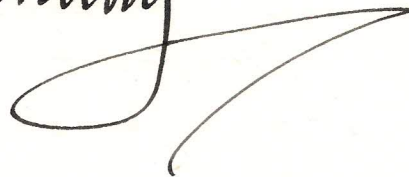


THIS IS
YOUR LIFE

Celebration of Gary's

70th Birthday



The Scene: England

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Act 1.

All the world's a stage, and
All the men and women merely players;
They have their exits and their entrances,
And one man in his time plays many parts,
His act being seven ages.

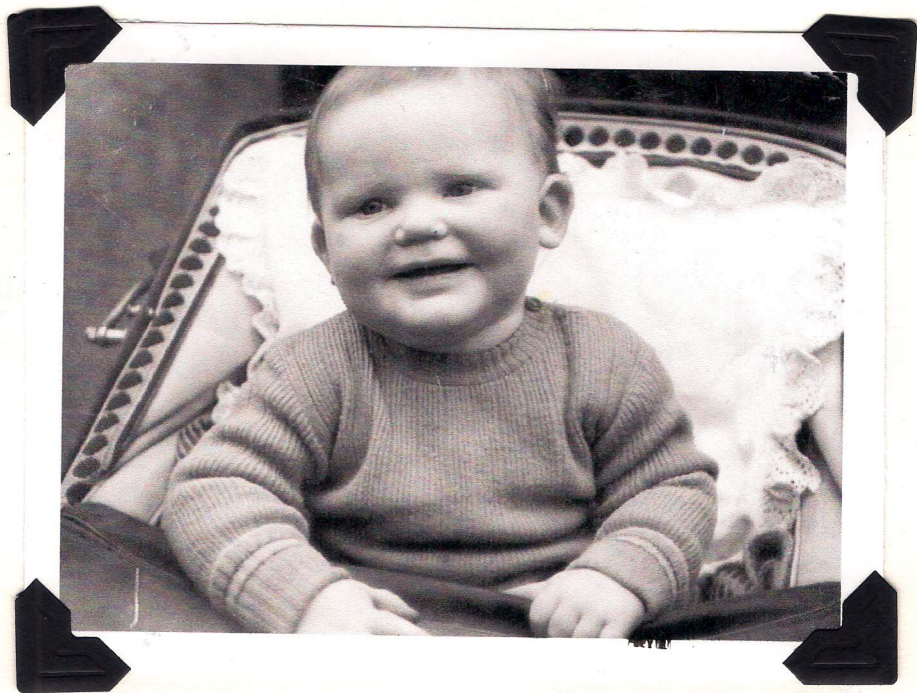
Act 1: The Early Years



In 1949 after many years of misery through the second world war, post-war prosperity is starting to get underway with shops now supplying cars, televisions and other goods demanded by society.

Act 1: The Early Years

You were born on the 14th January 1949 in St. Mary's Hospital, Harrow Road, Paddington, London to Betty and Tom Joseph, who were living at 91 Talbot Road, Bayswater.



Act 1.: The Early Years



Gravy in school uniform
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The Joseph family circa 1957, London

Act 1: The Early Years



Gary in 1966 aged 16½ years of age on
holiday at Llandudno on Lambretta
TV 175cc.

Act 1: The Early Years

Your years up to 1968 were in Lewisham and Bayswater, London living with parents, an older brother (Norman) and younger sister (Marian).

As a young boy you loved being mobile, progressing from roller-skates to a tricycle and then eventually a Lambretta scooter and finally a car!

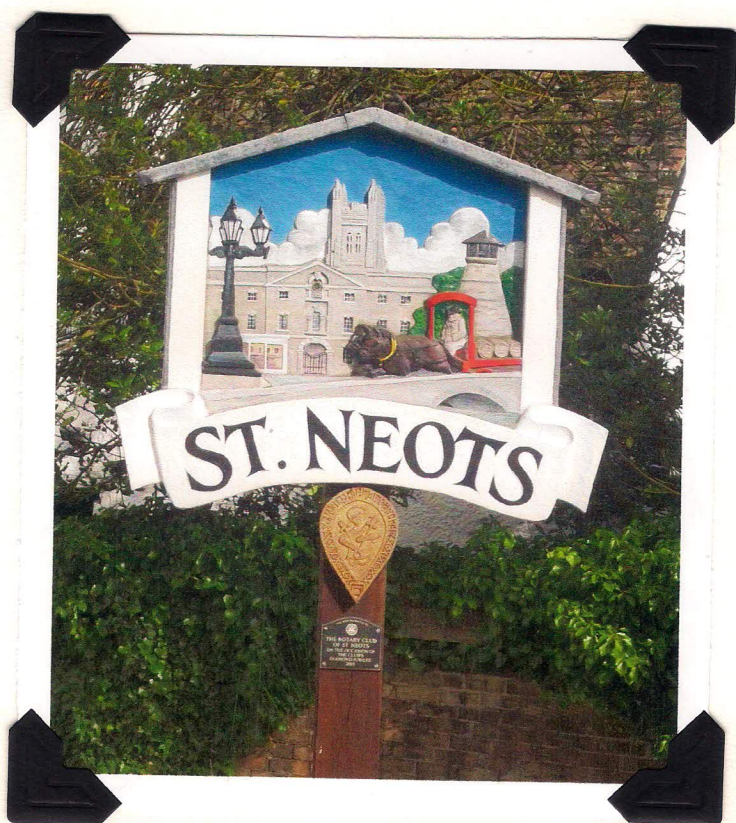
At 14 years of age you worked at Timothy Whites for £1.00 a day.

