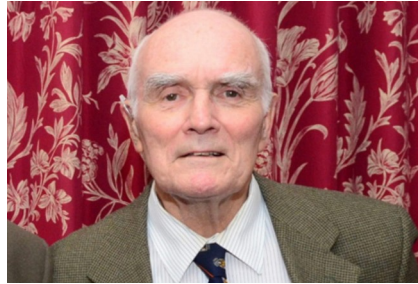


# OLD CATERHAMIAN RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



**E. O. James**

I'm greatly saddened to report, once again, the death of one of our Club's Vice- Presidents. Edward James passed away on 15 December 2020 at the age of 91 in his home town of Llanelli. His connection with Old Cats was as long as any and had endured since he left Caterham School. In 1998 he was elected President of the Old Caterhamians Association and held his Presidential reception at our former clubhouse around the time when we played his President's XV on the Home Field. It was at that event that he showed us the video of his "15 minutes of international fame" when, as a highly respected international tennis umpire in 1981 at Wimbledon, he was umpiring John McEnroe and was subjected to the "You cannot be serious!" tirade that brought McEnroe a fine of \$1500 and a ban on being elected an honorary member of the All England Club.

Edward, a dentist by profession, played centre for Llanelli in the 1950's, and ultimately became the President of Llanelli before handing over to Llanelli, Wales and Lions star, Ray Gravell, in 1998. He was a staunch Rotarian and served as a JP, so also had a long record of public service.

His interest in OCRFC never waned and we continued to hear from him from time to time over the years both personally and through others from our erstwhile Welsh contingent. Our sympathy goes out to all who were close to him.

Bill Broadhead

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