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## Gareth Watkins RIP

It is with deep regret that I must inform the fancy that Gareth Watkins, the former BICC Press Officer, has passed away. Gareth died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, aged 72. Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with Judy, his wife, and his family.

As press officer, Gareth helped to increase the membership of the BICC from 700 to over 1,700. He was a prolific writer, and his loft reports were second to none. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a pigeon fancier, who has not read an article by Gareth. They make such interesting reading, and his back catalogue is extensive. I am sure that his articles and reports will continue to be read for many years to come. His legacy will live on for many, many years.

On a personal note, when I became press officer, he gave me such good advice and was at the end of the phone when I needed him. As a committee member of the BICC he was a Life Vice-President, and he used his knowledge and intellect to bring so much to the committee. The BICC committee mourn the passing of Gareth and remember him as a loyal and committed servant to a pigeon club that he loved. RIP.

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