



## Terry Summersgill

Terry joined Borough Bowling Club from North Cliff in 2006 because he was sick of cycling past the Manor Road green, which was much nearer to his house, than North Cliff and he immediately became a consistent first team member, which he was very proud of. He also enjoyed his time as Captain of the over 60's first team

He quickly became a very active member of the Borough Committee and for a number of years until he died he was the competition secretary. He loved the responsibility of organising and running the main merits held at Borough and due to his hard work and preparations the Borough Merits are renowned in the area for their smooth running. Terry also recognised the need to move with the times and he was a keen instigator in helping Malcolm Stephenson set up the Borough Bowling Club website.

Terry loved his bowling and was passionate that the game should be played in a sporting manner always starting with a firm handshake and a resounding "Let's have a good game" and also finishing with another firm handshake, a smile, and a cup of tea. He also loved to see younger generations take up the sport and always encouraged, coached and supported anyone wanting to have a go.

On numerous occasions many other Bowling Clubs in the area have had problems and Terry has always been straight on the phone to them offering his support and advice . He would always be generous with his time and money if he felt he could make a difference to any club that needed help.

From taking up the sport until 2016 he had always used the same Lignum woods and swore by them. After regularly being encouraged to try some more modern woods he decided to switch woods in 2016, with spectacular results.

He started the season beating Mick Gates in the final of Boroughs Potter Cup, followed this up by winning the Ted King shield partnering Penny Gosling, and went on a long unbeaten run in the leagues that saw him topping the league averages for most of the season. Unfortunately illness stopped him continuing this run for most of 2017

Terry was president of Borough Bowling Club in 2016 and loved his role. He attended every function and carried out all the duties expected with his usual attention to detail and dry sense of humour. He also played an active part in the running of the local association in his role as Borough's Representative on the management committee, still passing on his opinions and advice from his bed in the hospice right up until the end.

Terry was a great character and big personality at Borough Bowling Club, and on the East Coast Bowling scene, and he leaves a big hole that is going to be very difficult to fill