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Camera: **Canon EOS 5D Mark III: E53**

Film: **Full frame digital**

**Subject:**

Ludlow and Dermot's Funeral.

**Notes:**

Spoke to Maggie on 9th August. She told me that Dermot had been ill while on holiday but that she had met him off of the train and got him home and was confident that he was now well. On the 10th August Maggie rang and I missed the call. I called back later but there was no reply. I had a dreadful sinking feeling that Dermot had died.

Maggie called again on the 10th and told me the bad news. When he hadn't picked up in the morning she had gone to his house where she found him dead on the kitchen floor with the tap running.

Maggie and Dermot had not divorced so she is his sole heir and given that his family are all in Sheffield and parts North, it fell to her to clean up dispose of his stuff and sell the house.

As might be expected Maggie made a fine job of organising the funeral.

Rahel and Joseph were in Ethiopia and as I was determined to be at the funeral it meant Max's final demise as his bowels were no longer reliable.

I stayed at friend of Maggie's house. After the funeral we spent the afternoon at a local brewery and then went into town.

Maggie took us to the Rose and Crown, a fabulous pub, possibly dating back to 1102. Acquired by a local brewery, Joule's, which itself had been raised from the dead not many years previously.

Dermot's family were great company. Spent some time talking to Carrie. Brent seemed in fine fettle too and was much easier to be with than I had expected.

After the pub we went to Shapla, an Indian Restaurant in Broad Street. The restaurant staff were very good hosts and when getting a taxi was problematic for us after the meal they ran us home themselves.

Maggie had asked me to come over for breakfast but I couldn't raise her on the phone in the morning and as I didn't have her address decided to make an early start back to Nottingham.

For some reason I couldn't bring myself to photograph my fellow mourners, it seemed inappropriate somehow and contented myself with some pictures of the pub and nearby yards.

Dermot's death has really shaken me. I suppose the unexpectedness of it accounts for much of this but it's more than that. It's really hit home in way that family deaths and the deaths of those with whom I had lost contact has not.

Maggie tries so very hard to show bravado and to be dispassionate and in control of herself to the point where it can become quite irritating. These things are hard, they are upsetting and they do have repercussions. Maggie did break down and cry on the phone at one stage when a relative of Dermot's had been quite difficult about something, the choice of music possibly? I don't remember clearly but I was glad that Maggie was able to share a little.

In November it became clear that the untimeliness of Dermot's death has rattled Maggie too and that she is trying to make arrangements now in order to keep everything shipshape should she too suddenly pop her cloggs.

**Dates:**

Dates and times are verified from original exif data.

**Frames:**

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F47B7335 20230913 17:38:02 The barmaid.  
F47B7337 20230913 17:38:18 The barmaid.  
F47B7338 20230913 17:40:45 Yard.  
F47B7339 20230913 17:41:31 Church Street.  
F47B7340 20230913 17:41:34 Church Street.  
F47B7341 20230913 17:41:46 Old street.  
F47B7342 20230913 17:42:18 Brent Dawkins.  
F47B7344 20230913 17:42:34 Hail fellow well met.  
F47B7346 20230913 18:56:54 Broad Street.  
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F47B7327 - Rose & Crown.



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F47B7335 - The barmaid.

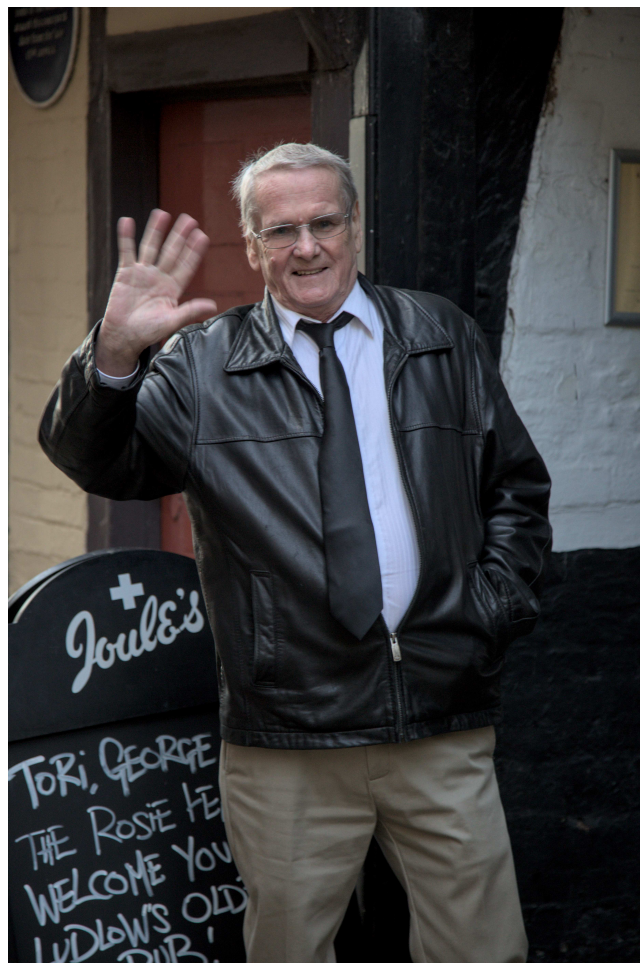


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F47B7339 - Church Street.



F47B7344 - Hail fellow well met.





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