You left school at 15½ years getting your first job in a local garage.

In October 1969, the Greater London Council offered your Dad new factory work in St. Neots (Cambridgeshire) and the whole family relocated there.

Act 1: The Early Years

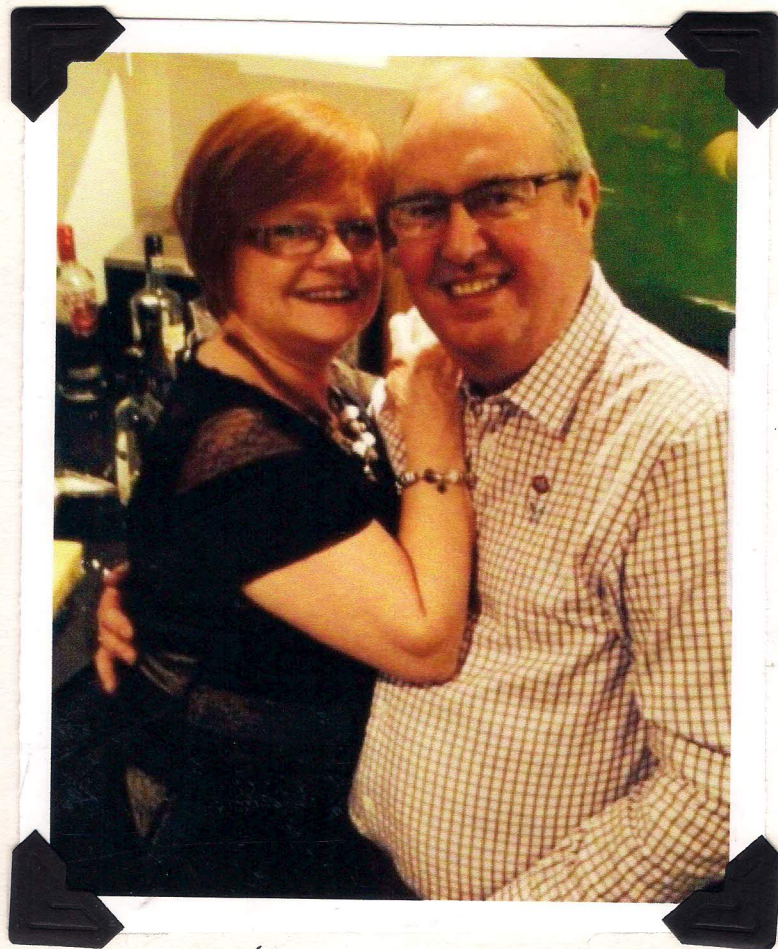
You worked in the refrigeration industry and latterly as a driving instructor and then corporate driving instructor before retiring in February 2014.



Act 1: The Early Years

Marian's Memories

- Fanny Fast Walker story and
- chewing gum and ice cream story.

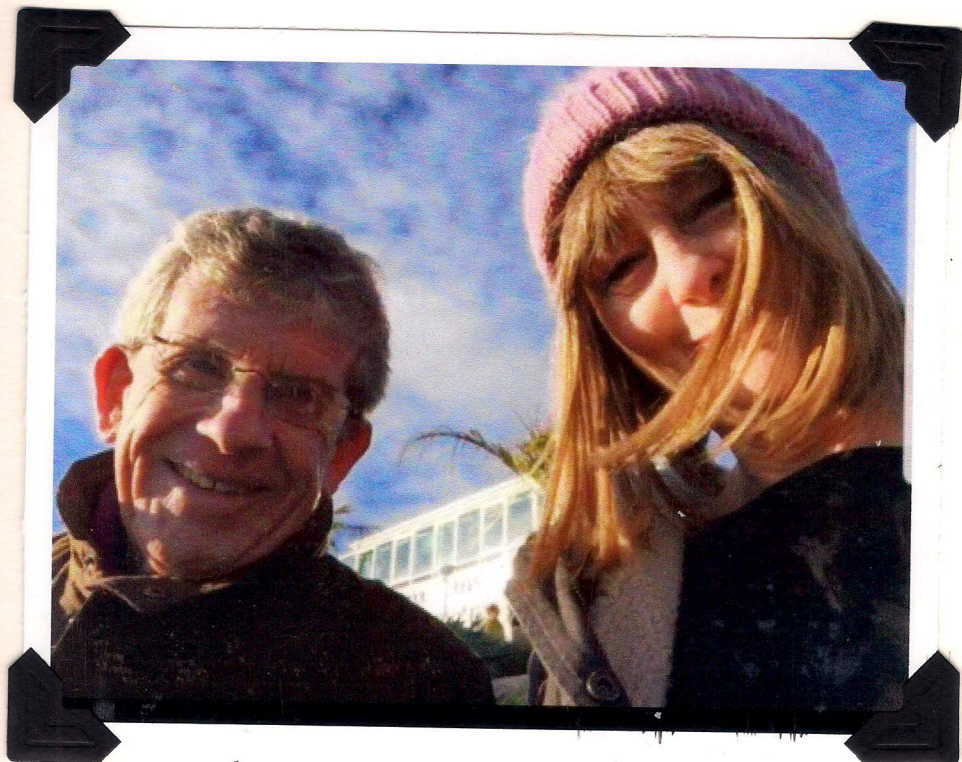


Marian and Richard

Act 1: The Early Years

Norman's Memories

- You borrowed my motor scooter without my knowledge, driving it without any insurance, no licence or helmet.
- You ate all the crisps that I bought for you and Marian.



