

Timothy Tardrew

An appreciation by Richard and Christine Lucas



Tim had recently been under palliative care at home in Wimbledon where he died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Saturday 6th March 2021. It was his 76th birthday.

Tim and his wife Annie were both active members within the Civil Engineers Club Walking Group. They have been our very good friends from student days until now.

Tim studied Civil Engineering at The Polytechnic, Regent Street, London, in the late '60's and became a Chartered Member of the ICE in 1973. Tim's early career was with Lewis & Duvivier where he was involved in all types of sea defence structures and in 1972, he was appointed Resident Engineer to supervise the strengthening works at Newquay Harbour in Cornwall.

In 1974 Tim and his wife Annie relocated to the Sultanate of Oman on a three year posting for their Ministry of Defence. The Ministry was charged with all construction and maintenance of existing facilities for the Sultanate's armed forces and in addition undertook construction of the new national road network in outlying areas.

Tim, Annie and baby son Oliver returned to the UK in 1978 and set up home in Wimbledon which was convenient for a new job based in the London office of PRC Engineering (UK) Ltd, a large international firm of multi-disciplinary consultants covering the UK, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. During the period 1978 - 1987 Tim worked on major projects in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia, Port facilities in Nigeria, Offshore Oil Projects in Abu Dhabi and finally as Project Manager on a major fisheries harbour design and construction in Pakistan financed by the Asian Development Bank.

Tim then had a three-year spell from 1987 as Project Advisor to Berkshire County Council, a corporate management role within the authority, before joining London Underground Ltd in 1990. Here Tim worked in the New Works Division on major projects at tender and construction with additional responsibility for the administration and financial planning of the Division's business. After 20 years with London Underground, Tim retired in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Annie, their two children, Oliver and John and two grandchildren.