



*Arthur Bowden
(1928 - 2021)*

Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness that I must inform you of the passing of Intercountry Committee Executive Council Former General Secretary Arthur Bowden in Salisbury Hospital on the 1st January 2021 at the age of 92.

Arthur was a founding member and charter President of the Rotary Club of Wilton and a past district Governor of district 1110, England.

He has been very active in the ICC programs and serve as General Secretary of the Intercountry Committee Executive Council for almost 20 years.

His long-time commitment and leadership to our program has been a major contribution to the development of ICCs.

One of Arthur's great strengths was his wicked sense of humor he always shared with us during the ICCs meeting.

Arthur Bowden was born in Caerphilly, South Wales in 1928 and moved to Salisbury in 1937. He studied at Bristol University and was a teacher at Bishop's Wordsworth's School. He became Head of Languages, Bursar, and Acting Deputy Head Master before retiring in 1990.

As a member of Rotary, Arthur welcomed the opportunity to help improve the quality of life, not only in the local community, but around the world. In 1978-1980, Arthur was the founding President of this Club. In 1983-84 he was District Rotaract Chair and was your District Governor in 1989-1990. During the early 1990's he was a member and Chair of the Rotaract Committee of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He was also supervisor for Rotaract activities in Continental Europe and Africa.

He served on the ICC Executive Council until 2012, by which time 26 countries were mustered into membership.

In addition to its Rotary activities, Bowden contributed enormously to the development of the sport of rugby for over 75 years and served as President of Dorset & Wilts Rugby Football Union.

Arthur was also an active volunteer in many other organizations. His first community role was in 1945 as Chairman of the Salisbury Youth Council. In 1959, he joined the Salisbury Round Table becoming Chair in 1964 before leaving in 1968 to join its 41 Club. He also has been a Volunteer Floor Guide at Salisbury Cathedral.

He will be greatly missed and long remembered by all those who have had the chance to know him.

Our thoughts and prays goes out to Arthur's wife Joyce.

Rotarians and friends who wish to express their condolences and share their memories may write to: Mrs J Bowden, 40 Hulse Road, Salisbury, SP1 3LY.

Best Regards

Cyril NOIRTIN
ICC Executive Council Chairman

Paris, January 1, 2021.

