

Jeremy Tremaine (1954 - 2006)

Jeremy Tremaine lived in Wheatley for fifteen years until his untimely death, in 2006 at the age of 52. During this time he made a huge contribution to the life of the village.

He served on the Parish Council for many years; and supported the Wheatley Liberal Democratic group. He and Ruth took part in many Wheatley Productions, including 'Wills', 'Ruddigore', 'The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew', 'Robinson Crusoe', 'The Merchant of Venice', 'Entertaining Strangers', 'Aladdin' and 'Orpheus'.

Jeremy was born and brought up in Brentwood, where he went to the local grammar school, and then to University College, London, where he read geology. His first employment was at Unipart, in Oxford. Later he trained in Business and Education links, and developed a Leadership Programme for Serving Heads (LPSH).

Jeremy met Ruth Burdett at a German evening class in Oxford, and they were married, in Edinburgh, in 1986. They have two daughters: Floraidh born in 1995, and Ailsa, born in 2000. He was a real 'hands-on Daddy', and he played a significant part in the family child-care arrangements - at one time caring for the children for a full day each week.

Jeremy adored hill-walking - and holidays on the island of Sark were his greatest delight. He was also a 'railway buff', an interest he shared with his older brother, Richard. He had been a member of the Mid-Hampshire Steam Railway Society before coming to Wheatley, and later became very knowledgeable about the Oxford-Thame-Princes Risborough railway.

He also played the guitar, and belonged to a folk-band.