

# OBITUARIES

COMPILED BY PAUL JORDAN AND DAVID BLAKE AND WITH THE HELP OF FAMILIES, FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, THE COLLEGE ARCHIVES, THE INTERNET AND PUBLISHED SOURCES.

Some obituaries are of OEs who died in earlier years, as we have only recently become aware of their deaths. We are always grateful for contributions, so please do contact us if you wish to add any information to the obituaries below, which will be considered for publication in our next edition. If you are aware of any OE or former member of staff who has died, please

let David Blake know so that we can update our records. Contact details are on page 128.

We have included a table listing Old Eastbournians mentioned in this section in chronological order of their year of leaving the College. The obituaries section itself (which also includes obituaries for others who are not OEs) is in alphabetical order of surname.

## OE's LISTED BY LEAVING YEAR

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| <b>1939</b> John Armitage (Pennell 1936–39)         | <b>Brian Collins</b> (Wargrave 1946–51)                  | <b>1967</b> William Harper (Nugent & Wargrave 1962–67) |
| <b>1940</b> John Moxey (Blackwater 1939–40)         | <b>John Peck</b> (School 1946–51)                        | <b>1968</b> Michael Gourlay (School 1963–68)           |
| <b>1941</b> Thomas Darracott (Gonville 1937–41)     | <b>Alan Roberts</b> (Gonville 1946–51)                   | Tom Navisthira (Pennell 1965–68)                       |
| James Hamilton (Gonville 1936–41)                   | <b>Harold Snoad</b> (Reeves 1949–51)                     | <b>1969</b> John Huggett (Powell 1966–69)              |
| Richard Marshall (Blackwater 1937–41)               | <b>1952</b> Michael Wright-Anderson (Blackwater 1949–52) | <b>1970</b> David Gould (Nugent & Blackwater 1966–70)  |
| Norman Paine (Pennell 1936–41)                      | <b>1953</b> Neill Kinsey (School 1950–53)                | Tony Horrox (Powell 1965–70)                           |
| Richard Shaw (Gonville 1939–41)                     | <b>Brian Meaby</b> (Powell 1949–53)                      | <b>1972</b> Rowan Planterose (Powell 1967–72)          |
| <b>1942</b> Lionel Lawrence (Pennell 1939–42)       | <b>Martin Walter</b> (Pennell 1949–53)                   | <b>1975</b> Thomas Breitzmann (Gonville 1973–75)       |
| Alan Mellows (Gonville 1937–42)                     | <b>1954</b> Adrian Smart (Gonville 1949–54)              | <b>1982</b> Harry Symonds (Pennell 1980–82)            |
| Geoffrey Thomas (School 1938–42)                    | <b>1955</b> Alistair Cuthill (Powell 1952–55)            | <b>1987</b> Andrew Watts (Blackwater 1982–87)          |
| John Woolf (School 1939–42)                         | <b>Roy Galloway</b> (Powell 1952–55)                     | <b>1997</b> Jonathan Haig (School 1992–97)             |
| <b>1944</b> Ian McDougall (School 1940–44)          | <b>Tim Lord</b> (Reeves 1952–55)                         | <b>2009</b> Christopher Wiggins (Craig 2006–09)        |
| Michael Pope (Gonville 1939–44)                     | <b>Andrew Macintosh</b> (Pennell 1950–55)                | <b>2023</b> Charlotte Walters (Watt 2021–23)           |
| <b>1945</b> Alan Hall (School 1942–45)              | <b>1957</b> David Anable (Wargrave 1953–57)              |  |
| Noel Hill (Pennell 1940–45)                         | <b>Timothy Watson</b> (Gonville 1953–57)                 |  |
| <b>1946</b> John Horne (Gonville 1941–46)           | <b>1958</b> Keith Dawson (Blackwater 1953–58)            |  |
| <b>1947</b> Kenneth Barton (School 1944–47)         | <b>Frank Jackson</b> (Nugent & Wargrave 1953–58)         |  |
| <b>1949</b> Kenneth Boulter (Wargrave 1947–49)      | <b>Ronald Naylor</b> (Powell 1953–58)                    |  |
| Duncan Symington (Pennell 1945–49)                  | <b>1959</b> Anthony Harris (School 1955–59)              |  |
| <b>1950</b> John Bedford (Reeves 1947–50)           | <b>1962</b> Robert Gascoigne-Pees (Pennell 1958–62)      |  |
| Anthony Rutt (School 1949–50)                       | <b>1964</b> Richard Burke (Powell 1959–64)               |  |
| <b>1951</b> Patrick Attenborough (Wargrave 1947–51) |  |  |

## OTHER OBITUARIES

- Tony Champion**  
(Ascham staff 1954–56)
- Merry Morris**  
(wife of Culain Morris, College staff 1975–88)
- Forbes Wastie**  
(College staff 1961–2005)
- Capt Tony Watson**  
(College CCF 1952–92)



**David John Henry Anable** (Wargrave 1953–57) died on 13 August 2023, aged 84. Although nothing in his College valeté suggested a future in journalism (he won his 2nd XV rugby colours in 1956 and his 1st hockey colours the following year), almost his entire career was dedicated to this profession.

In 1960 David, **Roger Catchpole** (Wargrave 1952–58) and **Michael Crick** (Wargrave 1952–57), among others, established a 'holiday camp' for European refugee children in Austria.

See page 34 for more details.

David initially worked for the *Christian Science Monitor*, starting in London and moving to Boston. He advanced from reporter to New York bureau chief to international news editor and finally managing editor. After leaving the *Monitor*, he became professor of journalism and chairman of the journalism school at Boston University. He later joined the International Centre For Journalists (ICFJ) in the USA, leading them as president, through a period of media transition from 1997 to 2004.

His obituary, which appeared in the ICFJ journal, described David as

having a 'wry sense of humour and an easy-going demeanour; unflinching in his commitment to high-quality and ethical journalism... He loved to travel to see the impact of ICFJ's programs on many continents, and he equally loved to host visiting journalists in Washington from everywhere from Peru to Nigeria to Kyrgyzstan... he brought to ICFJ great journalism experience, a strong global perspective, a deep belief in the power of principled media to improve the lives of citizens, and outstanding people management skills. He was known at ICFJ's headquarters near the White House for his morning rounds to catch up with staff members, his rigorously deployed red editing pen, and the miniature golf tournaments he led through the warren of offices at the end of the workday.'

ICFJ Board Chairman Michael Golden said: 'David was a wonderful man who did so much for ICFJ as president and even after he retired... He was a brilliant and principled leader, and all of us are greatly saddened to learn of his death.'

After David left ICFJ, he took a fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy. David is survived by his children, Alexandra, Tessa and Perryn, six grandchildren and sister, Wizz. His wife, Isobel, died in 2023.

**John 'Jack' Vernon Armitage** (Pennell 1936–39) died in Tewantin, Queensland, Australia on 18 June 2015, aged 92. We have only recently been made aware of John's death.

After leaving the College, John served as captain in the 14th Punjab Regiment and then as a lieutenant in the Royal Indian Navy Combined Operations Unit. His war service took him to India, Burma and Egypt. Following his discharge in 1946, Jack became a tea planter in Ceylon and South Africa before moving to Jersey in the Channel Islands. He later emigrated to Australia. He is survived by his daughter, Kay. His wife, Dawn predeceased him. His son, John, was killed in 1977 when the RAF Canberra jet he was piloting, crashed.



Patrick with Mary on his 80th birthday



One of Patrick's Hippo cartoons

people's centre and did occasional drawings for an architect to help out when he had too much work.

He had a wide variety of interests: jazz, films, art, steam trains, buildings, landscapes and photography. He started writing for the Mass Observation Archive in 1984 and said he wrote letters 'expressing my left-wing views, how to run the railways, my wartime memories and environmental concerns'.

Patrick's creativity was evident at the College. An article in the *Eastbournian* reported:

'We congratulate P D Attenborough and J J Sambrook, some of whose drawings and paintings were selected from the Schools Exhibition at the Towner Art Gallery last term for further exhibition at Leicester and for subsequent publication.'

His son, Miles, said, 'He continued to be interested in drawing and I discovered he had produced an amusing series of Hippo cartoons for the staff magazine and Christmas cards when he was working as an architect for John Lewis's new department stores in the late 60s. I also found his school sketch book from 1949 so have some nice early pencil drawings of steam trains which remained his passion!'

In 2003, Patrick sent in some of his wartime memories to the College:

'We had a huge glass aquarium stocked with vegetation, snails, water boatman, newts, frogs and tadpoles from the small ponds within Manor Gardens rockery... We used to go somewhere up Carlisle Road for excellent lunches at the war time offices of the Electricity Board, that greatly eased rations at home; my mother too had school lunches as she was a teacher at St Helens, West Hill, Eastbourne' [private girls' school].

'Vin Allom, whose bark was much worse than his bite – his snuff taking and tapping an art form... [he] taught music appreciation which I enjoyed... 78 rpm classical discs on a wind-up gramophone with a colossal horn. I preferred dance bands and to this day jazz is a vital part of my life.'

'[Ralph] Simpson who taught me to love art, an important part of my life... C Harris and myself formed the Art VI; Simpson said: 'what

**Patrick Douglas Attenborough** (Eastbourne Branch 1943; Ascham 1943–47; Wargrave 1947–51) died on 20 April 2024, aged 90. After College, Patrick attended the Architectural Association School of Architecture. He did national service in the RAF at the Air Ministry and worked at the Ministry of Works, Charringtons the brewers and the John Lewis Partnership.

He then joined the architecture firm AR Dannatt & Partners, followed by Trehearne and Norman, Preston & Partners, where he says he was happiest: 'They gave me a free hand and none of my buildings fell down'. He also worked at David Ruffle Architects and K C White Partnership, 'before being one of the 50% of the country's architects laid off in the early 1990s'. He later worked as a gardener at an old people's

you mean is can you go out, to sit, smoke and drink in a country pub.' He let us and took us, and the strawberries and cream he and his wife provided on picnics, we painted too.'

'The food at Wargrave was so good too, [we] would have 3rd helpings of yummy apple suet pudding and custard, all cooked by a large Dutch lady, a refugee from Holland, I believe, tons of semolina as few boys liked it, how I looked forward to meals.'

Patrick was married to Mary and they had two children, Alison and Miles.



**Kenneth Bryce Barton** (School 1944–47) died on 5 April 2023, aged 92. His son, John, kindly provided us with this tribute to his father:

Ken, a man of many talents and strong sense of duty, led a remarkable life that traversed continents and occupations. Born in Blackheath, London, on 22 April 1930, Ken's upbringing was steeped in family traditions and musical influences. His father, a First

World War veteran and accountant, instilled discipline while Ken's interest in music blossomed at an early age, shaped by his parents' proficiency in playing the piano and organ.

The tumult of the Second World War led Ken and his family to be evacuated from London to Malvern. Ken subsequently continued his education at Eastbourne College. Ken always reflected positively on his time there. As well as embracing his education, he loved his sporting pursuits, particularly cricket, soccer and rugby.

From a young age, Ken harboured a fervent desire to join the Royal Navy, which materialized at 17 when he embarked on a distinguished career as a naval officer. His naval service spanned 20 years, during which he acquired skills in navigation, gunnery, and aviation, while also criss-crossing the globe, from the West Indies to India and Asia.

Fortuitously, a visit to Fremantle in 1958 brought Ken face-to-face with his future wife, Barbara Goode, a local Australian. Their courtship unfolded across continents, leading to their marriage in 1961, which coincided with Barbara's relocation to England for further studies. Ken's naval career continued apace, marked by deployments aboard prestigious ships like HMS *Ark Royal*, where he commanded helicopter squadrons and specialized in anti-submarine warfare.

After 20 years of dedicated service, Ken made a pivotal decision to retire from the Navy, driven by a desire to spend more time with his young family. An unexpected opportunity beckoned when Barbara's uncle offered Ken a share-farming position on a dairy farm at Brunswick, Western Australia. This bold leap transplanted Ken, Barbara, and their children to Olive Hill, a picturesque 600-acre farm nestled along the Brunswick River.

Life at Olive Hill was a crucible of shared experiences and enduring memories for Ken and his family. From pre-dawn milking sessions to hay carting and church involvement, Ken embraced the rigours of farm life with characteristic resolve and a deep sense of community. His involvement extended to various local organizations, including the church, Farmers Union, and Bushfire Brigade, where he served as MC for the Brunswick Show parade.

Transitioning from dairy to beef farming after 15 years, Ken's journey at Olive Hill was defined by resilience and adaptability. At age 70, with no successor to the farm business, Ken and Barbara sold Olive Hill and resettled in Claremont, Western Australia. This new chapter heralded a vibrant period marked by Ken's avid pursuit of golf, involvement in the RSL [Returned & Services League], and continued musical engagements, including choir participation and organ recitals.

Ken's unwavering devotion to Barbara during her health challenges demonstrated his deep-seated values of love and commitment. After her passing in 2019, Ken grappled with profound grief and loneliness, finding solace in aged care at Queenslea, Claremont. Despite physical limitations, Ken's cognitive faculties remained sharp, evident in his passion for cryptic crosswords, sudoku, and piano playing.

