

*A message from our Rear Commodore, Peter Henderson*



Dot and I had a full and happy family life together over 52 years, this is now all a memory that will keep me going.

About 50 of Dot's friends came to the best garden party in the summer sunshine we could have wished for.

Dot's family, now all grown up, organised everything and with brother Alan taking care of official documents (overcoming bureaucratic obstruction from every direction including unattended Council telephones) and even constantly updating his patient wife Pauline adding and altering the magnificent order of service made outstandingly perfect we were all so proud of. Even the coloured ink dried just in time and Dot's photographs were perfect. Thank you Pauline Henderson.

We all thank the gracious Pauline Manfield who supervised our service at Sutton Crematorium and helped the brave contributions from our family with George Downs music, to run seamlessly with her seriously planned and executed religious intentions.

My distress was made easier to bear by seeing and having the support of so many family and friends to enjoy Dots beautiful garden on a sunny day with plants she grew from cuttings and seedlings. Ray and Jan Martin have now taken care of Dot's latest joy, a Walnut tree seedling that our squirrels had missed, it will be a magnificent tree one day, we shall all love to remember how Dot started to care for it, we thank you Jan.

All the flowers were carefully chosen from the garden for her and arranged by Debbie, Jo and Jennifer so beautifully.

David and Jennifer took charge of your very generous contributions to the Anthony Nolan blood cancer trust. Our family is eternally grateful for the outstanding expertise in saving our little grandson Ben's life; he is now showing promising signs with computer aided design technology and model construction.

The sandwich making, tea makers, washers up, David and Brenda Groves aided by Tracey and Sheila Groves and other willing helpers, even Ben the broom and Willow on the portable Dyson Vacuum cleaner made me proud of the combined family effort. Well done all.



I am now so lucky to be looked after in Horsham, by Joanna and Barry's family after spending two weeks in Somerset with David and Jennifer's family. David's workshop foundations will soon be ready for his building, all DIY. Many thanks to all of you for understanding me and helping with my disability.

Graham Tite who has been a great help with our now successful 1299 Footy r/c sailing yacht over it's four years, has now taken over and Sue has been good about even the larger boat shaped geranium planter!

I was especially heartened to see Alan Turner at Dot's funeral, I wish all at BMYC and SSC continued success and remember when my year's subscription was £1 in 1953 and early experiences of Chinese gybes learning to sail a 14' Cooper with my ex D-day LCT Captain, Uncle Phil Winkley.

Funded at 19 by my father my home kit built Jack Holt 14' mk8 Merlin Rocket (£112) with my crew Alan Vaughan won seven SSC trophies in my last year prior to National Service.

Dot waited for me to come back to Sutton, we have since then always been together.

Look after your loved ones.

*Peter J Henderson*

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