

Simon Peters

(1942-2009)

I attended the funeral of Simon Peters yesterday, at Woking Crematorium

It is with much regret that we have to report that Simon Peters died on the 1st April after a two year battle with cancer. The Association was represented at his funeral at the Woking Crematorium.

Simon was truly a larger than life character and it is no exaggeration to say that when he walked into a tournament or a match the room lit up with his presence. With his flowing hair, permanent tan and outrageous clothes he would dominate the table with his equally eccentric playing style. Holding the bat with his fingers under the blade he would go back from the table and return the ball with devilish spin and when missing a shot he would utter an oath in an undecipherable language - but always with a smile on his face.

He was born, Sime Petkovic, in Montenegro in the former Yugoslavia in 1942 and soon developed a love for languages and travel. His son, in an eloquent speech, described how he met his future wife during the 'Summer of Love' in 1968 and they married in England. After trying his hand at a number of jobs he became an expert in repairing and renovating pianos and developed a thriving business in Byfleet.

To his wife, two sons, daughter and his brother we send our condolences and best wishes.

John Callcut

Chairman – Guildford TT League

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