



OBITUARY – Christopher Howard



We are saddened to report that our dear friend and colleague Chris Howard has passed away after losing his battle with cancer.

He will be remembered not only for his exemplary ROC career but also for his stewardship of the ROC Benevolent Fund after Stand Down and its subsequent integration into the RAFBF a few years ago. More details of his funeral etc. will be published when known.

From: Neil Sturtridge MA PGCHPE CMgr FCMI
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It is with deep sadness that I inform you of the death of Chris Howard – he passed peacefully on 13 Sep 20 after a short battle with oesophageal cancer. You will remember Chris from his role as the Chair of the Royal Observer Corps Benevolent Fund and his pivotal input into merging of that fund with the RAFBF several years ago.

I had the pleasure of working alongside Chris as a wholetime officer in the Royal Observer Corps, as a fellow Trustee of the Royal Observer Corps Benevolent Fund and he was my close friend for 30 years. He was a wonderful man – generous, spirited, fun and incredibly loyal to his “beacon lighters”.

Neil

From: Paul J Hughesdon
Director Welfare & Policy
Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund

I was very sorry to hear of Christopher’s recent passing. He was always such a kind, thoughtful and professional gentleman and along with you, so instrumental in passing the beacon from the ROCBF to the RAFBF. I hope that we are proving to be a worthy custodian, but am sure that Chris’ passing will be weighing heavily on his friends and colleagues.

So, I just wanted to reach out and send my condolences to you and all who knew Chris and to say that our thoughts and prayers are with you all and his family, of course.

Paul