



David Mattick (1946 – 2026), Chair of FOLC

Many of you will already have heard the very sad news of Dave Mattick's sudden and unexpected death. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Sue, his children Karen, Teresa and Paul, and his grandchildren.

After arriving in Leigh with his young family over 50 years ago, Dave was involved in many village activities, from calling the bingo numbers on a Saturday evening for the Village Hall Committee and playing Santa for local children, to being a valued member and Chair of the Parish Council and Vice-Chair of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Among many other contributions to village life, he was also instrumental in helping to co-ordinate the annual village Remembrance Service. This was especially important to him in the context of his distinguished naval career.

His amazing energy as part of the Friends of Leigh Church (FOLC), was remarkable. Dave served on the committee from FOLC's inception and was Chair for the last five years. He was a major organiser for numerous FOLC fundraisers, including bingo, race nights and quizzes, all very much enjoyed by the residents of Leigh, and all raising money to help preserve our much-loved church.

The PCC is immensely grateful for his invaluable help with church maintenance and IT support, much of it done 'behind the scenes', and for his skill in guiding its members through a number of major church repair projects over the years. He also brought his common sense and wisdom to his chairing of the meetings leading up to the appointment of our new vicar.

He will be greatly missed and impossible to replace – despite his frequent assertion that no-one is indispensable!

On a personal level, Dave was a thoughtful and kind friend and neighbour to many.

The funeral service will be held at St Giles Church, Leigh-on-Mendip, on Friday 7th August at 2.00 pm. There will be refreshments afterwards at the hall. Donations, as an alternative to flowers, for Friends Of Leigh Church.