

## **TOM SINCLAIR: 15 MAY 1936 – 9 JUNE 2010**

TOM was a kindly man, a good friend and a dedicated member of the LDWA and Kent Group. He always displayed a calm and balanced view on many different matters. His enthusiasm for walking made him an excellent checkpointeer with a cheery word of encouragement to the weary. He walked the Sevenoaks Circular, Rottingdean Windmill and Seven Sisters challenge events, but he was mainly seen on social walks, leading some himself.

Tom was a committee man and spent many years on the group committee, as newsletter editor and secretary. He was involved in the planning of two Hundreds in Kent. He graduated to the National Committee as secretary and then chairman, also 100s coordinator.

His early years were in Northern Ireland. I knew Tom for 25 years, since when he joined Kent Group, and he always spoke fondly of walking in the Mourne Mountains of his homeland.

At his funeral, the vicar spoke of Tom's many 'hats'. This prompted thoughts of Ivan's social walk of last July, when Tom came out to meet us, smartly dressed as president of Wrotham Cricket Club, en route to a village game, wearing a Sri Lankan cricket hat – he had acquired this when visiting his daughter on the island some years earlier.

Tom will be much missed, not only by his family but by his many friends in the LDWA.

**Brian Buttifant**

