

InMemoryOf

Bev Waite

Joined Haywards Heath & District Probus Club 2002

Died 28th August 2023



Bevil (Bev) Hugh Waite died peacefully on 28th August 2023, age 88. His funeral was held at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bolney, on Friday 6th October 2023, at 1 p.m.

The Funeral Directors were P&S Gallagher Funeral Directors, Fraser House, 20 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex., RH16 4EA (funeralshh@pandsgallagher.co.uk), telephone 01444 451166. Family flowers only were requested by Bev's family. Donations, if desired, can be made to Dementia UK or London Air Ambulance.



About Bev Waite

Bev was a Civil Engineer during his working life. His interests were DIY, Woodwork and Walking.

Haywards Heath & District Probus Club

Bev joined Probus in 2002, having been introduced by Founder Member Charles Jessup.

Until 2006 the entire administration of the club (other than Treasurer duties) was handled by the Honorary Secretary. At that point it was realised that this arrangement was too burdensome for one person and the work was shared among three members. Bev took on the newly created position of Lunch Secretary, duties he performed for two years.

Bev was Assistant Secretary from 2006-2008. In 2011 he was appointed Vice President and became President for the year 2012-2013.

In addition to these duties he undertook the organisation of Club outings including a memorable one to Greenwich to see the newly restored Cutty Sark and to travel on the nearby cable car to view the Thames and surrounding skyline 90 metres below.

Although not a Haywards Heath & District Probus Club member at the time of his passing, Bev had been a stalwart member, and he and his wife greatly supported the Club until illness intervened.

In retirement Bev undertook the responsibility for overseeing the maintenance of a block of retirement flats and he listed his hobbies as DIY, woodwork and walking. He was, by profession, a mine surveyor and mine and project engineer for tunnelling and major projects such as nuclear power stations and deep water ports. Among his responsibilities was work on the harbour of the island of St. Kitts and other islands in the Caribbean area as well as Dungeness nuclear power station.

The Club was represented at Bev's funeral in Bolney on 6th October 2023. We will, of course, keep in contact with Bev's wife, Janet.

Bev and his unique sense of humour, will be sorely missed.

Written by Alan Carver and Martin Pollins