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We are sad to report the death last week of Roger Lea. He was our founder and Chairman and remained so right to the end.
He is seen in this photograph on the left with Councillor Keith Ward, receiving the Good Citizen's award in 2017. Roger will be known to 'Observer' newspaper readers for his weekly history column and range of local history books.
He will be greatly missed.



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**Joan Hart**

RIP condolences to family and friends much remembered from Library Services Joan

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**Fay Davis**

So very sad to hear this news. Such a lovely, knowledgeable man and so encouraging and supportive towards young librarians.

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**Jo Heaton**

Such sad news. He was a lovely gentleman with a great sense of humour.

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Zoe Toft

Roger's death is a huge loss to the town. My condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. 1

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Abi Collingwood

Such a knowledgeable man, he will be sorely missed 4

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Vivien Griffiths

I worked with Roger when I was the Children's Librarian for North Birmingham. He was a deceptively quiet person but had a wicked sense of humour and allowed us to be creative in our work, including holding very successful discos for teenagers who never normally came to the library. His work on local history after retirement used all his librarianship skills to the full. A real gentleman who quietly made a big difference in Sutton Coldfield.

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Trish McCormack

I met Roger through the Sutton Coldfield Local History group whilst working at Sutton Coldfield Library. His knowledge was invaluable, he was kind and patient - getting to grips with all those maps was not as easy as it looked. He also had a great sense of humour too. Roger will be missed by many people, and I am privileged to have known him. 2

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Annie Brierley

I knew Roger from my very first job at Sutton Coldfield Library. A very lovely person.

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Patricia Connolly

Roger was a gentleman, head of Local History, Sutton Library. I knew him through working in libraries. RIP

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Carol Newton

So sorry to hear this bad news. Met him once during his time of publishing the history of Sutton in the Observer. RIP Roger you will be sadly missed. Xxx

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Ros Clayton

I got to know Roger when I worked in the old Victorian Reference Library in Birmingham the 1960s. He was a lovely man. 1

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**Doreen Williams**

So sad to hear this news. Roger was our Regional Librarian when I started work in Libraries and always had time for everyone.

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**Julia Grant**

I used to love his column in the Observer x RIP 1

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**Angela King**

RIP. I remember Roger from my central library days. **Gena Gaynor**
Vivien Griffiths 1

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**Kathy Webster**

I grew up next door to Roger and his brothers. They were a lovely family

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**Robert J Ellett**

He will be sadly missed at **New Hall Mill**. 😞 1

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**Peter Langley**

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