



We are all very saddened by the recent death of our long serving President Tom Milne, on the 19 October 2023 having attended our recent golf function earlier in the month. He devoted much of his time to our Society as a past Captain and President for over twenty five years. Tom was always very active in our society which benefited from his expertise and guiding influence in all its activities.

Before Tom moved from Co. Tipperary to London at 18 in the early 1960s he had won an under 15 county medal for his native Lorrha. He continued with his sport joining the Brothers Pearce GAA Hurling Club in London where he spent many years as a player, manager and

chairman. He was also involved in the founding of the Brothers Pearse camogie team. He was always a friendly face to anyone new joining the club and a person to turn to if one needed helpful advice. The overriding description of him today by any former player was a “true gentleman”. Sport always played a great part in his life and when hurling ended he became a very keen golfer. Tom always found time to take active leadership roles in these Irish Hurling and Golf societies which helped to make them so successful.

In time he was attracted to the pub trade and he quickly was able to master the craft and take on premises. He eventually became well known as a very successful publican operating in places like Maida Vale and Camden. His character and personality were a great asset which certainly cut him out for this type of business. At one stage he was awarded one of the Top Three in the Evening Standard's “Pub of the Year” Award' competition.

Tom was well known for his involvement in many other Irish organisations and on several occasions he hosted the Tipperary Association County's hurling team on their trips to Ireland. In 2017 he was honoured with a Laochra Gael award for North Tipperary for his contributions over many years. We know that he was a strong supporter of various charities and helped with the organisation of many St Patrick's Day parades in London. He always had a smile on his face and a one off character kind of person one will never meet again.

Lastly we acknowledge that Tom was a very happy family man with a wonderful wife, Kathy who was a great supporter of all his activities. He was a proud father of his three children, Tony, Susan and Michelle his grandchildren and a great grandchild.

At this very sad time our thoughts and condolences go out to all Tom's family also his many friends and may he rest in peace.