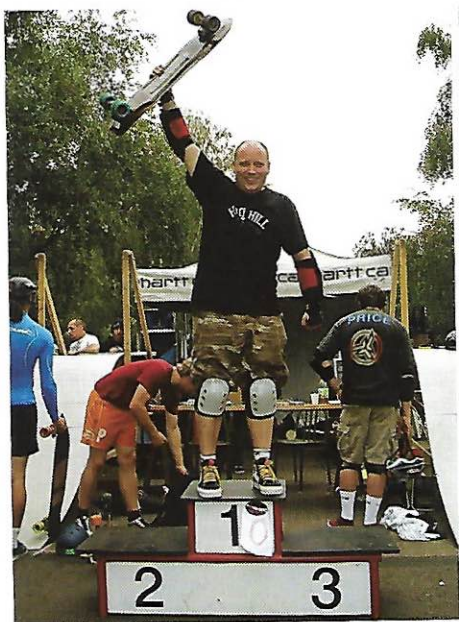


# REMEMBERING MICHAEL STRIDE

APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 1964 — FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020

**Dave Rothwell** was one of many who turned out to celebrate the life of this popular and active Club member.

**A**wonderful man and fellow Seven owner/driver passed away on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 after a courageous battle against cancer. Known by many for his massive contribution to the UK skateboarding scene, Michael competed worldwide in the sport, becoming the Amateur World Tight Slalom Champion in Morro Bay California in 2003.



and Sevens had turned out in force. Those from the Club reflected the wide variety of meetings he attended, and faces from Hertfordshire, Penn, Northants, the Ace Café and many other areas were present, all sad to see such a bubbly character now silenced.

A lovely service was held, with a beautiful eulogy and two touching tributes. This was followed by the stickering of the coffin and the playing of the inevitable "Firestarter" by The Prodigy at end of the service. So appropriate.

There was naturally lots of reminiscing done at the pub afterwards as we remembered one of the best of the good guys, who was taken far too soon.

Ride in Peace Michael.

The family asked to pass on their appreciation for the support Michael received from fellow enthusiasts: "We would like to thank all those of you who have supported Michael in the last very difficult few months enormously. I know he appreciated all your contacts, cards, visits and support, as did we."



Michael became a Seven owner on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and came to be admired and loved by many of us in the Sevens community.

So it was a sad and emotional day on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March as we said goodbye to Michael at New Southgate Crematorium. A call had gone out to the wider Seven community to try to attend the service and it was a real sight to see so many cars and drivers revving their engines as they passed the crematorium in the sunshine. Michael would have been looking down and chuckling at the sight and sound. A packed chapel reflected Michael's ever-optimistic outlook and his ability to make friends; family, neighbours, skate boarders