Norman and Viv

Act 2 : Falling in love

A pair of star crossed lovers

William Shakespeare 1564-1616

Act 2 : Falling in love

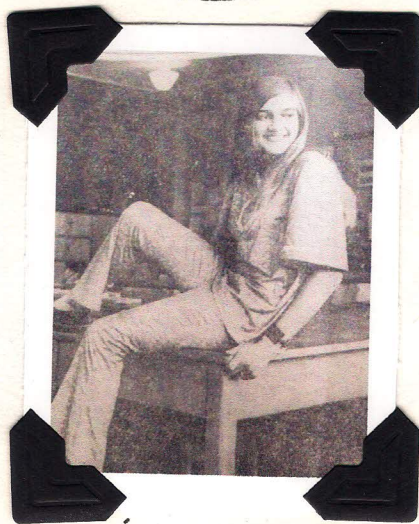


Your first love was cars and you saved up for two years to buy your dream car, a mustard coloured GT Ford Cortina MK3.

You sacrificed everything to buy this dream car then ... one day while visiting the works office you saw a "drop dead gorgeous girl" working there.

You liked the look of her very much and wanted to ask her out. That girl was Ruth Bryant.

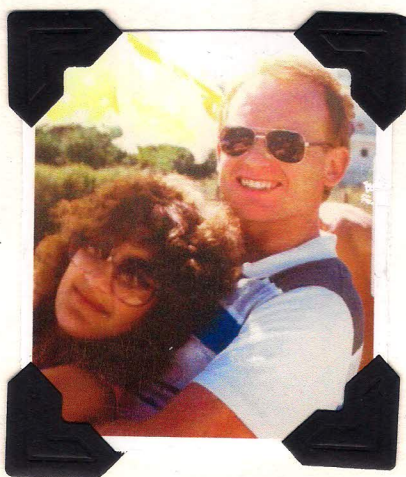
Act 2: Falling in love



Ruth, 1967 modelling at Longsands School, St. Neots.



Gary swapped his cherished car for a much more attractive model!



A pair of star crossed lovers, c 1970s

Act 2: Falling in love



Your first date with Ruth was at Earls Court boat show.

You asked Ruth to marry you on 15th

April 1972 while at the Ferry Boat Inn, St. Ives and she made you wait until the next day before accepting!

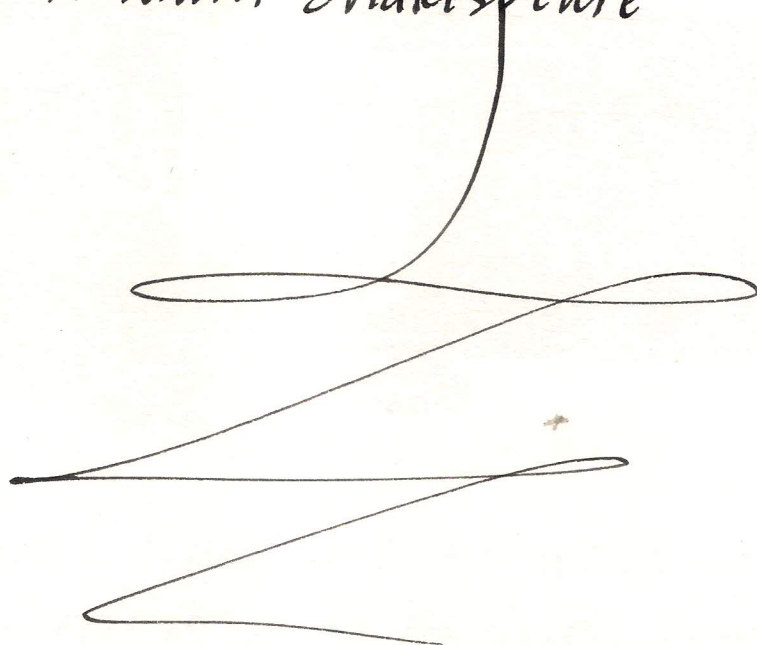
While dating you would often drive around in your car listening to 8-tracks playing Glen Campbell, James Taylor and Carly Simon.

Ruth's Dad was very strict and she had to be back home by 10.00PM on the dot!

Act 3 : Marriage

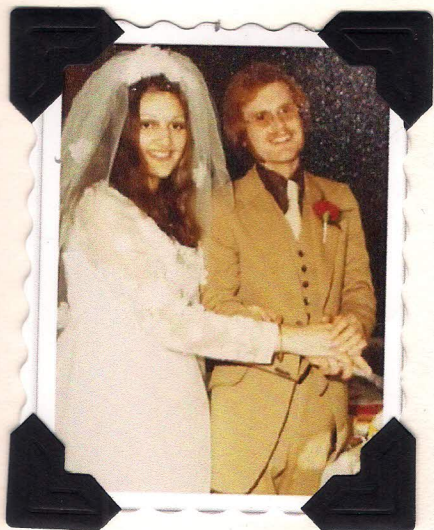
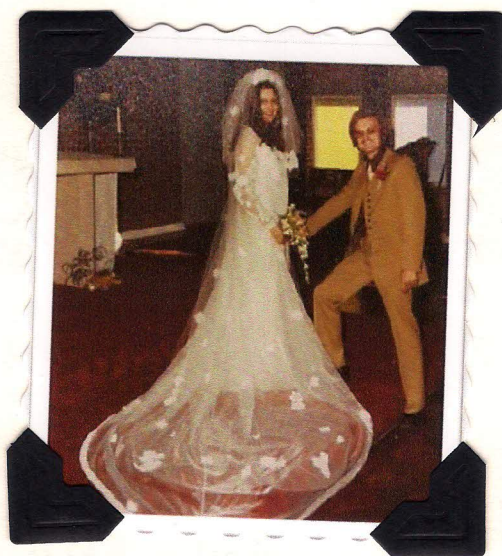
Let me not to the marriage of true
minds admit impediments. Love is
not love which alters when it
alteration finds, or bends with the
remover to be removed.

