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Département de l'Agriculture de l'État de Kano. Cela aboutit à l'inauguration officielle comme Réserve de Zone humide par le Prince Bernhard des Pays-Bas.

John était un membre actif de la British Ornithologists' Union et du British Ornithologists' Club où il servit dans les Conseils des deux sociétés. Il était aussi un conférencier habituel de la Bournemouth Science Society.

John aurait totalement approuvé le service funèbre de la Highcliffe Methodist Church. C'est au son de chants d'oiseaux enregistrés (une de ses filles nous menaça d'un questionnaire à la fin de l'office) que nous sommes entrés au temple et le feuillet liturgique était bordé d'oiseaux exotiques tenant un verre de vin. Nous avons tous perdu un grand ami.

R.E. Sharland

Obituary: Roy Parker

Roy Parker died peacefully on New Year's Day 1999, after a long fight with cancer. Long-time members will remember the days in the 1960s, when *Malimbus* was the pink-covered, foolscap, stencilled *Bull. Niger. Orn. Soc.*, which would probably have collapsed if Roy had not kept it going. I wonder if there is a full set anywhere! Roy's enthusiasm and persuasiveness — "Surely you've got *something* for the next issue?" — kept the journal, and thereby perhaps the Society, alive in the early post-independence days and through the Nigerian civil war. In 1967 he met my wife and me from the Apapa and was the first to show us Africa as we drove to Ibadan via egg butties at — where was that place? — seeing bulbuls and vultures for the first time. Then again, when we were to move to Merseyside in 1973, it was Roy, who came from Upton on the Wirral and was home on leave, who gave us a guided tour that eventually led to our setting up house beside the mud over which I look now. Roy is mourned by so many close family and friends that it is clear he had interests in more than just birds. His Scouse wit had an answer for any occasion, defused any aggravation, and deflated any pomposity. It's a long time now since we last met, in Nairobi, but Roy will long be remembered.

Dick Ashford