

Tony Rowland based himself in Cheltenham during his transition years 2014-2021 whilst he was selling up in Kenya and relocating to UK. Once fully back in the UK he then made Cheltenham his permanent base.

One wonders (and certainly the location of both his rented and bought apartments would suggest so!) if the choice of Cheltenham was in part because it boasted one of the best bridge clubs in the country!

Dad's love of bridge dated back many years to when he first started playing with his wife as a young married couple in East Africa. They carried quite a reputation for being a formidable partnership to compete against.

Without doubt one of the highlights of his later years in UK was his involvement with Cheltenham Bridge Club, and his final partner Ron Dowell (and his wife Helen acting as taxi driver) assisted him greatly in attending Thursday morning sessions despite increasing physical frailty. In fact his only concern when entering a respite care home in November was that he would still be able to go to Thursday morning bridge. Sadly, his health prevented him from doing so, but really up until the very last, this had been a source of real purpose and pleasure to him.

Thankyou Cheltenham Bridge Club!