

INREMEMBERANCE

and grandfather, William was always ready with advice, help, and words of encouragement — and never missed a chance to say how proud he was of those he loved.

Shortly before his retirement in 2006, William and Diana moved from Northwood to Speen, a village which they quickly grew to know and cherish. They poured energy into renovating “Cottage Farm”

with William’s trademark meticulous care. “If a job’s worth doing, is worth doing well” he often said, and we think he made a fine job of it.

A friendly and welcoming man, William found this returned as he became part of Speen village life, making many new friends in the process. For many years, he was involved in running the Fete, designing and building stalls,



putting up marquees and quietly helping everything run smoothly behind the scenes.

He was also an active member of the Rotary Club, notably organising the car parking for the Kop Hill Climb (“you can never have too much tape”). And he enjoyed providing technical support for The Arts Society, with over 20 Speen members and Speen W.I. Those who knew him will remember

his ready smile, dry humour, and the twinkle in his eye whenever a practical challenge or good joke came his way.

William passed away at his home on 5th August aged 78. He will be deeply missed by Diana, their family and the many friends whose lives he touched with kindness, humour and generosity of spirit.

IAN WATERMAN

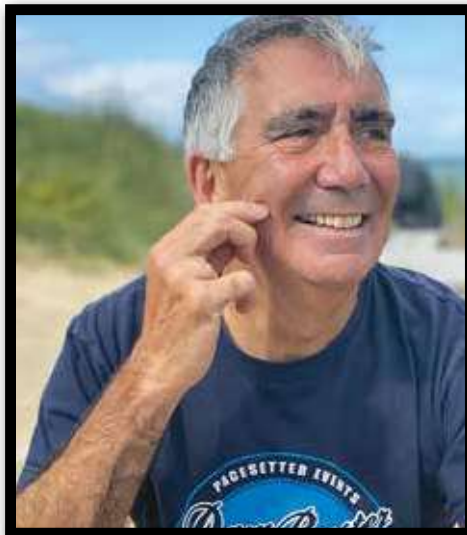
19th October 1956 – 26th August 2025

Written by the Waterman Family

Ian moved to Speen with his new wife Debbie, in August 1990, after their return from honeymoon.

Ian embraced life in Speen and in the mid 90’s he commenced the role of compere of the Speen Bonfire night, a task he thoroughly enjoyed and continued right up until last year’s bonfire night.

Ian also compered the Speen Fun Day for many



years and in more recent times the Speen Fete.

Ian, was a keen runner and triathlete, and he ran the London marathon in April 2002 to raise funds for the Speen Helping Hospices charity.

As a fitting tribute to Ian, often referred to as the “voice of Speen”, his celebration of life was held on the Playing Fields in the village marquee on September 19th.