

Andrew Lister Cope (R78-86) – Obituary

Born: 9th June 1968, Aldershot, United Kingdom

Died: 15th August 2017, San Juan, Alicante, Spain – from cancer

Grew up in Hong Kong, attended Brandeston Hall and then Framlingham College.

Left Framlingham in 1986 and, distraught to be rejected by the RAF (his boyhood dream) solely due to episodes of migraines suffered many years prior, he worked in a selection of jobs including selling electricals, repairing computer circuit boards and even a stint as a Pizza Hut chef in London.

In 1993 realised he should be making more of his life and, following in the direction of his best friend, went to Staffordshire University and graduated in 1996 with a degree in Valuation Surveying.

Andrew then joined his friend's firm, Naylor's Chartered Surveyors in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. In 2001 he decided to follow sunny skies – and the first of many Spanish girlfriends – to Alicante where he acquired fluent Spanish and a foothold in the competitive real estate market.

Worked first for Blue Med Realty and then for Solvia Bank before setting up on his own in 2014 founding New Life Spain, selling prestigious properties to international clients.

While never married, Andrew was never without a girlfriend.

A keen sportsman all his life he made the most of the outdoor lifestyle in Spain – both hiking and mountain-biking in the hills around his home. He also loved motorbikes and was planning a motorbike trip to North Africa when he became ill.

Andrew travelled extensively throughout his life – from school holidays in the Far East to his last trip to Cuba, he enjoyed experiencing other cultures and photographing daily life in the countries he visited.

One of his passions in life was woodwork, an interest sparked at school that became an obsession in later life. He collected discarded wood pallets and apple crates and upcycled them into beautiful pieces of furniture, each individually designed and hand crafted, as well as spectacular models of boats and planes.

He is survived by his sister Sarita, best friend Fergus Laird, his Spanish family of friends and his beloved cat, Patxi.

