

# STILL A POET AT 80?

The collected poems and drama of Bill Stone

In a varied career, Bill has been: a boxer, soldier, seaman, publican and international security operative. As for other professional activities, he comments, 'I'd have to shoot you if I told you.'

From schooldays when he created and edited a school magazine, Bill has had a continued interest in writing and has been in several war zones including the Algerian War of Independence in Oran, 1962, witnessing the ending of hostilities; Iran, witnessing the demise of the Shah in the 1970s and the return of Ayatollah Khomeini from exile in Paris; and with his family experiencing conflict in Lebanon. In Capetown, South Africa at the Monastery Hospital he received the Last Rites as he was not expected to survive treatment for malignant malaria and black water fever. He has also survived a heart attack and bowel cancer, and arriving in Agadir was stricken by a devastating earthquake on 29 February 1960.

Bill stood for Parliament in Dover as an Independent Social Democrat supported by Dick Taverne, the former Labour MP who joined the SDP before becoming a Liberal Democrat. Over the years Bill has attended associate meetings in the House of Commons and support from Members. He is a Fellow of the British Institute of Innkeepers, Member of the International Professional Security Association, Member of the Palestine Solidarity campaign and Co-Founder of the National Pubwatch a police partnership to combat alcohol-related crime and disorder.



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