Don Salter 1923-2006

Don was instrumental in producing the magazine by computer from the days when it was typewritten by various people, and printed from hardcopy. He always endeavoured to improve the quality of the magazine, especially the adverts

and the reproduction of photographs.

When we had our board meetings before the magazines were distributed, as we still do today, I would always wonder what Don's comments would be under the heading 'Production report'. As I entered Don and Rosemary's house, I would always look to see if the magazines had arrived, if they hadn't, I knew Don would have a wonderful explanation. He would sometimes say that he needed another driver as something had happened to the files on the disk he had sent to the printer, which to someone like me meant nothing. He

needed to spend time searching for them on the Internet; but he would dismiss it as one of those things he needed to do. I could imagine him, when getting the magazine to its final stages, asking Rosemary to create another article to fill an empty space, or even

producing something himself in order not to have white spaces.

Although a busy man, he was always willing to help when needed and always in a cheerful manner. We were all very sorry when Don and Rosemary moved away from the area to be nearer their daughter and granddaughters but I am sure that Don was always pleased to receive the magazine through the post, and that he enjoyed reading the articles and keeping in touch with the Wychwoods. I expect he would recall the time he had spent producing it, and wonder if we have any problems today.

Doreen Barnes

Heather Derkacz writes: It is with great sadness that we note the loss of a true family friend - Don Salter. We first met Don and his wife Rosemary not long after we moved to Shipton sixteen years ago and became good friends with them. Don was a fascinating character, a former air pilot who retained his love of aviation and had lots of interesting stories to tell. My son in particular, also keen on aviation, spent many hours with him whilst my husband and Don found some common ground in computing. We will all remember him as a kind, intelligent man with a great sense of humour. He will be sadly missed.

On behalf of everyone involved with 'The Wychwood' and all our readers, we would like to extend our sympathy to Rosemary, Alicia, Naomi and Victoria at this sad time. Without Don's expertise and enthusiasm the magazine would not be where it is today.

Editor