

Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life  
of  
**HAROLD SALISBURY**  
1931 – 2023



To be held at Preston Crematorium  
on  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 12.45pm

Service officiated by Mike Brabbin









**INTRO**

*'Everything I Have Is Yours'*

*Billie Holliday*

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HAROLD SALISBURY**

Family Memories

**A MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

*'In A Sentimental Mood'*

*Nat Birchall – Saxophone*

**SAD TUNES IN MINOR KEYS**

In memory of Harold Salisbury

*Written and read by Alan Dent*

*Sad tunes in minor keys might fit the day, although  
wouldn't he have relished a cheeky, pert, scherzo  
blowing on two reeds at once  
a trick to make us wonder  
putting Gabriel to shame  
stealing heaven's thunder;  
but heaven was earthly  
Sunday night was worship at the Lamb  
every jazzo from the town streaming in to cram  
for Gary Culshaw's perfect bass  
Keith Ashcroft's wild progressions  
pity those who sat at home  
while we imbibed those sessions;  
mercy, mercy, mercy  
mind my little suede shoes  
they heard him blowing in Lark Hill  
a ballad or a blues (in F)*

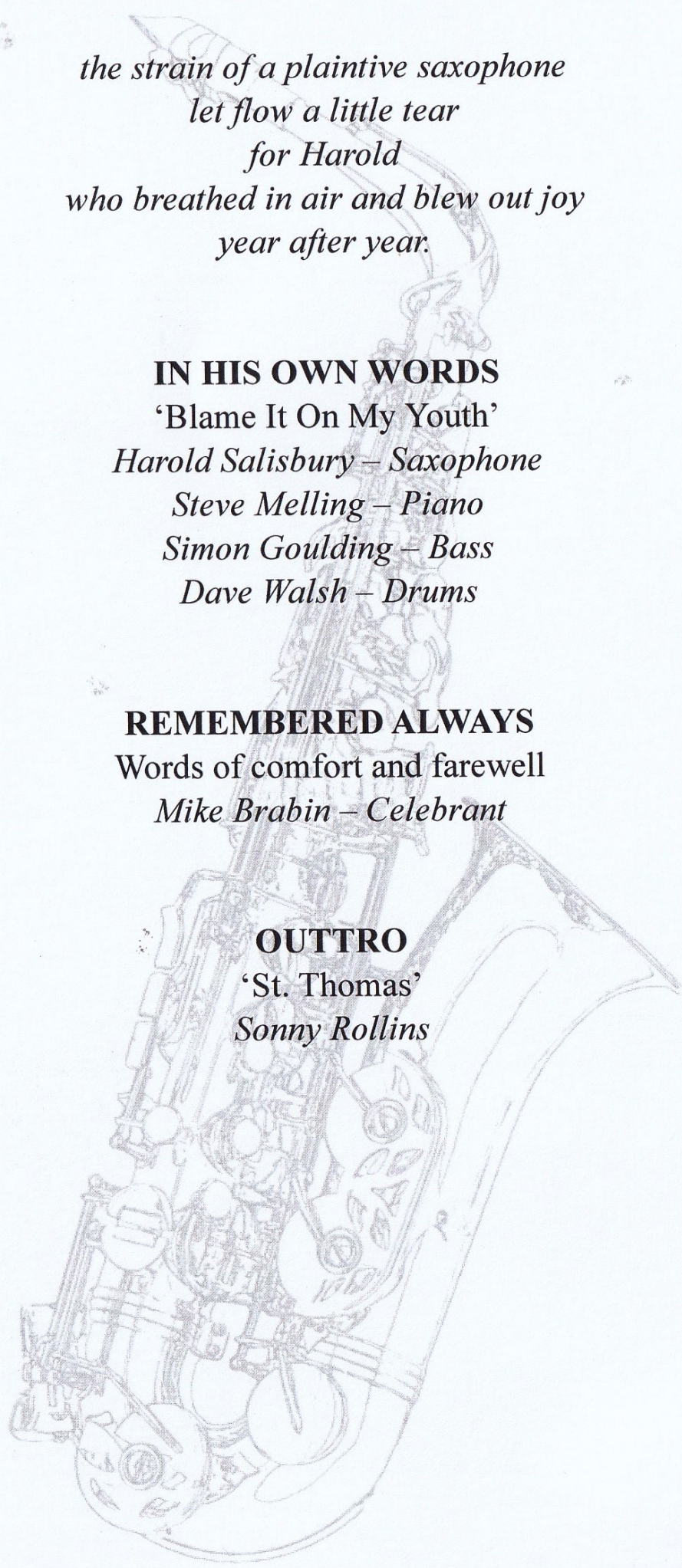


*Gertrude waltzed in with the chicken  
we might have been at Ronnie's  
some had to hang around outside  
like hopeful stage-door Johnnies  
every little sunflower had gobbled down her tea  
to grab a ringside seat to hear  
St Tom and Donna Lee  
the cats all purred at Cantaloupe  
Footprints set strays barking  
we didn't even have to pay  
to wallow in Free Parking  
in a sentimental mood  
let's raise a toast to all  
the personnel who played along  
from here to the Band on the Wall;  
Birchall Paul and Birchall Nat  
Steve Oakes, Tim Franks, John Bailey,  
Andy Smith and Norman Helm,  
but no one like Bill Haley,  
Frosty Beadle, Willie Fluss,  
Tom Vernon, Gavin Barras  
a fine array of talent with riches to embarrass,  
Sue Parish, Andrej Baradek, Ed Harrison, Caroline  
Matt Wells, Munch Manship, Gary Boyle  
(what, no Courtney Pine?)  
Paul Burgess, Sylvan Richardson,  
