

OBITUARIES



Geoffrey G Abbiss

Born 21 August 1937

Died 25 March 2021 - Aged 95

At Bedford School 1938-1945 - Ashburnham

Geoffrey Gilbert Abbiss was the third child and first son of William and Florence Abbiss of Flitwick in Bedfordshire. Their first home was with their Aunt Alice and Uncle Gilbert before they moved, in 1930, to a rented home in Chapel Street. Although the family income was modest, his mother had trained as a teacher and Geoff won a Harper Trust Scholarship to attend Bedford School. He travelled on the train from Flitwick to Bedford with his older sisters, Marjorie and Vida, who attended Bedford High School for Girls, both of whom predeceased him. At the time of his death, he was survived by his younger sister, Myra, and the youngest, Trevor, who also went to Bedford School (see next entry).

Home life revolved around Flitwick Baptist Church where the influence of Luther Walker as minister and Oliver Styles, the visiting CSSM tent missionary in his horse drawn caravan, were foundational in Geoff's early faith and that of his family.

Geoff was a bright and dedicated student. After leaving school he went to Allens in Bedford as an apprentice to become an engineer where he worked on the pipes for the nearby reservoir.

Geoff came to faith on 4th May 1941, and was quick to grasp that he was not "his own" and he needed to find God's place of service. Through a number of challenges, including his own sister's response to the missionary call, he attended the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade holiday conference in Aberfoyle and through this meeting learned of the WEC missionary training college (MTC) in Glasgow. Over the coming months the Lord confirmed the call through Isaiah 49:9 "And now the Lord says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant..."

He left his secular job in mechanical engineering and on

completion of his MTC training in Glasgow, he was accepted into WEC on 25th January 1955 for service in India. On 11th August 1956 Geoff married Blanche Sarah des Pres in Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh, India. Together they were involved in evangelistic work and ministry among the small Christian community and Church from Aug 1956 until April 1960. During the nine years following they worked in itinerant Bible teaching in fellowship with the assemblies associated with the name of Brother Bakht Singh. During this period, they were of "no fixed abode" but enjoyed the hospitality of Indian believers in many places (including Delhi, Kalimpong and Madras).

Bakht Singh was a Sikh converted to Christianity whilst studying engineering in Canada who became the "Moody of India" leading amazing Christian revivals in the 1930s onwards.

For approximately four years Geoff and Blanche held field treasurership and for another nine they were field leaders. From 1964 they were responsible for initiating and developing the Vacation Bible School ministry. Geoff's special interest was in the training of young men called for God's service.

On furlough in 1980, Blanche was diagnosed with polymyalgia rheumatica, but returned to India in the following January. With the help of medicine there was some improvement but in the May of that year she had to be hospitalized. On the 1st June 1984 Blanche passed away when they were in Hyderabad and Geoff returned to the UK in December 1984. Geoff served in India for 31 years, working mainly in Bible teaching.

Whilst at college in Glasgow, Geoff had met Lois Taylor. She had not been able to serve abroad but dedicated her own working life to nursing care of the local community here and to caring for her family. Following his return to UK, Geoff met Lois again and they were married on 24th May 1986 enjoying 30 years of married life together.

Together Geoff and Lois discovered the joy of working together in the Lord's service, in regional representation for WEC, promoting prayer and arranging tours. They maintained regular correspondence with Indian believers and full-time workers and kept in touch through occasional phone calls and regular receipt of the "Hebron Messenger" from Hyderabad. They distributed "India Needs Prayer" with items provided by the current team.

My own recollection of Geoff remains as a man of confident trust and integrity and unwavering commitment to the truth found in Scripture – a real example of one who loved serving God and who sought to walk with the same commitment and devotion throughout his life, a man short in stature but great in intellect and character.

Tim Walker (67-73)

Trevor W J Abbiss

Born 16 September 1931

Died 12 May 2021 - Aged 90

At Bedford School 1942-1949 - Ashburnham

Trevor was the youngest of five children. He was a confident, competent, humorous and energetic young man and gained a scholarship to Bedford School in 1942. This was a very positive and formative time of his life and he remained proud to be an 'Old Bedfordian' all his life.

After school, Trevor did his National Service at Luneburg in Germany before training to be a teacher in Oxford. He married Eunice Walker, in 1960 and they moved to Somerset, where Trevor worked as a schoolteacher for many years. He was an excellent rugby player and started his career teaching sport, later changing to Religious Studies. A committed Christian and family man, Trevor became head of Religious Education at Crispin Comprehensive School in Street, Somerset. He was offered a highly sought after post at St Andrews School near Edinburgh whilst his children were at school and would have dearly loved to accept, but ultimately turned it down for his family.

Trevor and Eunice had two children, Rachel and Bill, and three grandsons, Finn, Isaac and Angus who share many of his best characteristics.

Trevor was an adventurous man, a keen bird watcher and a great walker and hill climber. He had a wonderful sense of humour and a fine baritone voice and organised the Crispin School annual carol concert at Wells Cathedral for many years.

Sadly, during his later years, Trevor suffered from bad health and fronto-temporal dementia which was poorly understood at the time. In 2018, when Eunice was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and could no longer care for him, Trevor went into a care home where he was visited by his wife, his daughter Rachel and his grandsons until his death. His sense of humour and tempestuous character endured to the end, and he was a popular figure in the care home, where he sang loudly at musical evenings and looked after the care home cat, Marmalade.

Mrs Jean Amos

Born 1928

Died 27 November 2022 - Aged 94

**Bedford School Staff
1950-1986**

Jean was married to former Director of Music at Bedford School, Ted Amos (staff 1950-86) and was a music teacher at the School for many years.



Philip (Pip) J Appleby

**Born 24 February
1958**

**Died 28 June 2023 -
Aged 65**

**At Bedford School
1971-1976 - Kirkman's**

Pip had a varied and full life. On leaving School he went to Sandhurst, and then joined the RAF before leaving after getting injured. He then went to Newcastle University studying IPE postgrad.

He had worked for Northumbria Police, Newcastle University, an advertising start up in Sri Lanka, Ministry of Defence, HMRC and was currently working as a Civil Servant with the National Crime Agency.

In his spare time, he was passionate about helping those

less fortunate and improving life for all. He had volunteered for several charities, for his local Church, was involved in Politics, helped Eastern European countries after the fall of the Iron Curtain, and was currently assisting in the Asgardian project. Phil joined the Order of the Fleur de Lys at the No2 Montgomery Company Muster in Durham in 2018 and became a valued member of the Company where he had just taken office as Deputy Marshal. He was promoted to Knight at Cambridge in October 2022 and he regularly travelled the country attending other musters and events. Phil was also an active Freemason.

Pip died peacefully in his sleep on 28th June whilst on a trip to Jerusalem, Israel. Phil had visited the Holy Land on a previous occasion when he was younger and was determined to return for a pilgrimage. He is survived by his children, Katie, Louise, and Tom, his sisters, Jude, Jac and Jen, his partner Catriona and her children, Finlay and Rona. He was a doting Grandfather, had countless friends and extended family throughout the world.

Colin E Argent

Born 2 February 1942

Died 19 September 2023 – Aged 81

At Bedford School 1953-1958 – Kirkman's

Colin joined the RAF on leaving School for nine years and then became a trainer in the Telecomms industry. He had always loved animals and had a small holding on the side. Latterly he had helped his wife, Suzi, build up her business, Ashmede Designs.

He is survived by his wife, Suzi, 3 children from previous marriages and many grandchildren.

W Kevill F Armstrong

Born 10 November 1936

Died 15 October 2022 - Aged 85

At Bedford School 1950-1953 - Kirkman's



Richard H Atherton

Born 12 February 1943

**Died 18 October 2022 -
Aged 79**

**At Bedford School
1956-1960 - Sanderson's**

Richard was born in Mexico where his father F H Atherton OBE (1926-28) was a purchasing agent. Richard received his OBE as a result of his service to the British Community in Mexico and, most specifically, as the Chairman of the English-

Speaking Union in Mexico. He organized and created opportunities for students to compete in the ESU Public Speaking Championships in London each year, resulting in many finalists, a 2nd Place runner up in 2014 and a World Champion in 2016. Since 2008, Richard was always willing to do what was necessary for Team Mexico to exist and compete in the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC).

◀ He married Vivian who predeceased him. He leaves his brother, John Atherton (56-62), sister Mary Louise, three sons and seven grandchildren.

John L Atkinson

Born 29 February 1932

Died 6 April 2022 - Aged 90

At Bedford School 1942-1950 - Ashburnham



Iradj A Bagherzade

Born 27 December 1942

Died 8 January 2023 -

Aged 80

At Bedford School 1956-1962 - Burnaby

Born in Vienna during WW2, Iradj was the son of Mahrokh Elhami and Abdolmohammad Bagherzade. From their base in north-western Iran, the family had sold agricultural products into

Russia and Central Asia for generations. When the Russian revolution of 1917 closed that market, Iradj's grandfather set his sights on the commercial centres of Europe, sending his sons to live in "affluent ex-pat bubbles".

When life in Vienna became difficult, the family moved to Marienbad, a spa town in what was then Czechoslovakia, and, after the war, to Paris and eventually Iran. Iradj was sent to Bedford school at the age of 8, and from that young age Iradj had to travel on his own and find his way from Bedford to Hamburg for school holidays, by train and ferry. After Bedford he went to study law at Wadham College, Oxford, graduating in 1965. At the end of their first year, he and fellow student Michael Palin went to Germany to sell encyclopaedias to US soldiers based there. They failed at that, at selling Bibles, and when they were assigned jobs as waiters, Bagherzade dropped a trayful of drinks, so bringing about a further demotion – to latrine duty!

After Oxford, Iradj went to the US intending to study for a master's at Yale. Instead, he joined the book publisher Time-Life, working first in Manhattan before postings to Amsterdam, London and in the mid-70s, Iran.

With the company's entry into the Iranian market in the mid-1970s, and being fluent in several languages as well as Farsi, Iradj was the obvious choice to head the publishing house's new venture in Tehran, where he also met his future wife, Shahnaz Hakimzadeh. But with the Shah deposed in 1979 and his successor, the country's first president, Abolhassan Banisadr, impeached by Ayatollah Khomeini, western-educated intellectuals such as Iradj were neither welcome nor safe.

Iradj was briefly detained and interrogated before leaving for Switzerland to be reunited with Shahnaz and the couple married in 1971 settling in London.

Iradj had a life-long dream of establishing a publishing enterprise which would make serious academic subjects accessible to a larger audience. And so was born I.B.Tauris in 1983, the publishing house that started from a single-room office at 3 Henrietta Street. Established with money from his family and private individuals, it quickly became a leader in Middle Eastern studies (around a third of its output), as well as the arts and culture. Iradj was always seeking to redress the balance of a worldview that he felt was too centred on

the Greek and Roman tradition, with insufficient regard given to contributions made by the mighty Persian empire.

Of his office, Iradj liked to recount that in the Hitchcock film *Frenzy*, it was here that Barry Foster had strangled Anna Massey, on the exact spot where he had his desk. Perhaps that is why Film Studies and World Cinema was one of the niches colonised by his publishing house. The company soon grew into a major academic publishing house, which he described as "a university press without a university".

Two decades later, IBT's book 'Taliban: Islam, Oil and the New Great Game in Central Asia' (2000) by the Pakistani journalist Ahmed Rashid came into its own after the 9/11 attacks of the following year. It quickly became essential reading for western leaders, including the then prime minister Tony Blair, and the unlikeliest of bestsellers, with sales of 500,000 copies in English and licences granted for 27 international editions. Payments were sometimes problematic: a bank transfer from Sweden marked "For the Taliban" was frozen and took months to release.

With IBT's staff of 30 under the steady hand of managing director Jonathan McDonnell, Iradj could have relaxed into an executive role, but what he enjoyed – and was supremely good at – was putting people and ideas together.

What made IB Tauris different and special was Iradj himself. With a unique combination of understanding for the various subjects, a sensitivity towards each author's accomplishment, a look out for unpublished authors and manuscripts rejected by other publishers, while at the same time running a business, all made IB Tauris a desirable place to work, as testified by his employees over the years and a back catalogue of some 4000 titles.

The personal touch was always appreciated. A man of letters with deep knowledge of a wide range of subjects, his authors would enjoy meetings with him and his personal comments on their manuscripts, his attention to details as well as an understanding of the wider historical context of the subject. His wit and humour, his captivating smile and twinkle in his eyes helped ride over difficult situations. He was an Englishman as well as an Iranian in every way and with a natural instinct for both worlds.

In 2018 Iradj sold the firm to Bloomsbury for £5.8m. By then the backlist was more than 4,000, with about 250 new titles published annually – peer-reviewed monographs and major works of reference alongside academic and general titles.

