JOHN T CAFF (1947-54)

John Tregoning Caff died at his home in Cornwall on 13 December 2019 aged 82.

He was a pupil at the Manchester Grammar School from 1947 to 1954, the School where his father was Head of Science. From there he went on to study at Wadham College, Oxford (54-57) Harvard (57-58) and Nuffield College, Oxford (58-60) receiving a 1st Class Hons MA and a BPhil Economics.

John had a varied career starting in the Diplomatic Service (60-73) with Foreign Office postings to Buenos Aires and Washington D.C. He then transferred to HM Treasury (73-81) from where he was seconded to Leeds Castle Foundation, Kent (81-82), securing the future of the castle for future generations. He then became the Economic Director of the CBI (83-88) before moving to his home county of Cornwall, where he was the Managing Director of the Devon and Cornwall Development Company (88-92). From 1992 until 1996 John worked for the Prince's Youth Business Trust, following which he was engaged with Prime, The Prince's Trust for the over 50s until 2002.

After his official retirement he devoted much of his time volunteering for various Cornish charities and organisations, giving freely of his considerable expertise. He especially enjoyed chairing meetings and finding ways round obstacles. His belief in giving back to his community combined nicely with his attachment to MGS, when he served as a governor from 1977-1985. In 1962 John married Patricia Doyle: they were blessed with three daughters and five grandchildren. His interests included music, walking, gardening and languages. John was highly intelligent and a man of humour, who combined culture and compassion in equal measure.

Suzanna Farnham (daughter).