

This is going to come as something of a shock I'm afraid, but there seems to be no easy way to say it. I do not think you knew that Peter was diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia 9 years ago and had been receiving treatment, including chemotherapy, during that time.

Sadly I have to tell you that he died peacefully in hospital early on Wednesday morning, 15th August. We were together as a family two days before he died and I was with him right until the end, sleeping by his bed and holding his hand as he slipped out quietly to start a new journey.

He had been so unwell for most of this year, too weak to paint, draw or go for a walk and was very frustrated, so please do not mourn his death but do continue to enjoy his work on the website: www.peterbarnfield.co.uk

You may perhaps feel it strange to learn of Peter's illness like this, but please don't be offended. Very few people knew, that was his wish. He wanted his conversations to be about art and railways and other joyful things, not about his health, or lack of it (so tedious!)

At Peter's express wish there will be a simple direct cremation and no formal gathering, but if you wish to do something positive in celebration of his life and in gratitude for the wonderful care he received in hospital (BHOC), please consider a donation to the charity Above and Beyond. You can make cheques payable to Above and Beyond and I will happily forward or, if you wish to send direct, the address is: The Abbot's House, Blackfriars, Bristol BS1 2NZ. For online giving see this page: “

<https://www.aboveandbeyond.org.uk/forms/donate-in-memory>

Peter's last journey:

Peter's cremation will take place at 9am on Wednesday 29th August. On 17th September his ashes will travel on the Great Western Railway from Bristol Temple Meads to Penzance. They will be scattered from the Cornish cliffs on the South West Coast Path which we have walked with great pleasure as a family throughout our lives, at the site of Ian's painting Progo Cliffs, which came to mean so much to Peter at the end of his life and was the very last image he saw before falling asleep two days before he died.