William Shakespeare



1564 → 1616

Act 3: Marriage



Ruth and Gary on their wedding day
on 15 April 1972 at Buckden Towers

→ Oops should be July

Act 3 : Marriage

The secret of a happy marriage is finding the right person. You know they're right if you love to be with them all the time

Julia Child.



Act 4: Family and Friends

The most important thing in the
world is family and love

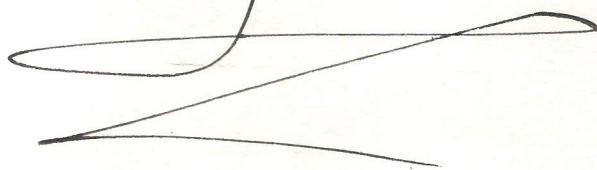
John Wooden 1920-2010

Act 4 : Family and Friends

You and Ruth had four lovely children, one boy and three girls, Heidi, Laura and Hannah.

The three girls all live locally in _____ Cambridgeshire not far from you and Ruth and being present at this party will add their stories about you.

Lee tragically died in a car accident in 2008. Though his life was cut short, the impact he had on those around him lives on forever.



Act 4: Family and Friends

Heidi's Memories

Your memories are very special to me.

My main memory is the day that you came to see Tyla for the first time

I'll never forget the look on your face and the excitement on your face holding a green frog that you bought at the petrol station.



Act 4 : Family and Friends

Laura's Memories

My memory is the one with the escalator
it gets me every time.

Also Dad chasing me upstairs in Southoe
with a tea towel, but I can't remember
what I'd done. Must have been bad as
he was cross!

And Dad driving with his hat and brown
leather driving gloves singing Roxanne
by Police at the top of his voice.

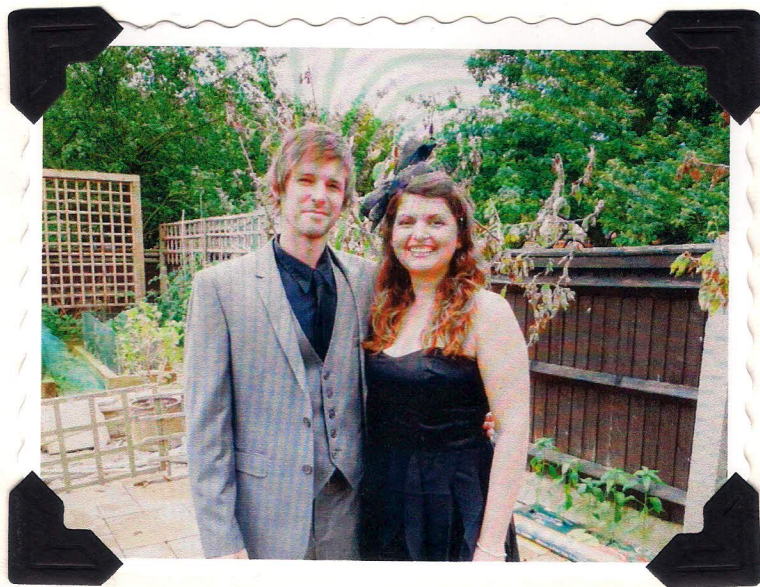


Act 4: Family and Friends

Hannah's Memories

My memory is that of Dad not wanting me to have a kitten but couldn't say no, so he gave me an ultimatum

Dad would never moan about being a taxi and he would drop anything to take us somewhere and still would now!



Act 4 : Family and Friends

James' Memories



This is a story
from the 1970s.

Gary wanted
some sand for
a home improvement project at Southoe.
And as I worked at Little Paxton gravel pits,
I arranged to meet him one Saturday to
load up his car with bags of sand.

Unfortunately, Gary drove the car too
near the pile of washed sand and it
quickly got stuck in quicksand...

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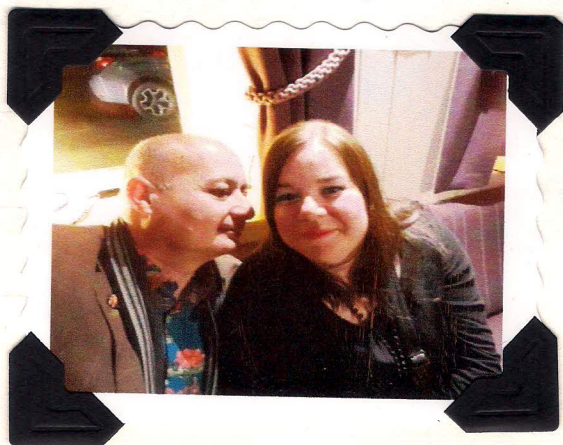
Act 4 : Family and Friends

James' Memories

We both watched in horror as the car's front wheels sank deeper and deeper into the sand and no amount of manoeuvring could free it.

Gary shot off on foot and returned driving a HGV from his local work and eventually he towed the car out of the sand.

Gary never did get his sand!



