

## David Lovibond

We were sorry to learn (in June 2014) that David died in March in 2013. He had suffered progressive supra-nuclear palsy for several years and the last 18 months of his life were spent in a nursing home where he received much loving care and attention.

His wife, Eunice, had cared for him for a few years but, after several calls for an ambulance and treatment in Gloucester Royal hospital, it was considered unsafe for him to remain at home. He was unable to communicate verbally but understood all that was said to him, refusing any special methods of treatment. David was cremated and his ashes scattered in the beautiful bluebell woods at his last request.

The following is from an e-mail which Eunice kindly sent in:

*I think David must have retired in 1986 or '87, several years before I retired from hospital pharmacy in 1992. I was able to come to the school for weekends and special occasions when I wasn't on call. So I have many pleasant remembrances of Witley.*

*We had lived here in the Forest of Dean for 50 years and his loss has caused me such sadness. However I have one son living close by and Richard has been such a rock for me. Our daughter, Kathryn, lives with her two daughters in Australia but was here for the funeral and remained with me for a month. Our eldest son Mark is captain of one of those huge container ships but his company flew him home for the funeral so I had my family and friends with me. David and I often spoke of the years spent at King Edwards.*

*I had some nice letters from ex-pupils in this area where he taught in the two local schools for 8 or 9 years until they all became what David called 'apprehensive'!!*

*Just before he started at King Edwards he suffered detached retinas in both eyes. One was saved and we were always grateful that his post was held for a time until he recovered from the surgery.*

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