Jim Byrne, chairman of Pilgrim Club, died on 19th September 1997 after a long illness. He became a bridge player almost by accident, having decided to embark upon an Adult Education course but being unable to find the right one until switching to bridge. He was chairman of Pilgrim almost from its beginning, and then founded and ran the Reigate and Redhill League.

His cheerful presence at the table, his quick-witted quips and his good humour will long be remembered.