

INQUESTS ARISING FROM THE DEATHS IN THE FORBURY GARDENS TERROR ATTACK OF 20 JUNE 2020

Pen Portrait of Dr David Wails

A pen portrait of Dr David Wails written by David's mother. His father sadly died of cancer in 2006.

David was our much-loved eldest son. He had a happy childhood along with his younger brother and sister. He went to York University soon after his 18th birthday and we worried about whether he would be able to cope on his own. However, he did alright, achieving a degree in chemistry after three years there, followed by a doctorate three years later.



David then went to a university in Toronto to do research for a year, after which he did another year at Queens University, Belfast. He then obtained work at Johnson Matthey in Reading as a senior scientist doing valuable research to provide cleaner air for the environment. He also worked with other scientists in the EU on various projects.

We all missed him but despite his busy life he always came home at holiday times to see us, and we spoke on the phone every week.



Now all of his learning is wasted, and we are left heartbroken for the rest of our lives. We live everyday with the horrific memory of the brutal murders that took him from us and denied us the chance to even say goodbye.

May he rest in peace.



Josephine Wails, on behalf of the Wails family