He is survived by Shahnaz, their children Tara, and Nezam, and three grandchildren.



Sir Alan M Bailey KCB

Born 26 June 1931

Died 22 April 2023 - Aged 91

At Bedford School

1943-1949 - Talbot's

Alan was born in Rushden, Northamptonshire, the son of John Bailey and his wife Muriel. From Bedford School he won an exhibition to St John's College, Oxford, who

would elect him an honorary Fellow in 1991. After graduating, he stayed in Oxford to do an MPhil at Merton.

Awarded a Harmsworth Senior Scholarship in 1954, Alan looked set for a career at the Bar, but instead joined the Treasury. Toward the end of Harold Macmillan's premiership he became private secretary to the Economic Secretary, Edward Boyle. Boyle left politics in 1963 and became chair of the Harkness Fellowship selection board – and soon after, Alan sent in an application. He wanted to study how the US government employed its economists, which happened to be one of Boyle's interests.

Alan spent a year at Harvard – also touring America with his young family – and his report was well-received at the Treasury. But on his return, he was put into its pay division “for the good of his soul”. In 1971 he was appointed to head Barber's private office, serving during two years of rapid economic growth which aroused increasing – and eventually justified – alarm among the (then small) monetarist element on the Conservative benches.

Alan spent eight years in increasingly senior Treasury posts then in 1981 joined the CPRS (Central Policy Review Staff), founded by Edward Heath. Its role as a source of long-term policy advice had been valued by successive governments, but Margaret Thatcher saw it as too technocratic for a government with a “firm philosophical direction”. After the 1983 election she absorbed the CPRS into the more parti-pris Downing Street policy unit, and Alan went back to the Treasury as Second Permanent Secretary as Nigel Lawson succeeded Sir Geoffrey Howe as Chancellor.

During the 1980s, Government capital projects were governed by the “Ryrie rules”, which dictated that “any privately-financed solution must be shown to be more cost-effective than a publicly-financed alternative”. But these rules came to be seen by ministers as unduly restrictive. Alan's Treasury grounding was crucial in devising an acceptable and watertight PFI alternative. His role, as he put it, was to “reassess the proper concerns of public sector finance, and how the public interest would best be served in providing the necessary extra capacity”.

Peter Middleton was beginning an eight-year stint as permanent secretary, so a final promotion would involve Alan taking on another department, and at the start of 1986 he moved to the DoT. to exert control over it. His strengths as an economist were in micro-economic theory and his thorough understanding of cost-benefit analysis – a key discipline for a department like the DoT. Crucially, Alan was at the helm as it was decided to let the private sector construct and operate the £120 million Queen Elizabeth II Bridge over the Thames at Dartford, a groundbreaking Private Finance Initiative project. Alan later certified that the economic gain from removing a bottleneck on the M25 had justified bypassing the Ryrie Rules. PFI projects would be in vogue for the next two decades under Tory and Labour governments – some of the later ones imposing a heavy burden on the NHS, in particular.

Retiring in 1991, Alan joined the board of London Transport, serving until 2000 and for a time chairing London Buses. From 1994 to 2001 he was treasurer of the History of Parliament Trust. He was appointed CB in 1982, and KCB in 1986.

Alan took pride in the “wartime tradition of trust and co-operation between ministers and senior officials” which persisted in Whitehall throughout his career. Deep into his

retirement, he was outraged by press reports that Boris Johnson's Downing Street special advisers were briefing against civil servants over their handling of the Covid crisis.

Alan married, firstly, Stella Scott in 1958. In 1981 the marriage was dissolved and he married, secondly, Shirley Barrett. She survives him with three sons from his first marriage.

Adapted from the Telegraph

Charles N Blacklock

Born 22 April 1960

Died 31 March 2023 - Aged 62

At Bedford School 1970-1978 – Ashburnham

Staff 1988-2016

Charles was the son and Grandson of OBs (Leslie Blacklock 1903-09 and Noel Blacklock 1930-39). Charles became a teacher in 1983 and joined the Inky in 1989 teaching English, Geography and Games, as well as being a Year 5 tutor and Housemaster of Whitbread. He was also the leader of the CCF RAF section and provider of numerous extra-curricular clubs, including the much-loved model aircraft club. He was famous for his classroom in the Inky which had lots of model planes hanging from the ceiling and old school desks with inkwells!

Charles retired in 2016 after 27 years at Bedford Prep School.



I-r Sam Roberts (85-96), Jonathan Hooley (89-95), Charles and Simon Lincoln (94-96)

The Revd John H L Blick

Born 25 March 1936

Died 27 November 2021 - Aged 86

At Bedford School 1947-1954 - Bromham

Dr Antony C Branfoot

Born 4 March 1932

Died 3 May 2022 - Aged 90

At Bedford School 1945-1950 - Burnaby



Alan J Broad

Born 18 October 1927

Died 30 May 2023 - Aged 95

At Bedford School

1937-1946 - Sanderson's

Alan had a career as an insurance broker, specialising in personal property insurance for students: his company, E.Harrison Ltd (later Harrison-Beaumont) having been set up while he was still at St. John's College, Oxford.

◀ Life as a full-time writer would have suited witty Alan well. During 1938, aged 10, Alan had a six-part adventure story published in a national Sunday newspaper. In 1945, at 16, whilst he was head of Sanderson's, the BBC broadcast his short play: next day, Hitler shot himself.

It was not until his much later years, under the pseudonym Tim Topps, that he produced three semi-fictional books and a memoir, 'Yes, Lad, But Byways', a lifelong 92-year autobiography, full of light-hearted glances back, and the book's title is a gentle swipe at Housman and his "blue remembered hills.". Alan's National Service commission inspired his first novel, 'The Paper Caper', which was informed by Tim's background.

Alan had 2 sons with his first wife, Simon (64-69) and Mark (64-73), and two further children by his second marriage to Suzette.

Patrick R Carlisle

Born 6 March 1938

Died 20 June 2022 - Aged 84

At Bedford School 1945-1956 - Pemberley



Edwin C Carvell

Born 20 April 1921

Died 24 October 2022 -

Aged 101

At Bedford School 1933-1937 - St Cuthbert's

Edwin was born in Egham, Surrey the fourth of six children to Richard and Elsie Carvell. The family moved to Bedford around 1925 where Edwin first began his education. In 1930 his father died leaving Elsie to bring up six children

alone resulting in the family moving home to more modest accommodation in the town.

Edwin was excelling at School and as a result at the age of twelve he was offered a scholarship for Bedford School. His mother was at first reluctant but was eventually persuaded by the Headmaster of his then school and in 1933 he began his education in a new environment.

Once again he did well, his reports improving as he went through the years until, aged sixteen, his mother insisted he find full time work to assist with the family budget. He eventually found a job with the Bedfordshire Education Department in 1938, joining the Territorial Army soon after. In August 1939 he was called up days before war was declared and he eventually found himself in Bomb Disposal, eventually serving as an NCO throughout the conflict, being demobbed in April 1946.

Edwin married Joan Sproud in 1945, whom he met in Llantwit Major. The family, now with two children, settled in Bedford, and Edwin returned to the Education Department, where he remained until 1954. He then applied for and accepted a position as office manager in a small company in High Wycombe, Floor Treatments, and moved the family. The company grew quickly and was eventually taken over by Reckitt and Coleman and becoming Reckitt Industrial Division.

The family moved to Marlow in 1963 and Edwin grew with the company becoming firstly Company Secretary then

Production Director, followed by Marketing and eventually Export Director which he remained until he retired in 1980.

He then began a new career in retailing with his family opening three shops, retiring from full time work in 1989.

A year later he and wife Joan moved to South Wales where they had first met in 1941 but Joan sadly died 4 years later, in 1994, and Edwin moved back to Marlow to be near his two sons. During that time, he became a pensioner visitor for the Reckitt pension scheme, covering the West London area for many years.

In his 100th year Edwin was invited back to Bedford School after 84 years and enjoyed a wonderful day with a conducted tour followed by a superb lunch in the Head Masters dining room, impressing all with his knowledge from 84 years previous.

Edwin continued to live independently supported by his family until his death on October 24th 2022, aged 101 after a short illness.

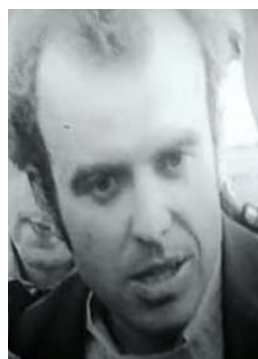
He is survived by his two sons, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Roddy R Caxton-Spencer

Born 5 July 1959

Died 2 August 2022 - Aged 63

At Bedford School 1973-1978 - Burnaby



Roger R Chapman CBE

Born 27 July 1945

Died 24 January 2020 - Aged 74

At Bedford School

1959-1961 - Redburn

Born in Hong Kong, Roger joined the Royal Navy in 1963 and reached the level of lieutenant. He worked in submarines starting in 1967 but was later forced to retire due to worsening vision.

Thereafter he founded Sub Sea

Systems operating two-man submersibles engaged in the protection of subsea telephone cables, which were proving susceptible to ever-deeper trawling on the continental shelf. It was the first UK all-electric remote underwater vehicle operator. It carried out detailed pipeline inspection, using an integrated suite of sensors which provided real-time data. He and his team effectively established the work class ROV as an offshore tool and, while his later work on military submarine rescue, was particularly important, his time with his ROVs was groundbreaking. The company was later acquired by Vickers Oceanics which moved its headquarters to Leith to exploit the market for underwater surveying in the offshore oil and gas sector; and Roger was appointed manager of the survey department.

In 1971 Roger married June Sansom, and they had two sons, Marcus and Sam

In 1973 Roger was one of two British sailors aboard the Pisces III submersible, which plunged almost 1,600ft into an abyss, 150 miles off Ireland. A routine job to use waterjets to liquefy the mud and bury a transatlantic telephone cable.

With the job done after eight hours, Pisces III was about to be lifted into their mother ship, Vickers Voyager, when the towline snagged and wrenched open the hatch to a self-

contained compartment.

Water flooded in and Pisces III sank to the seabed; at 175 ft the towline broke, and as the submersible plunged to the bottom, the pilots shut off the electrical systems, released a 400lb ballast weight and braced themselves for impact. They hit the bottom at about 40mph, their vessel burying itself stern-first in the mud at an angle of 85 degrees. The vessel lay on the seabed at a depth of 1,575ft, while they waited more than 76 hours for an eventual escape. Trapped in a small steel ball Roger and his colleague, Roger Mallinson, had only 12 minutes of oxygen left when they were finally rescued, and their plight made headlines across the world. In 1975 Roger wrote the book 'No Time on Our Side' about his experience.

Roger left Oceanics in 1976 to establish his own company Subsea Surveys, extending his knowledge of underwater and remote vehicles. It was taken over in 1982, and in 1984 he set up Rumic, using his contacts in the business and considerable personal experience. He worked with Rumic - Remote Underwater Maintenance Inspection Consult-ants - for the next 16 years, which designed and built the LR5 submersible and the Scorpio-45. He lent his expertise to assist crews in several incidents involving submersibles, but one of his most frustrating experiences was trying to help the men of the Kursk nuclear submarine in 2000, only for the disaster to claim 118 lives amid claims of Russian intransigence and interference.

Roger sold Rumic to Barrow-headquartered global marine company James Fisher in 2002 and there was a much better outcome when the James Fisher team was mobilised with the Scorpio-45 to the Kamchatka peninsula in the far east of Russia to locate the AS28 Priz submarine after it became entangled in fishing nets and rendered unable to surface in 2005 and seven men were saved from a watery grave.

Roger and June founded the RUMIC Foundation, a children's charity, providing financial assistance to disadvantaged, sick and disabled children.

Roger lost his fight against cancer in 2020 and is survived by his wife June, sons Marcus and Sam and 2 grandchildren.

Graham M Clarke

Born 5 March 1951

Died 16 August 2022 - Aged 71

At Bedford School 1965-1969 - Pemberley



David Coley

Born 23 July 1934

Died 7 December 2022 - Aged 88

At Bedford School 1945-1953 - Burnaby

David had a most successful time at school playing and captaining the 1st XV and the cricket XI. The school records mention 'That he was a very good captain on and even more important off

the field'. He was head of the CCF and proved to be a good athlete and swimmer.

After school he served his National Service with the Northamptonshire Regiment and was sent to Korea.

In 1956, on his return, he helped to run Franklins Gardens in Northampton, home of Northampton Saints Rugby team and conference, meeting and events venue, when his father Eric became ill and died in 1957. He married Joy (nee Ainsley) in 1958. Shortly afterwards he and his brother developed and expanded a most successful engineering firm in Northampton. Later in his career he became involved in several property related enterprises.

