



Peter Lloyd

Member of Staff
1953 to 1988,
Housemaster of
Highfield 1962
to 1977

I knew a bit about Uppingham before I came in 1953. The OUs I had come

across in my years of National Service and Cambridge were particularly pleasant and affable. The School's reputation was significant – music, of course (in one year there were five members of the National Youth Orchestra) and academically, Science was strong, producing a number of State and Oxbridge scholars; Maths with Ted Kendall and David Dunbar, Physics with Garth Wheatley and Bob Noakes, Chemistry with Cory Cavell and Bill Pickering. French was not up to these standards, perhaps because Fred Shuffrey (for all his scholarship) never taught on Saturdays because he hunted then!

I soon found myself at home. The Common Room seemed to welcome our intake of young chalkies and were tolerant of misdemeanours. Socially we got on pretty well. The School was successful in sports and I fitted into that pattern.

I was encouraged to join the CCF (compulsory for boys), in the RAF section, with Ian Pringle (a wartime P.O.W. – although not his fault, but his navigator's!). To be of any value to Ian, I learnt to glide, so that I could instruct on the primitive A-Frame glider we had; this was propelled by two teams pulling bungee ropes. The whole contingent ended Friday evenings with the *March Past* on Stockerston Road, led by the band under the musical genius of Tony Baines.

Shooting was a big thing, and with **Simon Pattinson (WB 52)** in the 8, the Ashburton was won in 1957 and huge celebrations followed, with the town invited to join in on the Upper. School and Town got on well, much encouraged by Martin and Kay Lloyd.

There was plenty of work to be done. I was House Tutor in Lorne House, and then residentially in School House, and was probably of more value socially than pastorally. The classroom made its demands, of course, but life was rewarding and I loved it.

We are pleased to report that Peter Lloyd is well. He still lives in Uppingham and socialises with many other members of the Common Room living locally.

