

DOUGLAS GURNEY

Member of Roehampton Club 1970-2024



Douglas Gurney, a life member of Roehampton Club and long-standing stalwart of the Croquet Section died on 11th December 2024 at the age of 89.

Douglas was born and brought up in Chiswick and educated at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith. Following National Service with the RAF, Douglas studied dentistry at Guy's Hospital, University of London. He practised as a dentist in East Sheen until he retired in 2000. He was an accomplished oarsman and a keen swimmer in the outdoor pool. He had a passion for opera.

In 2018 he was awarded the Croquet Association (CA) Diploma for services to the sport. The citation includes the following:

“Douglas Gurney personifies what croquet is all about; a good-humoured, octogenarian player of both Golf and Association Croquet... Douglas Gurney has played a key role, over many years, in helping croquet to flourish at Roehampton Club as well as being a superb ambassador for all that is best in croquet.”

Since joining in 1970 he has served as both Captain (2003) and Chairman (2004 and 2005) handicapper and manager of tournaments. He was a scratch player for many years and represented the Club in matches. His personal achievements are displayed on the honours boards in the croquet pavilion. He will be greatly missed by his many friends.

His funeral takes place at Mortlake Crematorium on Friday 14th February 2025 at 11.20am.