Steve Williams to boot  
let squares who like to eat square meals  
play spatchcock stuff for loot;  
Dave Hardman in his kitchen  
pulled his cupboard wide  
"I'm going to name my band," he said  
"by what I see inside."*



*and so was Pinto Beans baptised  
which drew us from our tellies  
to hear then fly  
500 miles high  
at the Ferret and Zeffirelli's;  
and if you called at number 4  
for wine and conversation  
Harold held forth on Bird and Miles  
Malthus, dosh, the nation  
he'd tell you where to stash your pile  
and other arcane lore  
ever eager to explain  
the cause of the 2nd World War;  
and when the autumn leaves would fall  
and his mood was indigo  
he'd say, don't get around much anymore  
marvel how Bird's KoKo  
was built on the chords of Cherokee  
a tune he loved to blow;  
you always knew just what he loved  
and what he would abhor  
and never left with any doubt  
about the cause of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War;  
and when he played a game of pool  
he went for the corner pocket  
poised, restrained, the spit of cool  
Preston's little rocket;  
blues in my heart, tempus fugit  
his horn will blow no more  
but the notes endure like what we know  
of the cause of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World war;  
Take a walk down Grosvenor Place  
you might believe you hear*





*the strain of a plaintive saxophone  
let flow a little tear  
for Harold  
who breathed in air and blew out joy  
year after year.*

**IN HIS OWN WORDS**

*'Blame It On My Youth'*

*Harold Salisbury – Saxophone*

*Steve Melling – Piano*

*Simon Goulding – Bass*

*Dave Walsh – Drums*

**REMEMBERED ALWAYS**

Words of comfort and farewell

*Mike Brabin – Celebrant*

**OUTTRO**

*'St. Thomas'*

*Sonny Rollins*









**CELEBRATION**

*2:30pm*

*The Continental  
South Meadow Lane  
Preston PR1 8JP*

*Harold's family would like to thank all family and friends for their kind thoughts and the expressions of sympathy shown at this sad time.*

*Donations if you wish to our parents' charity of choice*

*St. Catherine's Hospice*

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