

Richard Roberts (Headmaster 1980-1985)

It is with great sadness that we announce that Richard Roberts, Head of King Edward's from 1980 to 1985, died after a brief illness on 15th February 2021, aged 89 years. Mr. Richard Roberts came to King Edward's in September 1980 from Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire where he had been Head since 1967.

Richard was an Honorary Scholar of Jesus College, Cambridge, from which he graduated with a first class degree in Modern and Mediaeval Languages. As a member of a famous rowing College, he rowed in the Head of the River crew and in the semi-final of the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley.

Following his retirement in 1985, he and Wendy, his wife, enjoyed a long retirement in Suffolk with local activities, some part-time supply teaching in earlier years, a lot of sailing and some writing. Wendy became a very proficient bookbinder and restorer when she and Richard were in Surrey in the 1980s and Wendy continues with this when not gardening and running the household. In Easter 2020, Richard published a book on sailing. By his own admission, this was not the easiest time to launch a book but he was keen "that a few OWs of the 1967-85 vintage might want to read it either because they have an interest in sailing or remember a boat parked outside the HM's house... and wondered what he got up to then and since."

Richard is survived by his wife Wendy, his three sons, Jamie, Ralph and Don, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

