

Trevor Hamson (1947 – 2018)

Born in Hartlip, Kent, Trevor joined the RAF at the age of seventeen and served for thirteen and a half years, thoroughly enjoying this time and achieving the rank of Senior Aircraftsman. Whilst stationed at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire, he met Sue and they married on 4th October 1975.

After leaving the RAF in 1977 Trevor joined Avon Rubber Company, but was unable to manage working in the very hot conditions in the tyre factory, so they upped sticks and moved back to Kent, eventually setting in Rainham, near Gillingham, where Trevor worked on a farm, enjoying the outdoor life.

Trevor and Sue joined the Eddis Owners Club in 1992, whilst they were living in Kent and attended their first rally in Cambridgeshire in 1993 – a rally run by Dave Bain.

They quickly settled into the club, acting as Rally Marshals for the first time at Hartlip in 1994. Trevor was then elected onto the Southern Committee in 1995 and took over as Southern Area Secretary in 1996, running a very successful AGM at Wargrave, Reading in 1997, where more than 100 vans attended. Trevor continued as Southern Secretary until 2000, running a number of other rallies in the Kent area during those years. On one occasion at a Medway Sailing Barges Rally near Chatham one of the ralliers was none other than the daughter of the famous British and World Champion boxer Terry Downes and the man himself came to the social!

In 2002 a change of job necessitated a move to Scotland where Trevor lived in the caravan until the house in Kent was sold and Sue could join him and in April 2003 they moved into their new home in Penicuik.

Trevor took over as Scottish Secretary in 2006 and held this position until 2011 again running a number of rallies in Central Scotland. At the 1996 rally at Roslyn (as featured in the Da Vinci Code) he arranged for 3 pipers from the Penicuik Pipe band to serenade the ralliers at the social – payment was naturally in Glenfiddich whisky which was also enjoyed by the assembled company! Unfortunately because of work commitments for both Trevor and Sue, they were only able to venture south on rare occasions to attend Eddis rallies.

Retirement for Trevor in 2015 allowed him to organise a series of holiday rallies in the Highlands and Central regions and again in 2016, plus Northallerton in 2017. He was a valued member of the Northern and Scottish Committee from 2015 and he and Sue were very much involved in running the AGM at Drifffield in 2016.

In many ways Trevor was a larger than life character, not allowing 16 years in Scotland to diminish his southern accent. A keen angler, a follower of Formula 1 motor racing and

very much a John Smiths man, Trevor also maintained his links with the RAF attending several reunions.

Trevor will be greatly missed by all his friends in the club and our thoughts at this time are with Sue, son Richard and their family.

Peter Turner – Oct 2018