

ROGER COX

Worcester Athletic Club - Life Member

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Roger Cox. Roger passed away this week at St. Michael's Hospice Hereford, after a period of receiving cancer treatment.

Roger will be remembered by older club members for his boyish good looks, good humour, charm and enthusiasm for road running. He never had a bad word for anybody.

He was club chairman during the 1980's at a time when road running was taking off as a mass recreational sport, and the club was enjoying stability and track & field success after the uncertain years of the mid 70's; his chairmanship was characterised by tact, diplomacy, and the desire to see the club thrive. His contribution to the club was rewarded with a Life Membership when he retired to "run" Martley Post Office!

In 1985 Roger was instrumental in the organisation of the first Worcester 10K and Fun Run at Norton Barracks, which also incorporated the County and Midlands Championships on several occasions. The same year, he convinced his employer British Telecom to sponsor a local carnival race and the "Busby" Fun Run was born – it was Worcester's first city race (run on closed roads prior to the carnival procession).

He was a keen "club" runner always supporting local races and cross country; the Worcestershire midweek evening 10K's and the 12-Stage area relays being favourite events. I'm sure many will owe their love of running to Roger's encouragement.

He was simply a true gentleman.

