

OBITUARIES

Summer 2007



Sir Arthur Marshall 1903–2007



Born the eldest of eight children, educated at the Perse and then Tonbridge School, Sir Arthur learned to fly in 1928, creating an airstrip at his family's home in Cambridge. A year later he turned his airstrip into a fully fledged airfield, buying the land six years later with his father David and creating Marshall Aerospace. He was also a talented sportsman, earning a place in the 1928 British Olympic team. He was knighted in 1974 having been awarded an OBE some years previously.

His significance to modern-day Cambridge is recalled in memories of him being a "titan of the Cambridge scene". His life in aviation saw such developments as wartime flight, the birth of Concorde and US space shuttle launches. His company was invited to design the 'droop snoot' and retracting visor for

the new Concorde planes in 1960, a moment of which Sir Arthur always remained justifiably proud. He was a dedicated individual who, right up until his retirement in 1989, worked a long 65 hour week.

At the end of a 90th birthday lunch for Sir Arthur in 1993, one of his closest friends, Sir Peter Masefield, who also had a distinguished career in aviation, reflected on the 58 years they had known each other by saying that "of all the great figures in the aeronautical scene in that time, none has done more for the country, nor earned more genuine regard and friendship, in such a dedicated and determined, but modest way – even if that personal modesty has been laced, on occasion, with a wholly justified and professionally autocratic approach. I think that the mixture has been just right.". It was a testimony which was well recognised by the galaxy of friends who had assembled to pay tribute to one who had



done so much for British aviation. Following his retirement he was persuaded to find the time to set down the full and fascinating account of his lifetime's achievements. At the age of 90, he completed his autobiography "The Marshall Story – a Century of Wheels and Wings" in which he modestly recalls his Company's unique and outstanding contribution to over 80 years of progress and change in the British aviation and automotive scene."

In 2001, Cambridge University honoured his achievements by opening the Sir Arthur Marshall Institute of Aeronautics as part of the university's engineering department.

His wife, Rosemary Dimsdale, died in 1988 and he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Air Vice-Marshal R Brian Morison DFC AFC RAF 1920–2007

Brian was the youngest of four brothers all at the Perse School between 1928 and 1936, collectively known to their peers as the Moss Bros. Brian joined the Prep in 1926 when the family moved to Queen Edith's Way.

In 1936 he obtained a prize cadetship at the RAF College in Cranwell where he showed a special aptitude as a pilot, later being posted as a flying instructor when the outbreak of war was announced. He later specialised in night fighting and the use of airborne radar interception equipment.

In the summer of 1943, Brian piloted a Beaufighter in the night defence of the recently captured Italian port of Tripoli. After a successful campaign, Brian was posted to the night defences of Ceylon against Japanese air attacks. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by Lord Mountbatten in recognition of his efforts there.

Brian held many significant posts after the war including the command of No.1 (fighter) Squadron and Air Attache to Norway, where he then took up residence in 1957 with his wife and daughter. Upon his return he enjoyed an early retirement from the RAF and took up an appointment with an advertising agency.

He is survived by his daughter and two sons. His wife, Marion, died last year.

**Richard Jeremy Silberston
1950–2006**



A few words about Jeremy who was a friend for 51 years: Jeremy Silberston (aka Junior) who left the Perse in 1968, died of cancer in 2006 after 7 months of illness borne with great fortitude and good humour. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

After he left the Perse he studied in London, where we shared flats

together, and later went to France; a country whose food, fashion and people had always fascinated him. He quickly learnt French, which he never forgot, and became very interested in the Film industry. It was here that he started to work in showbiz with Disney on Parade. On returning to England he obtained his Equity card and started to work in TV production. He underwent formal training with the BBC and for the past 15 years or so has been involved in Freelance Directing. His work included many fine and critically acclaimed productions and included Smiley's People, Midsomer Murders and most recently Foyle's War.

Jeremy found great happiness in his forties when he married Catherine. They had two sons; They and Catherine survive him. I think Jeremy was at his most content and relaxed when at home making a meal for them all.

Owen Maddock (1965)

James W Dagleish 1931–2006

James (Jim) was the eldest of three children who spent some of his boyhood in the US during World War 2 whilst his father worked on allied projects. After his time at the Perse School and having taken part in National Service, Jim took up a place to read engineering at Clare College, Cambridge. He followed careers in various posts including fifteen years as Chief Officer of the North Eastern Electricity Board. He retired early due to ill health and the family moved to Penzance for the milder weather. Jim took an active role in the community, treasurer to Morrab library and churchwarden to St. Mary's Church to name but few. Jim loved the countryside and was also a devoted family man, always encouraging his sons to try new endeavours. His passing was peaceful and

he leaves a void which will be sorely missed.

