## Birmingham Mail FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011



Rest in peace: Christopher Lloyd, also known as Kreios Draedan, who died in a car crash in Sussex at the weekend.

## By Nick McCarthy STAFF REPORTER

TRIBUTES have poured in for a talented artist, DJ and musician from Birmingham who was killed in a car crash in Sussex at the weekend.

Chris Lloyd, who is also known as Kreios Draedan, died when his VW Golf collided with a Jeep Cherokee on the A21 near to Tunbridge Wells on Saturday afternoon.

The 26-year-old from Edgbaston, who celebrated his birthday the day before the crash, was with a female passenger who was seriously injured but has not yet been named.

She was airlifted to the William Harvey Hospital in Kent.

The classically trained pianist, organist and guitarist performed as a DJ at venues across Birmingham and Britain, including the Drop Beats Not Bombs project.

David Whittall, who worked with



Musician: Christopher Lloyd.

Chris on the club night, said: "His death has come as a tremendous shock to everybody that knew him. He was without doubt the perfect gentleman and this world is a darker place without his effervescent light.

"Kreios was passionate about crea-

tive expression.

"We were actually about to build a steampunk upright piano on a trolley which we were going to push through the city centre whilst Kreios played for an event called Electro Swing Club. That was Kreios all over, if it was a crazy and fantastic idea, he would jump at it. We'll now turn the piano into a shrine to Kreios at the event.

"We'll be holding a suitably outrageous memorial party to celebrate his life. He changed his name to Kreios by deed poll because he thought it was more interesting."

A Facebook tribute page set up by his brother Gaz Lloyd said: "In loving memory of a brother, son and friend to us all. Kreios/Chris will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

"He made us all so proud and we were blessed to have been able to share his life. May he rest in peace."

One of his former music teachers David McWilliam posted: "Devastated to hear this news. I taught Chris piano for many years.

"He was such a musical guy and was creative with a great touch at the key-

board.

"He was fun to teach and was a nice guy. I feel fortunate to have known him."

Another online tribute from Bradley Spencer said: "This is heartbreaking news. I am lost for words but my thoughts will always be of a young man full of energy and a genuine sense of his own way on this path we tread."

Jane Robertson Phasey added: "We all loved Chris so very much, and owe him more than we can say.

"His going is a terrible loss – he touched everyone's heart and was one of the most purely good people I have ever known."

A spokesman for Sussex Police said the unnamed passenger, who is also from Birmingham, is still seriously ill in hospital.

She added that the 51-year-old driver of the Jeep and his three passengers, two girls aged ten and 11 and a 45-year-old woman, all from Tunbridge Wells, were taken to hospital with minor injuries.