

Mr Dennis Garrett

1928 - 2014



Club member since 2002, Dennis died at St George's Hospital, Tooting on Friday June 6 2014 after heart surgery. The funeral service was in the Chapel Royal at Windsor Great Park.

Dennis's contribution to life in Windsor covered everything from St George's Chapel and Thames Hospice to the annual rose show. He moved into the town with his wife Colleen in 1982, some years after their son Nick became a chorister at St George's Chapel. Dennis was to become a lay steward at the chapel for 20 years.

In Windsor, he became treasurer of Royal Windsor Rose and Horticultural Society during the heyday of its prestigious annual show in the private grounds of the Home Park. He also looked after the finances of Windsor's hospice support group.

Dennis also served as divisional secretary of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families' Association (SSAFA), as secretary and vice-chairman of the Windsor and Eton Society and as a governor at two schools.

But he had one skill many were not aware of - having studied as a dress designer at St Martin's School of Art. His wife Colleen said: "He just missed becoming a professional dress designer. You had to start by picking up the pins and at about 15 he was told he was a year too old to be taken on. So it stayed a hobby. "But I benefited. I never went shopping for clothes without him."

Dennis leaves two sons Stephen and Nick, daughter Caroline and six grandchildren.