

Messages following the death of Chris Farman:-

Robert Wilkinson wrote:

Thanks for letting me know. His death is so sad and undeserved and perhaps avoidable if the government response to the pandemic had been better.

Hilary Jones (IBMT member and daughter of Sam Wild, one time commander of the British Battalion) wrote:

This is very sad. Thanks for letting us know. Condolences to the family

Lisa Croft (IBMT NW Area) Wrote:

I'm so sorry to hear this. The memorial in Oxford will also be an honourable one to his memory

Tim Hardy wrote:

I am so sorry to hear of the sad news. I have extremely warm memories of our evening together, and was proud of being a part of the words and music there to celebrate and remember a time we should never forget. Please pass on my very best wishes to Mary and all who will miss Chris

Alison Skilbeck wrote:

Thank you so much for letting us have the sad news about Chris. We only met him briefly at the celebration on March 8th, which Tim and I were so honoured to be part of, and which now seems to belong to another world, but I have a clear memory of him, and of course of his terrific work on the script. I do hope he did not suffer. Please give my warmest wishes and sympathy to Mary. I just hope we can look forward to meeting in person in happier times, and celebrating the honourable lives of people such as Chris.

Jim Jump, Chair of the IBMT wrote:

This is such sad news and a terrible loss for everyone who knew Chris. My condolences to all his family and friends. Chris's contribution to the Oxford memorial project was immeasurable. The magnificent memorial in Oxford and the superb book he co-wrote will in themselves be lasting memorials to his work to preserve the memory of the Oxfordshire volunteers who went to Spain. Chris was also excellent company, always open, witty and friendly. I will miss him.

Brenda O'Riordan wrote:

Dear Friends, So very sorry & sad to read of the death of Chris Farman. Rest In Peace/Suaimhneas síoraí do Chris.

It was such a pleasure for us to meet him at the Comrades Come Rally, event. It is thanks to the sheer commitment of people like Chris, that the memory of those brave Brigaders is kept alive. A life well spent. May the happy memories of a life well spent comfort his dear wife & you all at this time. Stay strong. Stay safe. With huge respect/Le meas mór,

Richard Baxell, Past Chair of IBMT wrote:

This is awful. I'm so sorry. As I'm sure you know, I thought very highly of Chris and liked him a lot. Please pass on my condolences.

Jeff Robert wrote:

I am very sorry indeed to hear this tragic news. Unfortunately I had not met Chris recently enough to know him well, but knew him long enough to recognise his exceptional learning and commitment to the cause. Please give my deepest sympathy to Mary.

Marlene Sidaway, President of IBMT wrote:

I'm so sorry to hear about Chris, and to go so suddenly, when he was so fit before that damned covid got to him! Please give Mary my sincere condolences, I know you will all miss him so much. With deep sympathy,

Charles Jepson wrote:

Very sorry to hear of Chris' passing, a good comrade whose loss will be felt by all those who knew him and knew of his contribution to the anti-fascist cause.

Chris Davies wrote:

Very sad to hear the news about Chris. What a lovely man he was.

Liz Woolley wrote:

*I'm sorry to hear this sad news; please accept my condolences.
Thank you for letting us know*

Manuel Moreno wrote:

*That's terribly sad news; condolences to Mary, family and comrades.
Abrazos and take care.*

Manus O'Riordan wrote:

It has indeed come as a shock to me to learn of the sad loss of Chris. Please pass on my condolences to his family. [In the Introduction to the "Comrades Come Rally" event it was said:-]

"Thanks, too, to Chris Farman for researching and drafting such a wonderful text that encapsulated the story of the British Battalion in just a couple of hours. It would make a wonderful introduction to people who perhaps only know the briefest of outlines of the SCW" It was a privilege for me to have participated and to have met Chris at that commemoration.