

## Brendan Clements



**9 May 1950 – 19 March 2021**

**Brendan Clements** was born in Clontarf, Dublin to Queenie and Grant, the second of five children: three girls and two boys. His siblings survive him.

For many years he was manager of the Union Bar at Imperial College (IC). He was well liked and respected by many students and staff alike and became a treasured member of all three Tie Clubs. He kept the Union Bar and the Saturday Crush Hall bar running smoothly for the benefit of the students and College staff.

He had a good business head and would often play off the brewery representatives against one another. Brendan never lost out in these dealings. He also allowed (?) the booking office staff from the Albert Hall to enter the Union Bar from the rear of the building. This was a typical Brendan win-win situation. The Albert Hall staff were able to slake their thirst after a busy evening dealing with the public. In return Brendan would find himself in possession of tickets for various events in the Albert Hall.

After Leaving the Union Bar he moved to the then GPO, or in the words of the plaque behind the Union Bar 'Brendan Clement G.P.O. (Got Pissed Off)'.

Another example of Brendan's shrewdness was while at the GPO where he was Catering Manager. He encouraged the staff to eat in the canteen by an 'all you can eat on one plate' policy. Cunningly, he reduced the size of the plates. Typical Brendan.

Brendan's association with IC didn't end when he departed for the GPO. He became the star Full Back of the IC B2s rugby team and many a happy Saturday was spent enjoying the third half and singing Irish songs. Brendan's party piece, after a few pints, was to start singing 'Kevin Barry' a traditional Irish rebel song, which is full of emotion. Brendan would stop singing after the first two verses and claim it was too emotional for him to continue. Years later he confessed that the only reason he didn't continue was because he didn't know the words.

We also don't know the words to express the grief and sadness felt by his sudden passing.

Brendan you will be missed.