

The Linton Angling Society

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Dear Members

It is with the greatest sadness that I write to inform you all that **Andrew Tate**, our Treasurer was killed in a motorcycle accident on Thursday 6th January 2005.

Andrew had been a long serving member of the Society, over 20 years; being a committee member for the last 9 years; last year as our Treasurer, he took over from Doug Daw whom we also tragically lost in February 2004.

Whilst on the committee he contributed much to the society being responsible for the junior section, running it in the early days with Malcolm Smith, more recently taking it over fully; organizing the matches, "Family Days" & "Evening Teach-ins" that were so successful in introducing the youngsters into the art of angling.

Without his enthusiasm & dedication the junior section would not have continued.

He stepped in & took over as Treasurer after Doug died, running our finances with great efficiency, always there with answers & advice, that was Andrew's way.

Andrew was very popular, a friendly character, excellent angler with a dry sense of humor, honest, always on hand to help, he had many friends in our Society.

He was instrumental in keeping & helping shape the junior section into what it is today.

Angling wasn't his only interest; he was a true sportsman, tri-athlete & marathon runner, a member of the Maidstone Harriers having recently completed the "San Francisco Escape from Alcatraz" triathlon. A keen sailor, he also belonged to the Mote Park Sailing Club.

Our sincere & heartfelt condolences go to his wife Denise, sons Ben & Sam, parents Jack & Vera, brothers Kevin & Ian and Sister Christine at this very difficult time.

His Funeral took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Watringbury, Kent on Wednesday 19th January 2005. The Committee & Officers were represented by Norman Young, Tony Spall, Alan Croucher, Don Brown, Paul Stevens & myself.

A donation will be made to the Kent Air Ambulance as requested by his family.

A truly tragic loss, he will be missed by us all; we will never forget him & all he has done for our Society.

Yours sincerely

Chris Knowler (*Hon. Secretary*)
For & on behalf of L.A.S. Committee.