

Ken and Eileen German of Pilton



Ken and Eileen German moved to live in 25 Lynbro Road, Pilton in 1965 after living in Bideford for 6 years following their marriage in 1959. They met at Hawkmoor Isolation Hospital near Bovey Tracey when Ken was being treated for TB and Eileen (née Sprague) was a student nurse! Ken had been born at Milton Damerel, Holsworthy and Eileen in Kilmington, Axminster.

Ken was assistant manager at Radio Rentals in Barnstaple for many years and Eileen worked as a staff nurse initially at the old North Devon Infirmary in Litchdon Street and then at the new North Devon District Hospital (NDDH) in Pilton. She worked there on the first night that patients were moved from the Infirmary. She continued to work on the surgical wards at NDDH until retiring in her mid 50's.



They were both active members of Devon Birds of which Ken also served as Chair. Ken was Chairman of the Taw and Torridge Stamp Club which met at Pilton School in those days. Eileen went to Young Wives in Pilton Church Hall whilst their daughters, Susan and Claire, attended the Pilton Playgroup in the mid 1960's. Susan went to the old Pilton Junior

School next to the church before it moved to the Bluecoat School in Abbey Road in 1969.

Eileen was a founder member of Pilton Women's Institute and of the Women's Institute choir. She helped run a lunch club in the Church Hall when she retired. Both Ken and Eileen loved gardening, walking and the countryside and were very pleased that Manning's Pit wasn't built on in their lifetimes. They loved to travel independently and went all over the world.

Eileen died in 2012 at the age of 75 and Ken four years later at the age of 82.