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News has just reached me of the sudden death by heart attack of Stephen Hall aged 50.

Some years ago, when I was about to move from Hamburg in Germany back to the UK, I put a letter in QUANTA asking if there were any QL users in Brighton. Steve responded to that and we met up soon after I arrived here. We became firm friends and remained so until his death. Steve was one of the pivotal figures, along with Keith Mitchell, in the resurrection of the Sussex QL Users Sub Group and was my partner in QBranch from the start. In fact, he gave the name to the company in a drive along the Worthing sea front to meet up with John Wakefield for an interview for a QL publication.

Steve was always a good person to spend time with and we had many enjoyable times together travelling to QL shows in the 90's. Although we were diametrically opposed politically we were always able to have good-natured and intelligent discussions which passed the time on the road enjoyably. As far as the QL went he was instrumental in getting Rich Mellor to write QRoute and in getting MasterSpy and some other programs available. Although his interest waned over the last few years we remained good friends and continued to stay in contact. He taught me a lot about the QL and, like everything else he did in his life, he approached every project with intelligence and understanding.

He leaves a wife and two teenage sons.

I, for one, will miss him.

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