

OBITUARY



MIKE DARLINGTON - 2009

As a young man, Mike was a gifted actor and played in repertory around the country, partnered Margaret Lockwood and Joan Greenwood in pantomime, and also featured in many BBC radio serials.

Mike loved the sea, and knowing that the Admiralty seldom accepted National Servicemen, he travelled to Portsmouth to sign up, so for the next seven years he saw the world with the Fleet Air Arm. He was recommended for a commission, but blotted his copybook and was soon returned to Pompey.

Mike worked at Volkswagen (UK), and later Shirley and Mike bought a general store in Docking. After six years they sold the business and moved to Sedgeford, when entrepreneurial Mike formed 'Datawheels', towing a computer in a mobile office around Norfolk doing VAT, tax and wages for farmers and other small businesses. He was in charge of the portfolio of investments at the CITB, and also looked after the financial affairs of the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House.

A member of HM Coastguard for 11 years and a Rotarian, Mike recently won an award for designing and publishing the best Rotary magazine of 76 Clubs in East Anglia. He had also served on the Legion branch committee, and was Treasurer until the 2006 AGM.