

ROGER FRIEND

We heard the sad news in November that Roger had died at the early age of 64.

He joined the club in the 1960s and was one of its most talented athletes through to the 1980s, after which he turned to cycling and a series of other successes. Roger's forte was road running at all distances from 5k. to marathon. He still holds two M40 club records set in 1988, 10k. in 32:58 and 25k. in 1:24:34 and is also the fastest ever Dartford Harrier over the London Marathon course in 2:24:45. On the track he ran mainly 5000m. and 10000m, but was prepared to drop down to 1500m, 800m. and even 400m. to help to gain points for his team. He ran regularly on the country, often in fiercely contested races with Paul Hills.

Roger was a very nice, friendly man, who got on well with all at the club, and was very modest about his considerable achievements. He will be missed, very much, of course, by his wife Janet and the rest of his family, and by the many Dartford Harriers who knew him and competed in the same teams for the club with him.

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