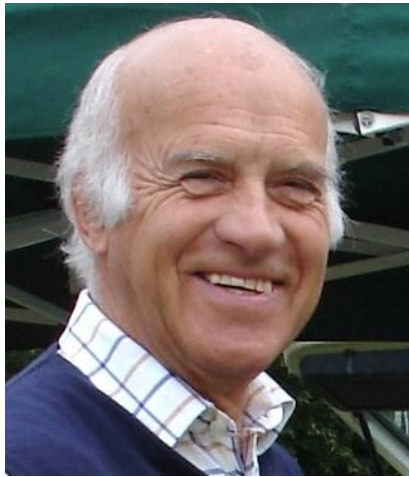


Stephen Trinder, 1935-2015



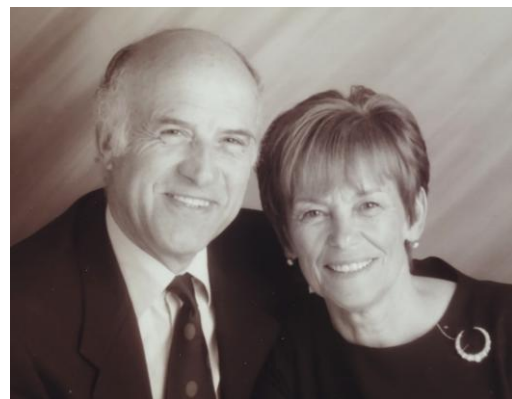
Stephen Trinder, who died at his Whitchurch home on 14th June aged 79, was born in Bristol in 1935. He was educated at Clifton College and won a scholarship to Bristol University where he studied law. He played in university teams for tennis, squash, fives and hockey and was president of the Law Club.

On graduation he joined Unilever and by the age of 29 he was managing a group of agricultural merchants. Later he took on an international marketing role in the company. He met his wife Sally in Bristol and they were married in 1960, living there for eight years before moving to Purley.

At the age of 41, Stephen decided to follow a lifelong ambition to start something on his own. With management experience, artistic talent, a special interest in interior design and invaluable support from his wife Sally, he set up as an interior designer. He worked first on offices, then hotels, pubs, restaurants, golf and other clubs. In their leisure moments he and Sally played golf at Reading and then Huntercombe, and tennis at Caversham Lawn Tennis Club, of which he became president.

After 25 years of interior design work, Stephen decided on a further career change in 2001 in order to fulfil his artistic ambitions. He had been diagnosed with cancer which required treatment. He embarked on a Fine Art degree at Oxford Brookes University, graduating with BA Honours in 2004. Working from a studio created in his garage, he produced a steady stream of drawings, paintings and sculptures, many of which appeared in exhibitions.

Stephen and Sally moved from Purley to Whitchurch in 1972 and from the start involved themselves in village activities. They lived first at Wellesley House at the top of the High Street, moving eight years ago to a house in Eastfield Lane.



Stephen was chairman of the Whitchurch Society for many years. More recently, he led the team producing the Village Plan in 2008-9. He was especially proud of his part in negotiating the acquisition of the cricket field for the community. He designed an information board to tell visitors about the village. Whenever there was a job to be done, he would volunteer. He was one of the organisers of the Jubilee Party in 2012. His final gift to the village was a life-saving defibrillator, recently installed in the public phone box on the High Street.

Stephen had many friends, was always happy to help people and was one of those people who succeed in getting things done. We are fortunate that he and Sally chose to live in our village.

Any Whitchurch Web reader who wishes to share a memory of Stephen is invited to email it to the address below so that it can be added here.

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