

The Doug Dudley Commemorative Award

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The section was fortunate to have a founder member of the BMW Club as a long-standing member.

The Doug Dudley Commemorative Award is presented at the AGM each year to the member who has provided outstanding service to the section.

Douglas Dudley, known as Doug, was born in 1928 and is mentioned in only the second newsletter of the BMW Society of Great Britain dated October 1951.

During a continental trip in 1953 there is a mention of Doug & another rider damaging themselves and their bikes, although not seriously.

Following an absence of several years Doug returned to the club during the 1980s and, together with his wife, took great delight in hosting the annual founders' day gathering at their home in Send, Surrey (photos below).



In 1988 Doug was made an honorary member of the Guildford section, the section was shortly after this to be renamed the Southern section, better reflecting the area where our members lived.

Doug was the owner and MD of a successful precision engineering company.

Sadly, with Doug's passing in 2003 the section and the club lost a loyal hard-working member.



Doug Dudley and Ann Leigh at Brooklands

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