Ken's legacy endures through his children, grandchildren, and the countless lives he touched with his kindness, humour, and sense of duty. He leaves behind a rich tapestry of experiences, from naval

adventures and farm life to community service and musical pursuits. Ken's indomitable spirit and love for family serve as a lasting tribute to a life well-lived.

*Paul Jordan adds:* Ken's father, **Harold Charles Barton** (School 1900–03) also came to the College, as did his uncles, **Frank Gordon Barton** (School 1902–05) and **Reginald Ernest Barton** (School 1904–07). Ken's nephew, **Christopher Walker**, was in School House from 1968 to 1973.

Ken joined the College when it was at Radley, Oxfordshire (the school had been evacuated there in 1940) and became a school prefect and head of house. He won the Junior Music Prize in 1945 and was a member of the College choir. In the CCF, he took both the Naval Special Entry and the Leading Seaman's Exams – perhaps an indicator of his future career in the Royal Navy. From 1945 to 1947 Ken was in the 1st XV, he also played tennis at the College and was a member of the 1st XI cricket team, becoming their vice-captain in 1947.

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**John Francis Russell Bedford** (Ascham 1946–47; Reeves 1947–50) died in December 2023, aged 89. He is survived by his wife, Hazel.

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**Kenneth Gordon Sydney Boulter** (Ascham 1945–47; Wargrave 1947–49) died on 13 October 2019, aged 86. A keen motorcyclist, his obituary appeared in the *Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club News*, written by Frank Mace:

Ken can only be described as a larger-than-life figure in all respects of the term. I first met him in the early 1990s as a fellow member of the SMCC whose meetings and Conyboro Run are held at the Six Bells Chiddingfold, the pub he owned.

Two brothers married two sisters, the girls' father being Ralph Ricardo, cousin of Harry Ricardo, co-founders of the legendary Ricardo Engineering firm at Shoreham. Ken's father Alec along with his new wife Joyce took a job as manager of a large demerara sugar plantation in British Guyana and Ken was born in Georgetown, the capital. He was the only white child at the local school and had a nanny who practised voodoo.

On his return to England after the war he went to Eastbourne College, wasn't happy and so joined the army aged fourteen. After basic training he became a marine engineer and was billeted in Othello's Tower in Famagusta, Cyprus. He was at times stationed in Egypt during the Suez Crisis and Malaya as part of the Army Air Corps, where he was fighting the insurgents along with the SAS who he had trained with, flying an Auster aeroplane throwing out leaflets. Ken was mentioned in dispatches twice.

It was whilst in the Army that he rekindled his interest in motorcycles after first getting the bug as a youngster in Horem. Staff Sergeant Boulter often rode competitively for the Army Team, primarily in Cyprus on Matchless and BSA machines that he constantly improved. His passion for early motorcycles then grew and grew and whilst stationed in Wiltshire, he would put adverts in the local rags, and with his friend Charlie drive round the countryside pulling veteran bikes out of old sheds and barns. He then rebuilt and restored them at the Army's expense, in a hangar he had commandeered under the watchful eye of his commanding officer, a certain Lt Col 'Tiny' Ayres. He spent two years in the Antarctic with the Fuchs exploration mission, flying the two aircraft and looking after the dog teams.

During the Army he developed his entrepreneurial skills and whilst on leave was responsible for the design and decor of the Troubadour Coffee House, the in place to be seen in London where the famous pop groups of the day would play and hang out. Known for its cattle wash-stand in the toilets and intricately carved front door which came out of a skip, it is easily recognisable as the forerunner of The Bells.

Ken then, with two partners, built many houses in East Hoathly and surrounding district, all in the imitable Ken style using reclaimed materials - he was upcycling before the word had been invented. The

Bells was an unsuccessful pub when put up for sale by Beards in the early 1970s, but Ken decided to take it on. Funded by the sale of all of his 40-plus veteran motorcycles bar one – he kept only the Triumph – Ken renovated The Bells in his trademark style using unskilled labour to give an original vintage look. It became the motorcyclists' pub, visited by all from Hell's Angels to the Vintage boys.

Ken developed the menu and had bands of the day play there with customers like Keith Emerson (of ELP) and Bob Hoskins of movie fame. At one time he also owned The Lamb at Ripe. When in 1981 a customer enjoying a pint with Ken announced he was going to sail across the Atlantic, Ken decided to go along too. He found Paul to run The Bells in his absence, and duly had an eventful journey across remaining on Nevis, a small island near Saint Kitts, for six months.

On his return he immersed himself in the vintage motorcycle scene, running a grass track Ariel, a bike he prepared, which was very successful. He competed in most of the vintage motorcycle runs of the day both here and abroad, including the End to End on a pre-war Ariel Red Hunter and a trip to Cyprus and back on an AJS. He completed around 40 Pioneer Runs and competed in the International Six Days Trial. Amongst several flat-tank Nortons he owned was the famous Pat Driscoll LPDI outfit which had broken fourteen World Speed Records in May 1925. He had an interest in veteran and vintage cars owning several, including a 1903 Peugeot and an early Renault, also property, technology, cookery, nature and travelling – notably taking his mother when in her seventies by train from Lewes to Hong Kong both equipped with only a rucksack, his mother's on wheels. He was extremely knowledgeable on a wide range of subjects including antiques, at one time owning an antique shop in Rotherfield and having a stall at Camden Lock. He was married twice, with his first wife Doreen, he had a son Brett, a daughter-in-law Liz and two grandsons. Our condolences and thoughts go to them. I shall miss him as his like is unlikely ever to be seen again.

Ken's brother **Michael Boulter** (Wargrave 1946–49) predeceased him in 2008.

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**Thomas Konrad Breitzmann** (Gonville 1973–75) died on 22 October 2024, aged 66. His son, **Julius** (Gonville 2008–10), has kindly written to us about his father:

'Thomas was someone who always pushed himself to achieve as much as possible. He cherished his time at Eastbourne and considered it a privilege to receive such a high-quality education – a privilege he was grateful to share with his children, **Charlotte** (Nugent 2006–08) and Julius.'

While at the College he won the Lower Sixth Economics prize in 1974 and, a year later, won the Duke of Devonshire Senior Classics and the Mackenzie German Prizes.

Julius continues:

'Thomas continued his education at Oxford, where he read PPE. Once he began his career, he applied the same dedication to his professional life as he did to his studies, eventually becoming a partner at Boyden Executive Search, where he worked for nearly 20 years.

'Outside of work, Thomas deeply enjoyed spending time with his four children – Charlotte, Julius, Konrad and Henriette. He had a passion for skiing, sailing, and being outdoors, relishing nature in all its forms. In his later years, he discovered a love of travel and developed a talent and joy for cooking, complementing his appreciation for a good glass of wine. In 2023, he organized an OE dinner in Berlin.

'After bravely battling cancer for some time, Thomas passed away peacefully, surrounded by his wife, Katlen, and his children.'

We are also grateful to Thomas's friend **Guy Thompson** (School 1971–75) for the following tribute:

'I only got to know Tom when he and I were the only two candidates to take a Political Thought paper for A-level politics in 1975, but I went on to see him often when we overlapped in Oxford for two years in 1976 to 1978. Amongst our adventures in Oxford, Tom wanted to try his hand at sailing. We couldn't get a boat on a local reservoir, but had more success on Port Meadow on the Thames. Of course, a river has a strong current and we had to do some frantic tacking to stop us crashing into a footbridge while amused walkers looked on. He was rare as a student in owning a car, and I remember



the day trips he took us on to Eastbourne and Cambridge.

'I lost touch with him after he left Oxford. When my letters were not answered after he had gone to hospital with a bad attack of hepatitis I even feared he might have died. By a happy chance, I discovered via an Internet search in 2017 that he was alive and well and living in Berlin. We were able to catch up with him after nearly 40 years!

'When Tom arrived in Eastbourne in 1973, he spoke very little English. Despite having to pick up English in just a few terms he gained a place at Keble College, Oxford, in 1975, so went up to Oxford a year before me. Richard Brent (history teacher and house tutor at School House) and his wife Pauline worked wonders to arrange exams so he could get the grades he needed to qualify for his successful Oxford entrance. As he told it to me, he had to take many exams and sometimes had to be invigilated separately to be able to squeeze in all the necessary O and A-levels. Tom was very grateful to Richard Brent and travelled to England for his funeral.

'His two older children are also OEs. Tom made an interesting comment about how the College had evolved over forty years. When Tom was at the College, he said there was just one other German boy, and he hardly knew him. However, when his daughter first arrived at the College she was shown around the school by another German girl to make her feel welcome.

'Tom did not pursue a career in the law himself, but became a successful recruitment consultant. He entered this business at a junior level, when he needed to support his young family and worked his way up to a senior level at a very profitable business.'



**Richard David Burke** (Ascham 1955–59; Powell 1959–64) died on 27 May 2024, aged 78, after suffering a heart attack. We are very grateful to Richard's partner, Adrian Rondeau, for the following tribute:

Richard was adopted by parents Kathleen and Gerald when nine months old. They also adopted another boy called Tony. They grew up at the family home in Bexhill where Richard went to school before completing his education at Eastbourne College, where his passion for

English and especially the theatre were ignited. He soon got a job with the Penguin Players at the Bexhill Theatre playing a vast variety of parts in plays at both the De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, and the Devonshire Park, Eastbourne.

Before long he would be offered parts in theatre productions all over the country, appearing in many summer seaside plays and national tours. In 1969 he was cast in a play at the Theatre Royal, Bath where he met another actor, Adrian and, when they were both working in the West End (Richard was with the famous actor Kenneth Moore in a play called *Signs Of The Times* at the Vaudeville Theatre) they bought a house together in Crouch End which they converted into four bedsitters to let to actor friends and the basement into two-floor accommodation for themselves. This was the start of a long and successful partnership.

Adrian had started a small business selling records in Essex, which became so well known that it moved to the High Street in Wickford. Richard offered to build up the burgeoning mail order arm of the business whilst still working as an actor with the likes of Wilfred Hyde White and Richard Murdoch in a play called *Not In The Book* and with Wilfrid Brambell (Steptoe) in *A Christmas Carol*. By the early 80s the record business had become worldwide famous and Richard was managing a team of eight full time despatch staff. When CDs came along they opened a second shop in Wickford and when videos started up, Richard, a great film fan, opened a third shop for video rental, confectionery, cigarettes, take-away snacks etc. This store was enormous so Richard decided to use part of it to house Wickford's very first 'Father Christmas Grotto' which was a great success and ran for many years.

Spurred on by this Richard decided to hold regular local summer talent contests in the store which he called *Stars On The Rise*, a rather cheeky take on *Stars In Their Eyes*. These local contests, judged by the local MP, radio DJs and well-known actors they had worked with, plus

subsidising the Wickford football team and sponsoring the very first BBC Essex Children In Need record, spread their reputation and business boomed. So much so that they opened a fourth shop in Wickford selling, not renting videos. It was the first ever videos to buy shop in Britain. In 1989 the shop was nominated for the National Award of Video Retailer of The Year. The competition was WH Smith, HMV, Woolworths and Harrods. This, their fourth shop, won this prestigious award and they went on to win the award for a further eight years, presented by the likes of Jonathan Ross and Bob Monkhouse.

Richard's success in building the music, CD and video mail order business led to him being offered a ten-year contract from the British Council to be their exclusive supplier of all films and music formats to all their 200+ offices around the world. Business rocketed and Richard and Adrian were now employing 54 staff and had moved from Crouch End to Great Baddow in Essex. When it became obvious that both music and film retailing were changing rapidly, Richard took the opportunity to return to his acting career, appearing at the Chelmsford Theatre in numerous leading roles including *The Madness of George The Third* and *40 Years On* and in several plays at the Arts Theatre Cambridge.

In the 1990s Richard had started working within business training. He spent over twenty years working with hundreds of people around the world, from highly bespoke one-to-one sessions to working with crowds of up to 200 people, constantly receiving praise for his humour, feedback skills, and adroit handling of sensitive issues. As if overseeing shops, acting in plays and business training wasn't enough, in 2003 Richard joined Adrian in starting up a property portfolio of seven properties which remain to this day. Although always very busy, when he moved to Norfolk Richard soon was co-opted on to the local parish council where he remained a very active member until his death.

In the early 90s he received a letter from a woman he didn't know called Wanda, who transpired to be the daughter of his birth mother, then deceased. Wanda was his half-sister. She and her husband became good friends and he was soon a part of this second family.

Sadly, Richard's brother Tony died suddenly in 1984 leaving behind a widow and two young boys and a girl, all under seven years old. Richard decided he would help his sister-in-law and the children wherever he could and he made himself always available to listen to them and help with their schooling costs. He loved nothing more than having them all round with the latest girl or boyfriend every Christmas dinner for the next 27 years. Those children, now grown up with their own offspring, still talk fondly of those times growing up. Sadly, they were without a dad, but, as Richard acted on stage and sold punk and dance music they called him 'One Very Cool Uncle!'

*Paul Jordan adds:* The archives found a number of references to David's performances at the College in which he demonstrated his considerable acting skills and love of theatre.

