

David Malcolm Kenworthy (PrepB, Mda 41-49)
Donation Governor, BSB Member, Steward of Founder's Day. Died December 2010

David was born in 1932 in Crewe where he spent his early years exploring the Cheshire countryside and collecting engine numbers at the station. The loss of his father at sea in 1940 changed his life and in 1941 he became a Royal Mathematical student at Christ's Hospital, first in PrepB, (where he was one of the last boys to get a Housey coat until after the war), and then in Mda.

At school he was well known as an athlete, especially for his middle-distance running in which he had many victories in the mile and the school steeplechase. He made many friends at CH and kept in touch with many of them throughout his life.

On leaving school, David moved to Morden in South London and went to work at Wiggins Teape in the City where he learnt the art of paper-making. He carried on his interest in cross-country and middle-distance running, racing against many of the famous runners of that time. He competed for the Old Blues Athletic Club and also played rugby for OBRFC. And, with the help of other local Old Blues, both girls and boys, he formed a very successful Young Conservative club.

David married Mary and they had two children, Nicola and Karl, and the family moved to the Midlands where David became Managing Director of Keays, a Paper Merchanting and Converting Company, a subsidiary of the Wiggins Teape Group.

Unfortunately, heart problems hit him in his late forties and, after the death of his wife Mary and with the children working abroad, he took early retirement and moved down to Bluecoat Pond to live opposite the school and soon became a Donation Governor. Ever the athlete, he took up cross-country skiing and this became his passion until ill health finally brought this to an end.

The move to Horsham was an excellent one for him and he made many new friends as well as renewing old friendships with visiting Old Blues. He delighted in a stroll round the grounds especially to watch the lunchtime parade and listen to the Housey band and also to go to various concerts. He met masters and old friends and was able to tell his sister Jean (Hertford 2s 43-51) about friends she knew from her days at Hertford, the Old Blues rugby and hockey clubs and the Operatic Society.

David maintained a close interest in the pupils he and his daughter had supported as Governors and they, along with their brother and sister who are now at Christ's Hospital, attended his Service of Remembrance in uniform in the school chapel. David Kenworthy will be sadly missed by many.

Jean Key (nee Kenworthy. Old Blue, Hertford
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