David will be remembered for his rugby successes. He played for the Northampton Saints, The East Midlands and the Army. He became a Barbarian and toured a number of times with the team over the Easter periods. He was a man who was enormously popular wherever he went and earned great love and respect from so many. He will be greatly missed.

When not playing rugby, David enjoyed cricket, golf, squash, tennis, skiing and latterly sailing after moving to Feock, Cornwall. David passed away peacefully at home, a devoted and loving husband to Joy, father to Andrew, James and Lucy. He had 6 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Richard J Comyn

Born 1 October 1934

Died 29 March 2022 - Aged 87

At Bedford School 1947-1950 - Sanderson's



Dom R Conolly

Born 26 November 1990

Died September 2023 - Aged 32

At Bedford School 2003-2007 - Ashburnham

Dom read Public Relations at Bournemouth and joined Brand Finance as a PR and Marketing Assistant in 2012. After a few marketing jobs including with Bright Innovation UK and M&DC

Saatchi PR, he joined Hotwire Global in 2016 a communications agency, as a Programme Executive. He latterly joined Harvard, an award-winning integrated Marketing and PR agency for tech brands big and small, in 2021, as an Account Manager.

Dom died suddenly in September 2023.



David W E G Cook

Born 11 February 1936

Died 15 April 2023 - Aged 87

At Bedford School 1950-1953 - Kirkman's

Lt Col Howard A Culley

Born 19 March 1944

Died 29 June 2022 - Aged 78

Bedford School Staff 1987-2007

Ian A M Dakin

Born 11 March 1953

Died 26 January 2022 - Aged 68

At Bedford School 1960-1970 - St Cuthbert's

◀ **F Martin Day****Born 2 March 1940****Died 12 May 2022 - Aged 82****At Bedford School 1951-1958 - Crescent****E (Ted) E Donnelly****Born 9 March 1942****Died 24 June 2023 -****Aged 81****At Bedford School****1953-1960 - Paulo****Pontine**

Edward Donnelly was born to working class parents, with a father away at war with the RAF for the first three years of his life. As Teddy, he initially attended Goldington Road School and later Queens Park Junior

School, from where he gained an 11 Plus scholarship to Bedford School, under the tutelage of his Headteacher (the redoubtable Miss VF Skerman who had earlier taught his father and his siblings).

He entered the School in 1953 after a stern interview for both him and his parents separately with the headmaster Mr Seaman. Cycling every day from Queens Park - even returning each day for lunch - was no mean feat, often with rugger kit, heavy books and in his case, a music volume or two, to be carried each way.

Whilst at School Ted developed his taste for classical music under the leadership of the Director of Music, Ted Amos, operating out of the old music school behind the rifle range. As an Option he was also the Student Secretary of the School Music Society and its Choir for two years, involved in such major productions as Handel's Messiah and Bizet's Carmen, along with the girls from the High School Choir. He accompanied many fine young individual musicians, on violin and in piano duets, but his main love was the organ, where he played at many School Chapel events and occasions.

Ted was scheduled to take a Scholarship to Oxbridge on the basis of his prowess with languages, but he decided upon a career in music and so, with the additional guidance of Mr Fred Rawlings, then Bedford Modern School's Music Director and Organist of the Bedford Parish Church, St Paul's, Ted entered the Royal Academy of Music in 1960 to study the organ. High points there were when, as the lead organist of the London University Church of Christ the King, he played for Evensong on the magnificent organ at St Paul's Cathedral as well as the relatively new organ at the South Bank QE Hall. His genes and genius for this instrument may have been passed on from his great grandfather and his great uncle who, as the Trustam family, had built most of the church organs around Bedfordshire and beyond, from their still existent workshop in Castle Road.

Having gained his GRSM and LRAM degrees at the Academy, he took a Teaching qualification at the London University Institute of Education, having decided that encouraging other young pupils in a love for music was more

of a vocation for him than fame and fortune as a musical performing celebrity.

Having met his prospective wife Bebe Orr Jesson at the Academy, they were married and went to live and work in Yorkshire - then regarded as the best county for Music in Education - although it was hard work for them both in small deprived mining communities near Doncaster, where the availability of serious music was only from the local brass band or the Salvation Army!

They later taught back in Bedford at the new Goldington Secondary School in Polhill Avenue, before going to two small private schools in Shrewsbury, Prestfield School and Kingsland Grange, both feeder schools for Ellsemere College and Shrewsbury School, with both of whom Ted arranged many concerts and special musical events. Ted worked and played music in Shrewsbury all the remainder of his busy life, only to be marred by the early onset of Parkinson's Disease, for which charities he raised substantial amounts through his obsessions with trains, stamps and buses, but which caused his early retirement at the relatively young age of 58.

Ted was never a sports person at Bedford School but he had to restore his rugby boots to referee local Preparatory Boys matches. But his great delight and heritage was the appreciation and skills in music that he brought to so many young minds and hands, and which remained with them all of their lives too.

He always remembered his early days at Bedford with affection, for the friends he made there, the music that became the focus of his life, and even in later years, the activities that he read about in the OB literature and websites. And he never got rid of all the Ousels that he collected over his school years - especially those with records of his early musical events and achievements!

Bill Donnelly (58-65)**(Known as Donnelly ii, whilst big brother was Donnelly i)****John D W Duncombe****Born 1 April 1933****Died 14 May 2022 - Aged 89****At Bedford School 1945-1950 - St Peter's****David H Duncombe****Born 16 March 1944****Died 8 January 2019 - Aged 74****At Bedford School 1957-1962 - St Cuthbert's****Ray P Foster****Born 5 December 1942****Died 28 August 2021 - Aged 78****At Bedford School 1954-1959 - Paulo Pontine****Chris Garbett****Born 16 April 1954****Died 1 January 2023 - Aged 68****At Bedford School 1968-1972 - Redburn**

Peter Battle (68-72) met Chris on his very first day at Bedford School and they remained friends for the next 55 years.

Chris's maternal grandfather was an OB **Col D S Norman DSO (1909-16)**. Chris grew up in Zambia and Nigeria where his father worked in the colonial Police Force

Christopher was an absolute gentleman. A kindly fellow

who thought well of his fellow man.

He had a raucous laugh when something amused him, or someone made him laugh!

He had a kind, friendly and open disposition. Peter was always aware of how he made a point of chatting with people – from all walks of life – whoever they were – and he showed an interest in them much to their delight! He had an infectious spontaneity and positiveness to life which Peter always admired.

They also had a common love and interest in rowing. A sport that the school introduced them to. They spoke of it often over the years and their experiences at various rows or regatta's that they had taken part in. Ultimately, Chris found himself chosen as the cox to the school's 1st VIII, something of which he was enormously proud. He had the perfect booming and somewhat bass voice for the role! No slacking on his watch!

Chris worked as a marketing and development manager for the charity U Can Do IT which provides computer training for disabled and elderly people in their own homes. He married Joanna in 1984 and they lived in Oxfordshire. They had 3 children.



The Hon A Robin Godber

Born 7 September 1943
Died 15 November 2022 -
Aged 79

At Bedford School
1953-1960 – Pemberley
Robin started "the Norfolk Broads Club" up at Bedford School when he was only 9. Brought up in Willington, his love for the Broads never dimmed. He was the son of the late life peer the Baron Godber of Willington, PC (1914-80), who as Joseph Godber was Conservative

MP for Grantham 1951-79, and his wife the former Miriam Sanders (1910-1996).

He attended Rycotewood College at Thame after leaving Bedford and worked for a time at Wrest Park. In the 1960s he emigrated to Australia NSW as a "£10 pom". He enjoyed working on a cotton research station and joined the Griffiths Amateur Dramatic Society.

On returning to the UK Robin joined the National Farmers Union in Wiltshire. He married Genevieve Parrish in 1969 and they moved to East Kent still with the NFU and happily they could enjoy sailing at Sandwich Bay Sailing Club with their sons Joseph and Peter. He wrote for Yachting Monthly and then got lured into the boat building industry at Lochin Marine in Rye, East Sussex, where Lochin built fast fishing boats, pilot boats and police craft. The pinnacle though was building 11 Brede class lifeboats for the RNLI. Whilst living at Peasmarsh, Robin did his first long stint as churchwarden at the Parish Church while work was done on the tower and the bells re-hung.

On moving to Norfolk Robin worked selling "Seaglaze" marine windows all over the country including to the canal boat fraternity. He was glad to be able to sail again at

Buckenham Sailing Club on the river Yare, first in an Albacore dinghy and then an ancient wooden halfdecker called Coralie. It was in 1999 he was able to fulfil his lifelong dream and buy Alexander Cruisers with eight hire craft, based in Brundall. On retirement in 2006 he wrote "A Broad Experience" giving an insight into the demanding work and entertaining episodes involved in running the hire fleet.

Robin had also become involved with the Broads Society, first as Chair and finally as its President. He belonged to the Arthur Ransome Society and thoroughly enjoyed sailing with other members on Oulton Broad where he had learnt to sail with his uncle Hayden Sanders aged 8.

He again became churchwarden at Claxton Church on moving to Norfolk and when he and Genny moved to Loddon in 2011, he was soon asked to take over as advertising manager of the parish magazine as his "A Broad Experience" demonstrated his abilities. He continued in this post until he had his liver cancer diagnosis which he handled bravely and uncomplainingly.

Timothy J L Goodwin

Born 16 November 1968
Died 20 September 2018 - Aged 49
At Bedford School 1980-1986 - Paulo Pontine

Colin Gosden

Born 16 February 1934
Died 14 May 2022 - Aged 88
At Bedford School 1942-1952 - Pemberley



Peter H Grose-Hodge
Born 18 December 1929
Died 19 July 2023 -
Aged 93

At Bedford School
1936-1946 – Crescent
Peter was the son of Geoffrey Grose-Hodge (Staff 1935-1952) and nephew of Headmaster Humfrey Grose-Hodge (1928-51).

Peter had a long and successful career as a solicitor in some of the top firms in the City of London.

He was instrumental in founding the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML, now International Academy of Family Lawyers, IAFL) and was its first English President.

Upon retirement, he devoted himself to his hobby of Ancient Egyptology, obtaining a BA (hons) and an MA from UCL in the early 2000s. His last years were spent in quiet retirement in the New Forest, where he enjoyed walking his Italian greyhound. He is a great loss to his wife, Ingrid, his family and friends.

Dr Thomas R Hailstone

Born 1 November 1935
Died 19 September 2023 - Aged 85
At Bedford School 1943-1954 - St Peter's



Dr Kenneth G M Hall
Born 10 July 1932
Died 10 June 2023 - Aged 90
At Bedford School
1944-1951 - Paulo Pontine

Kenneth's father was a Solicitor's clerk in Bedford. On leaving Bedford School he, like all young men of his age at that time, had to do two years of National Service and Kenneth served his in the Army. Within a few weeks of

starting his conscription his linguistics skills were recognised and he agreed to be sent on a course to learn Russian, which he greatly enjoyed. After National Service he went to Cambridge to study languages including Russian which was one of his main subjects. Another main subject was German and he spent a year living there as part of his degree. It was during this year in Germany that he met his wife, Dorothea. Both he and Dorothea were brought up in families which attended the Baptist Church and Kenneth always made it abundantly clear that his strong Baptist Christian faith formed the basis and framework of his whole life.

Kenneth taught French, German & Russian at four Independent Schools in Glasgow, Bishop's Stortford, Solihull and finally Ashford where he was Deputy Head. He was then appointed Head of Newport Free Grammar School in Saffron Walden, in September 1981.

Early in his teaching career he became interested in sailing and, shortly after he became Head at Newport, he formed a Sailing Club which proved popular. He had a great interest in and love of the Arts, especially music and drama and he was an excellent musician. This love of music and drama was clearly in evidence from his early years as Head. He was always very much involved with school concerts and drama productions. He was a strong supporter of the Old Newportonian Society attending all the annual events. He became President in 1989.

He was in his final year as Head when the decision was made by the Governing Body for Newport to become a co-educational school. Girls were first admitted in 1993. Kenneth felt it important that a new Head be in place to administer all the details of what would be involved in this transition, and he took early retirement in December 1990.

Shortly after retiring he moved from the village of Widdington to Liverpool where Dorothea had secured a job. Whilst at Liverpool he studied at the University there for a PhD with which he was awarded in 1995. After Dorothea retired, they moved to a village near Exeter and he worked with the Exeter University Education Department as a visiting tutor. He also studied at the Conservatoire de Musique, Strasbourg and was a gifted organist, tenor singer and choirmaster.