Many thanks to Jim's wife Patricia for use of this passage.

**The Rev'd Canon
Dr T M Gouldstone 1946–2006**



Tim was born in Cambridge and attended the Perse as a day boy. After spending some time working in the MRC labs, he went to Exeter University where he obtained a BSc. Hons in Geology. Tim worked as a geologist for some years for a clay company in South Devon. Whilst there he achieved a MSc. (an unusual feat to be an external student in those days).

He became a Lay Reader in the Anglican Church in Teignmouth and Exeter and in 1976 went to Trinity College, Bristol, to train for ordination.

Whilst there he met and married Jane in 1977, moving a year later to a curacy in Ware, Hertfordshire, and later his first living as Vicar, in Warwickshire for 5 years. They had by this time two children – Rebecca and David.

In 1985 the family moved to St Keverne on the Lizard Peninsula, Cornwall, where they enjoyed rural ministry for 10 years.

During that time Tim studied and obtained a London BD. Moving to Tresillian, near Truro he assumed responsibility for the training in the Diocese of Truro, alongside caring for several small parishes.

He again was keen to study and started undertaking a PhD in early Victorian Church History, and later he was able to persuade Macmillan to publish a more readable version of his thesis.

In 2002 Tim relocated to Norwich and assumed the dual role – Director of Norwich Cathedral Institute and Chaplain of the University of East Anglia for 3 years.

He had always retained his interest in science and was a keen astronomer. He was also a founding member of the Society of Ordained Scientists. He completed the London Marathon to raise money for Parkinson's disease in 2001.

In 2005 he moved to take up rural parochial ministry again in North Somerset and enjoyed using his widely varied experience to minister 5 churches.

Sadly on 3rd November 2006 he collapsed while jogging and died 10 days later. The packed church for his Thanksgiving Service was testimony to the warm regard in which he was held by so many people.

He will always be remembered for his genuine friendliness and great interest in so many spheres of life – from philosophy to steam railways! He is greatly missed by Jane, Rebecca and David as a loving, caring husband and father.

Leslie M Wyatt MA Cantab FI M 1913–2005

Mr Leslie Mark Wyatt was born in Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire on 6 July 1913 and died peacefully at his home in Virginia Water, Surrey on 22 July 2005.

He was the only son of a Cambridgeshire farmer and was educated at the Perse School in Cambridge and at Emmanuel College, Cambridge where he took a degree in chemistry.

He was employed by Rolls-Royce Ltd., Derby between 1937 and 1944, where he contributed to the war effort through his expertise on the use of metals in aircraft engines.

During this period he met and married Madge Spencer who was a mathematics teacher and who was, like Leslie Wyatt, a keen tennis player.

In 1944 the Wyatts moved to north London where Leslie was employed by Specialoid Pistons Ltd. He was appointed to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) at their Harwell research centre from 1947 to 1956 as Head of the Fuel Element and Irradiation Section. In 1956 he became Technical Manager, Central Technical Services Research and Development Branch at the Industrial Group Headquarters of the UKAEA in Risley, Lancashire. During his period at the UKAEA he was responsible with R.A.U. Huddle for the early development of the fuel for magnox reactors, commencing with the UK's first nuclear power station at Calder Hall. He was also responsible for the early development of the fuel for the Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor and the Dounreay Fast Reactor.

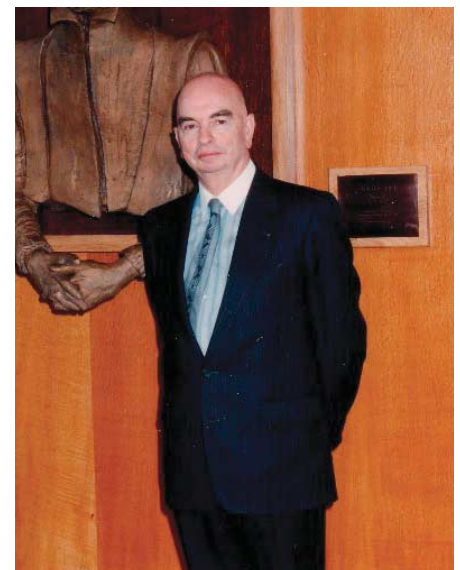
Leslie Wyatt joined the Central Electricity Generating Board headquarters in London in 1960 where he was the Chief Metallurgist until his retirement in 1976. In 1976 he published a significant reference book entitled "Materials of Construction for Steam Power Plant". He made important contributions to the Mechanical Engineer's Reference Book.

