

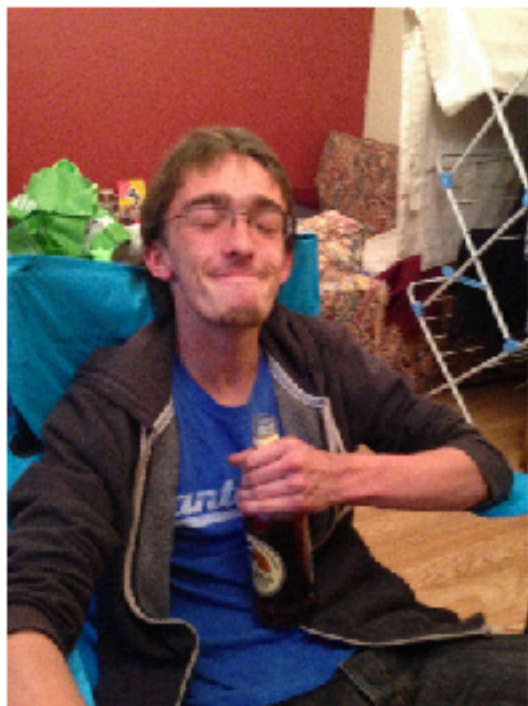
Ceremony to Celebrate and Remember the Life of

*Simon Byles*

10th May 1998 - 26th February 2018



Bishops Hull School  
Saturday 24th March 2018  
at 4.00pm



## **Ceremony led by Patsy Wallace, Humanists UK**

*You are invited to write down your favourite memories of  
Simon to share later in the ceremony.*

*If you would like your memories to be read out on your behalf,  
please give them to Patsy before the ceremony starts.*

## **Music to open the ceremony**

*Tell it to the Beer - Gaz Brookfield*

### **Reading**

“Come as you are” by Rachel Macy Stafford

Read by Ana

Come as you are  
Come with your hair uncombed.  
Come with your crooked teeth.  
Come with your sad eyes.  
Come with your shaky confidence.  
Come with your head in the clouds.  
Come with your warts that you hope nobody sees.  
Come with your inability to sit still.  
Come with your incessant questions.  
Come with your fidgety hands.  
Come with your outside-the-box thinking.  
Come with your painfully shy smile.  
Come with your voice too loud.  
Come with your loneliness.  
Come with your scars.  
Come with your story you think nobody wants to hear.  
Come with your fears.  
Come with your tear-stained cheeks.  
Come with your heart on your sleeve.  
Come as you are.

Just come as you are.  
Come as you are, I say.  
Let me see that light within you.  
And let me tell you how beautiful it is.

## **Words of welcome**

*What a wonderful world - Louis Armstrong*

## **Remembering Simon**

Tribute to remember Simon's life

Opportunity for people to share their favourite memories of Simon

## **Reading**

"Prayer for healing" by Marjorie Pizer

Chosen by Karen, Simon's mother

When I feel overwhelmed by destruction,

Let me go down to the sea.

Let me sit by the immeasurable ocean

And watch the surf

Beating in and running out all day and all night,

Let me sit by the sea

And have the bitter sea winds

Slap my cheeks with their cold, damp hands

Until I am sensible again.

Let me look at the sky at night

And let the stars tell me

Of limitless horizons and unknown universes

Until I am grown calm and strong once more.

## **Moment of Reflection**

“Poem for the fallen” by the Sporadics

As Summer evenings roll around,  
I'm drawn towards the camp fire's light.  
To laugh and drink and watch the stars,  
Rejoicing in this perfect night.  
Friendship's bond once more renewed  
By songs well sung; old tales retold.  
Yet tinged with sadness for my mate  
Who ages not as we grow old.  
Now anger at your passing fades  
As gentler memories replace.  
Each festival I dedicate  
to memories of your smiling face.  
I guard your place beside the fire  
In hope that this is not the end.  
Maybe one day our paths will cross  
I'm proud that I could call you friend.

*Moonlight Serenade - Glenn Miller*

## **Farewell**

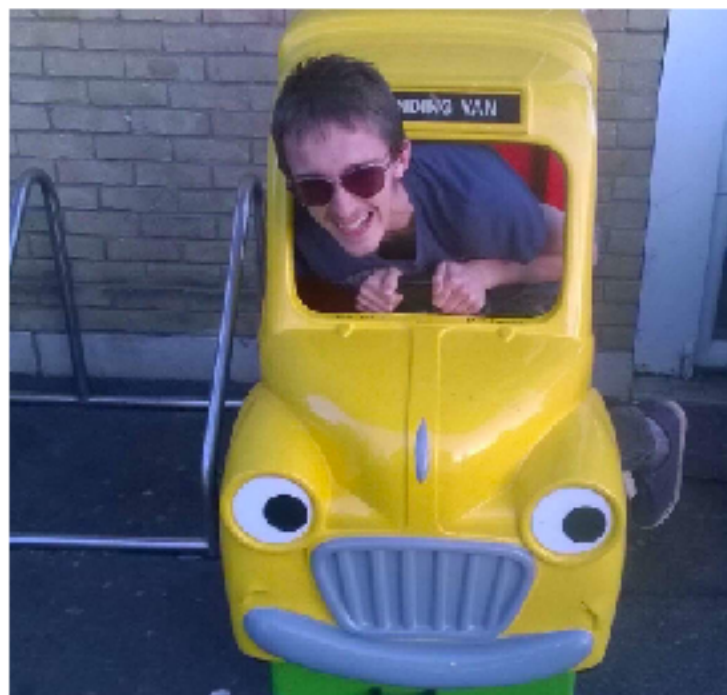
Please would you join in saying the following words of farewell:

We rejoice that Simon has lived.  
We are glad that he was part of our lives.  
We treasure the moments that we shared with him.  
We cherish our memories of him  
With love we leave him in peace  
With respect we bid him farewell.

## **Closing words**

## **Closing Music**

“Heaven” by Loudon Wainwright







Karen, Nigel, Perran, Amber and Ed would like to thank everyone for their kind messages of sympathy and for being here to celebrate Simon's life today. They invite you to stay on to share refreshments and more memories of Simon.

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