

NLJ "JOHN" DAVIES Obituary

John's many friends were much saddened by his death in November 2002, especially his three partners at the Mayfield Club for the previous 20 years, Liz Phillips, Bob McRobert and Roger Morton.

John was a bomber pilot during the war, and he once stated that he was the only pilot to survive 30 missions before being rested. He vowed then to make the most of every day and this he certainly did throughout the rest of his life. He will long be remembered for his outstanding humour. He enjoyed the cut and thrust of team events and formed a long partnership with George Hart.

The annual Jersey Congress had been won with monotonous regularity by the usual heavyweights until John's team tasted success in 1983. His team reached the semi-final of the Gold Cup in 1985, and won the Lady Rose in 1994. John, partnering George Hart, was regularly in the winning team at the Porthcawl Congresses.