



ALAN PRICE-TALBOT

Observer Captain, Southern Area Commandant



Alan died on the 18th October 2016 at home after a long illness borne with courage, dignity and humour. Beloved husband of Susan and uncle to many nieces and nephews. At age one Alan was bombed out of the house in Grangetown where the lodger was killed and moved to an area near the ROF where they were promptly bombed again. Perhaps this is where he got into the habit of moving and change.

Alan was always a very calm, organised, methodical person with a very wide range of knowledge, skills and foresight who lived a very full and varied life.

His working life started as a lighting engineer with GEC moving around the country, providing illumination to various sorts to places as diverse as cathedrals and football stadiums, gaining advancement as he went. When this palled he and two partners set up Express Gas an energy supply business, based in the Cardiff area.

Moving on, he then joined Legal and General as a staff trainer in the financial sector. This was followed by a spell as a trouble shooting manager for a friend of his who had a number of properties in the hotel and restaurant trade. He then became the proprietor of Farthings wine bar in Cowbridge following which on his return to the Cardiff area he worked for various other well-known financial institutions.

In addition from the 1960's he also took up acting doing extra's work and appeared in several films and TV programmes including Casualty and Pobl y Cwm and only stopped doing this type of work when his health began to fail.

He joined the ROC about 40 years ago on the Llanishen post and it was after one of their meetings when they retired to the Ty Mawr Inn that he saw a young lady in a red dress who was there at a party with her friends. Apparently it was at this point he told his friends that that was the girl he was going to marry and that girl was Sue whom he did indeed marry.

With his talent and organisational skills he rapidly advanced in the ROC and reached the rank of Observer Captain and Southern Area Commandant, which amongst many other events saw him attend royal garden parties at both Buckingham Palace and Bentley Priory. He was also a founder members of ROCA and was the link with the Bentley Priory Trust. Alan fought hard and did a lot of work in an effort to get members of the ROC awarded the veterans badge. He was the Cardiff/Newport branch chairman for over 19 years, produced a branch newsletter several time a year and was the liaison officer between the branch and HMS Monmouth with which the branch is affiliated.

He was Chairman of the civilian committee of the 1344 (Cardiff) ATC squadron and amongst other things set up their hundred club to raise funds for them. Occasionally Alan would be employed as an examination invigilator in one of the nearby schools.

He will be a hard act to follow and sorely missed, Rest in Peace Alan

