

## **Terry Tamplin (1936–2021)**

### A tribute

Terry was born in Horsham in 1936 and lived in Clarence Road until the family moved to Rushams Road two years later. After schooling in Hurst Road, Victory Road and Collyers, he went to APV to train as an analytical chemist in their laboratories and worked there until his retirement in 1994, apart from a break for National Service. In 1960, he married Joan and they moved in a few doors further south along Rushams Road.

The industrial pipework that APV manufactured had to be 'cleaned in place', so Terry would visit each installation to oversee the operation, work that took him all over the world. One of APV's specialist application areas is milk processing, the concern of the Society of Dairy Technology. Such was Terry's expertise in the area that he became its President (and Joan its Lady) for a year, during which they embarked on a study tour that took them off to Australia and New Zealand. He retired in 1994 and a few years later joined HGFC and U3A when he started a computing course.

His scientific background and work at APV fuelled a strong interest in geology, especially minerals. He was one of the HGFC team who have spent the last 15 years volunteering at Horsham Museum to record the geology collection there. Terry used his expertise in computing to guide the team in getting their records onto the database.

Terry and Joan loved their holidays: they visited the Isles of Scilly 7 times, and enjoyed cruising to places like Norway, Alaska, Iceland and Greenland. He was a family man, with two children and four grandchildren. After a diagnosis of cancer in his early seventies, Terry was determined to accept all treatment offered in order to spend as much time as possible with his family and see his grandchildren grow up. He attended grandson Harley's wedding and helped granddaughter Poppy celebrate her 21st birthday. He had his last round of treatment in 2019 and was back at geology lectures through the 2019/20 winter, and he and Joan attended the 2019 Club's Christmas Party at Sue Reese's. Over the years he compiled many of the Christmas party quizzes. Throughout the lockdown months of 2020 he could be seen whizzing about Horsham on his mobility scooter and on enquiry about his health would call out "I'm still above ground".

Terry was knowledgeable, reliable, sensible, dependable, helpful and kind. He will be missed.