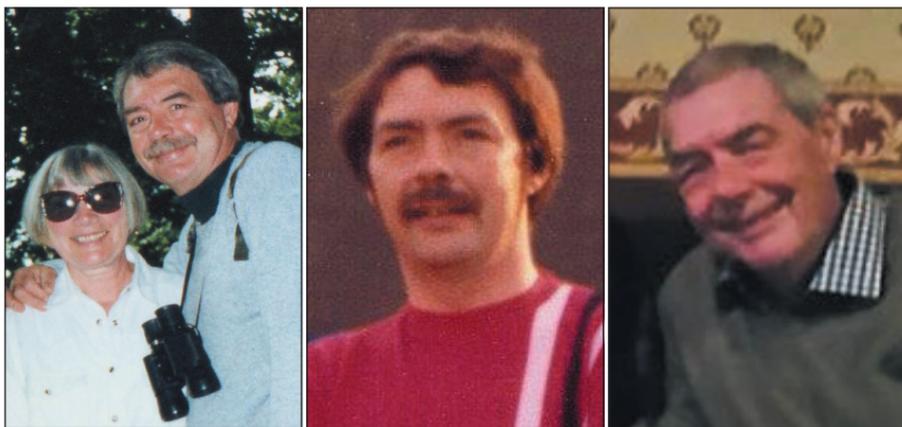


# In Loving Memory of Pat Armstrong



April saw the sad passing of a wonderful man, Pat Armstrong.

Pat had worked with The Local Rock closely in his role as a member of the Burbage Parish Council administration team, providing our pages with the Burbage Parish Council news and updates. He had also worked closely with many members of our team in the local newspaper industry over the years and was considered a close friend, as well as an uncle to Dayle Crutchlow.

Here, we all pay tribute to a special man:

“Pat Armstrong was a highly valued member of Burbage Parish Council administration team. His contributions to The Rock were always appealing to the reader, using his innovative journalism skills to our full advantage.

“He oversaw the administration of the Parish allotments and through his diligence, has brought the standard of their upkeep to a much improved level, to the benefit of all. He also managed Parish responsibilities for health and safety. A naturally quiet and reserved man, he had a clear insight into the duties he undertook and his advice and guidance on these matters was always worthy of careful consideration. He will be very sadly missed by all who knew him.”

## **The Chairman of Burbage Parish Council**

“I have been working with Burbage Parish Council for eight years now. I had heard of Pat Armstrong and his huge background and I was very nervous in our very first meeting together regarding Burbage Parish Council joining the Local Rock with their community news. It became very apparent how highly skilled Pat was in the journalism world and that he had made a

lot of friends throughout his career.

“He was a very kind man and also helped me with being dyslexic, giving me great feedback always, for which I will be forever grateful to Pat.

“I feel very sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful, passionate man who I had the honour to call my friend and an inspiration to work with. My heart goes out to Pat’s family and friends.”

## **Publisher Hayley and Team Rock**

“For many years Pat and I worked together professionally. He was my journalistic mentor, guiding me and getting me through my professional qualifications. But our bonds went far beyond the newsroom. Pat was my dear mum’s big brother, my favourite uncle, a protector and a friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.”

## **Dayle Crutchlow**

Local Rock designer Nick Wongsam also worked with Pat for over 40 years, both at the Coventry Evening Telegraph and lately liaising on the Council Newsletter. “We played football for the Telegraph together in the 70s, I can still see Pat at the heart of our defence taking no prisoners!”