Act 4 : Family and Friends

Jan's Memories

I remember Gary building his kit car

He was immensely proud of it and keen to take everyone for a spin, including me. The problem was that 6'3" + and 16 stone it wasn't an easy fit, but Gary was undeterred and determined to get me in.

Off we went me sitting bolt upright at what seemed to me to be 90 mph but which was probably more like 35, cornering at even higher speeds and terrifying the life out of me.

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Act 4 : Family and Friends

Jan's Memories

Gary loved every minute of it, particularly
I suspect, my discomfort.
Having said that Gary is the warmest
kindest and gentlest man I know.



Act 4: Family and Friends

Jackie's memories

We've been thinking of some of the other parties and celebrations that we've shared with you and Ruth

First there was a tea towel, the beach and the surfin safari song. After laying the tea towel on the floor, we jumped on it and started surfin!

Then there was a party with fancy dress beginning with "P". So we dressed as John Travolta and Uma Therman and danced to "You never can tell" by Chuck Berry.

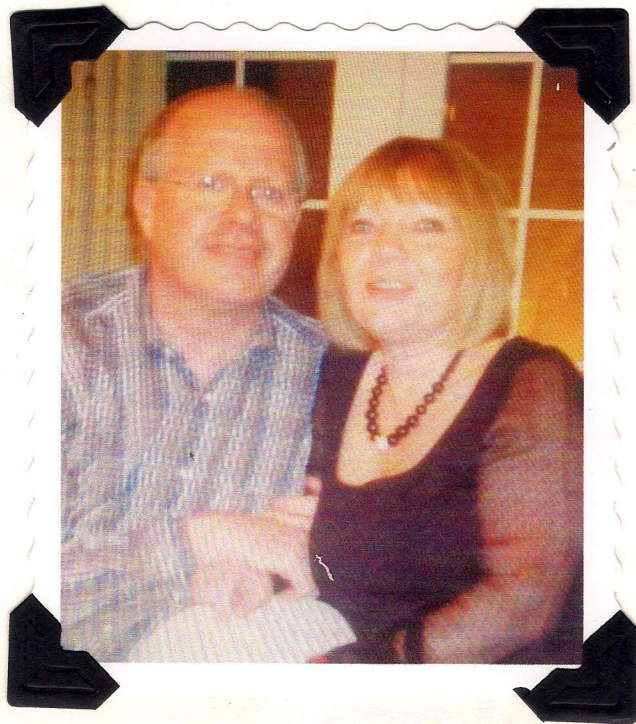
Then it was New Years Eve party and...

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Act 4 : Family and Friends

Jackie's memories

... **A** dog and a light bulb were involved.
Dressed in Sari and a Kurta, we danced
to Bollywoods favourites, patting the
dog and screwing the light bulb.

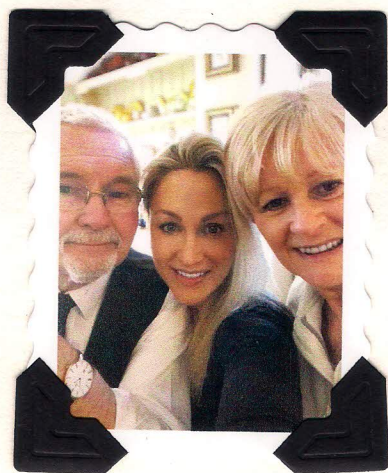


Act 4 : Family and Friends

Chris and Jon's memories

Well Gary, after that hell raising trip you took me on in your maroon kit car and you "frit" me half to death! I always questioned your choice of vehicles, including German and French.

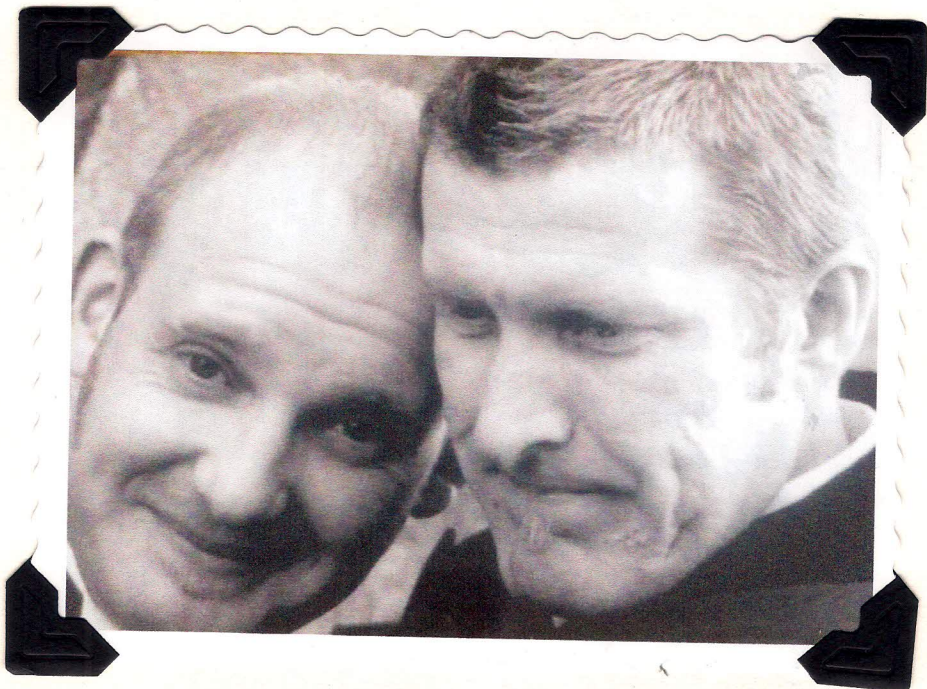
Although you did come trumps with the Jags, so I forgave you! But your choice of Lambretta really let you down, so I feel that I need to rectify that.