During the course of his career he wrote numerous articles, papers and reports for scientific reviews. He travelled widely throughout the world and especially to France, Switzerland, the United States, Australia, India and Canada to extend and share his exceptional knowledge of his field. He made many presentations at scientific and professional conferences and events including the UN Conference on Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva in 1959. He became a leading authority in his field and was highly considered for his extraordinary ability by all who worked with him.

Leslie Wyatt loved life, travel and sports and was devoted to his work and his family.

He is survived by his only son, born in 1949, and two grandchildren.

Alexander R Cook JP FRICS 1932–2007



Alex was born in Cambridge and, other than his period of national service, remained a Cambridge man throughout his life. He was widely involved in the business and community life of Cambridge, giving generously and unstintingly of his time and expertise.

Educated at the Perse School Cambridge and the College of

Estate Management, he served his period of national service with the Royal Artillery.

His professional career was as a chartered surveyor and he was senior partner of the Cambridge practice of Gray Cook & Partners until that practice was sold to the Nationwide in the late 1980's.

He was later involved in property development and returned to private practice in 1992 as a part time consultant with Redmayne Arnold & Harris.

Alex was the Honourary Secretary of the East Anglian branch of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors from 1969 to 1974 and was Chairman of that branch in 1976 and Branch Representative on the General Council from 1978 to 1980.

Alex was a Magistrate from 1969 until compulsory retirement at 70 on the Cambridge Bench, an extensive and time consuming commitment. He sat on various Bench Committees and panels over the years and was Bench Chairman for the standard term commencing 1988. He chaired the Cambridge Advisory panel from 1981 to 1990. He also chaired the MCC Policy and Resources Committee and the Cambs Magistrates Courts Committee.



His other main local contribution was to the Perse School. His lifetime association with the school included 25 years as a governor and 20 as Chairman. His period as a governor coincided with profound changes to Cambridge as a City and to the Perse as a school. His time, commitment and expertise devoted to the role of Chairman were carried out around a host of professional and other commitments in Cambridge, including voluntary work for the Cambridge Housing Society, Granta Swimming Club, Cambridgeshire Amateur Swimming Association, Cambridge Granta Round Table, Cambridge Talking News for the Blind, Cambridge YMCA, Cambridge Youth Action, Cambridge Rotary Club (being President in 1979/80 and appointed a Paul Harris Fellow in 1977). He was appointed as Trustee in 1976 of the Hobson's Conduit Trust (Cambridge's oldest water supplier) and acted for a period as Chairman and latterly Vice-Chairman.

He is survived by his wife Bridget (an internationally known author, lecturer and designer in the craft of bobbin lace making) and his three sons Nicholas, Steven and Richard and four grandchildren.

As a writer from an earlier age one stated: "A good cook is the peculiar gift of the Gods". He may not have had Alex in mind when he wrote it but his words are apposite. Alex was a gift to his family and to Cambridge and will be much missed.

David Leonard Hall 1932–2007

Born on November 2nd 1932, David was the grandson of "coo-ee" Phillips, the well known Cambridge University boatman. Although he did not row himself, David had a lifelong love of sport, especially cricket, athletics and rugby – all of which formed part of his life at the Perse School.

On leaving the Perse in 1948, David began work with Cambridge City Council. He moved to the Treasurer's department of Somerset County Council in 1959. Here he became part of the first computer team in the 1960s and later became county auditor, then insurance manager until his retirement in 1990.

David was a member of Staplegrove Church, where he married Elizabeth in 1963, and from that time worked relentlessly as sidesman, PCC member, church treasurer, churchwarden, founder member of the Men's Society and founder member of the Evergreen Group.

In 1982 David and Elizabeth moved into a large Victorian Vicarage, which they ran as a care home for elderly relatives for the next twenty years. On summer days, whenever possible, he would be watching cricket at the Somerset County ground in Taunton.

David suffered a heart attack on Christmas Day 1999, just three days after Elizabeth's mother's funeral. Even so, in spite of increasing health problems, he organised many holidays for family and friends over the next seven years until his sudden death on February 24 2007.

David leaves his widow Elizabeth, son Tim, daughter Kate and two grandsons.

Deaths

Cedric Rajasooria
(date unknown)

Edward Shamash (2006)

Charles Shamash (2006)

R W G Thompson (2006)

Peter F Drake (2006)

Walter D Silver (2007)