



William Heath

I got to know Willie when we served on the Nominating Committee together, and thereafter we continued to meet up regularly for a coffee in the Grand.

He was most engaging company, with tales of his adventures as he frequently visited family and friends in Australia, Slovakia, Hungary and South East Asia. Not for him the package tour, Willie travelled alone well into his late eighties.

He was a popular member of our club, ever polite, always engaging. He was Monday Captain for a time and played regularly until, with his health failing, he moved to a nursing home in Bray to be near his daughter. He came back to Malahide for one last time to meet up with the folk from his beloved parish and with neighbours and friends.

Willie was always vigilant that our Memorial night would remain truly ecumenical. It was a Service that he was very taken with and so it was particularly poignant that the club was in lockdown on the night when he would have been remembered.

When the world is back to normal and our club opens its doors again, we will have an opportunity to light a candle for Willie and salute the gregarious, adventurous, unafraid and gentle gentleman that he was.

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Bernie Connors