



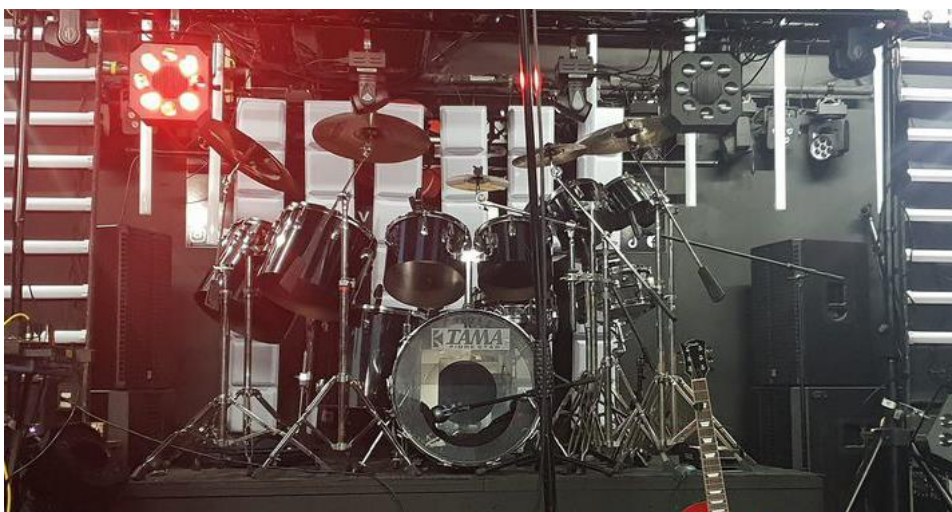
Drummer **Cedric ('Ced') Sharpley** was a legend on the local music scene around Hertfordshire, but later gained international fame – first with bands such as *Druid* and then as the drumbeating engine room behind *Gary Numan* in the glory days from 1979-1992 (notably *Replicas*, *The Pleasure Principle*, *Telekon*, *Warriors*, *Berserker* and *The Fury*). He subsequently formed *Dramatis* with former Numan band members Chris Payne and Russell Bell and was working on a new project called *Tinderfish* before his death in 2012, reviving an old partnership with his colleagues and former band members from *Druid*.

The Ced Sharpley Drumming Bursary

Following Cedric's unexpected death in 2012, his long-time partner **Gill Mabey** wanted to create a memorial on his behalf – a meaningful legacy. In partnership with her brother **David Mabey**, they set up **The Ced Sharpley Drumming Bursary at Ashlyns School**, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire (Ced's old school). This pays for one or more students to have specialist one-to-one drumming tuition for a full academic year.

A new recipient is chosen each year, and the Bursary is totally funded by donations, special events, crowdfunding via JustGiving, CDs, downloads and so on. The Bursary also receives invaluable assistance from Gary Numan 'tribute' bands including *Tubeway Days* and *The Liquid Engineers* (their drummer Dave Twigg restored Ced's legendary TAMA kit to its original glory and now plays it during their shows).

"Wouldn't it be brilliant if the Bursary helped to create the next 'super-drummer' – or even a top professional musician?" Chris Payne, former keyboard player with Gary Numan



Ced's legendary TAMA kit expertly restored by drummer Dave Twigg from The Liquid Engineers

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