In 1963 the *Eastbournian* reviewed a College production of *Hamlet*: 'Dyer and Burke (Horatio) were surely two of the most unforced and unselfish actors in the cast. The role of Horatio is a difficult one; to convey loyalty and sincerity more by presence than by words demands a sensitive interpreter. The fact that to an audience early caught up by the story Burke simply was Hamlet's staunch friend is the measure of his success.'

The following year, the magazine again praised Richard's skills in *Penny for a Song*:

'Burke, as Matthews, dominated the evening by his diction, timing and civilised relish. Some actors cannot help imprinting themselves on their parts (Gielgud, Redgrave); others let the part superimpose itself on them (Guinness, Sellers). Burke is in this second category. He submerges, and when he surfaces again he is a new person, at whose elbow, one feels, stands Burke firmly in control.'

The *Eastbourne Herald* agreed:

'To underplay a part without destroying the balance of the action or losing anything in characterisation is very hard to do, but Richard Burke with his delicately poised portrayal of Hallam Matthews, did it beautifully. Every glance, every gesture, every variation of his voice made this complex character come wonderfully alive.'

And from the *Eastbournian* again for a production of *The Caretaker*:

'Richard Burke's first speaking appearance, as Aston's brother, Mick, was electrifying. He used the stage with such instinctive skill that for several moments one could hardly believe that this was the performance of a young man of eighteen. Such a performance could scarcely be maintained and there were moments later on when the actor was less assured. Nevertheless this was acting which betrayed a quite exceptional talent and which even succeeded in doing justice to Pinter's curious ability to transmute the jargon of contemporary house furnishing into a poetic world of fantastic wish-fulfilment.'

Aside from theatre, David won several prizes at the College; the Andrew Downes Senior Declamation, Newton Reading, Mackenzie German, Möering Essay and John Belk Memorial prizes. He was in the diving team and won his 2nd swimming colours in 1964. Richard was also editor of the *Eastbournian*, a Cavendish Library sub-librarian and hon sec of the Shakespeare, Revue and Eastbourne College Dramatic societies.

Richard is survived by his civil partner, Adrian Rondeau, whom he had known for 55 years.

**Tony Champion** (Ascham staff 1954–56) died on 6 November 2022, aged 94. Tony taught initially at St Bede's then joined the staff at Ascham. From 1951 to 1956, with the permission of the St Bede's headmaster and then Henry Collis, the headmaster of Ascham, Tony was released to coach at Eastbourne College Boat Club.

In the Easter holidays in each year from 1953 to 1956 he accompanied crews to a week's training on the Thames based at Eton and Windsor. The 1953 *Eastbournian* reported:

'We are most grateful to the Headmaster and partners of St Bede's School, who made it possible for Mr Champion to keep his expert eye on the 1st IV. Mr Champion's good coaching is fully appreciated by us and the crew's response to his handling was obvious.'

Having in both 1952 and 1953 beaten a number of other schools to reach the final of the Public Schools Challenge Cup for fours at the Marlow Regatta, in 1954 the 1st IV went one better by winning the final. 2024 marked the 70th anniversary of this achievement, and a feature about it appears on page 111.

When the victorious crew arrived back a throng of boys in Blackwater Road gave three rousing cheers for the crew and the coaches and Brian Mulvany (the Chairman of the Boat Club) paid tribute to Mr Champion whose keen instruction had been largely responsible for the victory.

When Tony left as coach in 1956, the *Eastbournian* reported: 'Our debt to Tony Champion is immense; his keenness, his unflagging encouragement and unselfish altering of his personal holiday plans and so on have been an inspiration', going on to say:

'Since 1951 Mr Champion has been a firm and invaluable friend of the Club; even though he had left Eastbourne he returned for three weeks to undertake the final coaching for Marlow. His services to the College and the Club have been recognised by the Old Eastbournian Association, who have made him an honorary life member.'

Tony's interest in mountaineering was mentioned in the 1955 November edition of the *Eastbournian*, which gave an account of Tony's 'Lapland Holiday': with some friends that summer he spent five weeks climbing a relatively unexplored mountain range in Arctic Norway, some 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

Tony returned to Ascham in 1969 to give a talk on mountaineering:

'No doubt to divert us from the tangible temptation, Mr Tony Champion, once a master here, and himself much given to the pleasures of the ice-axe and the crampon, came over on January 25th with a thrilling lecture on mountaineering in the Alps.'

His wife, June, née Hodge (formerly a matron at Ascham), predeceased him in 2009.

Our thanks go to **Gordon Price** (Ascham 1953–59; Reeves 1959–63) for his contribution to this tribute.

**Brian John Collins** (Ascham 1945–46; Wargrave 1946–51) died on 20 May 2024, aged 91. We are grateful to Brian's son, Adrian, for the following tribute.

Born on 22 September 1932, my father Brian Collins grew up in a keen tennis-playing family across the road from the Amherst tennis



Brian as a schoolboy

club in Hastings. Early school days were spent at Westerleigh in St Leonards, then Ascham before Brian started at Wargrave House in September 1946. In the Michaelmas term 1949 he became house prefect and in the Lent term 1951 became school prefect and head of house. He enjoyed hockey and tennis at school and was an enthusiastic member of the CCF.

Brian spent a year at Brighton Technical College studying engineering before joining the family firm of Coombs Motors in St Leonards, a Vauxhall/Bedford dealership, where he spent the whole of his working life.

Disappointed at not being selected for national service on account of his asthma, my father volunteered as a special constable with the Sussex Police. His exploits for the constabulary were noted in the *Hastings and St Leonards Observer* on the occasion that he apprehended a suspicious-looking gentleman who turned out to be a town councillor. When off-duty he was a keen player and coach at the South Saxons hockey club, serving on the committee and becoming a life member. He served as president of the Hastings Rotary Club, was treasurer of Westfield Parish Church, and latterly a volunteer, alongside his wife Delphine, at the Conquest Hospital. He was an avid steam train enthusiast and volunteered for many years at the Ffestiniog Railway in North Wales. He loved to play tennis and bridge with his friends and family.

Brian is survived by his wife Delphine, his children Bridget, Cherry, **Adrian** (Wargrave 1977–82) and **Guy** (Wargrave 1983–88), eleven grandchildren and a growing number of great-grandchildren.

**Alistair James Cuthill** (Ascham 1950–51; Powell 1952–55) died on 10 October 2024, aged 86. Our thanks go to Alistair's nephew, **Greg Lunn** (School 1976–81), for the following tribute.

Born in 1938, Alistair spent the Second World War living in Canada where his father, a sea captain, coordinated cargo convoys across the Atlantic.

While at the College, Alistair was a member of the Navy section of the CCF. After leaving the College, Alistair did his national service in the Royal Navy. A varied career followed, starting with an apprenticeship at Roots car manufacturers. He was employed by Otis Elevators for a while. He then worked for his father-in-law's furniture business in Devon before returning to Eastbourne to join the Sussex Police, with whom he spent several years as a bobby on the beat in Eastbourne. After leaving the police force, he returned to the furniture business and worked at various furniture sellers including Maples. He also had a stint running his own kitchen furnishing outlet. His last job was driving the St Andrew's School minibus.

Alistair was an engaging, jovial man with a great sense of humour, always easy to get along with. He was not known for being an early riser, and his sister Felicity remembers fondly how, as a teenager, Alistair would arrange to go fishing early in the mornings with his friend **Ian Browne** (Reeves 1952–56). To make sure he would get up, Alistair would tie a piece of string around his toe and dangle the string out of his bedroom window so that Ian could pull it to wake Alistair!

Alistair always spoke fondly of his Eastbourne College days. In retirement he attended several OEA events. He also kept in regular touch with his many friends in Eastbourne, over recent years playing golf together and exercising at the David Lloyd leisure centre with several of his 'regulars'.

Alistair married Susan King in 1961 (died 2011). He is survived by his two sons Andrew and James, his sister Felicity and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews, including **David Lunn** (School 1974–79), **Catherine Welmer (Lunn)** (Nugent 1980–82) and **Greg Lunn** (School 1976–81).

*Paul Jordan adds:* While at the College, Alistair won his 2nd running strings and 1st rowing colours, played in the Tigers rugby team, was awarded a bronze medallion for life-saving and achieved the rank of Able Seaman in the CCF.

Alistair contacted the College in 2006 and told us about a plan by a

few of the boys to visit the American destroyer USS *Eaton* which was moored off Eastbourne in June 1954:

'The sense of adventure permeated the thoughts of a group of dayboy reprobates... the plan was that three boys would man canoes and two others would hire a rowing boat at the pier... As things transpired, everything went wrong. The distance to the warship was underestimated, the sea was choppy and there was a delay in getting the rowing boat. The smaller canoe (single-manned) sank about half a mile offshore and the larger canoe was shipping water and gradually sinking.

'Fortunately, the misadventure ended up with a successful rescue. Five grateful young boys had learnt a painful lesson which was followed by a great deal of ribald comments back at school when our 'Intrepid Five' escapade was made public.'

The four other boys involved were: **Richard Llewellyn** (Powell 1952–55), **Ian Browne** (Reeves 1952–56), **Peter Wallace** (Powell 1951–54) and **George Tree** (Powell 1951–55).

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**Thomas Michael Darracott** (Gonville 1937–41) died on 16 December 2022, aged 99. At the College he won the Mackenzie Junior Drawing Prize and, after leaving, attended the Architecture Association School of Architecture from 1941 to 1942, rejoining in 1946. He later worked as an architect in London and Hull.

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**Keith David Dawson** (Blackwater 1953–58) died on 25 August 2022, aged 82. He studied mechanical sciences at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, graduating in 1962. It was here that he met his future wife, Pamela. He was employed firstly by GN Haden and Sons in building services design and installation, management training and market research. Then from 1974 by Ove Arup and Partners where he was principally engaged in administration and finished up as Partnership Director, responsible for organising the board's business, the International coordination meetings and the Ove Arup Charitable Trust. By then the partnership had been incorporated.

Before joining the College, Keith attended Orley Farm prep school (featured in the 2021 *Old Eastbournian*) from 1948 to 1952. He belonged to both College dramatic societies. In 1954, he appeared in the Junior Dramatic Society's production of *The Middle Watch*. The *Eastbournian* reported: 'K D Dawson as Mary sustained a plausible accent to the end and still managed to interpret the part with sensitivity. If he can act as well in English we should see more of him.'

The following year he played Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He received positive notices: 'Dawson had good moments, and was at his best in the quarrel scene... [but] he was handicapped by an unbecoming and distinctly neo-Georgian wig'.

He was also a member of the Glee and Archaeology clubs (he was elected curator in 1956); Head of Choir and was a Cavendish Library sub-librarian. Keith won his gym colours in 1957, and was elected captain of gym the following year.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela.



**Roy Galloway** (Powell 1952–55) died on 30 April 2024, aged 85. We are grateful to his friend **Mansel Stimpson** (Powell 1951–55) who provided this tribute:

With the death of Roy Galloway, Eastbourne has lost a resident who made a substantial contribution to the town. Roy developed a love of cinema in his school days. It started when he was at prep school attending Nevill House in St Annes Road

and grew during his time as a pupil at Eastbourne College in the 1950s.

Roy then entered the film industry and worked in London as a film editor and producer. Skilled as he became, Roy was mainly concerned in the making of commercials but his main achievement came about when he changed course and became a cinema manager.

Throughout his life Roy Galloway had a great fondness for Eastbourne which his parents, the stage artists Roy Galloway Sr and Beryl Hayden, had made their home. It was natural, therefore, that he should look for a cinema in this town and on the retirement of Eric Rhodes,

the owner of the Curzon, he took over the cinema in Langney Road. Running the Curzon as an independent cinema enabled Roy to bring a wider range of films to Eastbourne than the town would otherwise have seen.

In particular he gave a home to the Eastbourne Film Society which but for that would not have survived. Both in conjunction with the Film Society and through his own adventurous programming Roy brought to Eastbourne audiences films that extended well beyond the mainstream releases and included films from around the world.

More recently Eastbourne has had the Towner Cinema to carry on something of this tradition, but for some 30 years or so from the late 1980s onwards the town had these riches entirely due to Roy being the Curzon's proprietor.

It was also due to him that in an age of standardised multiplexes the Curzon consciously maintained the appeal and character of a friendly old-fashioned picture house, one in which regular patrons were welcomed on arrival by Roy and his staff headed in later years by Salam Niwa.

For Roy, the Curzon was always a labour of love and he kept it going even after it had ceased to be a commercial proposition, recognising the need to close down only in 2020. Ill-health also played a part in that and prior to his death at the District General Hospital (DGH), Roy had been housebound for some years.

However, the passing of time has not led to the Curzon being forgotten and news of Roy's death has been met with much sadness but also with renewed gratitude for all that the Curzon stood for and personal appreciation for the man who made it possible.

*Paul Jordan adds:* Roy's links with the College continued after he left. He was a speaker for one of the Circus events and in 1997 made the Curzon available for the pupils during the Arts Festival:

'The most popular and successful of all the week's events were those in the second half. The Curzon cinema with the kind permission of the manager Roy Galloway (OE), put on for us a Chinese film called *Ermo*. This turned out to be a fascinating and highly entertaining exploration of the impact of Western consumerist culture on traditional village life. It broadened our horizons, kept us amused, and made us think – the very essence of good art.'



