

John Rowley Williams - 1925 to 1997



Ward Club Treasurer 1981 to 1992

Clerk to the Governors Cripplegate
Foundation

Ward Club Honorary Treasurer 1981 to 1992

Accountant and Clerk to the Governors
Cripplegate Foundation

John Williams was born on 5th June 1925 in Holywood, Northern Ireland. He came from a prominent family in the area and had one brother and three sisters. He was educated at Campbell College.

He married his wife Eileen and had one daughter named Jane. He served in the Fleet Air-arm during the 2nd World War. After the War he went to live and work in Toronto, Canada where he stayed for ten years.

Upon returning to this country he studied accountancy. He lived in Toddington and worked in Bedford. His daughter married and he and his wife moved to Milton Keynes for a short time and then to the Barbican in the City of London.

John joined Cripplegate Foundation, an ancient City of London parochial charity, as Accountant in the 1970's, later becoming Clerk to the Governors. He greatly enjoyed this work and was sad to retire in 1992.

As well as being Clerk to the Foundation, John became interested in the affairs of the City and joined the Cripplegate Ward Club in 1977 subsequently becoming Hon. Treasurer in 1981 and took on the further responsibility of Hon. Secretary in 1987. He was also a Freeman of the City of London.

In 1992 John retired from the Club when he and his wife Eileen returned to Holywood in Northern Ireland to live in the family home. Sadly Eileen died a few years later. John had always been keen on sailing and became Hon. Treasurer to the Royal Ulster Yacht Club. He also worshipped regularly at Holy Trinity Church, Glenraig, where he was a member of the choir and served on the Select Vestry.

John died of bone cancer on 23rd December 1997 aged 72. The funeral service was held on 29th December at Glenraig and a Memorial Service was held in London at St. Giles Church, Cripplegate in April the following year. This was attended by his daughter and husband and their three children, together with other members of his family and many friends and associates.

John was a very friendly and convivial man who worked very hard to ensure that Ward Club events were a success. He was greatly missed when he left London and subsequent Hon. Treasurers and Hon. Secretaries have done their best to live up to his high standards.