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**Robin Fairbairns and UK TUG**

Jonathan Fine

Dear Members

I'm saddened to hear that Robin Fairbairns has died. I knew that for some time he had health problems. His family, friends and colleagues have my condolences. I write with a mixture of sadness, regrets and gratitude.

About 30 years ago I learnt of his role in the TeX community, and was delighted that he and I lived close to each other in Cambridge. I learnt a lot from him, particularly working together in person on the TeX FAQ, which had recently become the responsibility of the UK TeX Users Group.

In 1994 Chris Rowley as chair of UK TUG reported [Baskerville 5.1, p35]

The notable innovation in 1994 has been the regular appearance of Baskerville. Under the editorship of Sebastian Rahtz, and with Robin Fairbairns and Jonathan Fine as publisher and distributor, issues of our newsletter now reach members approximately every two months.

It contains an interesting variety of TeX-related articles in addition to notices of meetings and subscription forms. In my opinion, Baskerville is the best in content and, by a wide margin, in timeliness of all the journals and newsletters produced by TeX user groups.

Thanks to Sebastian, Robin and Jonathan, and also to all those who have written items for Baskerville.

With the tragic early death of Sebastian in 2016, and Robin this year, of the four persons named in that news story only myself and Chris Rowley are still alive.

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