

Obituary – David Hughes

David Hughes, who was Chairman (and just about every other post) for the now defunct Empire Sports Running Club passed away last week. He was 84. He was a life-long fitness fanatic, who helped establish a running section of Empire Sports Gym (which operated out of a redundant Church building on Newfoundland Road alongside the M32 in Bristol) in the early 1980's as the road running boom took off.

Dave worked for the Bristol Evening Post and was still working as a freelance reporter until earlier this year. He had a very long association as a reporter on local league football for the paper. He also helped establish local football leagues in the Bristol area. A tireless supporter of local sport, he threw himself into road running in his late 40's and ran in many marathons and shorter road races. Short in stature but with a big heart he got the most out of his talent before a series of injuries and joint problems meant he was no longer able to enjoy running. He still went daily to the Gym and could be found cycling around the City.

Invariably cheerful and amiable with an encyclopaedic knowledge of sport, particularly local football, Dave was a loyal and helpful friend to many local sporting organisations, including the County Athletic Association. He will be missed.

John Robbins