Act 4 : Family and Friends

Mark's memories

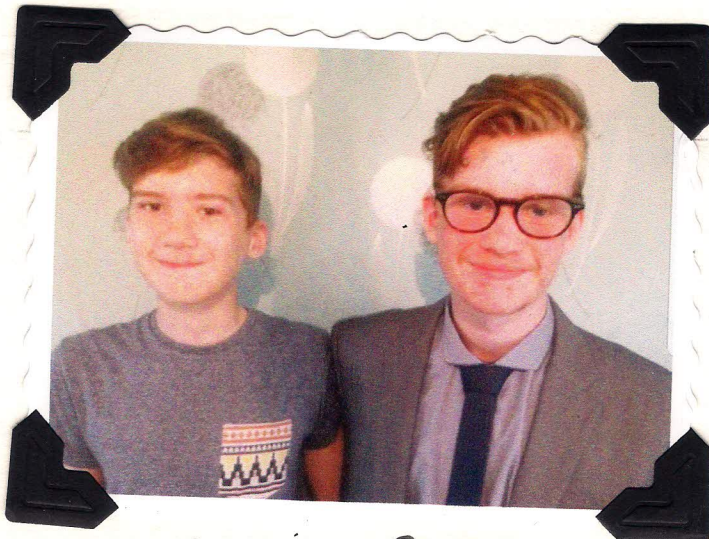
Lee decided to give me driving lessons in Ruth's car (Dolomite) and then in his Dad's car (Sierra) which was an experience as some touch up paint was needed!



Act 4 : Family and Friends

Grandchildren

You have seven lovely Grandchildren
Tyla, Lewis, Seth, Rubie, Leo, Bodhi & India.



Lewis and Tyla.



L-R Rubie, Bodhi, Leo, India and Seth

Act 4: Family and Friends

Marian's memories:-

Gary was always a dear little boy and was my Auntie Olive's favourite, she loved to look after him. Gary had to wear glasses from a very young age, but loved them so much, would go to sleep with them on. The family moved to Lewisham when Gary was 6 as his dad bought a pub there. They were happy times and Gary along with me and the other kids would call names at a lady that walked at an amazing speed, she was named 'Fanny Fast Walker' by all the kids and would chase them when they taunted her, which they all found funny, but a bit scary too.

At the age of 9 we moved back to Courtnell St. Bayswater and lived in a house next to his Nan & Granddad. Times were happy he went to Colville Junior School in Longsdale Road near Portobello Road. We loved going to Kensington Gardens, which was our local park and most of our school holidays were spent there. We played in the street which is where Gary lost his front tooth turning around and tripping over his own feet. He also got knocked out when the jerker at a little play park near our home, hit him in the head! There was a time when Gary had some chewing gum and I had an ice cream, he suggested (being 3 years older than me) that we could swap for a while, he managed to eat all the ice cream then asked for his chewing gum back.

We loved playing boxing in the front room. When Gary was 11 he went to St Christopher Wren boys school, he was looking forward to going on an evening trip with the school, so mum sent him for a haircut, just the normal short back and sides. Gary sat in the chair and removed his glasses, the barber asked if he would like a grade 2, Gary in his innocence replied yes, and was unable to see clearly how short it was being cut until the barber finished and Gary put his glasses on and had the shock of his life, needless to say, he didn't attend the trip.

Act 5 : Hobbies and Interests

- Cars (real, models and kit cars)
- Following F1
- History (WW2)
- Singing
- Reading
- Crosswords
- Driving

Act 5 : Hobbies and Interests

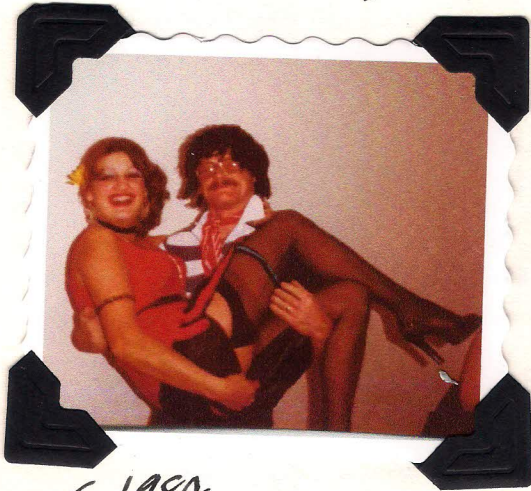
Some of Gary's Fancy Dresses :-



c 1952 Gary Left



1976 Gary right



c. 1980s



2008 New Years party



2012 Titanic Party



2013 St. Ives.

Act 5 : Hobbies and Interests.

Some of Gary's fancy dresses:—



2010 "P" Party



2013 1970s Party



2015 James' 60th BD



2014 Heidi's 40th BD.

Act 5 : Hobbies and Interests

Gary, some of your cars :-



70 is just a number!