**Robert Gascoigne-Pees** (Ascham 1952–58; Pennell 1958–62) died in February 2023, aged 78. We reported his death in last year's magazine and his son Giles has provided some more information about Robert's life:

'He was a keen long-distance runner and shooter. Professionally, he was a well-respected chartered surveyor in the Surrey and south west London area. He was married to wife Carol and had three children and six

grandchildren. Outside of work he was a member of Rotary and Round Table for many years, contributing to good causes as organised by these societies. He was known by all who met him as a kind and jovial man who would always go out of his way to help people.'

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**Richard David Gould** (Nugent & Blackwater 1966–70) died on 5 August 2023, aged 71. After leaving the College, David attended Guildford County Technical College where he gained an HND in Business Studies. In 1975, newly married to his first wife, Linda, he emigrated to Canada to pursue a career in marketing and promotions and became one of the Canadian reps for the OEA.

By 1978 he was marketing communications manager for a scaffolding company, Anthes Equipment, later joining the Beaver Lumber Co as sales promotions manager, where he ran their national promotions campaign. He worked for Admagna Marketing Services Ltd in the 1980s and later for Bald Eagle Consulting Inc.

In 1995, David was diagnosed with MS and by 2012 needed the use of a wheelchair. But as he said: 'life with MS has been difficult... but it opened a window to a totally different appreciation of the world; the limitations of modern medicines and access issues are just two.' Even in these circumstances, he was still willing to offer help to College pupils, saying: 'I do not know if there might be anyone at the College



interested in some long-distance professional coaching or review but if there is, please have them get in touch with me'.

David very much appreciated his time at the College, commenting in 1978:

'There are many times when I think back to my days at Eastbourne, always with an affection difficult to describe. It is to those five years, the quality of education standards and above all the encouragement – and at times sheer patience and determination – of the staff that I write today. To the College I owe much more than simply my education. Today I realise that my career, and abilities were discovered, moulded and developed in Eastbourne.'

He added that through his involvement with producing and printing programmes, posters etc on the printing press (kept under the Big School stage), 'I discovered what would become a career passion in marketing, communications, copywriting, graphic arts, design, print production and eventually the desktop publishing revolution.'

He was awarded his 2nd rowing colours and won the Senior Sculling Cup in 1969. A year later, David, as part of the College hockey team, travelled to Holland where five matches were played. The *East-bournian* reported: 'Gould was the most experienced and, at times, played very well'.

As a member of the College choir, he met the Duke of Edinburgh during the Queen's visit in 1967 and his photo was later published in the *Eastbournian*. He appeared as 'Cynthia' in the 1969 College revue and was hon sec of the Lighting Department. He remembered: 'one night I dangled above the stage hanging onto a scaffold bar mid performance to change a light bulb'.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma, his two children and sisters Janet and Christine.



**Mike Gourlay in the 1968 School House senior hockey team**

**Michael Ian Gourlay** (School 1963–68) died in September 2024, aged 74. He studied French and German at Nottingham University and went on to become a commercial insurance director for Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance's Asia Pacific Division based in Singapore.

He excelled in sports at the College, winning both his rugby stag and 1st XI cricket colours in 1967 and in the following year, his hockey colours. The *Eastbournian* reported on his hockey skills:

'Gourlay at right half seemed to improve with every game. His natural games sense enabled him to be one step ahead of most of his opponents and for that matter most of his own team and consequently he always seemed to be in the right position.'

Mike was secretary of both Le Cercle Français and the Film Society and performed in T S Elliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*. He won a number of prizes and cups: the Mackenzie German and Russian Prizes, and the Junior Doubles, Proficiency (CCF), Fielding and All Rounders cups. He was also head of house.

His father was an OE, **General Sir Ian Gourlay** (School 1934–39) as was his uncle, **Nigel Gourlay** (School 1937–41) and his sister **Ann Gourlay** (Nugent 1970–72). His cousins also came to the College: **Richard Gourlay** (School 1970–75), **Alison Gourlay** (Nugent 1970–72) and **Alastair Graham** (School 1954–59).

Mike is survived by his wife Elaine.



**Jonathan Anthony Haig** (School 1992–97) died on 15 February 2024, aged 45, following surgery for a brain tumour. Our thanks to Jonathan's father who has sent us this tribute:

Whilst at Eastbourne College, Jon participated enthusiastically in a wide range of activities, including sports (soccer and rugby), backstage at the theatre and in the Combined Cadet Force. In 1996 he took part in the College's World

Challenge expedition to Borneo.

After leaving the College, he gained a degree in geology at University College London, followed by a master's degree in photogrammetry and remote sensing, part of which was completed at the University of Hannover, Lower Saxony.

In 2003 Jon emigrated to Germany, first to Braunschweig and subsequently to Hannover, becoming a fluent German speaker. He always maintained a strong emotional attachment with Eastbourne and became one of the College's overseas representatives in Germany, a role of which he was very proud. Throughout his adult life Jon remained a keen sportsman, completing triathlons in London and Cheshire on visits back to the UK and competing regularly in half-marathons, both in Germany and London. During his 21 years in Germany, he held senior marketing roles in a number of German companies, including Veolia Water Technology and LPKF Laser & Electronics.

Jon was first diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2015 but recovered well following surgery, living a fulfilling life for a further eight years. Sadly, an aggressive reoccurrence in October 2023 proved impossible for him, despite his courage and determination, and he died in the Uhlhorn Hospice in Hannover.

Jon embraced life and loved his friends and family with all his heart. He was a friend to everyone and had the ability to make people feel special. He is survived by his parents, sister, widow and three children.

*Paul Jordan adds:* The 1997 *Eastbournian* commended Jon on his skill as captain of the 2nd XI soccer team:

'Perhaps just one player deserves special mention – Jon Haig, the captain, who gave his all in every game. I am greatly indebted to him for his leadership on the field of play and his ability to maintain a positive and cheerful attitude when lady luck was refusing to smile upon us, as so often she did.'

In 1993 he played the part of a cowboy in *Death of a Cowboy*:

'Jonathan Haig played the pathetic cowboy who was obsessed with gambling to the point that he was willing to lose his last dollar on a card game. So involved in the play was Jonathan that he could be heard to recite his lines while asleep in the dormitory during the week of the performances.'

Jon won the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award in 1997. The *Eastbournian* wrote:

'For the first time in 32 years and after much hard work and individual effort the College can now boast seven Gold Awards... Antoine Atkinson, Mark Fellows (OE), Adrian Frost, Jon Haig, Duncan Little (OE), Will Stevens and Ben Thursfield were presented with their gold medals at the annual East Sussex Gold Presentation by the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex this autumn. HRH Prince Edward, in the presence of HRH Prince Philip the Duke of Edinburgh, will present them with their certificates at a ceremony at St James's Palace in the New Year. Those who were present at our annual Bronze and Silver presentation in March in the Town Hall were moved by Jon Haig's address during the ceremony, which showed clearly that he had understood the philosophy behind the scheme.'

**Alan Leslie Hall** (School 1942–45) died on 13 December 2023, aged 94. He gained his Royal Aero Club Aviation Certificate in 1948, flying a Tiger Moth at the London Aero Club. During his career he worked in the drawing office of De Havilland Propellers, Hatfield and for FG Miles, Shoreham Airport.

**James Nigel Hamilton** (Gonville 1936–41) died on 26 August 2011, aged 88, in Toronto, Canada. We have only recently been made aware of his death. Following his time at the College, James worked in the personnel department of the United African Company Ltd, Calabar, Nigeria. In 1969 the *Old Eastbournian* reported that D H Piper and J N Hamilton 'flew a new single-engined Beagle Pup aircraft from Britain to Nairobi via Corsica, Tripoli, Cairo, Port Sudan, Khartoum and Entebbe. Hamilton, who is a personnel management consultant with the Management Training and Advisory Centre in Nairobi, has 3,000 flying hours experience, but Piper had only received his pilot's licence two days before they set out on the 5,000 miles flight. Despite the forebodings of the pundits, they arrived safely at their destination only two minutes behind schedule – a remarkable achievement'.



**William Peter Thomas Harper** (Nugent & Wargrave 1962–67) died on 19 July 2022, aged 73. American by birth, he joined Nugent in 1962 where he was head of house. He was awarded his cricket XXII colours in 1966, and was head of the choir, a member of the Glee Club and won the Solo Singing Cup. William also won the Mowbray Junior History Prize and was founder and hon sec of the Equestrian Club. He was a bugler in the CCF, was awarded the Lanyard of Honour and formed part of the Guard of Honour during the Queen's visit in 1966.

The 1964 *Eastbournian* reported: 'Royal Marines & Army Sections: Sgts Harper and Barr J S, went on the Eastern Command Leadership Course in April, and both emerged with distinction. A leg injury kept Sgt Harper off the big final exercise, and prevented him from qualifying for a full report; this was bad luck, because the Directing Staff reported that "he would certainly have done very well indeed".'

In his first fortnight at the College, William sustained a crippling knee injury while playing rugby, resulting in a lot of time in and out of hospital during his first two terms. Despite this setback, he was able to establish himself in the CCF and was privileged to be granted command of the Proficiency Company (A Company) while an under officer.

He also enjoyed a limited amount of cricket during his last two summer terms. On leaving the College in 1967, William entered the City and the world of Lloyd's of London. In 1971 he joined the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC) as a gunner. He quickly found himself captain of the Regimental Cricket Club, as well as playing for and managing fixtures for the MCC and many other clubs over the next 11 years, until he was forced to retire due to injuries sustained while part of an airborne formation. William's City career progressed as a specialist cargo insurance broker and included becoming a founding director of a Lloyd's marine broking operation in 1973. He was commissioned into the Queen's Regiment in 1974, subsequently serving in 16 Parachute Brigade, 6 Field Force as well as other front-line formations over the next 12 years and gaining substantive field rank.

William's military and logistic qualifications resulted in him becoming involved in what is now known as the British end of the 'Irangate' scandal of the mid-80s. William said that there has been a lot of ill-informed media coverage of the events.

Irangate was a watershed for William and his family. By the end of 1985, severely disabled now and profoundly deafened, a long period of rehabilitation and retraining began that was to result in him joining the probation service in 1989 and graduating in Social Sciences from Kingston University in 1992. For ten years William was seconded to the prison service, pioneering and implementing the concept of restorative justice (offenders publicly saying sorry and acting in a new pro-social way of thinking). However, further deterioration in his health meant he had to accept medical retirement at the end of summer 2006.

Meanwhile, William had found himself being drawn into the Christian ministry and since 2003 had been a licensed lay minister of both Rochester and Canterbury dioceses, with a ministry to offenders in the community and as a lay chaplain with a prison ministry at HMP Blantyre House.

He is survived by his wife, Dee and two children.

William was an Arnold Embellisher and regularly attended OE events, including the annual cricket dinner, the over-60s lunch, reunions and other celebratory lunches. He is pictured here at the 2016 reunion.

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**Anthony Harris** (School 1955–59) died on 17 March 2023, aged 81, and his obituary appeared in last year's magazine. **Michael Barber** (Blackwater 1956–60) contacted us with his memories of Tony:

In years gone by, when visiting Lord's, I often freeloaded during the intervals in the Harris Garden behind the Pavilion, where wealthy acquaintances provided lavish fare. Never once, as I held out my glass for a refill, did I associate this lucullan spot with my contemporary at the College, A T S Harris, later Lord Harris, a descendant of the

Edwardian cricketer after whom the garden was named. I don't think any of us who were at school with him were aware of this connection at the time. He certainly never referred to it in my hearing. But oddly enough it was on the cricket field that I first encountered him. He was at Tormore prep school in Deal, I was at Hildersham House in Broadstairs. My last summer there we were unbeaten, winning every game except the return against Tormore, with whom we drew thanks to a stubborn innings by Harris, who carried his bat.

For some reason Tony – as I believe he came to be known – never achieved much as a cricketer at Eastbourne. But he was an outstanding centre three-quarter who played his first game for the 1st XV in 1957 aged 15. Sound in defence, a deft passer and very fast over twenty yards, he won his Stag in 1958 and was tipped, to borrow a term from the Turf, as 'one to follow'. But it was not to be. His father, so I was told by his housemaster, P C Phillips, owed two term's worth of fees, and Tony left prematurely in July 1959.

What happened to him next is a mystery. His Valet entry in the *Eastbournian* offers no clues: only an address in Devon. He never, so far as I know, returned to the school. Contemporaries of his in School House – I was in Blackwater – have described him as a loner. I recall he wore a shooting jacket, a rather dated garment in the 1950s and the only clue, it now seems, to his landed connections.

Fast forward about 20 years. I was crossing Berkeley Square when who should I bump into but Tony. He was recognisable, but also, I think it's fair to say, a bit frayed round the edges. We exchanged pleasantries and I learnt that he was in the hotel business. But I got the impression that he'd no wish to prolong our acquaintance.

