

Brian Atkinson R.I.P.

When I joined the College in 1963 the Staff Common Room was full of genuine characters, all possessing that special blend of intellectual vigour, sense of humour and genuine care which made such a special ethos that was simply unique.

Brian Atkinson was certainly one of those characters. His knowledge of English (and most other areas) was recognised by all and his ability to teach the subject as a partner to John Gibb and Alex Begley produced outstanding results at 'O' and 'A' level. Brian also managed to teach Logic, hold assertive debates with Cecil Pocock, and at times even attempt to argue with Bill Blight.

One of my early experiences of Brian's strange blend of almost naive bravery and sense of justice was on my first staff outing to the Mermaid theatre run by Sir Bernard Miles. His energetic dispute over the bill in the restaurant thoroughly entertained his fellow diners and almost resulted in an additional curtain call.

Above all Brian will be fondly remembered by staff and pupils for his enthusiasm in all things that excited him and his ability to talk continuously and energetically with anyone who wished to engage in debate or discussion.

Eric Tope

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George Day

It is with deep regret that we report the death of George Day, for many years caretaker at the College. George was a good friend to the Association, generous with his help for our activities at the College and regularly attending our Annual Mass. He was a loyal member of the British Legion and the Knights of St. Columba. He is survived by his wife Peggy and son Malcolm, to whom we extend our sympathies.

Ted Slade

We are also sad to record the death of Ted Slade, former groundsman of our playing field at Norbury.

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Peter Murphy

Peter D.D. Murphy died on August 30 1993, aged 53. Peter was a pupil at the College from 1951 until 1957 but is probably best remembered by many Old Boys from his days as Club and Bar Steward at Norbury during the sixties and early seventies when his footballing days had ended.

Peter joined Royal Exchange Assurance on leaving school but moved to IBM in 1967 and spent the rest of his career with them in London, Basingstoke and the Midlands. He took early retirement in 1991 following open-heart surgery and devoted his time to completely re-designing his substantial garden.