

Eric Throssell



Eric Throssell, MBE, FRIBA, 1919-2016, died peacefully at his home in St Mary's Square, Aylesbury on 21 July.

Eric was an architect, classicist and conservator who, from 1986-91, was responsible for the restoration of Hartwell House and its conversion to an hotel for Historic House Hotels Ltd. Hartwell House is now in the ownership of the National Trust.

He was also a member of the Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society from 1967 contributing to *Records of Buckinghamshire*, 41 (2001) with Mike Farley, *et al* on 'The site of the Old Church at Hartwell, Buckinghamshire'.

At the age of fourteen he enrolled at the Brixton School of Building in London where 'a wonderful art master' inspired [his] interest in rendered architectural drawing, an art form originating in the eighteenth century but now rarely practiced. He considered it 'a wonderful form of presentation and a way of showing a client what his building would eventually look like'. Later several of his drawings were hung in the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

In 2004 his restoration of The Triumphal Arch Gateway and Folly Walls in the gardens of Hartwell House received the Georgian Group Award for the best restoration of a Georgian Garden or Landscape. Latterly he completed a number of volumes on the history of Hartwell under the imprimatur of Long Gallery Press.

Always generous with help and advice, Eric will be much missed.

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