

InMemoryOf

Bill Allen

Joined Haywards Heath & District Probus Club 2018

Died weekend of 20/21 February 2021



Bill Allen was inducted as a member of Haywards Heath & District Probus Club in 2018.

He died on the weekend of 20th February 2021.

The Funeral Directors are Masters & Son, Masters House, Lewes Road, Lindfield, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 2LE, telephone 01444 482107. The funeral was held at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint at 11.30am on 17th March 2021. Due to the Covid restrictions, the number of attendees was limited. Bill's son James said that the funeral would be streamed on YouTube, but we were unable to determine the login details.

James Allen wrote to us to say his father really enjoyed coming to Haywards Heath & District Probus Club and thanked us for making it such a welcoming and friendly community.

Bill's career was as a Chartered Patent Attorney. His interests were Gardening, Reading and Golf.

Previously, he was a member of *Isle of Wedmore Probus Club in Somerset*, before moving to Sussex. We contacted them to convey the sad news that Bill had passed away.

Robin Harrison wrote this:

"Some 35 years ago, when we first came to live in Haywards Heath, Bill and Claire Allen lived next door but one to us at the top of Wickham Way. They were very close, and Claire was a great support for him. She died some while ago. He was a Patent Agent and went to London every day returning seemingly late every evening. Despite being near neighbours our paths did not cross very frequently. His work was very demanding. Bill had two boys who went to a local Public School. The boys were both older than our three children, so we did not have a lot in common, although we did have a flag raising competition on the occasion of the wedding of Charles and Diana – can't remember who won! After a few years we moved to Tonbridge and lost contact completely. I later heard that shortly after we left Haywards Heath the Patent Office moved (I think to Newport) so Bill's office moved from London to Bristol. His family followed and bought a property in Wells. I next met Bill again at our Probus Lunch when I remembered him almost immediately, but Bill had great difficulty in recalling me! He had come back to Haywards Heath to be near one of his sons."

As is our custom, the Club will make a donation to a charity in memory of Bill – the family's nominated charities are The Children's Society and The Intensive Care Society.

Bill will be missed, and it is sad we never had the opportunity to know him better.

Written by Robin Harrison and Martin Pollins