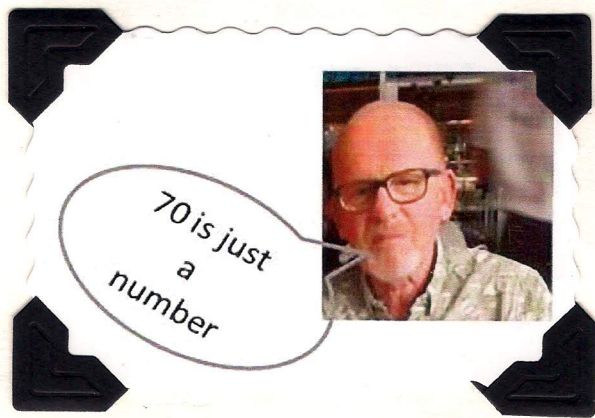
Live your life and forget
your age

Jean Paul 1763-1825

You were born on 14.1.1949. You can write 70 using the 7 digits only once using either

The sum of 70's digits is 7.

70 backwards is 07



$9 \times 9 + (-1 - 1 - 1 - 4 - 4) = 70$

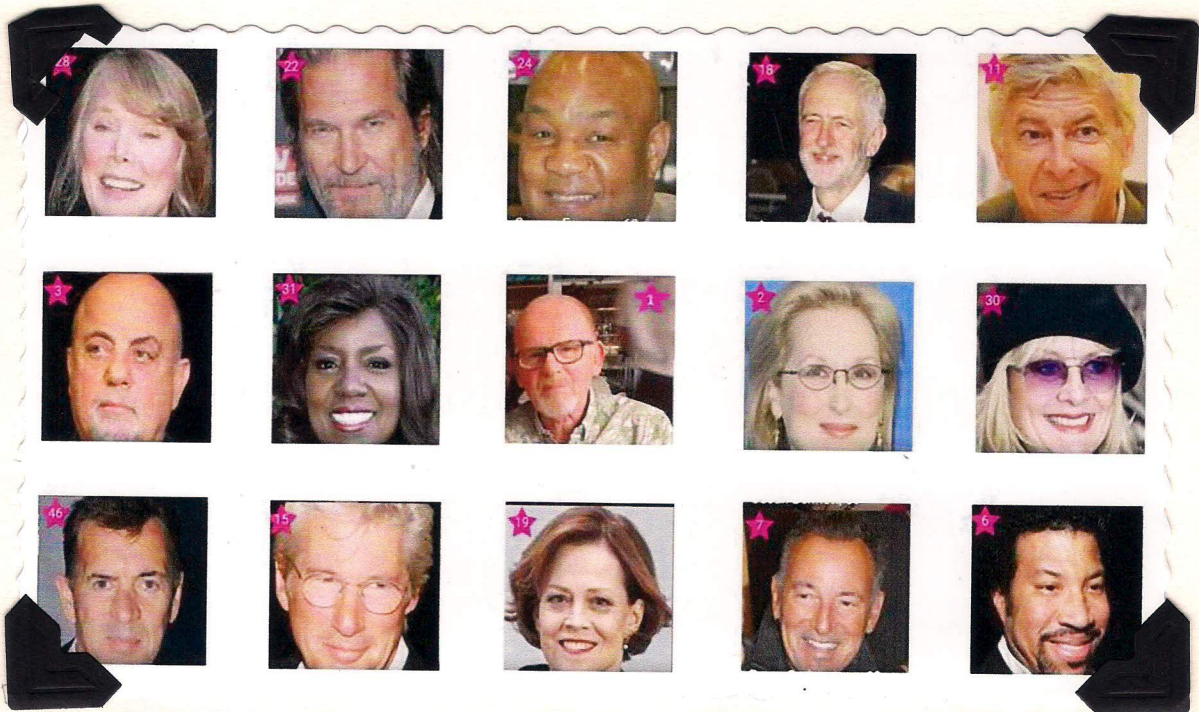
In Roman numerals 70 = LXX

A septuagenarian is 70

The prime factors of 70 are $2 \times 5 \times 7$

70 in binary is 01000110
multiplication or division

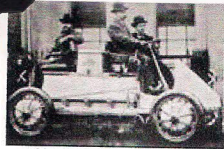
Quiz 1: Stars born in 1949



Can you name them all? Answers below.

ANSWERS: - L-R Sissy Spacek, Jeff Bridges
 George Forman, Jeremy Corbyn, Arsene Wenger
 Billy Joel, Gloria Gaynor, Gary Joseph, Meryl Streep,
 Twiggy, Duncan Bannatyne, Richard Gere,
 Sigourney Weaver, Bruce Springsteen, Lionel Richie.

Quiz 2 : Cars and their 1st year produced



1st hybrid electric/petrol



Rover P3 75 Saloon



Ford Capri



Morris Minor



Jaguar XE



Ford Cortina Mk 3



Ford Escort



Ford Sierra



Audi A4



Tesla SE



Ford Anglia 105E Deluxe



Ford Cortina Mk 1

Can you put a year ^{to} each one? Answers below.

Answers: -
 ✓ Electric car 1902, Rover P3 1949, Ford Capri 1969
 Morris Minor 1950, Jaguar XE 2004, Cortina Mk3
 1970, Escort 1968, Sierra 1982, Audi A4 1994
 Tesla SE 2008, Ford Anglia 1960, Ford Cortina Mk1
 1962

Quiz 3 : General knowledge

Quiz 3: Gary's 70 Birthday Party

Write your name here.....

Q1 For a WW1 British tank, how many crew members were there inside to operative it, including guns?

(a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 6, (d), 8 (e) 9



Q2 What year was the first recorded use of a baby pram?

(a) 1533, (b) 1633, (c) 1733, (d) 1833 or (e) 1933



Q3 What top speed in 2008 was recorded for a formula 1 car?

