

Brian Pring

The funeral will be held at St Luke's Church in Roadwater, TA23 0QY, on Monday 4th February at 2pm. Dad expressed the wish that it should not be a sombre occasion, so do not feel that you have to wear black. Following the funeral, all are invited to join us at The Valiant Soldier in Roadwater to celebrate his life.

There is parking at The Valiant Soldier and the Village Hall has kindly allowed to use their car park (down the slope to the right of the hall). St Luke's is a short walk from both.

No flowers please, but donations may be made on the day to the League of Friends of Williton Hospital and Prostate Cancer UK, or by contacting Hedley Price Funeral Directors, Minehead (01643 703 111).

Isobel Pring

I have been informed that Brian Pring has died, though I knew Brian, there will be many who knew him much better than I.

For those of you who are not aware of who Brian was, he was the husband of Lesley Pring, Lesley was a former Chair of GCCF and also later Secretary. Lesley also held the position of the first Office Manager she was also Supreme Show Manager and Event Co-ordinator, as such she held a number of posts. She along with Brian were responsible for setting up the First GCCF Office at Bridgwater.

Brian was mainly responsible for much of the setting up of the site and was instrumental in the installation of our first computer system eventually leading to centralised registration and an area to hold all registration information. As such he was a very important figure in bringing us forward as an organisation.

Brian had more recently prior to his death been in a Care Home,

I have no details of arrangements, if I receive any I will post on the website

On behalf of the Board, our condolences are with his family at this sad time.

John H Hansson GCCF Chair

The cat fancy will rightly remember Brian with gratitude and appreciation for his work and endeavours behind the scenes supporting Lesley in transforming the GCCF.

However my memories of him are his commitment to his family and loyalty to his friends. Brian celebrated his 90th birthday in October surrounded by his children, grandchildren, great grandson and friends. It was a perfect celebration of his life and oozed with warmth and good nature. Brian was physically frailer than when I last saw him but he was still sharp as a tack. His speech was typically Brian as he cast himself in the shadow of Lesley. His modesty didn't fool anyone, he and Lesley were a strong team and worked together and shared their successes.

I first met them both through the cats and I saw what could be achieved through hard work and quiet determination. I was lucky that that I became their friend and continued to learn and be influenced by them for many years.

The Cat Fancy has lost an important person in its history but I have lost a friend.

My condolences to his family and friends.

Sue Joyce

It is with sadness that I heard of Brian's recent passing.

I first met Brian through the South Western Counties Cat Club, David and I had recently moved to Devon in 1977. Brian and Lesley in those days were 'SWCCC' and Lesley was very much involved with the GCCF, hugely supported by Brian.

At that time the work associated with the GCCF Organisation was out-sourced to 'Home Workers'. This of course covered Registrations, Transfers and Committee Secretary work all under the Chairman and Committees. Lesley again supported by Brian, was the instigator in purchasing a property for GCCF Headquarters in Bridgwater. The office opened in August 1983, there was only 3 staff and Lesley with Brian as general 'Factotum' and 'Guru' as the office called him. Brian set up the computer and managed the system until the expansion of the office. Lyn Gorvin who worked in the GCCF office and only recently retired, reminded me that the only PC the office had was transported to the Supreme Show. Lyn and Brian would import all the judges' results from the judge slips on the day, sharing Brian's flask of Gin & Orange!!

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to his family at this sad time.

Betty Shingleton