

Peter Goodwin (1942 – 2014)



It is with great sadness that I report the death of Peter Goodwin. He fell on the final descent from Ruinsival towards Harris on the Isle of Rum in the Scottish Highlands, on Saturday 23rd August 2014. A few hours earlier, he had talked with friends, who were doing a shorter route. By all accounts, it was a beautiful day and he passed away at a happy time in his life in the hills he loved. He was the adored father of Kate and Dominic. A cherished granddad and brother. Loved and so dearly missed by all his family and friends

Peter was born in Hereford on 21st August 1942. He was an accomplished sportsman, playing for Ledbury Rugby Club, and also a successful tennis player. From an early age, he loved the countryside, particularly the hills, becoming more enthusiastic when he finished playing competitive sports; he spent much of his time in the hills after he retired.

Peter completed the Munros in 1995 (No. 1413) with his son, Dominic. He also climbed 51 of the Blodig/Goedeke/Dumler list of 60 Alpine summits, all unguided - quite an achievement considering that he was already 50 when he climbed his first Alpine summit! However, he was more interested in spending time in his favourite places, rather than slavish list ticking. He frequently returned to the Scottish Highlands, and especially liked to visit some of the more remote areas such as Knoydart and Torridon.

Peter was a very active member of the Swiss Alpine Club (ABMSAC) and Over the Hill Club. He also walked with the South Shropshire Rambling Club and West Bromwich Mountaineering Club. He was a member of the Austrian Alpine Club, and will be known to some members of the Alpine Club from joint meets with other clubs. He participated in the Scottish Coast to Coast challenge on 14 occasions.

The funeral will be at Hereford Crematorium on Friday 19th September at 1.30pm (black optional), followed by a reception in Ludlow. Family flowers only please, with kind donations received in Peter's memory being divided between The John Muir Trust and Lochaber Mountain Rescue. All enquires please to: Victoria Allen Funeral Services, 8 Charlton Rise, Ludlow, SY8 1ND. 01584 879035

The John Muir Trust does work in the Scottish Highlands to preserve our natural heritage. In recent years, Peter did voluntary work for them on several occasions, often doing work of a very physical nature, despite his age. It is a charity that was very close to his heart.

Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team assisted in the search for Peter. The outstanding courage and bravery of these men and women (and Tara, the dog) who search the mountains over a wide area of Scotland all year round in any conditions is highly commendable. This is entirely voluntary, and the team rely on donations for equipment and training.

Dominic Goodwin