

## **In Memoriam: Murray Mitchell**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Murray Mitchell early this year. He was a long-standing member of the Society and his contribution to our activities was substantial.

Over the years Murray wrote several interesting essays for our Oak Leaves books. These usually reflected his former professional geological background, in which he excelled. Some readers will be aware of his work on "The Building Stones of Leeds" which he wrote with Francis Dimes and which he brought up to date recently. He is also well known for the major role he played in the recent Ruskin Rocks Project which culminated in the musical stones at Brantwood in the Lake District.

We enjoyed the walks he took us on, both as groups and individuals. Apart from pointing out more obvious features, he would often see clues in the landscape the interesting significance of which he would explain to us. He loved the area where he lived and would often be seen walking in Roundhay Park or in the surrounding area.

Murray was a man of great presence, knowledge and common sense, but it is his friendship we miss most of all.