

Derek Jackson

The funeral of Ex-President and founding member of the club, Derek Jackson who sadly passed away on Sunday 7th February took place at West Wiltshire Crematorium, Devizes Road, Semington, Trowbridge BA14 6HL at 11.30am on Thursday 25th February.

Derek was one of the first people to contact the factory regarding the formation of an Eddis Owners Club in 1973 and followed through his enthusiasm for the Club for many years in several different capacities. He and Eileen always visited me when attending an exhibition, even when I was not working for Eddis and such was this friendship that we have exchanged Christmas greetings every year since the club was formed. The Eddis Owners Club have a lot to thank him for, particularly the tireless work he put in to achieve our extended exemption certificate. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with Gillian and Eileen and all their family at this sad time.
Eric Hepplewhite.

Derek Jackson.

On Thursday 25th February 2016 we, along with many members of the Eddis Owners Club attended the funeral of Derek at Trowbridge. Derek was a founder member, first Southern Secretary, Vice Chairman, Chairman and President of the Club. Derek Eileen and Gillian attended many rallies. In the early days Derek was easily recognised in his yellow sweater. Derek always made a lot of the children in the club eventually taking charge of them at the A.G.M. to elect the Teenage Officer for the year. He was always taking part in the sports with the children. Derek spent many days at the D.O.E. in Bristol to obtain the club a fourteen day exemption certificate. At one meeting he was informed that the person who he been dealing with was no longer there and no correspondence from the Eddis Owners Club could be found, Derek promptly produced all the correspondence and a further meeting was then arranged. At the next meeting he was informed that if the club became a Limited Company we would be considered, The Limited Company was formed at the next A.G.M and shortly after that we received not a fourteen day certificate but a twenty eight day certificate all thanks to Derek's hard work. Derek also produced a booklet on 30 years of the Eddis Owners Club. One memory of Derek is a Saturday social, we were sat outside the main hall having a bottle or two of Derek's favourite tiple claret, when a passing member asked what we were doing in the foyer, and Derek's reply was that this gathering was for long standing members only. My favourite memory of Derek is of being presented with a decanter and glasses by him for twenty five years as the General Secretary to the club. Outside the Club Derek was known as a town crier, four town criers were present at the funeral to give him a good send off, Derek will always be remembered for his jovial attitude and his dedication to the club our sympathy goes to Eileen and family, DEREK YOU WILL BE SADLY MISSED.
John and Ann Harrison.

Derek and Eileen Jackson.

"Members will be saddened to hear that Founder Members Derek and Eileen Jackson have both died recently within weeks of each other - Derek at the beginning of February and Eileen

towards the end of March. With a membership number of 0002, they were active in the Club from the very start. Derek served on the Club's committee for many years culminating in a long period as President. Ruth and I first met the Jacksons on a very wet Easter rally in 1989. As fairly new members ourselves at that time, we were having trouble remembering people's names and so we made notes in the back of our rally book. Alongside Derek's name and registration number we wrote "grey hair, crew cut", which helped us enormously when we met them again at that year's AGM in Harrogate. Derek was a keen fisherman and for many years organised the Club's annual fishing rally (ably assisted by son-in-law Glen), though he had little chance to do any fishing himself on those occasions as he was constantly in demand to assist the children to untangle lines and remove fish. While Eileen was kept busy providing biscuits and sympathy to those of the children who had succeeded in hooking themselves! In recent years they had both suffered problems with their health and unfortunately were not able to continue rallying. "We send our sincere condolences to their son James and daughter Gillian, and their respective families."

Lyndon & Ruth Wigmore