

Upton Lovell

Antony Barrington Brown



Antony Barrington Brown (13 July 1927 – 24 January 2012) was a designer, photographer and explorer.

His photograph of Watson and Crick soon after they had discovered the structure of DNA, later became the iconic image of the pair. He was a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.

He worked at Dexion in the mid-1950s and designed a successful system called Speedframe.

In 1955-6 Barrington Brown was part of the Oxford and Cambridge Far Eastern Expedition, a 32,000-mile trip overland from Hyde Park Corner to Singapore, and back. The trip was recorded in the book *First Overland: London-Singapore by Land Rover* by Tim Slessor.

He was educated at St Edward's School, Oxford, and following National Service, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Barrington Brown and his wife Althea Wynne were killed in a car accident near their home at Upton Lovell, Wiltshire in January 2012.

(Wikipedia)

Born in 1927, Antony Barrington Brown served in the Army for three years before reading chemistry at the University of Cambridge. During his time there he worked as a photographer and picture editor for the student newspaper *Varsity*. This weekly publication acted as a training ground for many journalists and politicians.

Barrington Brown returned to Cambridge in 1951 to set up as a freelance photographer. His aim was to capture dons in their 'natural habitat', and he was commissioned by colleges to portray the Fellows of the University. He is now best known for his photograph of James Watson and Francis Crick around the time of their discovery of DNA. He also worked as a photo-journalist, for the national press, the BBC and Movietone News among others. In 1958 Barrington Brown changed direction and pursued a career in furniture design and manufacture.

(National Portrait Gallery)
