

Tony Burgess

Tony passed away on 19th December on his 82nd birthday. Tony may not be a familiar name to some but he along with Kay, his late wife, played a significant role in the development of the modern day cat fancy. They bred Chocolate Point Siamese under the Karibur prefix but it is the effort and energy that he put in to committee and other work for which he should be remembered.

Surrey and Sussex Cat Association, Supreme Cat Show, Siamese Cat Club and many others benefited from his involvement and commitment. His plain talking and no nonsense approach was appreciated by all and (dare I say!) a little feared by some.

As Show Managers he and Kay took the Surrey and Sussex to its first Championship Show and in doing so set the Gold Standard for show management. The tone set by them in the early 1970s continued by successive show management teams.

Tony took on a variety of other roles: delegate, Treasurer, and was President of a number of clubs. He retained an interest long after he bowed out.

He pursued a passion for antiques, old books and other ephemera and became an expert in antiquarian maps of Kent, building up an impressive collection. The last I heard his extensive research had been donated to the British Library.

I realise that many of the friends that I have today are a result of introductions made by or as a consequence of knowing the Burgesses and for that I am grateful.

My condolences to Pat, his good friend, house-mate and sounding board and to his family and friends.

Sue Joyce
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