

NICOLA PYNE

Member of Roehampton Club 1972-2023

It is with immense sadness that we share the news of the recent death of a long-standing Member, Nicola Pyne.

Nicola was an active Member of Roehampton Club for over 50 years and spent many happy hours enjoying the facilities. In 2023, following 50 years of membership, she became an Honorary Member. Her Attorney, Lesley MacKay has kindly written the following:

“Nicola died on 20th October 2023 after sustaining a Traumatic Brain Injury in a fall in April 2022. She spent 6 months in hospital and, testament to her battling spirit, she learned to walk and talk again. She spent nearly a year back in the house she loved, being supported by friends, neighbours and care workers, managed by the Legal Attorneys she had appointed with foresight 10 years previously.

Nicola was brought up in South West London and attended Lady Eleanor Holles School, before a BSc in Physics at Birmingham University. She followed this with a teaching qualification and became a pioneer in the relatively new world of IT, working as an analyst for several years before joining IBM in technical training, product and customer support until 1994.

She had a lifelong love of studying and, while working, she completed a degree in Biology at Birkbeck in 1999, achieving a First and completing a ground-breaking project on the molecular structure of gorse at Kew.

The second part of the career saw her pulling together her training and technical skills and working on contracts project managing training programmes in the IT world.

Her third phase of work saw her going back to her roots and becoming a tutor to pupils across a broad range of ages for English, Maths and all sciences up to A-level. She set high standards and pushed her pupils to excel through hard work, expecting that no-one would want to give less than their best. It is testament to her skill that many pupils have stayed in touch and become friends.

Outside work, Nicola was an avid collector of Oriental rugs, a keen supporter of the arts and committed to her local community in many voluntary roles. She travelled extensively and her house is full of artefacts brought back from all parts of the globe. Golf and tennis were particularly important parts of her life, both taking part and socialising around them. She was a Roehampton Member for 50 years, proudly attending the Honorary lunch in May this year”.

As per Nicola’s wishes, a memorial gathering to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday 20th January 2024. This will be held in a private room at a pub in Chiswick. It will be a late morning start for a ceremony with tributes. A light lunch and drinks will follow. Details will be provided in due course but, in the meantime, please save the date.

To help with numbers, please let the Roehampton Club Membership Team (0208 480 4221 or membership@roehamptonclub.co.uk) know by 28th November 2023 if you would like to attend.