

Dr Peter Honey, Croquet Player Member of Roehampton Club 2013-2023



Peter Honey, a distinguished Member and former chairman of Croquet, died on 7th January at the age of 87. He was an extraordinary man who enhanced all our lives with his good humour, intelligence and happy personality.

It is rumoured that he chose Roehampton Club because it was halfway between Windsor where he and his wife Carol lived and the Wigmore Hall which they both frequented. He travelled to the

Club by train, with his mallet, often in his croquet whites and shorts.

Learning about Dr Peter Honey is simple; go to his website, refer to his glittering CV, his many writings, admire his watercolours. Peter was an excellent writer, poet and music lover. He carried his many talents lightly and was modest and self-deprecating.

Peter suggested in his last book, *Verses About This and That*, that his epitaph could be "He was tiggerish to the end". The qualities of "tiggerism" are not top of the list for star croquet players. However, at Roehampton Club he flourished as an Association Croquet (AC) player, the traditional and more complicated form of the game.

Amongst the reasons he loved playing croquet were: "intriguing tactics: quaint etiquettes; civilised people..." He believed that competition was part of life, won his fair share of trophies and represented the Club in team events.

He had a successful spell as Chairman (2017-19) as the Croquet Section grew in numbers and scope. His skilled and disciplined approach in the Committee Room, kept everyone on time and to the point. His opening statement was "this meeting starts at 4pm and will end at 5.30! I have to catch my train!"

At general meetings of the whole section, he managed the business efficiently and later transformed himself into an entertainer reeling off his poems, with choruses, for general merriment.

During his final illness he remained admirably upbeat and positive. He continued to write and paint impressively. He was a man of great depth and talents who recognised that he had been very blessed in his long life who faced the inevitable with courage and humility. He will be greatly missed.

We send our condolences to his widow Carol, Timothy, Katie, James and David and their families.