

Bob Pearce

(1931 – 2017)

A Personal Tribute

Bob and Mary Pearce were mainstays of *The Radyr Chain* from its early years. I was aware of Bob only as a quiet presence, a foil to Mary's vivacity, until they persuaded me to join *The Chain* as Editor in 2000. Over the next two years I gained an appreciation of Bob as a colleague and a friend. He was an enabler and together, and with some help from Bob and Mary's family, we were able to steer the production of *The Chain* away from manual cut-and-paste and towards modern technology. Bob was a man of ideas backed by action – and so his ideas worked. It was at this time that Bob and Jerry Bray moved *The Chain* on to a financially independent footing, a rare status for a Community-produced newspaper but one which it retains to this day. In 2002 Bob and Mary took over as Editors and remained at the helm for the next fourteen years.

The quality that especially endeared Bob to me, even more than his shrewdness, kindness and utter dependability, was his unexpected sense of humour - droll and sometimes trenchant.

Bob and Mary were a redoubtable team. Along with many members of the community which they served so well I extend my heartfelt love and sympathy to Mary, their three lovely daughters and their partners, and the grandchildren who brought them so much joy.

Zoe Pearce.