

News & Messages

Alan Gilmour

Alan Gilmour, a former ICRS chairman and someone who worked tirelessly for the Society sadly passed away on the 13th March, losing his battle with cancer.

Alan was chairman when I first became an official, nearly 30 years ago now. I found him to be a genuine guy who had the needs of the Society at heart and did not hesitate to tell you exactly what he thought of things (especially if you were wrong!). Most of you will never have known him and, certainly outside the Society, he was never a headline maker but ICRS only exists today because of him. Along with fellow stalwarts like Peter King, Jeff Hall and Gary and Simon Mutten he resisted the call to wind up ICRS when it was at its lowest point, instead recruiting 'young' officials, such as myself to put in the 'new energy' that was needed.

As the Chairman of the 'senior' officials he played an important role in getting Pete Waterman involved and turning the fortunes of ICRS totally around. Once this job was completed he was content to take a back seat and let today's officials take the reins but if he ever found the need to speak his mind, he would do just that and believe me, when he did we all listened.

I could never say we became close friends but I would be honoured if he counted me among his friends as I did with him. I could write a book about the time Alan and Simon Thrower came to Nottinghamshire and I showed them around all the branch lines (and most of the pubs) in the coal fields, visiting signal boxes and pit canteens along the way and collecting many happy memories, not to mention top quality photographs. I will miss him, he was a true gentleman.

Robert Brown

An message from our President, Simon Mutten, will appear in the April 2010 issue of **Tracks**

66841 emerges in Colas Rail livery (Posted: 04/11/2009)

66841 has been repainted into Colas Rail livery by Arlington Fleet Services at Eastleigh Works. The newly liveried loco was unveiled yesterday afternoon and photos can be found here on [Carl Watson's Fotopic site](#).