(a) 150.7km/h, (b) 260.7km/h, (c) 349.7km/h, (d) 400.7 km/h or (e) 500.7km/h



Q4 What's the odds of an average golfer (not professional) making a hole in one?

(a) 1:100, (b) 1:1200, (c) 1: 500, (d) 1:1200 or (e) 1:12500



Q5 Name the most common garden bird found in UK?

(a) Robin, (b) Pigeon, (c) House Sparrow, (d) Starling or (e) Small Tit



Q6 How long in will it take a 6.5kg defrosted turkey to cook in a pre-heated, fan assisted oven at 180c (350f or gas mark 4)?

(a) 1.80hrs, (b) 2.80hrs, (c) 3.80hrs (d) 4.80hrs or (e) 5.80hrs



Q7 What year was "Warboys" (in Cambridgeshire) first recorded in print or a derivation of it?

(a) 1000BC, (b) 500AD, (c) 1000AD, (d) 1085AD or (e) 1200AD



Q9 From 1960 to 1977 what was the code needed to launch the USA nuclear missiles by the acting president?

(a) 0000000000, (b) 1234567890, (c) 19601970, (d) 6969 or (e) 1111111111

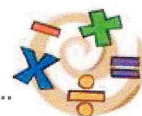


Q9 How many hearts does an octopus have?

(a) 1, (b) 2, (c) 3, (d) 4 or (e) 5



Q10 Gary's birthday is on 14-01-1949. Using each of the 7 digits only once and either multiplication, division, subtraction or addition, how can you get to his age (70)? Show your working out below:



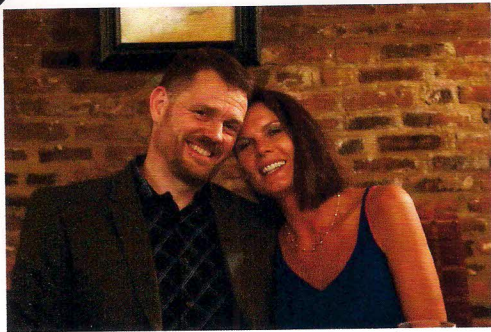
Answers: - Q1 = 8, Q2 = 1733, Q3 = 349.7km/h, Q4 = 1:1200
 Q5 = house sparrow, Q6 = 3.8hrs, Q7 = 1085AD
 Q8 = 0000000000, Q9 = 3, Q10: -
 $(9 \times 9) - (1 + 1 + 1 + 4 + 4) = 70$

Write your birthday wishes
to Gary here.

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Appendix A : Late submission by Jeremy

This came through too late to be included in the main book, but definately needs adding!



How I met Gary:

I first met Gary in Scholars Avenue. He often used to visit Lee and Rachel.

One day I asked Lee, "Where does your brother work?" He replied "I don't have a brother."

"Who was that fella round this morning then?" I asked.

"That's my Dad!" he said and we both laughed.

"Gosh!" I said, "He looks younger than you!"

"I better tell him that" laughed Lee.

Gary the racing driver:

When my car was in for a repair I was given a courtesy car. It was an Audi S3. The guy at the workshop said it's quite quick. When I got behind the wheel I was blown away. It went like a rocket. When I got home I went straight round to Lee's house to show off the rocket machine. He said, "We need to go round to my Dad's to show him."

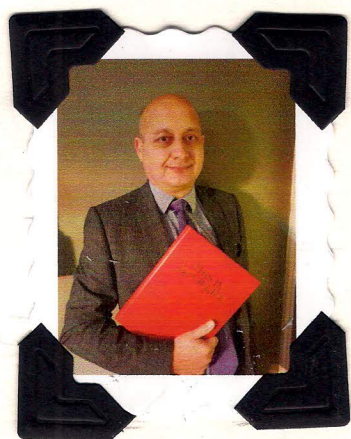
On the way he explained that Gary was an amazing driver and he'll take us for a spin. So we went round to Ruth and Gary's house, this was when they lived in Hinchingbrooke, and showed Gary the rocket machine. Not long after we were bombing round Spittals and off up the Brampton by-pass. I was even more blown away as I learnt the full extent of this Rocket's capability with Gary behind the wheel. I have always wondered whether Gary was the "Stig" but I guess he is not allowed to tell us.

Gary the Entertainer:

Gary is a great entertainer and he showed us all the full extent of his entertaining talents at his 60th party at the Old Bridge. He sang a special song to Ruth and it was awesome - what a great voice. After the song he then transformed into "The Dancer." After a special dance with Ruth he moved on to other ladies including Kate where he showed everyone what ball room dancing really is. He worked Kate into a proper frenzy before politely passing her on to another poor unsuspecting gentleman. Gary claims that it was all Kate but I'm not sure. A bit like the S3 Rocket I've never got the level of performance out of Kate on a dance floor like Gary did.

Special love:

I know this is Gary's Red Book but you can't have one without the other. Lee was very proud of his Mum and Dad and something he said to me once that has always stuck in my mind. My Mum and Dad have true love. They still love each other today as much as they did when they first met. And I feel it whenever I go round to their house. Love and happiness. Whatever life throws at them, whatever happens, the love and happiness will see them through.



I'd like to thank my sister Ruth for providing most of the information for this book and without her

it would not have been possible.

Next, I would like to thank my wife, Jodie for her patience and understanding while I sat, almost scribe like, over the weekend of 5/6 January writing it up.

You can find an electronic copy of this book on my website at :-

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at "my sister's" link on the left side, clicking Gary's name on that page.

James Bryant
10 January 2019