When his younger son, Robert and family went to live in the Scottish Lowlands, Kenneth and Dorothea moved to the village of Clovenfords near Galashiels to be closer to them. They travelled a lot and were involved with short term educational projects in India and Bangladesh as members of the Senior Volunteer Network, an association of retired Christian teachers, of which Dorothea became Administrator. Kenneth's highly active life in retirement gradually came to an

end as his health and mobility deteriorated. He died peacefully in a hospice near Galashiels with Dorothea at his side.



Chris H Hamp
Born 23 February 1950
Died 25 July 2023 - Aged 73
At Bedford School
1963-1968 - Pemberley

Chris was born in Wellingborough. In 1956, the family moved to Northampton to be nearer to his father's furniture and removals business, and two years later Chris' sister Florence was born. The family finally

relocated to Bedford where Chris attended Bedford School. He was a boarder in Pemberley House and during his time there, he won a national shooting championship at Bisley and acquired a private pilot's licence having gained a Royal Naval Flying Scholarship. He left in 1968 with some lifelong friends and an ongoing fascination in anything with wheels and wings.

Chris went to Sheffield Polytechnic to study for a degree in Urban Land Economics, and subsequently qualified as a Chartered Surveyor. He fulfilled his ambition to be a commercial pilot for some years, prior to a more family orientated job in commercial property.

Chris moved to Turvey in 1994 with his children, Tom (89-94), Ed (89-95), Sophie and Kate, and soon acquired a selection of motorbikes, vintage cars and old Dennis lawnmowers. His garage and workshops became filled with an enormous array of tools and binoculars and the house with a full collection of Ordnance Survey maps and over 1,500 books. His more recent acquisition of a small aeroplane, which he kept at Little Staughton airfield, was a lifelong ambition and one which he was enjoying immensely.

Chris died very suddenly and unexpectedly on 25th July 2023. He was enjoying life to the full; working as a consultant in property development nationally, flying regularly, enjoying trips away with his biking friends and spending time with his beloved partner, Annie. He was greatly loved and is hugely missed.

Roger Harrison
Born 21 May 1949
Died 1 June 2022 - Aged 73
At Bedford School 1958-1966 - Ashburnham



Robert (Bob) P Hart
Born 6 November 1933
Died 15 August 2023 - Aged 89
At Bedford School
1944-1952 - Paulo Pontine
 Robert (Bob) was born at Talbot Road in Bedford. He was born into an active family, which probably accounted for his own later life. After going to Goldington Road School, he won a scholarship to Bedford School where he was introduced

to singing, art, architecture and drama, going with them to the Minnack Theatre in Cornwall in a production of 'The Tempest'. At school he also played Rugby and rowed, going to regattas in Henley and Marlow.

Following a holiday job in the Borough Council Architect's Department, Bob went on to the Architectural Association in London's Bedford Square for 7 years' training. After his marriage to Anna in May 1958, he went to do his National Service in the Royal Engineers in Chatham in the November (on his 25th birthday). Following this he worked for Architects Max Lock before becoming a Partner at EHC Inskips between 1960 and his retirement in 1999.

Bob became involved in so many things. Singing became a major part of his life, belonging in his youth to The Bunyan Meeting Choir alongside his parents, and later singing with The Elizabethan Singers. After performing as a Tenor in many light operas through the early days of Sharnbrook Amateur Theatre Trust, he later designed the theatre in the old mill building and became a Governor of the Trust for many years.

He was a Baritone, then Bass, member of the Albany Consort, travelling with them to Bamburg. This was followed by an invitation to join the ladies' choir, the Amici Singers of Potton, as their only soloist, performing in France and America. He subsequently joined St. Paul's choir and the Bedford School Eagle Choir and supported other singing groups such as the village choir as the occasion arrived. He was involved with Bedford Music Festival, both competitively and organisationally. In his younger years, Bob was an excellent Morris and Country dancer, however sadly never fully mastered Ballroom dancing!

Bob was Governor of the Retirement Centre in Harpur Street's Guildhouse until sadly it closed through lack of funds. He was involved with other voluntary organisations, including Bedford Boys' Club and Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust. He was President of the Turvey branch of the British Legion for several years, until it combined with the Clapham branch. He also acted as an Associate Governor at Bedford School for 10 years, being involved in the designing of some of the newer school buildings, as well as projects with Bedford College around the town and county.

Bob loved living in Stevington, where he was much involved with the Church as, in time, Treasurer, Church Warden and Server, and founded Friends of St Mary's. He also helped in the Community Shop until the Covid lockdown. He always enjoyed performing in the village concerts at Christmas, both solo and group pieces.

Bob enjoyed family life with Anna, their daughters Sarah and Rebecca, their husbands, and three grandchildren, his architectural skills and advice being put to great use for a number of projects. Together they enjoyed walking, rugby, cricket, music, foreign travel and visiting historic buildings.

After managing his various health problems for many years, sadly, on his 65th Wedding Anniversary, Bob had a fall which resulted in his going into Manton Heights Care Centre for two months, before dying in hospital on 15th August.

Major Richard I S Hawkins RM

Born 20 June 1944

Died 5 January 2022 - Aged 77

At Bedford School 1957-1962 - Pemberley

Son of **Vice-Admiral Sir Raymond Hawkins KCB RN (1920-27)** Richard joined the Royal Marines on a Royal Marines

Scholarship and later had a career in the insurance industry.

He is survived by his wife Mindy, sons Will and George and five grandchildren.



J Douglas S Hay

Born 2 April 1936

Died 29 September 2022 - Aged 86

At Bedford School 1949-1954 - Bromham

On leaving School Douglas went to Eaton Hall Officers' Cadet School for his National Service. He joined the Kings Own Scottish Borders regiment and was sent to Malaysia. He greatly enjoyed this experience, though he hated the snakes out there with a passion!

Douglas then went to work as a Textiles Designer at Worsted Fabrics textile mill. During his later career he dealt with bloodstock insurance, which he enjoyed thoroughly as he was always at the races.

He was married to Mary Standeven, who unfortunately passed away 3 years before him. They had 2 sons, **Andrew (80-84)** and **James (82-85)**, although sadly his eldest son Andrew passed away in 1997.

Douglas was a great athlete at School and a member of the 1st XV and 1st XI. He went on to play cricket for Bingley in the Yorkshire League. Douglas spoke so fondly of his time at Bedford School, he regularly spoke about his contemporaries, good friends, masters, his happy times and his various sporting achievements.

Anyone who knew Douglas would remember him as a 'larger than life' character, he remained in contact with a lot of his friends from school and enjoyed staying in touch with them socially into later life.



Malcolm J H Hay

Born 14 February 1942

Died 6 September 2023 - Aged 81

At Bedford School 1953-1960 - Ashburnham
Malcolm won a Minor Scholarship in Classics to Trinity College, Oxford but subsequently switched his degree course to English Language and Literature.

After Oxford he taught part-time at the British Film Institute and Hornsey College of Art and then lectured on Dramatic Literature at, among others, the University of Massachusetts

◀ and University of East London. He read play scripts for the Literary Departments at the Royal Shakespeare Company, the National Theatre and the Royal Court Theatre. He also worked as an editor and theatre critic for several journals.

For some 20 years until retirement, he was Comedy Editor of Time Out Magazine in London. He was hugely important on the London comedy circuit in the 1980s and 1990s, helping countless acts who went on to become household names take their first steps in showbusiness. Malcolm was a staunch and enthusiastic supporter of the early Alternative Cabaret circuit of 1982-84. In the pre-internet age, when Time Out was at heart a listings magazine, Malcolm's detailed pages were the backbone of the London comedy scene, being pretty much the only way you could find out what gigs were on in the capital in a given week. Aspiring comedians would get their early gigs by buying a copy of the listings magazine and working their way through Malcolm's list of venues, phoning them and asking for gigs.

One of Malcolm's quirks was assigning comics the same short – usually single-adjective – listings description throughout their careers. A young comic genuinely felt they'd made it when Malcolm had given them the description that he would unflinchingly use in every future listing.

Malcolm married Toni Arthur in 1996. She was a folk singer and folklorist, a television and radio presenter, an actor, playwright and award-winning theatre director as well as running her own drama school, but is probably best known for being a presenter on the BBC children's programme, Play School and later Play Away.

Malcolm passed away peacefully in his sleep surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife Toni and stepsons Jonathan and Tim Arthur. Incidentally, Tim took over the comedy editor role of Time Out from Malcolm.

Robert N Hector

Born 21 May 1939

Died 4 September 2019 - Aged 80

At Bedford School 1952-1957 - Talbot's

John L Hicks

Born 28 March 1939

Died 16 January 2022 - Aged 82

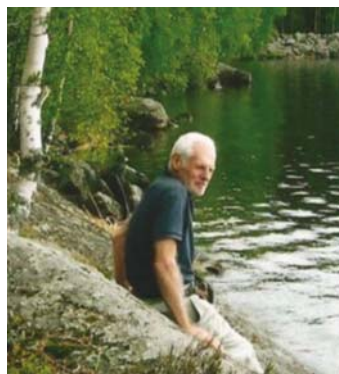
At Bedford School 1946-1957 - Paulo Pontine

Professor Richard E Hills

Born 30 September 1945

Died 5 June 2022 - Aged 76

At Bedford School 1954-1963 - St Cuthbert's



Patrick (Paddy) J Hislop

Born 6 October 1931

Died 17 June 2023 -

Aged 92

At Bedford School

1943-1949 – Crescent

Paddy read Architecture at Manchester and qualified in 1957. He joined Hertfordshire County Council developing their schools building system

before going to Denmark to continue designing schools in 1960, before going to Boston to design Boston City Hall for which he won an international competition in 1963. In 1963 he went to San Francisco to produce a conceptual design for the BART Rail System. He returned to the UK in 1965 and continued in the schools building system and joined Oxford Regional Health Authority in 1974 as a member of the team designing a new steel framed hospital system incorporating fully 3D CAD programme. In 1984 he joined Trada (Timber Research and Development Association) as Chief Architect, responsible for a number of government sponsored research projects, in the design and construction of wood buildings, including 2 phases of a Visitor centre in Suffolk, a Wood research centre in Honduras and energy efficient houses in Milton Keynes. He was a recognised expert in the specification of wood in buildings and was the author of several BM TRADA publications on windows, decking and cladding, and contributed to many other publications.

Paddy retired from full time work in 1996 but remained as a consultant for Trada, preparing and presenting lectures to schools of architecture and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) presentations to architectural practices.

Jazz club aficionado Paddy stayed in the Oxford area on retirement and was still rowing at the age of 80 - at 77 his veteran crew for Wallingford won at the Abingdon Head of the River race.



Matt R A Holland

Born 28 February 1973

Died 30 December 2019 - Aged 46

At Bedford School

1983-1991 – Redburn

Matthew worked for 24 years for Johnson & Johnson in medical sales and joined Olympus Corporation Of The Americas in 2015, as Regional Sales Manager, based in Bristol.

V John Holley

Born 29 August 1932

Died 1 October 2021 - Aged 89

At Bedford School 1943-1950 - Ashburnham

Ian R Hooper

Born 16 January 1927

Died 1 July 2022 - Aged 95

At Bedford School 1941-1944 - Bromham

Brian H Howell

Born 19 May 1935

Died 9 June 2014 - Aged 79

At Bedford School 1943-1953 - Paulo Pontine

Jimmy' R James

Born 7 December 1935

Died 1 August 2022 - Aged 86

At Bedford School 1945-1952 - Crescent



Robin E Jeffs
Born 28 February 1940
Died 30 August 2021 - Aged 81
At Bedford School

1951-1958 - Pemberley
 Robin grew up in England and studied engineering at Cambridge. In the mid-1960s Robin moved to California to work for Fairchild Semiconductor and took an

MBA at Santa Clara University. His career then took him to Nassau, Bahamas, and he returned to the San Francisco Bay Area in the mid-1970s. Robin joined a small real estate investment partnership in Palo Alto and in 1980 branched out on this own. He had studied and invested in the stock market since the '60s, and in the '90s became a registered investment advisor while also managing a variety of retail and construction projects.

Robin joined Los Gatos Rotary Club in 1982 and the Half Moon Bay Club when he moved to the coast in 1996. An avid golfer, Robin played courses around the world, but his home course was Half Moon Bay Golf Links where he played regularly since about 1980. In Half Moon Bay, Robin volunteered as an investment advisor to the Cabrillo Education Foundation and Senior Coastsiders. He spent several years on the city's architectural review committee. He loved to travel and visit his widespread family. He played tennis for many years and spent long hours playing his piano.

He leaves his wife, Freda, three children and seven grandchildren.

David C Jones

Born 5 February 1945
Died 3 March 2023 - Aged 78
At Bedford School 1956-1963 - Paulo Pontine

David studied modern languages and then went on to Midland Bank as Branch Manager and Financial Advisor for his whole working career. He retired to Lyme Regis in Dorset.

