



Dear All friends, family and musical acquaintances and colleagues of Lol Coxhill's.

Tim Hodgkinson recently suggested to me to compile a block message to as many friends and admirers with any connection to Lol as can be thought of, but if you can think of others, then please forward this message.

This information is just to keep everyone in the picture of Lol's past and present situation. I spoke with his youngest daughter - Claire - recently and she reminded me (it being the end of June that we write this email) that Lol has been in hospital now for over 6 months. That's a long time, and he has been in intensive care for more than half of that time.

So the following is a short resume of his history in this last 6 months:

Lol was admitted to University College Hospital (at the top of Euston Road, near Warren Street Station) at the beginning of December 2011. He had had a few bad falls as a result of what was later diagnosed as a Myalin deficiency.

After a lot of waiting because of faulty machinery and postponements the diagnosis was given, but in the meantime he picked up some hospital super-bugs that ultimately gave him double-pneumonia. This necessitated him being admitted to intensive care where there were some very critical moments.

After several months, Lol was finally transferred over to the National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery. After the inflicted superbugs, Lol is still dependent on a tracheostomy and the specialists are very careful about further infections caused by liquids being ingested by accident in to the lungs, so his speaking is limited to a few occasions where he can talk with

Uli or any visitors for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Considerable care and caution has to be taken as Lol is still very susceptible to infection, of which a recent incident put him in yet another critical state due to a urinary infection.

Uli has had a very hard time where she has been by Lol's side most of the day, every day for all this time, monitoring his pains and discomforts as well as giving him hope and a reason to survive. This has been extremely difficult for her, and has required her to sacrifice her job, her time and all her energies for Lol. You can imagine this has taken a considerable strain on her own state of mind and body.

Her most recent encounter has been with a senior member of medical staff who tried to harangue her in to agreeing a cessation to his treatment. Ulli has written in a reply to this particularly distressing encounter:

"How was this decision reached, to basically apply passive euthanasia? I can't help but feel that Lol is not considered a worthwhile case. To me he is still worth his life, even at 79. How is it decided that this is his time to die, when he is clearly still full of spirit and Mind? "

So the situation now is extremely stressful and difficult for Ulli. Her sister Marlis said to a few of us recently that Ulli really needs support now from us. So how can she be supported?

1. Possibly by just contacting her: phone, text, ansaphone, or email. Her mobile number is 07854 132186. Her email is: ulrikeg24@gmail.com, and her address is:

Ulli Scholtz-Coxhill
17 Laney House
Portpool Lane
London EC1 N7UL

2. Perhaps gifts however small, like a card, or images of friends with Lol, personal recordings that might have been made involving Lol...so anything to express support and a connection with him.

3. A visit. Knowing how busy everyone is, a visit might have to be short but this does not matter. A fleeting 15 minutes would show solidarity and support. Just to be there and smile at him is a great positive gesture. The address of the hospital is:

National Hospital for Neurology & Neurosurgery
Queen Square
London
WC1N 3BG

...and his ward can be located by asking at reception for 'Lowen George Coxhill'...they are pretty relaxed as far as visiting hours go. Perhaps trying to make little regular visits however far apart would be even better because it would show continuing support.

Please pass this message on to all friends who know Lol, as this list is fairly finite.

Any form or mention of support at gigs and the old 'whip-round' would be another way of propagating the message.

Thank you for reading this. Lol is an incredibly important musician and friend to us all. We hope you can express your appreciation and respect for this wonderful man somehow.

Sincerely

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