And that might have been that had I not become friendly with a Tormore contemporary of his called Charles Sprawson, author of a classic book about swimming called *The Haunts of the Black Masseur*. Charles, who died in 2020, had more than his fair share of persistence and sheer bloody-mindedness. Learning of his old schoolmate's peerage he determined to track him down, which eventually led him to 'a modest villa' in Ham, up-river from Richmond.

Tony was no keener to renew his acquaintance with Charles than he had been with me and I don't think Charles learnt any more about him than I had. This came as no surprise, because on the very rare occasions I met people with whom I'd been at prep school it was clear that whatever we'd once had in common had long since been erased. That said, I can't help wondering about Tony. Did he really give up rugger – as we called it then – when he left the College? Hard to believe that so talented a player hung up his boots aged sixteen. And what exactly did he do in the hotel business? As a notoriously inquisitive columnist used to say, 'I think we should be told...'



**Noel Brian Hill** (Pennell 1940–45) died on 23 October 2024, aged 97. Our thanks go to Noel's daughter, **Jill Jackson Hill** (Nugent 1970–72) for the following tribute:

Noel was almost 98 when he died. He left his three daughters, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. His family remember him not as an elderly man at the end of his life, but the fulfilled, vibrant, happy and determined individual that they loved for over six decades. He was the ultimate gentleman – considerate, kind and courteous, but, if ever there was a product of their time, it was Noel. Born just eight years after the end of the First World War in which he lost an unmet uncle, and just 13 years before the start of the Second World War, in which he lost a brother, he straddled generational changes of momentous proportion.

Noel was the middle son born to Harold Brian Cunningham Hill, who came from a long line of Shropshire gentry. Noel's mother was from mixed Danish and South African/English descent. Noel's grandfather was an army man, and India had been where he and many of his immediate antecedents had spent their careers when serving. Noel's father had also been in India, in the army, civil service and then as a tea planter. And it was there that Noel was born in 1926, in Chubua, Assam.

By the time he was four he was sent back to the UK to be raised



by his aunts in Rottingdean because he had developed polio. Thereafter, he only saw his parents once a year, if he was lucky, until he left school, at 18. He was sent to prep school in Rottingdean and then to Eastbourne College where he was in Pennell, although of course, being the war years, he was evacuated with the rest of the College to Radley.

Noel was 15 when his elder brother, Roland, was killed in 1942 as a pilot with the Royal Air Force. His distraught parents came back to England and set up a home for the war-displaced young in Devon.

If his current family could only use one word to describe Noel (apart from being a true gentleman), it would be Creative. Although he chose accountancy as a career, it couldn't have been further from his natural inclinations and indeed his natural skills. He was also, for a man whose career involved accounting for the past, remarkably impetuous about the future.

He was a talented draughtsman and he could have been an architect. He could have been a number of things, but he decided to join a trade, because he wanted to travel and he wanted a company job which would provide that opportunity, and one which would also educate any children he might have. His regard for private education was constant – he taught at Ascham prep school in Eastbourne for a year or so after finishing school, and while he decided what to do. And, in addition to sending all his daughters to private school (Moir House), he also took on the role of bursar there, after he retired from his career company, British American Tobacco.

That was the company he joined as a 'pupil' in 1948 and was sent to India, with his tropical kit, to live in a chummary in a hill station in the North West Frontier with other pupil bachelors, and learn the ropes as an accountant and how to shoot on safari, camp at high altitude and get back from the club without, he thinks, driving back – he always swore his car knew its own way back home to his bungalow. His love of India was a constant, a thread that ran through his life, his sense of self-worth and his memories. He was very much of the old Raj India, not the new India, but he felt that, forever, he had links there.

He stayed with BAT for 30 years, most of it in India and Pakistan but with five years in Europe at the end of his career.

In 1956, he had met Gladys Umney in Jhelum in the North West Frontier. Noel followed Gladys back to the UK on leave, and married her before his leave was over, eloping to Paris via Petit France for a civil ceremony. His parents were informed after the event.

Noel's creativity is evidenced wherever he lived. At first it expressed itself in his gardens – his first one that he created was in Cornwall. He had bought a plot of land on the headland of St Agnes, and built an aggressively modern house of plate glass, grey slate, spilt level, huge seascapes framed through enormous windows, glass staircases and walls. Single-handedly he built a cliff-side garden of rockeries and plateaux. In the North West frontier, his garden was all about ponds for his demoiselle cranes.

In the UK, his creativity as a bursar resulted in the creation of cosily decorated sitting rooms and living areas for boarders. He revelled in the acquisition of a new house for the school, as it gave him the opportunity to create areas full of colour and comfort. And in return Moira House gave him a totally rewarding life, one where he was respected.

When the family bought property in South Chailey, in Sussex, in his retirement he threw himself into creating gardens on the estate – he planted quite literally thousands of trees, building different garden areas, including executing a request to build a swimming pool garden 'so that it looked like a French motorway aire'. He was also an enthusiastic member of the local horticultural society.

Later, he taught himself calligraphy and was immensely talented. His water paintings were less successful, although he was inordinately proud of them.

In his retirement, he researched his family history, catalogued it and recorded it meticulously in his careful books. He was busy editing his father's writings and ordering his own collections of writings, memories, photos and memorabilia. His expertise as a calligrapher and as a very competent illustrator was in much demand locally and it gave him much joy to use these skills in illustrating his memories.

He was respected by everyone and regarded as a friend by the many people who he had helped. A natural conservative, he was for

a while the treasurer for the local Conservative association and was an active campaigner for them. He read widely on current affairs and followed his investments online. He taught himself how to use a computer, having never used a QWERTY keyboard until well after he retired.

He eagerly followed English cricket and was a member of the MCC. And he loved watching English rugby, even if he did have quite extreme views about the way they wouldn't throw out enough. He was never timid; as evidence of this, he played bridge bravely and was a frightful over-bidder (6 no trumps was his favourite and impossible bid).

Noel has left a strong legacy of memories, of creations, memoirs, paintings, writings and photos. It is a true legacy of a man of his time and he was very proud of it.

*Paul Jordan adds:* Noel was a talented sportsman at the College. He played in the 1st XI cricket team and was described in the 1945 *Eastbournian* as: 'a necessary member of the side and a more useful cricketer than his records show. A safe fielder and a promising change bowler of the slow spin type.' In the same year he was also listed as being captain of the fives and squash teams and was captain of gym in 1944. Other sports in which he was involved were tennis and boxing. Academically, he won the Macklin Junior History Prize in 1943 and the Macklin Senior History Prize a year later.

With regard to Noel's time teaching at Ascham, Alexander Black (teacher of classics at Ascham) wrote in the 1970 *Eastbournian* about the establishment of the prep school as the war ended: 'But Henry Collis [Headmaster] was still at the War Office and the task of helping Mrs Collis to supervise some 50 boarders devolved on my unworthy self... Fortunately, I had with me a sprightly young man straight from the College, one Noel Hill, game for anything, even for pre-breakfast PT, a proposition to which I myself was never wholly dedicated.'



**John Nevell Horne** (Gonville 1941–46) died on 28 April 2023, aged 95. After leaving school he attended Cirencester Agricultural College and by 1954 was working for William Lillico & Sons Ltd, corn merchants, Croydon.

At the College, he was awarded his shooting colours in 1945 and his rowing colours a year later. He also played for the 1st XV. The 1945 *Eastbournian* described his skills as a wing three-quarter:

'He has gained in pace and greatly improved his tackling this season. When given a chance goes well for the corner flag. He has scored some very good tries.'

From 1944 to 1946 he was a Band Sergeant in the CCF and appeared in a 1946 report about the Drums:

'The Band has been renamed The Drums and now has 26 members and 18 recruits. A considerable amount of enthusiasm has been shown, thanks to the hard work and inspiration of Cpl Horne (NCO i/c Drums). Cpl Horne is the Silver Drummer'.

John's wife, Bridget, died in December 2023 and he is survived by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John's father, **Lester Horne**, came to the College (Blackwater 1914–18) as did his brother, **Richard Neale Horne** (Gonville 1940–45). Richard died in 2013.

**Anthony (Tony) John William Horrox** (Powell 1965–70) died on 11 May 2024, aged 72. His career as Head of Chemistry at the Merchant Taylor's School had its roots at the College where he won the Tunstall Practical Science and the Frederick Soddy Memorial Prize. He later said: 'I was an early recipient of this prize fifty years ago when I gained a place at Oxford to read Chemistry... the prize was a book, which I still possess.'

After graduating from Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1977 Tony joined the Merchant Taylor's School in Middlesex as a chemistry teacher. A fuller account of his career was published on the school's website:

'For almost 40 years, Tony was a wonderful school master and highly popular colleague who also served as the President of the



Senior Common Room. Those of us who have reached a certain age will probably recall the disbelief experienced when our chemistry teacher told us to taste the product of that lesson's experiment. To mix a solution of sodium hydroxide with dilute hydrochloric acid was an activity that, in those far off days, seemed both dangerous and exciting. We all knew that acid was toxic and corrosive, and that alkalis were just as

bad but, because of the name, somewhat more scientific. Eventually a brave pupil would taste the white crystals that had formed as the liquid evaporated. It soon became clear that the substance was merely table salt, and the astonishment of this revelation is one that is difficult to recapture in later life.'

While at Eastbourne College, Tony developed an affection for both cricket and rugby. At Merchant Taylor's he coached many school teams in both sports and was also a member of the MCC. He soon became a house tutor, a considerable commitment and one that Tony undertook professionally and seriously.

At Merchant Taylor's Tony was commissioned into the Royal Naval Section [he had been a corporal in the College CCF RAF section] and spent many field days in Portsmouth with the cadets and other officers. In due course, Tony rose to be the officer in charge of the Naval section, and spent five or six years organising the weekly activities and the field days; he thrived on it and enjoyed both the challenge and the trust that it signalled.

In 1986, Tony was appointed the housemaster of Hilles House and again his enthusiasm, and organisational skills shone through. In 1991, he became head of chemistry, a position he held until 2010. During 2014, Tony had to miss a great deal of school time through illness and decided that the time had come to retire.

A former Merchant Taylor's pupil said of Tony: 'The values that define this school, and which I still hold dear, were epitomised by Tony: humility, endeavour, joy, and authenticity... He was a stalwart of the Senior Common Room for so long and helped lay the foundations of my ongoing relationship with the school. I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing.'

Tony is survived by his wife, Katherine and son, Alexander.



**John Ward Huggett** (Ascham 1962–65; Powell 1966–69) died on 15 June 2024, aged 71. John had written his own obituary and asked that this be published in the OE magazine:

John was born on 17 October 1952 in Eastbourne, the son of Ron and Iris Huggett. His career at the College was reasonably low profile with no significant academic or

sporting achievements noted. He was a member of the Naval Section of the CCF and a front row drummer in the Drum Corps.

Having decided to pursue a career in accountancy, John left the College mid-way through his A-level studies to enter articles with an Eastbourne firm of chartered accountants, Honey Barrett & Co. Three years later he transferred articles to a London firm, Champness Cowper, to gain experience of larger company audits. After qualification, John left the profession to join the Marley Tile Company in Kent as part of their internal audit department, but having been temporarily disqualified from driving following one speeding offence too many, decided that it was time for a change in career direction in a different country.

John then rejoined the profession with the then Price Waterhouse at their Johannesburg offices as an audit senior. At the end of his contract he transferred to their Salisbury, Rhodesia, office as an assistant audit manager. It was here in 1977 that he met his future wife Lyn who was also studying articles and in order to prevent any conflict of interest John resigned prior to their marriage to take up a position as group

accountant at a local conglomerate with interests in manufacturing, refrigeration and foundry operations.

John progressed with the group through financial director to become board director responsible for three major subsidiaries. In 1986 the group was taken over by another local conglomerate but not seeing eye to eye with the new owners, John resigned in 1987 to join Mike Appel Organisation, an automotive precision engineering and motor spares group, as financial director. The group was foreign owned, and in partnership with the managing director John designed and implemented a management buy-out scheme which brought the group under local ownership in January 1991. The group grew steadily and had a major share of the motor spares and engineering market but in 2004 the directors decided to sell their holdings to a local consortium and pursue other interests.

A period of semi-retirement followed until 2008 when John and Lyn, whose kids had by now flown the coop, decided to give Australia a go. It was an interesting time, after all they thought, what could be so difficult about running a donut and coffee franchise. They had a rude awakening and accepting that the hospitality industry was not for them, succumbed to the attraction of Africa and returned to Zimbabwe to finally retire in 2012.

John developed a love for fishing as a young lad on the beaches and rivers of Eastbourne. On his move to Zimbabwe this love continued, combined with game viewing on Lake Kariba accentuated with deep sea fishing trips off the Mozambique, South African and Kenyan coasts. He always considered it somewhat ironic that this led him to be the proud holder of Zimbabwean colours for deep sea angling despite the fact that Zimbabwe was a landlocked country.

John's interests outside of his work were most definitely aligned with the more practical side of life and working with his hands. The arts and theatre held little interest and for twenty years he and his family enjoyed life relaxing on a 100-acre smallholding just outside Harare where they could engage in livestock farming, cropping, building repairs and maintenance and all the other activities involved in farming on a 'jack of all trades, master of none!' basis. When he sold the smallholding in 2000 the first additions built at their new home in Harare were garages and a new workshop in which John subsequently spent many happy hours during his retirement.'

