

Chris Wall (1946-2020)

Christopher Milbourn Wall was born 8 June 1946 in Stanmore, the only child of Donald and Marjorie Wall. He was known to all as Chris.

Chris grew up in Harrow. A grammar school boy, he went on to read Mathematics at Exeter University followed by a year at Oxford where he met his future wife, Cherry.

He subsequently married Cherry (Peta Cheryl Grant) in Birmingham in 1970. Chris and Cherry had two children, Jonathan and Julia. Sadly Cherry passed away in February 2005.

On leaving Oxford in 1968 Chris took up a post at Dulwich College teaching Mathematics. He started on the same day as Steve Burton, another Kent bridge player. Chris remained at the college for nearly forty years before retiring to nurse his wife.

In addition to teaching Chris also coached cricket and rugby during his time at Dulwich. In his younger years he was a keen and very talented sportsman. He played tennis at Wimbledon and ran at the White City. He played cricket and rugby to a high standard but to his disappointment never made an appearance at Lords or Twickenham.

Chris has played bridge regularly for the last fifteen years. His main club was Farnborough where he served on the committee for four years from 2014 until 2018. One of his chief responsibilities was to ensure that there was a decent wine at the Christmas party, served at the correct temperature! He played for the club in events such as the Corbett Cup and in 2020 was part of the Farnborough team which won the Corbett Plate.

He also played in some KCBA competitions. In 2012 he won the George Griffiths Cup (senior pairs) with Steve Burton. Four years later in 2016 he won the Larsky Cup, the main Kent pairs competition, playing with Mike Hampton. They repeated their success in 2019.

Through Farnborough Bridge Club he met Jenny Kerr. She persuaded him to move to Chislehurst and they had more than 10 very happy years together before his untimely death.

Chris is survived by his children and four grandchildren.