

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert Guy Hughes

1934 – 2010

Robert (Bob) was born in London on 5<sup>th</sup> November – hence his middle name!

As a boy, he loved to draw and as the years went by and without undertaking any formal art training, he discovered he had a talent for miniature painting.

Robert continued in business, using painting as a way of relaxing in his leisure time. He soon realised to his astonishment, that people actually were prepared to pay him money for his art. His first exhibitions in Marlborough during the 1980's soon gained him a reputation in the art world.

His talent was recognised by the Royal Society of Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers in 1986 when he was appointed an associate member, with full membership gained in 1989. He was also a member of the Hilliard Society of Miniaturists and the Society of Limners.

Bob and his partner Liz Johnson, moved to Easton Barns in 1992 where they converted outbuildings into a studio and exhibition gallery. By now Bob had retired from business and worked as a prolific full-time professional artist, with his work represented in galleries all over the country and at many exhibitions.

Bob loved the village and the surrounding countryside which often featured in his paintings. He was a member of the Village Hall Committee for many years and enjoyed taking part in village events, particularly if he had an opportunity to sing – his party piece was 'Wild Thing' by the Troggs.

He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2005 which quickly developed into a more advanced form called Multiple System Atrophy, making movement difficult and sadly his painting had to cease.

Bob spent the last two years of his life in the care of Merlin Court in Marlborough where he died on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010.