John is survived by his wife of 45 years Lyn, their daughter Kayt, son Nathan and four grandchildren.

*Paul Jordan adds:* While at Ascham, John had his painting chosen to appear in the Eastbourne Schools Exhibition at the Towner Art Gallery in 1963 and in the following year he was praised by the *East-bournian* for his fund raising: 'Many [Ascham] Scouts did well for the troop during Bob-a-Job week. Mention must be made of Huggett, who worked really hard and earned over two pounds.' At the College, John won the Frederick Soddy Memorial Prize and was a member of the choir and College orchestra. In the 1990s, when living on a small holding in Harare, John and Lyn hosted the Eastbourne College rugby team for lunch during their trip to Zimbabwe.

**Frank Osborne Newton Jackson** (Nugent & Wargrave 1953–58) died on 7 December 2021, aged 81. He won a GEC (General Electric Company) University Scholarship to Queen's College Cambridge, spending a year with GEC in Coventry then three years at the College. In his later career, he was managing director of a plant hire company.

Head of Nugent in 1957, Frank won the Smallman Chemistry Prize the following year. He was the hon sec and treasurer of the Photographic Society; a member of the Tenby Society, where he gave a lecture, and also belonged to the Astronomical Society (he built an eight-and-a-half-inch reflecting telescope). In the CCF, he was a sergeant in the signals section and won the Evans Signalling Cup and the Lanyard of Honour.

**Harry Neill Kinsey** (School 1950–53) died, we believe, in 2022, when he would have been 85 years old. Later in his career he was the director of sales for a large sheet poster printing company. He was also a Guildsman of St Bride's, Fleet Street, an active member of Probus Club in Purley and an Arnold Embellisher.

**Lionel John Michael Lawrence** (Pennell 1939–42) died on 30 September 2011, aged 86. We have only recently been made aware of his death. After leaving the College, he attended the Architectural Association School of Architecture from 1943 to 1946 (his attendance was interrupted when he joined the Royal Navy Voluntary Reserve during the Second World War). After the war, he became an architect and worked for Beecroft, Bidmead and Partners in Bristol from 1972 to 1984. He married Gillian Shirley Hunt in 1951. Lionel's brother, **Christopher**, was also at the College (Pennell 1933–37). He was killed in action in 1942.

**Timothy Robert Lord** (Reeves 1952–55) died on 8 December 2023, aged 85. Tim was a teacher and became head of music at various comprehensive schools. He founded the Bridgnorth Jazz Festival and later became a 'tour manager' for First World War battlefield tours. He is survived by his children James and Rachel.



**The Revd Dr Andrew Alexander Macintosh** (Ascham 1945–50; Pennell 1950–55) died on 5 December 2024, aged 87. An internationally renowned Hebrew and Bible scholar, he was once described as 'the best preacher in England'. He was a Life Fellow at St John's College, Cambridge, where he had served as Chaplain, Tutor, Dean of Chapel and President. St John's issued the following tribute:

An ordained priest of the Church of England, Dr Macintosh had a long and distinguished academic career. Heather Hancock, Master of St John's College, said: 'Andrew Macintosh was a much loved and widely admired member of St John's for close on 70 years. A 'born' Johnian, Andrew has been a constant and commanding presence in the Chapel and the College, extending to all a warm embrace and an invigorating call to action. He was an inspiring teacher and a learned Hebrew scholar. Andrew's last sermon in the Chapel, delivered at our 2024 Commemoration of Benefactors service with his customary passion and direction, stands in testament to a remarkable man and priest. He will be deeply and long missed by generations of Johnians.'

Widely known for being a foster carer of more than 100 children over the years with his wife, Mary, Dr Macintosh was born in Eastbourne, Sussex on 14 December 1936. His father was a Church of England priest and his mother a teacher. Educated at Eastbourne College, he majored in Latin, Greek and Ancient History before coming up to St John's College in 1956 to read Theology and Religious Studies, displaying a flair for Hebrew studies.

After graduating in 1959, he did a specialist course in Hebrew and the Old Testament and was elected Wyndham Deedes Scholar to Jerusalem. Dr Macintosh was ordained deacon and then priest in Lincoln Cathedral and was later given a lectureship at St David's College, University of Wales, to teach Greek, Hebrew and the Old Testament. He returned to Cambridge in 1967 after being appointed chaplain of St John's and became a Fellow in 1969.

Once described as 'the best preacher in England' by a Minister of the Crown, Dr Macintosh was Dean of Chapel and Director of Studies in Theology at St John's from 1979 until his retirement in 2002. He was College President from 1995, serving the customary four years in post, and was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1997. For some 40 years Dr Macintosh lectured on Hebrew language and literature in the Faculties of Divinity and of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Cambridge.

He co-produced *The Cambridge Liturgical Psalter* (1976) with David L Frost and John Emerton, which was the Church of England's Alternative Service Book in 1980 and has been used widely for worship. The translation required knowledge of the original Hebrew of the Psalms and its transmission through Greek, Latin and 15th-century English. He was also a reviser of the *New English Bible* (1970), which became the *Revised English Bible* (1989).

Dr Macintosh's other publications include a monograph, *Isaiah xxi: A palimpsest* (Cambridge University Press, 1980), and *Hosea: A Critical*

and *Exegetical Commentary* (International Critical Commentary series, T&T Clark, 1997).

His passionate interest in Hebrew as a Biblical language and its links with its sister language Arabic also saw Dr Macintosh pen many articles in learned journals. His research included the work of the 10th-century Jewish scholar, Rabbi Jonah ibn Janah, who wrote a dictionary of Hebrew in his native Arabic.

In 2013, Dr Macintosh was recognised by former students and colleagues with the book, *Leshon Limmudim: Essays on the Language and Literature of the Hebrew Bible in Honour of AA Macintosh*, edited by RP Gordon and DA Baer (Bloomsbury). The following year (with Dr CL Engle) he produced the acclaimed T&T Clark Hebrew Primer, which was designed to restore the knowledge of Hebrew to those who once knew the language.

Away from his academic work, Dr Macintosh travelled extensively on world tours with The Choir of St John's College, and for around 20 years he was guest speaker on the Bible on expeditions to the Sinai desert. A supporter of the College's Lady Margaret Boat Club, he rowed in the Fellows' Boat of 1973 (LMBC 11), which won its oars, and in the following year he coached the Sixth Boat.

Friend and colleague Dr George Reid, a Fellow of St John's and former Senior Bursar, added: 'Scholar, teacher, tutor, colleague, friend: Andrew's life and ministry touched the lives of so many Johnians across the decades. Throughout that time he unstintingly promoted love of the brethren and all sound learning and I shall ever remember him with fondness, gratitude and respect.'

As well as a large foster family, Dr Macintosh leaves his wife Mary and their four children and grandchildren.

*Paul Jordan adds:*

At the College Andrew was hon sec of the Debating and Literary societies and a sergeant in the Artillery section of the CCF.

**Richard Sewell Marshall** (Blackwater 1937–41) died on 2 July 2010, aged 86. We have only recently become aware of his death. He had a career as an aircraft engineer at Brooklands in Surrey. At the College he won his rugby stag in 1940 and the *Eastbournian* commented: 'R S Marshall (forward). An energetic player who is learning to direct his energy towards the right ends.' He was awarded his XXII cricket colours in 1941.

**Ian Brodie McDougall** (School 1940–44) died on 29 November 2007, aged 81. We have only recently become aware of his death.

**Brian Walter Meaby** (Powell 1949–53) died on 19 December 2024, aged 89. A photo of Brian and a brief summary of his golfing achievements appear in the OE Golf Society report on page 107. A very loyal OE, he was an Arnold Embellisher and a member of the Devonshire Society. Brian was married to Anita and they had three children who attended the College: **Caroline** (Nugent 1983–85), **Charles** (Gonville 1982–87) and **Marianne** (Nugent 1990–92). His brother **Robert** is also an OE (Powell 1952–56). We plan to publish a full obituary in our next issue.



**Revd Canon Alan Frank Mellows** (Gonville 1937–42) died on 1 April 2021, aged 97. He went to Chelmsford Hall prep school and, after leaving the College in 1942, attended Queen's College, Cambridge, where he read engineering. He then worked on jet engine design at the Bristol Aeroplane Company. At Holy Trinity Church, Stapleton in Bristol, he met his wife Doreen and they ran camps for boys from poor families. They felt called to be

missionaries in China, so Alan trained for the Anglican ministry at Tyndale Hall theological college in Bristol and was ordained in 1949.

However, the Chinese authorities stopped missionaries coming to the country so he became a curate in Morden for five years. Following this, he was Vicar of Brimscombe (1954–62); Rector of Mileham (1962–74); Curate in Charge of Stanfield (1962–74); Beeston next



Mileham (1962–66); Rector (1966–74); Priest in Charge with Great of Little Dunham; Rector of Ashill (1974); Priest in Charge of Saham Toney (1978–79); Rector of Ashill with Saham Toney (1979–88) and Hon Canon of Norwich Cathedral (1982–88).

Queen's College described him as: 'a generally quiet and reserved man, with a heart for theology and prayer, for spreading the gospel and for caring for parishioners and family... True to his engineer's mind and training... he even designed a central heating system to keep his congregation warm in their box pews.'

His wife Doreen predeceased him in 2013 as did his nephew, **Anthony Mellows** (Gonville 1950–55). Alan's brothers also attended the College, **William Thorp Mellows** (Gonville 1924–27) and **Harry Sidney Mellows** (Gonville 1924–29). Harry was killed in action during the Second World War.



**Merry Morris** died on 11 September 2024. A language graduate of Cardiff University, Merry came to the College in 1975 with her husband Culain, who joined the staff of the biology department and initially became a non-resident house tutor of Wargrave. The *Eastbournian* described 'the two of them entering with enormous enthusiasm and warmth into of every aspect of life in the house'. In 1980, he was appointed housemaster of Pennell and both he and Merry oversaw the major changes which took place when the old Pennell was demolished and the present Pennell opened. Many boys will remember the Morris's reptile pets, Monty the python and Noah the boa constrictor.

In 1988, the Morris family left the school for St David's College, Llandudno, where Culain took up the headmastership. Merry is survived by her husband and sons Simon and Jeremy.



**John Llewellyn Moxey** (Blackwater 1939–40) died on 29 February 2019, aged 94, in Washington state, USA. We have only recently become aware of his death. After leaving the College, John served with the 53rd Welsh Division during the Second World War. Following his military service he had a prolific career in the film and television industry.

He began as an assistant director at Nettlefold Studios in Walton-on-Thames in 1947, then worked as a studio manager and assistant producer for BBC TV before joining ABC Television, one of the new commercial TV stations. His directing credits included episodes of *London Playhouse*, *The Adventures of Tugboat Annie* and *Coronation Street*, *The Saint* and *The Avengers*. He made his feature film directorial debut with *The City of the Dead* in 1960. His second feature, a 1960 war film called *A Foxhole in Cairo*, featured Michael Caine as a German soldier in one of his first on-screen roles. Christopher Lee was the leading man in John's 1966 film, *Circus of Fear*.

He moved to the USA in 1968 and was known for a number of 1970s TV movies, including *The Night Stalker*, *Panic in Echo Park* and *The House That Would Not Die*. His TV credits also include *Hawaii Five-O*, *Mission: Impossible*, *Miami Vice*, *Murder She Wrote* and the pilot episode of *Charlie's Angels*.

John retired to Gig Harbor, Washington, in 1991, where he volunteered in local theatre productions and directed a series of promotional skits for KBTC public broadcasting in Tacoma, which won him a regional Emmy. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and sons Robin and Timothy.

**Veerapatana 'Tom' Navisthrira** (Ascham 1961–65; Pennell 1965–68) died in August 2021, aged 70. After leaving the College, he enrolled at the New Mexico Military Institute and qualified as a military engineer. He retired from the army in 2010 and later started a building company.

Tom enjoyed sport at both Ascham and the College. He played cricket at Ascham and won his College rugby stag in 1967. The *Eastbournian* reported in 1968: 'His habit of letting his man run past him,



and then tackling him from behind, was pretty nerve-racking, but it seldom failed.' He was awarded his basketball colours the same year and was mentioned again in the *Eastbournian*: '[his] good ball-handling made him a constant threat'. In the CCF, he achieved the rank of lance corporal.

Tom is survived by his children, Ake, Warn and Tor and brothers, **Chira Navisthrira** (Pennell 1958–62) and **Patanachai Navisthrira** (Pennell 1962–66).

We were contacted by **Jo Shubber** (Pennell 1965–70) who sent us his memories of Tom:

Tom and I met in 1962 in Granville House, Ascham, and became friends. He was a good athlete, friendly and peaceful until intimidated. He was well trained to protect himself, and participated in boxing amongst the other sporting activities available at the time. At the annual sports day Tom and I teamed up for the three-legged race which we won unequivocally; I ended with a triumphant dive for the finish line unfortunately injuring Tom's ankle unnecessarily.

