she and Ken were travelling in. There she was, wearing shorts, willowy, tanned, lovely, already a legend, a star.'

FROM A FORMER COLLEAGUE

'She lit up our lives with her wry sense of humour and unwavering integrity. She was and always will be inspirational.'

FRIENDS FROM HUNTINGFIELD



Stories, wonders and the magic of words, while having fun

Joe, the elder of Ken and Marie's two fine sons, recalls some highlights from his mother's life, telling a few stories that cast light on Marie's character, personality, creativity and zest for life.



'I always considered Marie one of those rare people who could lift your mood just by thinking of her. Her great sense of humour and positive demeanour were a delight and must have been a solace during her illness.'

A FRIEND FROM LONDON

Mischief, make - believe, dressing up and having fun

Marie's best buddies from Scotland, Ken's childhood chums Isobel and Robert recall long hot summers in sunny Brittany and explain the current fascination with plays, performances and similar tomfoolery.



'She was so immensely brave – such a warm kind person with a great gift for making people feel very much at ease, so easy to talk to, always great fun to be with.'

FRIENDS FROM SNAPE



A night walk, love, laughter and the meaning of life

You've guessed it – life is about all the things that Marie loved – principally living well and having fun with friends and family. Oh, and doing great works and aiming high and partying and laughing and sharing and...well, lots and lots of good things that tonight we can celebrate, together. Ken closes with some reflections on living, working and doing everything together with Marie.



**'We absolutely loved
knowing her.'**

FRIENDS FROM SCOTLAND





Marie was a gem...I've been thinking about her over and over these last weeks, about who she was to me. I remember her kindness, her enthusiasm, her cheekiness, her energy, her humour, the way she cared and showed interest, the way she loved having a good time, but most of all I remember her smile and her laugh...I realise I've never taken the time to thank her for that. Silly me.

A FRIEND FROM FRANCE