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Trevor Beer at Manning's Pit.
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TREVOR BEER MBE

Trevor was born on the Rock at Pilton on 14th January 1937. He attended Pilton School which was next to this Church, continuing on to the Boys Secondary Modern School where he was the first boy to gain two GCEs. His teachers Mr. Uglow (English) and Mr. Fem (Art) tutored him after school, and how appropriate it was that he became known as a Writer and Wildlife Artist.

His National Service was with Bomber Command of the RAF, attached to the Fleet Air Arm at Weston Zoyland, Somerset.

He had four children by his first marriage, Stephen, Mark, Carol and Paul. In 1973 he married Rosemary, and their son, Robin, was born in 1982.

In 1993 Trevor started writing a daily nature column for the Western Morning News and never missed a day. He was the author of numerous books on natural history and folklore.

Trevor was honoured to receive an MBE for his Services to Journalism and the Environment. For his work with saving otters in North Devon he received the Gavin Maxwell Award and in 2001 the British Naturalist's Association presented him with the David Bellamy Award for Nature Conservation.

Trevor will always be remembered for his passion for protecting wildlife and its habitats. He successfully fought to get the area of Tutshill protected as a SSSI. He was currently trying to save Mannings Pit from development.