Later at the College Tom went straight to Pennell and I spent two terms in Nugent, but we were together in the middle room until Tom left. During that time Tom showed what an athlete he was. For Pennell he and I were members of winning house teams (as juniors), rugby senior team, and the cricket junior and senior teams. He excelled in all sports and was particularly good athletically, representing the College in the athletic team, being quick on the track at 100 and 200 yards. He also was good at the javelin, high and long jumps, shot putt and discus.

Tom left school early to follow a career in the army as dictated by his family and country which he did well. We were good friends and kept in touch with each other while he was at the military institute and after I moved to Baghdad for university. In the early 1970s his family hosted my parents when they went on a round-the-world trip which coincided with Tom's father's 60th birthday, which is a significant milestone in Thailand. Then later in the 1990s when I was in the UK, Tom came over for a couple of trips and my family and I met him and his three children on two occasions. Later in 2008 he hosted my daughter Zahra while passing through on her world tour trip.

His last years were affected by his diabetes leading to an above-knee amputation, renal failure and dialysis three times a week, and lastly succumbing to Covid and passing away in 2021.

**Ronald Malcolm Walmsley Naylor** (Ascham 1950–53; Powell 1953–58) died on 12 November 2024, aged 85. A school prefect and head of house, he won the Brian Tunstall Imperial Studies Prize in 1958 and in the same year won his 1st fencing colours and the Bobby Foil Cup. He was hon sec of the Philatelic and Cavendish Debating Societies and was awarded the Lanyard of Honour in the CCF. In later years he was an Arnold Embellisher.

We were contacted by **John Maclean** (Ascham 1953–58; Powell 1958–62) who told us: 'I would like to register a tribute that no doubt will be shared by others who like me, were new boys when Ron was head prefect of Sillem House at Ascham in 1953 and Powell House at the College in 1958. I was profoundly gratified by Ron's compassion and understanding for those of us who, at that that stage, were the 'bottom of the food chain' and feeling pretty vulnerable until we found our feet. We also saw how he exemplified the very best approach to exercising the authority that he had been given. Comparing his personality and competence against the numerous bosses whom I have since encountered, Ron would be outstanding – a model of trustworthiness, correctness and guidance. Few exhibited his innate high standards – including myself! Thank you Ron, for being such a profound influence on us 'new boys' and whose example I have always carried in my memory.'

In December 2024, a celebration of Ron's life was held at the Eastbourne College Chapel. He is survived by his wife, Carole and children, David and Lucy.

**Norman Denniss Paine** (Pennell 1936–41) died on 28 March 2017, aged 94. Norman emigrated to Australia where he had a career described as a 'wool grower'. He was also involved with the re-forestation of degraded farmland. His wife, Carol predeceased him and he is survived by his children Keith and Ann.

At the College, he was awarded his rugby stag in 1940 and a year later won his running strings. Norman's brother **John Paine** also came to the College (Pennell 1937–40).



**Anthony John Dale Peck** (School 1946–51) died on 23 September 2024, aged 91. John went to Birmingham University to study biochemistry which was followed by his national service in the Royal Engineers where he served in Germany. He then returned to Burton Latimer in Northamptonshire to help run the family soft drinks business. As managing director of 'She Products', manufacturing and distributing soft drinks, John steered the

company strategy with his hands-on engineering and biochemistry background. John retired in 1991 to enjoy life with his loving wife, Janet. The couple proudly received their card from the King and Queen in September 2024 in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. John read newspapers everyday throughout his life – a habit which he started at school. A favourite publication of his would be the *Old Eastbournian* magazine and he would occasionally contribute with nuggets of experience in articles.

Joining School House in 1946 meant that John spent the first year in the Wargrave building as the School House building was still occupied by the Navy at that time. He quickly became involved with the College choir and the Choral Society. Singing became a hobby and passion that he carried forward throughout his life. He also started playing the French horn which he continued to enjoy until his very later years.

John's son **Peter Peck** (School 1980–85) told us: 'He would often recount stories from his time at the College. His memory never failed him and he would be able to describe the experiences and the characters in great detail. My father's detailed descriptions of his time at the College were fascinating. He made it all sound like an exciting adventure which subsequently encouraged me to follow in his footsteps and to also join School House.

As a result, we could share such vivid stories as ringing the school bell, running over the Downs and occasionally, some dormitory humour!

'My father also loved his gymnastics and would delight in explaining how to make a human pyramid to his grandchildren and his great grandchildren. His time and experiences at Eastbourne College were truly carried forward throughout his life.'

In 2007, John recalled how he had come by an organ stop from the Collage Chapel. On a visit to the Chapel in 1950, John and others found a skip containing the remains of the original chapel organ (a new one had recently been installed):

'The stops were of course the most desirable. There were several

**John Peck: How to make a human pyramid**

bars of felt mounted lead, a little of which I fashioned on laces to make weights for my bd [battle dress] trousers. I probably still have them now with my still complete army uniforms, boots, webbing, gas mark etc...'

He was also a member of the Gramophone Society. The 1951 *Eastbournian* reported: 'The Society has been going, in its present form, for just over a year, and, thanks to the past work of J N Busbridge and A J D Peck, is now firmly established as a part of the school's life.'



**Rowan Michael Planterose** (Ascham 1962–67; Powell 1967–72) died on 27 October 2024, aged 70. We are grateful to Rowan's wife, Julia, for the following tribute:

Rowan was born in 1954 in Ewell, Surrey. His father worked for Shell International as a marketing manager and his mother was a school teacher. Soon after the birth of his brother **Bernard** (Powell 1969–74), the family moved to Lewes, Sussex.

Rowan went to Ascham then transferred to Eastbourne College where he joined the chapel choir, and avoided, as much as he was able, any sporting activities. The school had a compulsory Combined Cadet Force and he joined the RAF section, and got his gliding licence when he was 16.

His A levels were good enough to get him a place at Bristol to read Law, but just before he started he was offered a place at Downing College, Cambridge. Rowan went to Downing in October 1973 and remained until the summer of 1977, acquiring a BA in Law (1st class honours) and a post-graduate LLB. He joined the Downing chapel choir and was approached by the army section of the Officer Training Corps; his preference for machinery over physical activity led him to join the Royal Armoured Corps where he learned how to drive tanks. He acquired a commission in the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment in 1977 as a reserve officer and remained with the regiment for a further 10 years, travelling mostly to West Germany and Cyprus.

On leaving Cambridge, Rowan took the Bar exams and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple. He joined a set of chambers which specialised in construction law and he embarked on an international career, being particularly known for his expertise in construction and engineering disputes. He had an amazing ability to read extensive and complex briefing papers the night before a hearing or court appearance and instantly understand the case; he would appear the next day and lead the parties to an appropriate outcome.

In 2002 things changed in the world of construction law when a new system of adjudication was introduced in order to settle disputes quickly. Rowan's work as a barrister diminished significantly and he joined a solicitors' firm, Davies Arnold Cooper, where he subsequently became managing partner. He was the co-author of a leading textbook on the 1996 Arbitration Act and its subsequent updates.

In 2019 Rowan retired from DAC Beachcroft (following a merger) and joined the barrister's chambers 3 Paper Buildings. As well as doing numerous cases as an international arbitrator or adjudicator, he wanted to give something back to his profession and ran courses in arbitration in UAE and South Africa. He was also an examiner for degree courses in the UK on construction law and dispute resolution. He was a member of the Society of Construction Arbitrators where he played an active role. Following a few years as secretary, he held a three-year post as president from 2020.

He was also a trustee of a charity, Harambee Schools Kenya, which raises money in the UK to carry out improvements to schooling and school infrastructure in rural Kenya. This involved some very insightful trips to visit the schools to see first-hand some of the challenges they were facing.

Outside of work, Rowan was a devoted husband to Julia, and proud father to **Abigail** (Arnold & School 2014–18). He loved all things train, tram or bus related and was a volunteer at the Bluebell Railway.

He started to suffer from seizures in the summer of 2023, and in March 2024 he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumour. Among the many tributes from a wide circle of colleagues and good friends, he has been described as an exceptional barrister, and a kind gentle man full of warmth energy and fun. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Michael Hamilton Pope** (Gonville 1939–44) died on 5 June 2021, aged 95. He read Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and qualified as a solicitor in 1953 working in the Brighton, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill areas. At the College he won his rugby stag in 1942 and the following year became captain of the 1st XV. The 1944 *Eastbournian* described



his rugby skills as: 'A grand tackler who gets through a tremendous amount of work. He is fast and has a good eye for an opening. His handling and passing are much improved but still remain his weakest points. He led his team well and had much to do with their success.' Michael was also fives captain in 1943 and captain of squash in 1944.

In 2006, Michael contributed to the archives his memories of his time at the

College and Radley. He recalled that a group of boys were walking down to the Chapel in Eastbourne during the wartime blackout when one of them 'suddenly disappeared. We went back and found him climbing out of the gutter. He had walked into a lamp post he had not seen. He was alright but shaken'.



**Alan Marshall Roberts** (Gonville 1946–51) died on 12 August 2024, aged 90. While serving in the 3rd battalion Nigerian Regiment in West Africa, Alan contracted tubercular meningitis which led to an almost complete loss of hearing. His friend for many years, Ian Archer, told us:

Alan quickly decided not to rely on sign language but to learn lip reading instead. He became extremely proficient at this, especially with the help of his sister Janine and his lovely wife

Anne. His voice was very clear, and he would always insist on making speeches at special occasions. He was present at the diamond wedding of my parents, but they failed to ask him to speak. However, he collared the person filming the event and secretly added his speech to the film at the end.

Alan was musical before he was deaf and after this disaster he would dance with girls and by watching the beat, danced very well, they thinking he could hear. This he did as he got older, too. He also remembered some songs of his youth.

[An example of Alan's musical ability was that he played the silver bugle in the College CCF band.]

Alan never forgot his disability and those of others, wearing a badge labelled 'DEAF' but he never was one to moan about it. Indeed he, assisted by Anne, did so much for the deaf. He worked tirelessly for more use of subtitles, and he was given a special seat in the front row of his local theatre with a script so he could keep pace with the plot.

He chaired the local deaf charity, Bromley Chain, which was instrumental in setting up Deaf Access, where he was a trustee for many years. He also hired steamboats on the River Thames and through television invited any deaf people who wanted to come to meet others on these boats, his voyages leaving from Westminster Pier. On one of these occasions, at his request, my wife and I joined them to help organise the event. I was amazed how so many of those who could lip read were able to communicate so easily with each other despite the noise of the engines. Then, with the help of his MP, he also welcomed deaf people to the House of Commons. For all this wonderful work he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Alan had a challenging job as a printer and was very artistic making some lovely pictures in marquetry, some of which we saw in his house shortly before his death. Like his mother, Alan was a superb gardener competing and winning at local flower shows.

Alan was one of the bravest and happiest people I have ever known. He was an example to all of us, especially when we have setbacks in so many of our lives. The world is clearly a sadder place without the irrepressible Alan Roberts to inspire us and cheer us all up.

*David Blake adds:* In recent years Alan came to a number of College reunions and annual dinners, often making new friends with other guests, and always being entertaining and up-beat in his outlook. He is pictured here at the London dinner at the Waldorf Hilton in 2019.

**Anthony Duncan Rutt** (School 1949–50) died on 28 November 2021, aged 86. After leaving the College Anthony worked for the Grosvenor Chater paper business. Both his father, **Duncan Harold Rutt** (School 1920–24) and his uncle, **Alfred Hugh Rutt** (School 1917–20), attended the College.

**Richard Frederick George Shaw** (Gonville 1939–41) died on 14 February 2009, aged 84. We have only recently become aware of his death. After College, he had a career as an agricultural contractor and drainage consultant.

**Adrian Michael Harwood Smart** (Gonville 1949–54) died on 12 January 2024, aged 88. Adrian wrote his own obituary:

At the College he was a school prefect and senior under officer in the CCF. He was the winner of the Andrew Downes Public Speaking Prize and the Chater French Prize. He was in the 1st IV that won the Public Schools Fours (setting a new course record) at Marlow Regatta in 1954 and won his cross-country running strings. [A report on the Marlow Regatta is on page 111.]

After leaving the College he undertook his national service, being commissioned into the Royal Artillery and serving with 26 Field Regiment. Following national service he joined Slaughter and May, the leading firm of City solicitors, as an articled clerk, qualifying in 1961 and becoming a partner in 1969. He remained with the firm until his retirement in 1993 working with, amongst others, **Tim Freshwater** (School 1958–63) and **Michael Carpenter** (School 1956–61). He specialised in advising banks financing large-scale natural resource projects. He travelled extensively and in 1974 set up Slaughter and May's office in Hong Kong.

After retirement he became a trustee of the Royal Alexandra & Albert School, a voluntary aided school in Reigate, Surrey, with a reputation for giving disadvantaged children a fresh start in life. Shortly after his arrival the school was placed in special measures and he was elected chairman of the trustees with a brief to put matters right. Six years later the school was adjudged the most improved school in Surrey.

Adrian is survived by his widow Sara, children Anthony and Amanda, and grandchildren.

