

Tribute to David Jones from the editors

I don't remember the first time I met David. That may be a sign of how long ago it is or my ageing brain cells. But it's probably about 14 years ago now when he invited me to be a member of the S&S editorial board. He'd phone, we'd have a stimulating chat about life and humanistics, and I'd usually have offered to do something by the end of the call without really knowing I'd done it.

David has been a member and dissenter of the humanistic scene for as long as it has existed in this country. He both belongs and has his own distinct opinions. He is a realist. He has often been provocative and challenging to received ideas. He cares about S&S and has often let me bend his ear about its struggles and mine.

As a neighbour in Hartland, North Devon, it was fun to have David around. His involvement in various local projects and his fresh angle on life and people helped life in a small village stay lively. He has a positive approach and the courage to trust what comes his way. Not to forget his sense of humour, which didn't always find favour but cut through a lot of posturing.

Happy birthday, David. May you continue to make the most of life, the birth of your first grandchild and all the small and big things you appreciate. I'm glad you're in our world.

Maxine Linnell







When I joined S&S David was generous with his support and his thoughts about S&S, AHP and the humanistic scene in an open, no-nonsense way. I appreciated his sharp intellect, real-world insight and wit. I could rely on him to provide a dose of moral support when he anticipated a need for it. So thank you, David, for your clear voice, sounding through the crowd!

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