

FRIENDS OF HOCKLEY VIADUCT

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Since the Viaduct has now been restored and is much used, this is a Newsletter I wasn't expecting to write but knew that inevitably I'd have to. The last of our own "Gang of Four", Dr Edwin Course, has died aged 93. Although a lifelong lover of railways, he joined the Navy – his father was a Master Mariner - spending the war working in Corvettes, reputedly not the happiest time of his life. However the great loves of his life, apart from his passion for Mozart, were industrial archaeology and transport, particularly railways. After the war he gained his PhD from the LSE and in 1956 was appointed to the staff of Southampton University to teach Transport Studies & Industrial Archaeology. His teaching of the latter subject brought about the formation of SUIAG, which later became HIAS – Hampshire Industrial Archaeology Society.

Throughout his life he was not only well-known and respected in Hampshire but nation-wide. He published many books and took part in programmes both on TV and on Radio. He was responsible for the listing of the Twyford Waterworks and along with Chris Webb, Jeffrey Smith and Alan Weeks tried so hard to get our Viaduct listed. It was he who took the sample core from the structure to prove that it was built of mass concrete with a brick cladding. We Friends have much for which to be grateful to him.

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