



The Nigel Gratton Trophy

This trophy, in memory of branch member Nigel Gratton, is awarded, at the Chairman's discretion, to a member considered to have made a significant contribution to the branch over the past year.



Gill Waters remembers: "Nigel and Ann Gratton were part of North Wilts when we joined some 20-odd years ago. They were both teachers and both were good club members, Nigel was into amateur dramatics and for a few years the branch went to Cricklade to see pantomimes at Christmas. Ann was in it too, usually singing, which she still does. I remember Nigel for his very deep voice, he had good charisma."

Ann Gratton remembers: "We saw the club's re-birth in a way. I was teaching at Oliver Tomkins and the caretaker ran the club with about 5 members at the Steam Train in Bassett. The next year along came Roger & Liz Briance and Alison who had just passed her test and got her Morris. From then things grew and grew. We had an almond saloon at that time which Nigel used to decorate, painting all the windows for the Spring Fun Run which our 2 children used to come to. We were then members till Nigel's death. We moved venues to the White Hart in Wroughton, the Ghost Train, Purton, The Patriot, Chiseldon etc. We changed our car to a black Traveller which I kept for several years after Nigel's death. Nigel was always in the thick of the group with ideas, running quizzes etc. and we made good friends and enjoyed events through the years. We went to many rallies in other parts of the country as well as our own branch. We got our traveller from Charley Ware and had renovations done in Malvern, and Nigel used both cars to take him to school every day, as well as the Traveller doing many trips loaded with anything and everything."

Recent recipients:

2015: Bill Reed, for organising his first branch rally

2016: Gill Waters, for her stalwart work as Secretary

2017: Sarah Higgins, for the Newsletter and her branch reports to "Minor Matters"

2018: Julian Marshall, for his work on our website