Backbeat David Cassidy

Remembering David Cassidy

His love and light shared

WHEN David Cassidy passed away suddenly on November 21, 2017, there was an outpouring of sadness from fans who had followed his career from the early 70s and had never forgotten him.

The David Cassidy Facebook Group of Great Britain began a Legacy Trail in the UK so David would be remembered for his tal-

ent and his kindness.

In September, 2018, a plaque was erected at the stage door of the Phoenix Theatre, London by his fans to commemorate his role as Mickey in Blood Brothers.

The plaque was unveiled by DJ Mike Read, and this was the beginning of the Legacy Trail of David

Cassidy in the UK.

David's fans remember him for his kindness and compassionate nature. David's legacy of talent, acting, singing and song-writing will be shared and remembered. A memorial bench plaque at Hammersmith Park remembers the many concerts and connections.

A plaque at Heathrow Airport commemorates David's iconic arrival in the UK, where so many fans had never been seen before. A tribute at Wembley Arena commemorates David's sell out concerts, and very recently, a seat

plaque at The Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank, commemorates 50 years of Partridge Family and the film Four weddings and a Funeral.

Many more tributes and memorials can all be found on Facebook pages and online websites: www. facebook.com/DCgbteam

Alongside the tributes and memorials in David's honour are donations to various charities in honour of his love of animals, children's charities, dementia charities and many more.

Three years on, David's fans continue to remember him in a kind and loving way: connecting up with fans across the Globe and making friendships that will probably last a lifetime: connecting up with David's friends, such as Petula Clark who is always happy to share fond memories of David: sharing David's talent via radio stations such as Seabird Radio in a weekly David Cassidy Hour when fans

request their favourite songs. The area of St Giles in London, next to the Phoenix Theatre has become symbolic of David's memory. Fans have connected with the Phoenix garden which is volunteer-run and have placed a plaque on the wishing wall in the garden, supporting with donations of plants. A framed picture of David adorns the St Giles Hotel restaurant.

The St Giles Church, next to the theatre, holds a memorial table, flowers, candles and memorial book to sign every year on November 21. The church supports local charities such as for the homeless, and

David's fans have recently donated to these too.

One thing is certain: the Legacy of David Cassidy will be one of Love and Light as David wanted and as the legacy trail grows, making a difference in people's lives.

Sharing David's legacy of music and talent will continue to grow, with campaigns to make sure his talent is appreciated and respected.

His fans will miss him always.

"Happy Trails, David." Sharron Liddle



