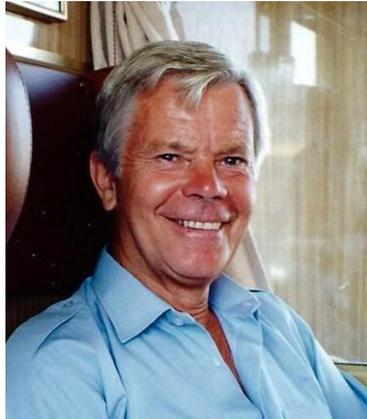


George Frederick Tutte

12 Oct 1926 – 9 Jul 2013



George was born 12 October 1926, and was one of seven children, four boys and three girls, brought up in Whitechapel in the east end of London. During and after the war, George was a Bevan Boy (1944) – he was too young to be enlisted, so he worked in the mines. He was posted to Ferry Hill, County Durham, where he lodged near the Jackson family. John Willie Jackson was the pithead engineer, and George became quite enamoured with his rebellious daughter Doreen. At the end of the war, George and Doreen eloped to London, he wasn't even twenty!

After living for a while in Whitechapel, George and Doreen moved to Torquay in 1947, where George had found work on the GWR (God's Wonderful Railway, as George called it). Whilst in Torquay, George became even more obsessed with the trumpet player Harry James, so much so that he blew his wages on a cornet – without telling Doreen first! So started George's love affair with brass playing and brass banding.

They stayed in Devon for a few years, and George joined Newton Abbot Brass Band – his first foray into the world of banding. His Daughters Julie and Glenda were both born in Devon.

In 1955 they moved to Oxford for George to work at the Pressed Steel car factory. He joined City of Oxford Band in the same year. Then in 1958 they moved to Yarnton where they stayed until moving to Meriden (1995). The year after moving to Yarnton, George started teaching his daughters, Julie and Glenda then two of their friends, which soon led to Yarnton Band being formed. George then taught most of the young people in Yarnton Band for many years as well as teaching many in Kidlington Band and elsewhere in the county. As well as being the founder of Yarnton Band, George later became the lifetime President of the band as well as Vice-President of ODBBA.

George's funeral on 22nd July was attended by well over 100 people, and a brass ensemble made up of friends and ex-pupils of George played during the service.