

Obituary

Tony Yoward (1925 - 2019)

Tony was a long-standing member of the Mills Section and also committee member for 12 years, during this time acting as the Section's archivist. He was someone many of us knew. Sadly Tony died in January this year. Until recently he was always seen at our meetings and on our tours, latterly accompanied by his daughter Jane who would drive him around. His interests besides mills were industrial archaeology and genealogy. Genealogy was a passionate interest to Tony, to carry on what his wife, Mary had started on a database of millers, and

which is now housed at the Mills Archive, of which he was one of the original Trustees.

Tony became chairman of Southampton University Industrial Archaeology Group from 1987-89. He also created a Glossary of British Mill Terms in 1996, and using his research details the Hampshire Mills Group produced the three volumes of Hampshire Watermills. He was also the archivist for the Group.

Tony was born in Bath and grew up mostly in Swindon where his father ran a pharmacy, so he was probably always destined to be a pharmacist himself. He met his future wife Mary in 1947 when they both went to the School of Pharmacy at Merchant Venturers College in Bristol. They were married in 1950 and soon moved to Emsworth to manage the pharmacy in North Street, which they later bought. Their two children, Jane and Nick, grew up in Emsworth.

One of Tony's less well-known interests was motor sport. He joined Southsea Motor Club in 1957 and was a committee member for many years, and treasurer for 23 of those years. Tony was an organiser and administrator, but he was also a competitor, driving a Mini and a Mini Cooper to take part in club rallies. He will be most remembered for his navigating and co-driving.

As a personal friend, I shall always be grateful to have known him, he was always happy to spend time talking on subjects of mutual interest and to share his knowledge and research.

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