*Tim Freshwater writes:*

Adrian was one of the most respected partners of his era at Slaughter and May. He was a pioneer in the evolution of the firm's financing practice, heading the team acting for Morgan Guaranty for some years and acting on a number of the largest funding projects for the development of the North Sea oil fields. He took up a new challenge as the founding partner in the firm's office in Hong Kong, which was the first local office of a London-based firm and which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.



**Harold Edward Snoad** (Reeves 1949–51) died on 2 June 2024, aged 88. Harold was a producer, director and writer of some of the most well-known comedy series of the 1970s to the 1990s on British television and was nominated for several BAFTA awards.

As well as performing in drama productions at the College, Harold also worked backstage at the Devonshire Park

Theatre during the holidays. On leaving school, he trained at Florence Moore Theatre Studios in Brighton. After two years of national service with the RAF, during which time he staged productions, he moved to its Brighton recruiting centre, after which he joined the BBC as a floor assistant in 1957.

Some 12 years later, by then a producer and director, he directed his first episode of the TV comedy series *Dad's Army* (written by Jimmy Perry and David Croft). The programme was set during the Second World War and featured the members of a Home Guard unit. At the time, he was one of the youngest directors working in television. Later, together with actor and writer Michael Knowles, he wrote the scripts for a radio-based version of *Dad's Army* which ran from 1974 to 1976.



Following the final series of *Dad's Army* in 1977, Snoad and Knowles created a spinoff radio series, *It Sticks Out Half a Mile*, in which former members of the Home Guard bought and ran a pier. The series ran from 1983 to 1984.

Harold was a member of the *Dad's Army* Appreciation Society and, in 2013, after the death of Bill Pertwee, he became the society's vice president, with Frank Williams (who played the Revd Timothy Farthing in the series) as the president. He frequently attended events with the society as a special guest and speaker.

In the 1970s, Harold also wrote for the TV comedy *Are You Being Served?* (set in a department store), and for the comedy sketch programme, *The Dick Emery Show*. Another OE, actor **Royce Mills** (Reeves 1956–60), made an appearance in the latter. He had worked for Harold in 1969 in the comedy series *Oh Brother!* and again in *Rings on Their Fingers* and in *Tears Before Bedtime*. Harold directed one feature film, *Not Now, Comrade*, with its writer Ray Cooney in 1976.

From 1983 to 1990 Harold directed the comedy series, *Don't Wait Up* (winner of the Television and Radio Industries Club's award, Sitcom of the Year in 1989) and *Ever Decreasing Circles* (1984–89), for which he was nominated for a BAFTA. He also received a BAFTA nomination for the comedy, *Keeping Up Appearances* (1990–95), starring Patricia Routledge, and for the prestigious Dutch award, the Silver Tulip.

He wrote the BBC Television training manual *Directing Situation Comedy* (1988) and the inside story of *Keeping Up Appearances*, *It's Bouquet – Not Bucket!* (2009). Harold returned to the theatre in 2009 when he directed the stage play *Say Who You Are*.

He is survived by his second wife Jean and their children, Helen and Jeanette.

A footnote: A year after he left the College, Harold returned for a visit and was asked to help out with the Dramatic Society, whose report in the *Eastbournian* stated: 'We have lost a resourceful and irrepressible member – H E Snoad.. He has visited us once or twice since leaving and was pressed into service when the producer of *Twelfth Night* issued one of his fiats ('let it be done'): a row of lights must be raised two feet three and one-eighth inches from the ground within a few hours. With Snoad's help this was accomplished in an afternoon.'

**Laurence Duncan Symington** (Pennell 1945–49) died on 27 August 2024, aged 93. Duncan attended Chelmsford Hall prep school from 1940 to 1945 before joining the College. He won his 1st XV rugby stag in 1948 and was listed in the *Eastbournian* under 'Characters of the 1st XV': 'A sound forward who won his place by solid work in the tight.' He was also hon sec of the Meteorological Society. In later years he was a member of the Devonshire Society.

He is survived by his children Henry and Victoria. His brother, **Ian Thompson Symington** (Pennell 1947–51) predeceased him in 2013. His father, **Laurence Hugh Symington** was also at the College (Gonville 1906–14) as was his uncle, **Robert Eric Symington** (Wargrave/Home Boarder 1908–13).



**Henry 'Harry' William David Symonds** (Pennell 1980–82) died on 1 May 2024, aged 57. A family friend, Chris Lee, paid tribute to Harry:

'Young' Harry, as he was affectionately known, was the eldest son of Ann and Harry Symonds Snr and was a director of the family business, Coastal Amusements, which owned the Deluxe Amusements Centre on Hastings seafront. The company was sold in April [2024] and Harry Jnr had plans to retire and move to Hastings Old Town, spending some time over the coming months travelling to South East Asia.

Despite being born with a heart murmur, Harry Jnr always eschewed doctors and medical advice. Educated at Eastbourne College he was exceptionally well read, able to discourse on a wide range of literature with insight. He was also a keen follower of F1 motor racing. After leaving school he joined the family business on the seafront and soon became a popular and familiar face in the business's seafront arcades, chatting with customers with a quiet humour and engaging smile.

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Harry is survived by his parents, Ann and Harry; his younger brother, **Mark** (Pennell 1981–86), predeceased him in 2012.

**Geoffrey Bernard Thomas** (School 1938–42) died on 28 November 2020, aged 96.



**Martin Lyle Brittan Walter** (Pennell 1949–53) died on 23 June 2024, aged 88. We are grateful to Martin's family for their contribution to the following tribute:

Martin was a life-long 'traveller'. In 1937, his family left Japan (where Martin was born, in Kobe) and returned to the ancestral home in Guernsey. With increasing concerns about the stability of Europe he, his mother and brother moved to England

and then secured passage on the last ship leaving England for the United States. Eventually settling in Santa Monica, California, they returned to England in 1945 after VE day.

Martin attended an all-boys boarding prep school in Kent and then Eastbourne College. He enjoyed playing various sports and was sub editor for the *Eastbournian*, a corporal in the CCF RAF section and a member of the Junior Debating Society and the Cercle Français.

After graduation, Martin attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada, earning a BCom, and spent the summers working at The Banff Springs Hotel in the Canadian Rockies. Two years later he arrived in New York City where he earned an MBA from Columbia University in 1961. Martin then joined The Gillette Company in Montreal, transferred to headquarters in Boston and then to Melbourne, where he served as managing director for Gillette Australia for three-and-a-half years. Next came a move to Gillette's Braun division in Sweden, where Martin was charged with developing business in Scandinavia, Finland and Austria. Two years later, the family moved to Braun headquarters in Kronberg, West Germany, where Martin served as geographic manager of Northern Europe and then was promoted to head worldwide business manager for Braun.

After nine years overseas, the family returned to Boston and Martin joined New Balance Athletic Shoe initially responsible for marketing and sales in the US and internationally. Eventually he was responsible for international business which meant travelling extensively to set up offices worldwide.

Martin was passionate about education and mentoring the young. After retiring in 2003, his activities included English-language instruction to immigrants; consultant to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts; chairman of AIM's International Business Council; volunteer teacher's

## Charlotte Walters



**Charlotte Megan Walters** (Watt 2021–23) died on 6 June 2023, aged 18. A schoolfriend wrote this tribute:

Many OEs and staff will remember Charlotte for her kind smile and caring nature, always prioritising those around her. She was often found helping her friends with their Maths homework as she was an incredibly gifted academic. She spent lots of time in house and formed a strong bond with the cleaner, Eve. At the College she completed her Gold Duke of

Edinburgh and did exceptionally well in her EPQ [Extended Project Qualification]. Charlotte enjoyed music and played the clarinet; she was a crucial member of the school orchestra. She loved to walk, regularly taking part in PAW [Pilates, Aerobics and Walks].

She is deeply missed and will be forever remembered by her friends and family.

aide at a North Quincy elementary school; town meeting member in Needham and Wellesley; director of a long-established family business in Guernsey; guest lecturer at his alma mater, McGill, twice a year as well as several universities in the Boston area. Ever mindful of his mother's strength in shepherding two young boys in the days of the Second World War and of the generosity of Americans, he supported many charities in an effort to 'pay back'.

In retirement, Martin and Joan enjoyed travelling the world, visiting family and friends across the USA and Europe, and spending time at their special place in Menton, France.

Martin is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan; children Deborah, Sharon, Mark and Simon; grandchildren Raymond, Christian, Khazana, Calvin and Benazhir and nephew, William Walter. Martin's brother, William, was also at the College (Wargrave 1947–51).

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**Granville Forbes Wastie** (College staff 1961–2005) died on 7 November 2024, aged 86. Please see the tribute to him on page 16.

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**Timothy Frank Watson** (Gonville 1953–57) died on 6 June 2024, aged 84. He qualified as a chartered surveyor and was also an estate agent and auctioneer based in Heathfield. His interests included veteran cars and motor racing, and he was a member of the Arnold Embellishers.



**Andrew Fitzgerald Watts** (Blackwater 1982–87) died on 29 July 2019, aged 50. In 2004, Andy started as food and beverage operations manager at Eastwell Manor, a 4-star country hotel near Ashford, Kent. The *Somerset County Gazette* reported in 2015 that the Lyng Fair would be held for the first time since 1913 in the village

of East Lyng. It was organised by Andy and his future wife, Maggie Takacs, who had recently taken over the tenancy of the Rose and Crown. Andy had previously owned a pub in East London. He had also worked as a general manager for Searcys at Vintners' Hall until 2013, when he moved to another company. He is survived by his wife, Maggie.

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**Christopher Derek Wiggins** (St Andrews 2001–06; Craig 2006–09) died on 17 May 2023, aged 29.

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**John Simon Philip Woolf** (School 1939–42) died on 5 September 2019, aged 93.



**Michael Edward Wright-Anderson** (Ascham 1945–49; Blackwater 1949–52) died on 13 April 2023, aged 87. We are grateful to Michael's son, Paul, for the following tribute:

After leaving Eastbourne College, Michael took an engineering apprenticeship at the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough, working on guided missile systems. He later became a computer engineer, working on mainframe computers for International Computers Limited, and including overseas assignments in Mauritius and Nigeria. He lived most of his life in Hampshire and retired to Hayling Island, where he pursued his lifelong hobby of sailing – a love that he had developed at Eastbourne College. He is survived by his widow Angela, son Paul, and grandsons Matt and Tom.

## Tony Watson



**Capt. Tony George Watson** (College CCF 1952–92) died on 15 May 2024. Tony started his military career in the Home Guard in Margate when he was 15 and remained in the army until his retirement in 1992 after 50 years' continuous service.

**Maj-Gen David Thomson, MC** (Gonville 1955–60) said at the time:

'Tony was a quite outstanding example of what a soldier should be and he must have influenced a good many Eastbournians who never intended setting foot in the armed services.'

On joining The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) as a regular

he was attached to a young soldiers battalion because of his skill as an instructor. On promotion he went to Canterbury to train Danish personnel and then on to Shorncliffe to train national service conscripts. During this period he gained a first class certificate in education.

In 1948 he was posted to Hong Kong to train Hong Kong Chinese in Lyeming. For this he had to learn to speak Cantonese so that he could instruct in the native language. He proposed to Eileen, his future wife, from Hong Kong and she waited three years for his return. Once his time was up, he came back to the UK and in 1951 married Eileen in Eastbourne. He joined the College a year later only intending the job to be a temporary one. The *Eastbournian* noted:

'We also welcome most warmly CMS Watson, formerly of the Buffs, who has joined us as assistant SSI [School Staff Instructor], a post rendered necessary by the size of the contingent and the complexity of its organisation.'

The following appeared in the 1991–92 *Old Eastbournian* on Tony's retirement:

'Tony's qualities and skills displayed over the years have been massive. Many officers and cadets over several generations bear witness to the tremendous impact Tony has made in his 40 years' service to the Eastbourne College Contingent Combined Cadet Force.

'His powers as an administrator both as Quartermaster, Accountant and Secretary were recognised by Inspecting Officers, even MOD and Cadet Training Centre, Frimley Park, would seek his advice on matters of detail... He was always the smartest on parade and always better prepared than the next man... His total integrity and honesty were beyond question – he would never take advantage of the system; he would never be grasping for his own benefit and he would always consider others before himself. One of his greatest qualities was his resourcefulness. He could find an answer to most problems, making equipment, repairing equipment, using his wealth of practical skills... Few will know that he is a notable fly-fisherman, organist, artist, singer, dancer, wine expert, gardener, reader, golfer and soon to become a video-camerman. The award of the BEM to Tony in 1980 was for loyal service over so many years.'

Tony's son, Paul added:

'Dad enjoyed travelling in his retirement, often visiting my mother's sister who lived in Spain. He enjoyed watching movies very much, probably a throwback to his younger years when he worked as a projectionist for the local cinema in Margate. He joined the Home Guard at an early age and signed up for the army a few years later. Stationed in Hong Kong he trained the Gurkhas and Danish troops. He passed several exams whilst there and became a sergeant. He enjoyed his time at Eastbourne College and was proud of his BEM for long service and his final awarded rank of captain as an NCO. His funeral was attended by friends and family including Eastbourne College staff, who we as a family were very pleased to see.'

He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and his children, Elaine, Paul and Michael.

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