

WILLIAM ARNOLD GRANGER

Mr Granger, who died recently at his home in Peterborough, will be greatly missed both in astronomical circles and in the wider community. He was well known nationally for his astronomical work—being both a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and a well-known member and officer of the British Astronomical Association. However, in many ways, it will be his services locally that will be most remembered. In Peterborough, where he was a teacher and later a headmaster, he built his own observatory and carried out detailed observations. Besides this he was always most willing to pass on his enthusiasm and knowledge to newcomers to the subject. At his school he ran an Astronomical Society and he then became a founder member and later Chairman and President of the Peterborough Astronomical Society. He was easily the most qualified member of that Society but was a most loyal and conscientious member and always ready to help anyone who was prepared to take the subject seriously. He guided the Society sensibly and made sure that members understood basic matters before they ventured out of their depth.

“Will” Granger was a man of wide interests. Politics, union affairs, bee keeping, the Peterborough Arts Council—these were all part of his service to the local community. Towards the end of his life he had become one of the characters of the town. He was respected for his knowledge, admired for his integrity and service, and liked for his sense of humour. In all he will be sadly missed.

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