

## PETER BENTLEY..... OBITUARY

Born in Sept. 1933, Peter Bentley died on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 aged 81. He had been a stalwart of Surrey bridge for many years. He was President of the County in 1989 and 1997, and served on the committee for over 30 years with some breaks. He received the EBU's Dimmie Fleming Award in 2004 for services to Surrey bridge.

He was a Surrey EBU Shareholder, and a regular competitor at Surrey events. He was very pleased to achieve his goal of becoming a Grand Master in 2013, and was the non- playing captain of Surrey's Tollemache team for 25 years.

Peter was an optometrist by profession and had his own business in Camberwell for over 30 years. He was also a keen golfer and had been captain of his golf club, Dulwich & Sydenham Hill.

Peter was generous and easy to get on with. He never complained about anything and was always upbeat despite suffering from cancer since 2000. His bridge-playing wife, Detta, had dementia for their last years together and Peter was determined to keep her at home for as long as possible, taking her around the country to bridge congresses and also to their local bridge clubs until 2014. Detta only survived him by six weeks. They left behind two sons, Christopher and Mark, and six grandchildren.

Despite his illness, Peter was determined to keep going and to remain a member of the Surrey committee. He attended his last committee meeting in mid-January, shortly before he died.

The bridge world will miss him greatly.