He married Liz and had 4 children, Kate, Richard, Emma & Ben. Sadly, Liz predeceased him. David died unexpectedly whilst on holiday in Gozo.

Piratheesh "Pira" Karunakaran

Born 15 June 2003
Died 2 June 2022 - Aged 18
At Bedford School 2014-2021 - Crescent



Sean A H Kavanagh-Dowsett
(photo © Nicky Perry)
Born 14 October 1966
Died 27 April 2023 - Aged 56

At Bedford School 1978-1985 - Redburn
 Sean was born in Northampton to father Harry Dowsett, the head of London restaurants, and Irish mother Patricia Kavanagh. His father died when Sean was 11.

On leaving Bedford Sean had a successful career combining modelling and working in the hospitality business in London. The fashion designer John Bartlett said Sean was his first model. Sean was quite the "dandy" wearing his own outfits. In the early 90's he went to the States on a 10-day modelling trip, fell in love with New York, and never left.

In 1994 Sean met the love of his life, Nicky Perry, at her British restaurant, Tea & Sympathy, in Greenwich Village. At the time he had a career in modelling and film. He used to be a production art director and even appeared in a Madonna/Britney Spears video. Sean and Nicky were married in 1996 in Las Vegas and in 2004 they went on to have their much longed for daughter Audrey Patricia.

In 1996 Sean and Nicky extended their empire and opened British cornucopia "Carry On Tea & Sympathy" and in 2020 they added a fish and chip shop "A Salt and Battery". Sean's life revolved around the love for his family and Tea & Sympathy and was forever referred to as "The King of Greenwich Village".

Sean was diagnosed with Stage 4 adenoma oesophageal carcinoma in June 2021 during COVID. After surgery to remove his entire oesophagus, he sprung right back, and was back at work, when, in late February, it was discovered that the cancer had moved to his brain.

He is survived by his wife, Nicky, their daughter, Audrey Kavanagh-Dowsett, his mother, Patricia, and twin sisters, Tara and Scarlett.

Captain Sydney L Kemp

Born 30 October 1926
Died 20 September 2014 - Aged 87
At Bedford School 1938-1943 - Bromham

On leaving Bedford Sydney joined the Royal Signals. He married Joan Hall in 1953 and they lived in Kenya.



William Myles Knighton CB
Born 8 September 1931
Died 7 April 2023 - Aged 91
At Bedford School 1939-1949 - St Peter's

William was born in Monkseaton, Northumberland. He was one of three children of George, a World War I veteran and chartered accountant in the Inland Revenue, and Ella (née Stroud), the daughter of the Duke of Northumberland's land

agent. He won a major scholarship at 17 to read natural sciences at Peterhouse, Cambridge, switching to law in his final year. His National Service was spent with the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong, and he passed out from Sandhurst as the top cadet with the Sword of Honour.

In 1954, when William was 23, he entered the Ministry of Supply and the following year met Brigid Carrothers on a Treasury training course. They married in 1957, settled in Blackheath, southeast London, and raised two children: Harriet, who followed William into the civil service; and Edward, who became a chief financial officer. In Blackheath they lived close to other young civil servants and hosted convivial evenings where guests could rely on good wine and conversation.

From the early 1970s William largely worked for the DTI, with ►

◀ a period at the Department for Transport during the Falklands conflict, when he worked on the requisitioning of merchant shipping. In 1982 he wrote a book on the extraterritorial aspects of national legislation on international commerce in collaboration with Douglas E Rosenthal, an American lawyer and Justice Department official.

William was very supportive to women in the workplace and by the time he left the department as the principal establishment and finance officer, he had made the civil service culture more supportive for women with children. For him it was not just a matter of fairness; he was also convinced that it made good business sense to hold on to talented staff.

During his tenure the policy in human resources was modified to give female employees the choice over how much maternity leave to take and how many days to work on their return. It made an enormous difference to the women he worked with and was totally visionary at that time.

In an earlier role William was principal private secretary to Tony Benn, the minister of technology in Harold Wilson's first term as Labour prime minister. William admired Benn's old-fashioned courtesy and sense of humour and remembered him knocking on the panels of their railway carriage as they travelled through the Soviet Union, pretending to check for KGB listening devices. In his diaries Benn described William as an "excellent private secretary politically" with "a good analytical mind" and "cheerful and imperturbable and runs the Whitehall machine efficiently".

Friends and colleagues remember William's boundless curiosity and enthusiasm for his forensic dissection of an argument. When faced with a policy choice, every point had to be properly set out and assessed before a decision was taken. He travelled worldwide to negotiate new airline routes and led the 1976 and 1979 UK delegations to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, efforts that rewarded him with promotion to deputy secretary at the Department of Trade in 1978. In 1981 he was appointed a Companion of the Bath.

William cultivated his hobbies assiduously, especially hillwalking in Snowdonia, and sea fishing, as well as jewellery enamelling, choral singing, wood-turning and horticulture.

William retired in 1991 and in 1994 William and Brigid moved to Midhurst, West Sussex, and spent their retirement renovating their listed home and cultivating the garden. While William rekindled his relationship with Peterhouse, serving for 20 years on its Friends committee, he was equally happy entertaining his four grandchildren, painting watercolours and oils, and seeing old friends over a glass of red.

Sadly, Brigid died in 2019. William is survived by his two children, Harriet and Edward.

Adapted from The Times



Peter Laws

Born 3 July 1941

Died 25 October 2022 -

Aged 81

At Bedford School

1954-1959 - Redburn

Peter spent his entire working life in brewing, starting in February 1961 as a pupil brewer at Tamplins, Brighton. From there he worked for several

major brewers including Bass Charrington and Boddingtons.

After a two and-a-half-year spell with Banks brewery in Barbados he moved to Cumbria to become head brewer at Jennings in 1997. Under his guidance the company produced many of its classic beers including Sneck Lifter, Cocker Hoop and Jennings Bitter, and the brewery became a byword nationally for good quality cask ale.

Peter retired from Jennings in 2006. After Jennings, Peter set up a consultancy and helped several local microbreweries set up. He was also instrumental in the design of gin stills for the Lakes Distillery.

A keen rugby man and fly angler, Peter was liked and admired by all those who knew him. He was a member of the 1st VIII at School and continued rowing after he left, representing Thames Rowing Club at Henley and coaching at the Marlow Rowing Club when living in the South. He is survived by his wife Nicola and 2 children.

Peter died on 25 October. Jennings Brewery closed its doors for the last time six days later!



Mark Ledsom

Born 20 September 1973

Died 21 September 2023-

Aged 50

At Bedford School

1980-1991 – Ashburnham

Mark read English Literature at Bristol and then did a postgraduate diploma in Radio Journalism at the London College of Communications. He got a job as a sports reporter with BskyB and after

3 years joined Swiss Radio International/swissinfo running the sports desk for the English language section. In 2004 he became the Sports correspondent covering Switzerland and Austria for Thomson Reuters.

In 2009, Mark was head-hunted by world football's governing body FIFA, to launch and edit their new monthly four-language magazine.

In 2014 Mark returned to the UK to manage communications for the Transport Systems Catapult, a newly-created government-backed technology and innovation centre.

In 2015 Mark put his German studies at school and his time in Switzerland/Austria to good use when he published his first book - a modern English translation of the classic German children's story Max & Moritz. Celebrating its 150th anniversary, the book tells the darkly humorous tale - in rhyming couplets - of two extremely mischievous boys and the terror they wreak on their bourgeois village, before coming to a sticky end themselves.

In August 2023, Mark was delighted to be offered a new challenge as Corporate Communications Manager at Luton Town Football Club - just in time for the mighty Hatters' first season in The Premier League! His influence had been seen during the Hatters' rise from non-league to the Premier League, offering the Club regular PR advice and guidance on a consultancy basis before committing to take his dream job by joining Luton Town's media team as the Club recruited new talent in readiness for the Premier League.

In those few short weeks, Mark's passion for his work, the

Club and the town left a lasting impression on colleagues who quickly warmed to him. He was proud to make his Luton Town press box debut in the club's first Premier League match at Brighton.

Heartbreakingly, less than a month after discovering he had cancer and just one day after he should have been celebrating his 50th birthday, Mark lost his brief but brave battle with the disease.

He leaves behind his wife, Louise, and three children – Max, Kurt and Anya.



Charles W Little

Born 22 July 1952

Died 10 November 2022 - Aged 70

At Bedford School

1961-1970 - St Cuthbert's

Charles was born in Luton to Aubrey and Pat who were nurserymen with extensive land in Leagrave.

He joined Coopers & Lybrand immediately on leaving school as an Articled

Clerk and on qualifying as a Chartered Accountant started Keens Shay Keens Ltd in Bedford. Charles's passion was mentoring new businesses. His advice and interest in seeing them succeed was paramount and he made sure he kept in regular contact during their infancy.

He was a keen supporter of the Bedford community and sponsored many local events and charities.

His social life was divided between his love of horses and Luton Town Football Club. He would regularly drive to Newmarket in the early morning to watch the horses ride out and his interest expanded to have many clients in the horseracing world. Consequently, his knowledge was vast and the perfect day for him would be both his horse and Luton Town FC winning.

Charles is survived by his wife Alyson, three sons and five grandchildren.

Adapted from the Bedford Independent

Professor Peter W Lock

Born 12 May 1931

Died 27 August 2020 - Aged 89

At Bedford School 1939-1949 - Burnaby



G Jack Lundin

Born 22 December 1938

Died 1 November 2021 - Aged 82

At Bedford School 1949-1954 -

Pemberley

Jack finished his education at the

Guinea Fowl School in S Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) having been decanted without much consultation at age 15 from Bedford and dropped off the steam train at Gwelo in the middle of the night with his mother and sister, who were heading on for Salisbury, now Harare, en route for a new life in Nyasaland,

now Malawi.

After a spell in the Rhosesian Army Jack started his career in journalism working as a cadet reporter on The Herald's training programme in Salisbury. He then became a staff reporter for the Sunday Express and later a columnist on the Town Talk gossip column, but he quit his job in 1968 after seeing a report on the plight of children in the Biafran Civil War. He got himself hired by Save the Children and within days was headed off to Nigeria to join a 4 strong medical relief team as 'supplies and transport officer'.

As they waited for the military's permission to embark by sea for Calabar in the country's isolated southeast, news came that two members of another Save the Children team, just arrived in the Northern sector of Enugu, had been killed when their Land Rover ran over a land mine on a bush road. Jack's team was based in the hamlet of Ukpom, outside Abak, and for two months, as thousands of children lay dying around them, the team conducted clinics around the area: But their clinics failed dismally to meet the massive and widespread child deaths from the protein-deficiency disease kwashiorkor. The answer, Jack became convinced, was to gather up all the desperately ill and scattered children and install them with their mothers in a string of residential feeding centres across the warfront. By good fortune Dr H.J.L. Burgess, a WHO nutritional consultant, was passing through and he recommended a high protein diet comprised of locally available dried skimmed milk and red palm oil, plus sugar.

Whilst Save the Children's administrator in Lagos, was not convinced due to the distances involved, Jack's plan was approved by the area co-ordinator of the International Committee of the Red Cross and he was given the go-ahead for a pilot unit, which led to a further 5 residential units, with 500 children suffering from kwashiorkor receiving the life-giving diet drink. With average stays of two to three weeks, in months they were to handle many hundreds of sick children, finally licking the kwashiorkor and multiple child deaths in his sector.

Jack stayed with the programme until he had to be pulled out suffering from Pleurisy. He returned to London and investigative journalism, working for titles including Private Eye and The Observer. For a time, Jack was Sub-editor on the Radio Times and worked as a researcher for 'Man Alive' with BB2. He also worked with Central TV.

Whilst at The Observer he was instrumental in the Ladbroke affair which led to the prosecution of two Ladbroke employees and eventually to the loss of the company's gaming licences. He could be said therefore to have given considerable assistance to the cause of justice, but his reward was prosecution for contempt. He refused to disclose a source during the trial of a police officer on corruption charges arising out of the Ladbroke scandal. The prosecution case against the police officer failed, but not, it appears, for want of the name of Jack's source. Nevertheless, the Attorney-General decided to charge Lundin under the old Contempt Act. When the case came up, nine months later, the judges found that the question put to Jack was not 'necessary in the interests of justice' and he was acquitted.

Jack moved out to South Africa in 1995 and worked for several years on the Financial Mail. He then became Johannesburg's bureau chief for Noseweek, South Africa's investigative monthly magazine. He retired in 2012 and became a author, writing an environmental novel based within ►

◀ the ancient forests around the town of Knysna on the Garden Route of the Western Cape.

