



THE LORD'S TAVERNERS SALUTES IAN CARMICHAEL OBE
08-Feb-2010

The Lord's Taverners would like to acknowledge the sad loss of actor Ian Carmichael OBE. Ian was a lifelong cricket lover and devoted member of The Lord's Taverners, chairing the charity in 1970.

Fellow Taverner, Neil Durden-Smith, said: 'When I became a trustee in 1976 he had been chairman for two years. He was a marvellous chairman, very caring, hard working, very responsible. It's quite unusual for a full-time working actor to be chairman of a pretty big charity.'

Asked what made him so popular on screen, Neil said: 'He had a twinkle in his eye, a wonderful sense of humour, he was marvellously foppish in a theatrical way. You used to wonder what he would say next! He had that love of life and love of people, he gathered people around him like other people gather butterflies or postage stamps.'

Ian rose to prominence in what many see as a golden age of British comedy and was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2003. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Lee and Sally, from his first marriage to Pym McLean, who died in 1983, and five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A full appreciation will appear in the Summer 2010 issue of *The Long Room* magazine.

