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Obituary

ANTHONY BROWN (3667)

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As a young boy Tony went to Isleworth Country Grammar School where Cyril Smith, an RCTS member who later became Society President, was the maths master. Cyril used to organise school holidays to faraway places such as Switzerland, with a general bias on their railway systems. Thus began Tony's long association with the RCTS which he later joined in 1952.

On leaving school Tony went to the London School of Economics where he studied economics. After National Service in the RAF he worked for Hawker Aircraft Ltd in Kingston for a short period before joining London Transport where he stayed until retirement in 1987.

Tony was initially a member of the London branch but later became affiliated to that in Surrey. From his early days with the RCTS Tony soon became involved with the RO for which he was to eventually become the Honorary Chief Editor in 1960 and therefore a member of the Management Committee. He continued to occupy this position for four years after which he served the Society as an Honorary Editor until 1977 eventually becoming a Life Member of the Society.

He and Maisie married in 1953 moving to Fleet in the early 1970s. They had no children and Maisie pre-deceased him in 2005. Tony was a life member of the Mid Hants Railway and a keen ornithologist being a fellow of the RSPB. Other 'outside' activities centred around his local church in Fleet where he was a churchwarden and at this time he helped set up the Guildford Diocesan newspaper "The Wey" as well as his local parish magazine. In his later years and until the time of his death he was a guide at Guildford Cathedral. He enjoyed many holidays river cruising, and other social activities including lunching at his favourite pub 'The Winchfield Inn' which is near the railway station in Winchfield.

Tony was a highly respected member of the RCTS who made a significant contribution to the RO and the Society. Our thanks go to him for all his efforts. He, and they, are not to be forgotten.

Bob Ellison

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