Hugh C J Lunniss

Born 27 February 1926

Died 19 October 2022 - Aged 96

At Bedford School 1933-1944 - St Cuthbert's

Hugh died in York after a short illness aged 96. Greatly missed by his wife of over 70 years, Pam (née Campbell), father of Clive and Douglas, and grandfather of Sam and Amy.

Chris Maughan

Born 12 March 1953

Died 18 August 2023 - Aged 70

At Bedford School 1966-1971 - Burnaby



Sam A McLeod

Born 14 August 1964

Died 23 January 2023 - Aged 58

At Bedford School 1978-1983 - Pemberley

Sam McLeod, a man who charted his own unique course through life, left behind a legacy of adventure, camaraderie, and boundless curiosity. Born with a spirit that yearned for the open seas and unconventional paths,

Sam lived a life that took him to the far reaches of the globe, both above and below the ocean's surface.

In his formative years in Pemberley, Sam recognised that the traditional university path was not meant for him. Instead, he embraced a nomadic and adventurous lifestyle that would become his trademark. During his school days, he immersed himself in a plethora of extracurricular activities. He was the one melting lead for the Heidelberg printing press, scaling the climbing wall with Gilbert Pleuger, sipping tea with the RSM, embarking on ski trips, and participating in adventurous training camps during Easter breaks. Sam thrived on challenges, whether as an individual or a team player, always offering constructive, sharp but affectionate advice to his companions. You knew what was coming if you saw a roll of his eyes! It was also during this time that he first experienced the magic of the Rocky Horror Picture Show, a movie and stage production that he revisited countless times.

A year after leaving school, Sam found himself as a crew member on a small ship navigating the icy waters of the Arctic circle. The journey took an unexpected turn when the ship became icebound, and several senior crew members seemingly arrested for transporting cargo they shouldn't have. Undeterred, Sam continued his adventurous lifestyle, often residing in a modest flat in Islington, with a cherished cottage in Snowdonia as his refuge. He dabbled in courier riding in London, explored the depths as a scallop diver in Cornwall, and sailed the high seas on various yachts. As the YTS programme ended in the late 1980s, Sam seized the opportunity to qualify as a commercial diver in Falmouth, a decision that would shape his next three decades. His work took him to various corners of the world, where he spent

weeks at a time in saturation diving chambers, maintaining seabed pipelines and oil rig structures in harsh environments. Sam's affinity for the sea was unwavering, and he pursued it with unmatched dedication.

In the intervals between diving assignments, Sam pursued a variety of interests with the same meticulous attention to detail. He became a competitive cyclist, fearlessly participating in prestigious road races like the Paris-Roubaix, the Tour de Flanders, and the Liege-Bastogne-Liege. Additionally, he mastered the art of parachuting, skiing, and photography. His relentless pursuit of perfection in capturing life through the lens fused his deep passion for photography with an insatiable curiosity about the world. His unwavering commitment to this art led him to traverse the Brooklyn Bridge in New York repeatedly one day, fine-tuning exposures in his quest for the perfect picture. He also developed a strong love for old Thames barges from the era of Dickens. Whatever the endeavour, Sam delved into it with an insatiable hunger for knowledge, becoming an expert in the technical intricacies and procedures associated with each activity. He understood that his safety and survival depended on the flawless functioning of his equipment.

Throughout his life, Sam was an avid reader, amassing a wealth of knowledge on a wide range of subjects. He was always willing to share his expertise, and his friends knew they could count on him for information on almost any topic. Though he didn't suffer fools gladly, he never sought to humiliate others in front of their peers. Sam had friends scattered across the globe, and wherever he travelled, he would engage with the local communities. His friendships were paramount, offering him a connection to the world he treasured. Sam never married or had a family, but he found fulfilment in the bonds he forged with friends from his school days at Bedford, which remained unbreakable throughout his life. He looked forward to the annual OB reunion for the leavers of 1983, often attending in recent years.

Right to the end, Sam remained as active as ever. In September 2022 he enrolled in a boat building course in Falmouth, a testament to his enduring passion for the sea. He continued his lessons until ordered back to the hospital shortly before his passing.

Sam McLeod's remarkable journey through life was a testament to his indomitable spirit, insatiable curiosity, and unwavering dedication to his pursuits. He leaves behind a legacy of adventure, friendship, and a thirst for knowledge that will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Sam will be deeply missed, but his spirit will forever inspire us to embrace life's adventures with the same fervour and determination that he did.



G Chris Metcalf

Born 15 September 1928

Died 15 July 2023 - Aged 94

At Bedford School 1936-1946 - Bromham

Chris was born into a medical family, his father being a General Practitioner in Bedford. His education at Bedford School was interrupted during the war as he, aged 12, and his younger



brother **Michael (38-49)**, aged 9, and others were “war guests” in Toronto, Canada, for four years. Returning to Bedford School aged 16, Chris was re-oriented into school life by **Peter Pickett (41-47)**, who became a lifelong friend. Having played ice hockey in Canada, rather than rugby and

cricket, he took up rugby fives and became a member of the school team.

From Bedford School, and with extra coaching, he went on to read Natural Sciences at Jesus College, Cambridge. It was while in Cambridge during a Christian mission that Chris gave his life to Christ, and it was his faith that was so important to him in his future life. Following Cambridge, he then went to St. Thomas’ hospital in London for 3 years to complete medical training, qualifying in 1952. While working in his father’s practice back in Bedford, the boys in Sandersons were among their patients.

As National Service was mandatory, Chris was posted to Kenya and served for 2 years with the Royal Army Medical Corps as Medical Officer to the (Kenya) Battalion of the King’s African Rifles during the Mau Mau time, and was mentioned in despatches. This is where his love for the country and African people began, although the opportunity to work there again never quite materialised.

Partly through **Richard Thomas (37-42)**, and playing fives together at Cambridge, Chris met Barbara, Richard’s sister; they were married in 1959 at St. Peter’s Church, Bedford, with the service conducted by Richard. Chris and Barbara’s two daughters attended Bedford High School for a few years before the family, with a younger son too, left Bedford in 1971, for Chris to take up an academic post at the new Medical School in Southampton, as Senior Lecturer in Primary Medical Care, which suited him well.

From there, it was a return to General Practice once more, joining friends at Batheaston, in Bath. Retirement, after 17 years there, took them to Ottery St. Mary in East Devon, to be nearer family members and grandchildren. He enjoyed walking, tennis (until the age of 85), gardening, genealogy and books.

Chris is survived by Barbara, his wife of 63 years, three children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

Michael S K Millen

Born 9 July 1932

Died 8 June 2022 - Aged 89

At Bedford School 1946-1951 - Burnaby

R Bruce Minton

Born 22 April 1939

Died 23 August 2023 - Aged 84

At Bedford School 1950-1957 - Bromham

Bruce was a solicitor in Chichester. He was married Barbara and they had 3 children. Sadly, Barbara predeceased him.

Chris A Mitchel

Born 13 November 1963

Died 23 June 2023 - Aged 59

At Bedford School

1975-1982 - Ashburnham



Chris read Zoology at Kings College, London followed by and MSc in Computer Modelling of Molecular and Biological processes at Birkbeck College in 1990. Chris spent time in the army with tours to Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. He worked for the Military Royal Signals from 1998 to 2009 in various locations ensuring operations were able

to continue seamlessly.

In 2001 he was selected to go as a project manager with Raleigh International, Expedition 01D to Namibia. He was selected as one of the trek managers and, over the three phases of the expedition, he led groups of Venturers in three areas: The River Ugab (trekked 250 km) The River Huab (trekked 250 km) and The Fish River Canyon (trekked 90 km) which included work for the Wardens of the Fish River and Naute National Parks.

In 2003 he was security manager for AmorGroup leading a multi-disciplined eight-man team protecting staff and equipment during re-capping of oil wells for a year and then joined Aegis Defence Services Ltd as a specialist Risk Leader. Chris gained his certificate as an ASIS Certified Protection Professional in 2008 and joined Page Protective Services as a security advisor where he worked in a mobile patrol team travelling discretely to assess security within the city to help ensure the safety of their clients.

Between 2010 and 2012 Chris worked as a security advisor working on projects in Malaysia, Nigeria and the UK, before joining the organising committee for the Olympic Games as a security manager at the Riverbank Arena in the Olympic Park, as well as working for Sapiem as a senior security manager in the Middle East. Chris gained his ASIS certificate as a Physical Security Professional from the International Security Management Institute in 2014 and set up Chris Mitchel Associates Ltd, a security risk management company making use of his experience drawn from the military, security contracting and corporate security management.

Chris left the world of security risk management in 2021 and joined Phoenix Industrial Training as a director and chief instructor, delivering quality operator and instructor training courses in line with the latest HSE and best practice guidance to the Construction, Distribution, Fabrication, Rail, Retail and Warehousing industries throughout the UK.

Chris married Aileen Chin-ai Ngu in Autumn 2007, who had been working in Uganda for the Archbishop, as his Director of Communications. Chris lost his flight against pancreatic cancer in June 2023.



Brian N Parker

Born 27 August 1936

Died 12 March 2023 -

Aged 86

At Bedford School

1946-1954 -

Pemberley



Paul J Pengelly
Born 8 June 1937
Died 4 June 2022 - Aged 84
At Bedford School 1946-
1955 - Talbot's

The son of Charles and Annie Pengelly, Paul was born in Canons Park, London, three years after his brother **David (43-51)**. Charles and Annie, both from Devon had been the first in their families to go to college and leave Devon

for the world beyond and professional careers. In early 1940, when the blitz started Paul and his brother were settled down for an overnight's sleep on the long seats of a blacked-out train to Brixham, where they spent the next few years of the war living with the family of their maternal grandfather, an experienced trawler captain. Paul's paternal grandfather was a stone mason by trade and had at one point worked on the carvings in St Albans Abbey. No doubt this ancestral combination of seafaring acumen and the skill and patience involved in stone working instilled in Paul qualities of an adventurous spirit combined with quiet determination that characterised his later life, as well as a life-long love of where the sea meets the land.

It was during his time at Bedford School that Paul developed a lasting love of music, literature and drama. He would often speak with great respect and affection for his music teacher, Dr Probert Jones. By all accounts Paul was more into books and intellectual pursuits than sport! In his final year he memorably acted the part of Laertes in Hamlet, and in latter years would happily recite great chunks of his speeches at any given opportunity. Paul had acted in the same production with fellow thespians from Bedford, **Sir Michael Burton (45-55)** and **Richard Lindley (45-54)**, all three of them meeting up only a few years ago at Michael's 80th birthday party.

Straight from school, Paul spent two years doing National Service in the Royal Navy, where despite admitting to being seasick 'from the Bay of Biscay to Bangkok', he hugely enjoyed his time at sea, including a posting to the South China seas and Hong Kong.

After studies at Oxford and Cambridge, and a short spell as a curate, Paul embarked on a career in social work and the NHS, first in the Probation Service, during which time he met his first wife Wendy (nee Putland) marrying her in 1967. With Wendy he had a daughter Catherine, born 1968, and son Tom, born 1971. As a Senior Probation Officer, Paul undertook the Tavistock Clinic's Advanced Social Work training and having established on-going training links with staff of the Institute of Marital Studies (now called Tavistock Relationships) was himself recruited onto the staff there in 1978, at a time when most new staff came from a public sector social work background. Paul's career at the Tavistock spanned 16 years until 1994. Reflecting on his teaching years, colleagues have paid tribute to Paul's exceptional contribution as clinician, researcher, trainer and supervisor, working not only with couples but also with groups and organisations. During this time, he also co-wrote two books, the result of joint work and research within public service organisations struggling to deliver front line health and social care. Both books are still in print. As

one colleague put it, Paul brought to his collegial life 'a self-deprecating manner, a sharp wit and a generous spirit, qualities that readily made students and new staff feel at ease'.

With his enduring love of music and theatrical entertainment he used the above attributes to write the music and lyrics for songs marking different occasions in the life of the institution, and later composed lyrics and performed in a series of memorable annual Christmas Pantomimes put on by the Clinic.

After leaving the Tavistock in 1994, Paul took up a post at Bournemouth Mental Health Trust with special responsibility for providing couples therapy and later became a trustee (97-09) of the parent organisation, the Tavistock Institute of Medical Psychology. He also continued with some joint private work with couples.

After his retirement from professional life in 2006, Paul spent five years working on a voluntary basis for the Fairtrade Organisation. He also enjoyed spending several months each year in Greece, where his second wife Francesca (whom he met in 1996, some years after his first marriage had ended) had a family property. Paul happily took on the role there of plumber, roof repairer and cementer, honing his more practical skills. In 2015 he was admitted to hospital with pneumonia - and subsequent periods of ill health led to the decision to leave London for Suffolk, close to the sea and healthier air. He greatly enjoyed the final five years of his life, tending his garden, fruit growing, walking on nearby beaches and in the woods, entertaining family, friends and grandchildren. He enjoyed village life and his much-loved singing with the local Phoenix choir- including taking part in several concerts with the choir at Snape Maltings. He also cared deeply about the environment and the effects of climate change and in addition to campaigning with regard to the latter, was the first in the village to become the owner of an electric car.

Paul is survived by his daughter Catherine, son Tom, granddaughters Jessie and Annie, his wife Francesca and stepdaughter Amy and family.



Nigel W Penn
Born 22 October 1951
Died 19 December 2022 -
Aged 71
At Bedford School 1965-
1969 - Redburn

Nigel was born in Northamptonshire and brought up in a traditional farming family with his two sisters. He attended Winchester House School as a boarder from the age of 7 before starting at

Bedford School in 1964 where he played Rugby and Cricket and represented the school at Boxing and Shooting.

He was one of those people who gave his all in life, meeting every opportunity or challenge with enthusiasm and a can-do attitude, whether it was with his family, in his career or fulfilling his shooting and masonic passions.

Upon leaving school he spent a year at the College of Estate Management (part of Reading University) before joining the property company, Stock, Page and Stock. In 1975 he married Sarah, his wife of 47 years, initially living in Finchley, North London with their daughter Hannah and son Joseph. In

1993 he moved to Little Shelford near Cambridge where he quickly adapted to village life, becoming very involved in local activities. Around the same time (1992) he joined Mountview Estates PLC where he spent 22 years specialising in property management (commuting daily by car to North London!), before retiring in 2014.

Nigel was a great family man taking much pleasure from the active part he played in his children and grandchildren's lives whilst also fulfilling his appetite for travel on their family holidays to different countries across Europe. Sarah also joined Nigel to some of his more interesting shooting destinations, including the recent 2019 World Target Rifle Championships in New Zealand.

Whilst at school Nigel took an active part in the CCF which, along with the encouragement of his then shooting master Tim Elliott, led to him representing the school in their first ever Ashburton Shield (schools' competition) at Bisley. He subsequently went on to shoot full-bore target rifle in 44 annual NRA Bisley Meetings between 1976 and 2021, winning several individual honours and representing England, Great Britain and the NRA on 7 tours to the Channel Islands, South Africa and the West Indies. The pinnacle of his shooting career was when he captained the Great Britain Rifle Team to the West Indies in 2013 winning all their matches including the very prestigious "Australia Match".

In all walks of life Nigel gave generously of his time and he had an incredible aptitude for organisation, none-more-so than in his dedication to both shooting and the Freemasons. After leaving school he was Club Secretary of the Old Bedfordians Rifle Club for 12 years, overseeing their transition into a more inclusive and sustainable "Bedfordians Rifle Club" for old boys and their offspring. He always encouraged and took pleasure in the success of younger shooters, but especially when second generation Bedfordians shot well, beating their fathers at their own game! Throughout his career his example provided the club with a sense of direction and "tone", but most importantly he simply "made things happen". For many years it was Nigel who encouraged and cajoled Old Bedfordians onto the ranges after they left school, assembled their Public School Veterans and Astor teams and organised their very enjoyable first club tour to Jersey in 2017. He had a significant influence in making the club what it is today.

His shooting organisational skills didn't stop there, between 1989 and 1993 he was Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the British Commonwealth Rifle Club and went on to be appointed Captain from 2003 to 2006. In fulfilling these roles, he developed many friendships with visiting shooters from across the globe, becoming a well-respected ambassador for target rifle shooting.

In Freemasonry Nigel became one of the most highly ranked and most respected Freemasons in the country through his genuine desire to help others and to contribute through his undoubted organisational abilities. He was initiated into the Lodge of Reunion No. 5618 in 1984 becoming Master in 1990. In 1987 he joined The Old Bedfordian Lodge where he was Master in 1992 and held the post of Secretary from 2006 to 2012. He was also one of the founders of the Chapter, Sit Perpetuum at Bisley in 1994. In all, he was a member of seven Craft Lodges and five Chapters, and rose to the rank of Metropolitan Grand

Inspector placing him in charge of administering around 100 Lodges and Chapters. He was also a Grand Officer in the Craft and Royal Arch. More recently he was involved with the establishment of a new University Lodge in London and the brethren of that Lodge are determined that it will succeed as a tribute to his memory.

Unfortunately, Nigel suffered varied ill-health for the last 10 years of his life but he fought stoically, taking himself off clay pigeon shooting and off-road 4 wheel driving only 4 months before passing away. His many life achievements were the product of making the very most of all his talents, giving generously of his time, his incredible aptitude for organisation and his natural ability to build warm and enduring friendships. He will be sadly missed

David J Pitt

Born 20 April 1935

Died 24 August 2021 - Aged 86

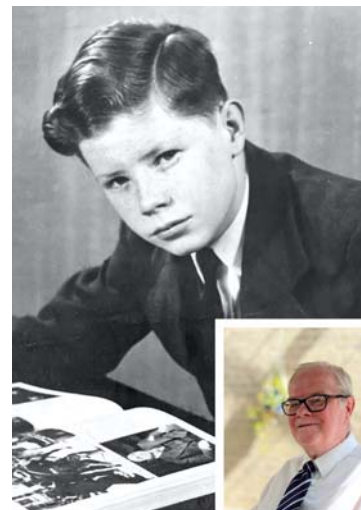
At Bedford School 1949-1953 - Pemberley

Jonathan G Randall

Born 9 February 1951

Died 16 May 2022 - Aged 71

At Bedford School 1964-1969 - Sanderson's



Paul R E Ringwood

Born 10 April 1946

Died 4 November 2022 - Aged 76

At Bedford School

1953-1963 - Bromham

Paul started at The Inky aged 7 and spent ten years at Bedford before going on to study at Mander College, Bedford and then to establish himself as a businessman and theologian.

He married Sarah Jane in 1970 and together they went on to have

three daughters and four grandchildren. Having spent much of his life in Bedford, he moved the family up to Norfolk in 1979 where he continued with his antique business and dedicated his spare time to the church and the community. The latter 25 years saw him and Sarah settle in the pretty Norfolk village of Wolferton where he was a reader for the Sandringham group of churches.

Paul was so proud to be an Old Bedfordian. He cherished his time at the school which embedded in him a love of reading, writing, the English language and of lifelong learning. The education he received enabled him to become a prolific writer of sermons for which he became renowned. Such was his fondness of the school and his time there that he always wore a piece of Bedford School memorabilia whether his treasured tie, school scarf or buttons on his blazer. Everyone knew where he was educated and his family would like to pass on their thanks for giving him such a wonderful experience. Paul will be remembered for many things but most of all his love, his wit and his charm. ▶

◀ **Dr C Morven Robertson****Born 1 August 1954****Died 12 June 2022 - Aged 65****At Bedford School 1962-1971 - Bromham****Professor Richard O Robinson****Born 20 August 1942****Died 3 April 2022 - Aged 79****At Bedford School 1955-1960 - Redburn****Roger D Sawtell****Born 19 June 1927****Died 15 December 2022 - Aged 95****At Bedford School 1941-1945 - Burnaby**

Roger was born in Sheffield, the middle of three children of Horace Sawtell, a steelworks engineer, and Barbara (nee Leslie). He won scholarships to Bedford and then Clare College, Cambridge, where he studied mechanical

sciences, leaving with his degree in 1948 to work as an engineer at English Electric in Rugby in Warwickshire, and then Spear & Jackson in Sheffield. After 16 years at Spear & Jackson he was offered the role of managing director, but turned the offer down, as he had decided that his future should lie in working for a company with a more egalitarian business structure.

In 1967 Roger, with his wife Susan and their four young children, undertook a 7,000-mile journey overland in a motor caravan. They visited Israel and stayed in a kibbutz, where they experienced the democratic structure of the community. This, along with the philosophy of the economist E.F. Schumacher, developer of the concept that “small is beautiful”, inspired Roger in his new endeavour. He was guided on that path by his Christian beliefs, which affected him deeply and helped to shape the rest of his working life.

In 1968 he joined Tylon, an employee-owned company in the Northamptonshire village of Wollaston that made fibreglass canoes. He became an advisor to similar small businesses and drafted a set of Model Rules for small co-operatives in 1976, which would become a major influence in the growing co-operative movement in this country.

In the 1970s he served as chair of Industrial Common Ownership Movement, now Co-operatives UK, as well Industrial Common Ownership Finance, the first community development fund which now trades as Co-operative & Community Finance and makes sympathetic loans to help launch or develop co-operatives nationwide. During his life he published numerous articles and booklets and two books: *Under One Roof – the Story of a Christian Community* in 2015 and his autobiography, *A Somewhat Upside-Down Life* in 2016. He maintained, however, that his only best seller was *A Simple Communion*, a short Eucharistic liturgy that sold 10,000 copies.

In 1980, with a group of friends, Roger opened the Daily Bread Co-operative, a wholefood shop in Northampton. He

worked with the business full-time until retirement in 1987, although he carried on after that as a part-time worker until 1995. Both Tylon and Daily Bread continue to trade today, owned and run by their workers.

In 1984 Roger and his wife, Susan (nee Flint), whom he had married in 1957, joined up with others to combine two houses on a street in Northampton to create a Christian community of households living under one roof. Known as the Neighbours Community, it grew to encompass four other houses and was home to more than 50 people over the course of 23 years.

Roger and Susan lived there from 1984 to 2007, when they moved into a retirement apartment just round the corner, at which point the project came to a natural end. In 2015, Roger's book about life in the community, *Under One Roof*, was published, and the following year his autobiography, *A Somewhat Upside-Down Life*, also touched on his years living there.

In 2019 Co-operatives UK awarded Roger their inaugural lifetime achievement award for his work in the movement.

Throughout their 70s and 80s, Roger and Susan regularly visited the Greek island of Amorgos, where they loved to walk and swim. On Amorgos, as in all areas of his life, Roger made many friends, always finding time to listen to and support others. He was a quiet and gentle man, and yet his legacy is one of many thousands of lives changed. Roger played squash until he was 90, swam regularly, and was a keen walker.

Roger had been unwell for some months, but died peacefully at 95, surrounded by his family. He is survived by Susan, by their three children, Ruth, Mary and Peter, and eight grandchildren. Another daughter, Rebecca, died in 2021.

Adapted from *The Guardian* & *The Northampton Chronicle*

Ian Schofield**Born 1957****Died 19 September 2023 - Aged 66****Bedford School Staff 1982-1988**

Ian was a true Oxbridge mathematician, he studied at both Oxford and Cambridge. He came to Bedford in 1982 and the six years he was here saw him contribute an enormous amount to the life of the School. As a Maths master and Form master of a Fourth form he was both conscientious and caring. He set himself high standards in his professional work and expected as much from the boys in his charge. Nothing frustrated him more than to see a boy frittering away his time and failing to make the best of his talents.

In addition to his Maths teaching, he also at times helped other departments with some Physics and Technology teaching. Outside the classroom, he was probably best known for his enthusiastic work on the river, where he successfully coached a variety of crews. He worked with the Printing Club where he put in a great deal of work, often behind the scenes and unsung, but this was surely appreciated particularly by boys who benefitted from his guidance. He was affectionally known as ‘wingnuts’ at School by the boys due to large ears!

Ian left teaching to go into Industry with Ferranti, to work on several defence contracts for Marconi on radar and missiles systems for the Royal Navy; deploying to sea on several trials. He later worked at the Defence School of Electrical & Mechanical Engineering in MOD Lyneham in

2015, where he worked as a civil servant, and then joined the Army's Training Assurance Team. His knowledge and expertise in the analysis of statistics was vital to ensure they could measure the effectiveness of the training establishment. He was seen as the go-to person for advice on the management and interpretation of data across all the UK defence training schools.

An extremely accomplished bridge player, Ian only retired in 2021, but kept busy, taking up garden bowls, competing successfully for his town club Calne.

George H C Sinfield

Born 4 July 1930

Died 19 September 1999 - Aged 69

At Bedford School 1941-1948 - Crescent

George went to Sandhurst Military Academy and served in the Royal Artillery in Hong Kong. In 1962, he retired from the British Army as a captain; George's military background influenced everything he did. He remained in Hong Kong for several years, working for the telephone company and then represented the Hong Kong tourism association in Canada until 1974, when he went to the Yukon – and decided to stay!

He joined the Yukon's Department of Tourism for some 16 years, from 1974 until he retired in 1990. Marketing was his thing. He played a key role in the Tourism department, first reaching beyond the Yukon border. George recognized that tourism in the Yukon was an unlimited resource. He realized its potential. Although George retired officially from his work in the Department of Tourism in 1990, he never retired from his interest in tourism. He always attended every meeting that had anything to do with tourism if it was open to the public. He took it all in and often made quiet suggestions later to people who had the power to do something about it.

George was active in many facets of life in his community. One of the first things he did on arriving in the Yukon was to get involved with the Boy Scouts, an organization he first joined in 1945 at School. He was a dedicated and active member of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse until the day he died. He was a great supporter of the Yukon Transportation Museum and a proud member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers. He worked with the Big Brothers organization. He was a shining example to many and that was recognized when he was named Whitehorse's Volunteer of the Year in 1993.

One of his hobbies was cooking, and he produced many wonderful gourmet dinners. He loved to show off the Yukon to those who came here to visit.

Officially, George had no family, but he had several close friends who became his family, and he had his wonderful little dog, Brew. Brew died November 12, just a week before George.

Cdr Tim J K Sloane OBE RN

Born 27 July 1940

Died 26 May 2022 - Aged 81

At Bedford School 1950-1958 - Talbot's

John Hall Spencer OBE

Born 17 April 1928

Died 13 June 2022 - Aged 94

At Bedford School 1942-1945 - Burnaby

Rev Don Stevenson

Born 1948

Died 21 November 2022 - Aged 74

Bedford School Staff 1992-1999

Don was the School Chaplain for 7 years and taught A Level Economics, Business Studies and Theology.

David H Stewart-Jones

Born 28 November 1936

Died 14 September 2022 - Aged 85

At Bedford School 1948-1952 - Paulo Pontine

Dr Anthony (Tony) J Swannell

Born 8 April 1937

Died 14 October 2022 - Aged 85

At Bedford School 1948-1955 - Pemberley

Tony read medicine at St Catherine's College, Cambridge and Westminster Hospital and qualified in 1964. He was a member of the Royal College of Physicians, Consultant Rheumatologist, Clinical Sub-Dean at Nottingham Medical School and member of the National Committee of the British Sports Association for the Disabled. Tony was the OB Club's District Vice President for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire.



Chris B Synnott

Born 18 May 1972

Died 28 June 2023 -

Aged 51

At Bedford School 1983-1990 - Burnaby

Chris joined the Lower School in 1983 and instantly threw himself into life at Bedford, making numerous friends, many of whom remained close to him. He boarded at Burnaby and enjoyed success both on the

sports field and in the classroom. He was an accomplished sportsman, playing rugby, cricket, hockey, football and golf for the School. He balanced this with a strong academic ability, leaving the school in the summer of 1990 armed with excellent grades at A Level, and a strong group of friends for life.

Chris read Law at Manchester and took his solicitors finals at the Chester College of Law. He joined Michael Simkins LLP and specialised in Sport, Media and Entertainment Law, acquiring considerable experience in licensing, copyright, intellectual property and sports media management, and providing him with a clear understanding of how the media rights business is structured. This professional grounding landed him a role at TEAM Marketing AG in Switzerland, which he made his home, and where he worked on media rights for the UEFA Champions League.

A fluent German speaker, he subsequently worked in Munich for Sportsman Group AG before returning to the UK as Director of Media Rights for World Rally, a role which took him around the world. In 2020 Chris was appointed Head of Broadcast & Media Rights at World Rugby where he led successful negotiations in Paris to secure TV and media rights deals for the 2023 Rugby World Cup.

◀ In recent years he returned to his Bedford roots and settled with his wife Emma and family in Newton Blossomville, where he became an active member of the community, a fan of The Blues and a friend to many.

Chris lost his battle with soft-tissue sarcoma in June 2023 just 3 months before his stepson, Monty joined the Upper School. His family and friends will miss him greatly but are comforted by his ongoing memory, and everyone that knew him will carry a small part of him with them. His successful school years and professional career are outshone only by his kindness, warmth and humour, and by the love he gave to his family and friends.

Chris always took time to enjoy life, and a bench in his honour sits on the steps of the School Cricket Pavilion with the inscription "Sit a while and smell the roses.", to remind us all to do the same.

Richard (Dick) J Talbot

Born 24 January 1940

Died 11 June 2022 - Aged 82

At Bedford School 1951-1958 - St Cuthbert's



J R Christopher Taverner

Born 22 October 1936

Died August 2023- Aged 86

At Bedford School

1945-1949 - Farrar's

On leaving school Christopher served as a cadet and officer in the Merchant Navy travelling the world with the British Indian Steam Navigation Company before a short spell as an officer in the British Navy.

His career in the world of drinks started in 1962 as regional

sales manager for the Northeast of England with Guinness & Co, before re-locating with the business to New York City where amongst other 'celebrity' encounters as their key East Coast USA brand representative, he even managed to enjoy a memorable night in a bar drinking Guinness with Frank Sinatra and his entourage!

Returning to the UK, he spent four years as Sales Director at Rawlings of London helping quickly to build Mateus Rose to a half a million-case brand. He then moved with his wife and young family to Tokyo with Inchcape as Director of their Wine & Spirits division distributing brands that included Pommery (& Greno) Champagne, Remy Martin Cognac, Gordon's Gin, Campari, and Black & White Whisky.

After a spell as MD of Goldwell UK & USA and then as the USA and South America Director for Glenlivet, in 1979 he joined Jenks Brothers in the UK as Director of Beers, Wines & Spirits, where he supplied many of the major UK retailers, working closely with Weston's cider, Theakston's and other own label brands. During his time there the Jenks Brothers notoriously turned down the opportunity to work with Jacobs Creek – citing there was never going to be any major interest in Australian wine!

In 1996 he set up his own consultancy business and with a great passion for an industry he truly loved, he continued to work closely with numerous global contacts in the Beer, Wines & Spirits sectors until only recently.

He is survived by his loving wife Jennifer, their two sons Ben and Charles, and four grandchildren.



Tony J Treby

Born 21 May 1938

Died 6 December 2022 - Aged 84

At Bedford School 1952-1955 – Bromham

Tony was born in Bedford and attended firstly Goldington Road School, followed by Rushmore for a short time before joining Bedford in 1952. He joined the Bank of England on leaving but soon

decided that this was not the career for him and was happy to do his National Service where he was posted to Germany for 2 years, joining the Military Police section.

He met Catherine Hutton Taylor (Kay) in 1959 on the Embankment in Bedford and they married in 1962. They had 3 children, Andrew in 1964, Stephen in 1965 and Nicola in 1968. In 1969 Tony and Kay decided to emigrate to Australia but this adventure only lasted for a year. Returning to the UK in the early '70's and settling back in Bedford Tony re-entered the motor trade, which was the start of a long, colourful and successful career as a self-made businessman. He had bought Wooton Motor Company before he left for Australia and started buying and selling cars on his return. Tony was a true entrepreneur, very savvy, a real 'wheeler dealer', always ducking and diving to make enough money to put his three children through the Harpur Trust Schools. He also started a Leisure Equipment company leasing pool tables and fruit machines into the pubs in Bedford. For a social being such as Tony, this was not real hardship, getting to know the colourful characters and various drinking establishments of Bedford.

To further support his family he bought, renovated and sold a number of old houses, moving between Newton Blossomville, Bedford, Souldrop and finally Oakley. In his later life Tony continued to enjoy either actively or as a spectator, the sports which had so filled his earlier years, including squash, rugby, cricket and most importantly golf. He was a member of the Bedford Club and enjoyed playing snooker and Bridge with the members. He loved music, especially jazz, and fly fishing was a pastime he took up later in life.

Tony had time for everyone and made everyone feel at ease, he knew a lot of stuff about an awful lot of things and was only too willing to impart this knowledge freely to anyone. Well read, interested in current affairs, the financial markets, military history, he really could talk on any number of subjects with total authority. A born raconteur with great mannerisms to go with every story. He was always the life and soul of every party, usually bringing along his double bass to play and improvise along with fellow musicians.

Sadly his children Stephen (1995) and Nikki (2020) predeceased him. Tony is survived by his wife Kay, son Andrew and 7 grandchildren.



Richard L Wade

Born 5 July 1938

Died 12 July 2022 -

Aged 84

At Bedford School

1946-1956 - Pemberley



Richard Walker
Born 28 August 1953
Died 20 August 2023 -
Aged 69
Bedford School Staff
1985-2013

A Cambridge graduate Richard came to Bedford in 1986 for a three-week temporary appointment to cover for Mr Bernie Cotton, MBE, who was playing for the GB hockey squad in

Australia. Richard had only been back in the country for four days having been teaching in King's College, New Zealand. The Bedford School chaplain at the time was Revd Ian Browne who knew Richard from university days and rang him to suggest the opportunity.

Richard saw the advantage of getting back into the British teaching system and a three-week 'trial period' seemed like a very good option....cutting a long story short...he stayed for the next 27 years! Richard will be remembered most for his role in the geography department and as a geography teacher. The department had been struggling for a while and numbers were weak for A-level. However, a revival in fortunes followed with several new appointments and by the time the GCSE exam was introduced, there were 98 A grades. Numbers really started to grow and an international field trip to Switzerland added more status.

The department continued to flourish, becoming one of the largest A-level departments. It also boasted a very healthy 85-90 per cent take-up rate at GCSE. Many boys went on to university to read geography – ten of the upper sixth in Richard's final year secured places to read geography and this number is not uncommon. It is interesting to note that many of Richard's former staff have gone on to great things, too – at the time of his retirement there were 13 heads of departments and five deputy heads who started out under his tutelage. Interestingly, several pupils also followed him into the profession.

Richard oversaw many international field trips. As well as being excellent learning experiences for pupils, they also provided great opportunities for new staff to get to grips with overseas visits. Switzerland was a regular destination for seven years, followed by alternating trips to Morocco and Iceland.

As a teacher, Richard was deservedly known as a 'legend'. His use of humour and memory hooks were well known and the PEER system he introduced for essays is still used regularly in lessons at Bedford as well as in several schools where teachers from the department have gone! A tutor from Oxford is reputed to have said that she could select a Bedford School essay from a group of ten based on structure and clarity.

Richard had a strong belief in the visual aspect of teaching and was the first to bring in data projectors and use PowerPoint in the school. He had discovered these on a teacher fellowship he won to University College London, thanks to the Fawcett Fellowship. Soon these electronic devices became the norm for teaching in schools. He also contributed to national geographical education, writing two chapters in an A-level textbook as well as an article in the Geography Review.

Richard was a good sportsman and brought excellent coaching skills to Bedford. He had been captain of rugby and

hockey at Uppingham and had actually played on the Bedford 1st XV pitch (albeit for the winning Uppingham side!). A thrice Cambridge blue was a useful addition to the squad of hockey coaches former Head Master Ian Jones had assembled at the school. However, there was such a successful team of coaches that, although Richard had been in charge of hockey at Cheltenham Boys' College, he started at Bedford by running the U15 B team, later stepping in to coach the U15 A team. Richard also went on tours with the 1st XI to Zimbabwe on three occasions, and to South Africa. Bedford gained an excellent reputation on these trips and the team was set against the full Zimbabwe Schools' XI for 'tests' in preparation for the Currie Cup matches. Often described as the team psychologist in the programme, Richard's support of the boys and fellow staff was valued highly.

Richard played a significant role in the Christian tradition of the school. He was often asked to speak in Chapel. He ran the Christian Union (or Viewpoint, as it was known) over several years, arranging talks from speakers from Christian camps as well as local churches. He became Chapel warden for three years, supporting Father David Lawrence-March. This time included the repainting of the ceiling.

Richard was a committed tutor in St Cuthbert's throughout his time at the school. He enjoyed his tutor group and maintained contact with many of them via Facebook, specifically through the group entitled 'Ex-Walker Tutor Group'.

Many boys and parents expressed their gratitude to Richard for the encouragement and help given to their son over the time he was at Bedford School; indeed, several times, parents (including four staff members) specifically asked for their sons to be placed in Richard's pastoral care. Over the years, there were boys who would not have continued through the school had it not been for his advice, compassion and wisdom. Two houses asked him to speak as guest of honour at their house dinner during his retirement years, reflecting the high regard in which he was held throughout the school.

On retirement Richard and Ursula went to live in Marlow to be near his stepchildren Charlotte, Sara and **William Brown (96-06)**, and grandchildren, Frankie, Isabella and Jake. He was always a welcome attendee at OB Networking events and the Henley Royal Regatta BSA Drinks Receptions.

Michael R H S Walshe
Born 5 April 1939
Died 14 June 2023 - Aged 84
At Bedford School 1949-1956 - Talbot's

John T Willmin
Born 17 May 1951
Died 7 August 2023 - Aged 72
At Bedford School 1958-1968 - Paulo Pontine

John H Winton
Born 16 December 1933
Died 9 August 2022 - Aged 88
At Bedford School 1941-1948 - St Peter's

Francis G Wright
Born 3 September 1952
Died 26 May 2022 - Aged 69
At Bedford School 1961-1971 - Crescent