

IN MEMORIAM

TERRY ANTHONY BOYINGTON (STAFF 1964-1983)

Terry Boyington, who has died aged 77, was unsurprisingly known as 'Tab' at Reading School where he served on the teaching staff from 1964-83, having joined to teach French and Russian.

He was born in Nottingham and went from School to Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.

His teaching was carried out with the gusto and enthusiasm that was the hallmark of all the activities he undertook: travel was a passion and he soon became responsible for school ski trips and a wide variety of day trips which became known as *Tabby Tours*.



Coaching ball games was not for him but he joined A E (Tony) Harrison (Art Master 1958-69) in forming the School Sailing Club and building a Leader dinghy 384. With this and a couple of other boats, operations commenced in a gravel pit at Theale and eventually at Burghfield. Transport was provided by a converted old School Meals Service van.

The boat shed itself was at Bounders Hall and in 1976 it and most of the boats were destroyed by fire. Aided by insurance money, the School Bursar and the Parents Association, a phoenix rose from the ashes in the shape of a fleet of six Express class dinghies which enabled the School to become one of the strongest sailing clubs in the district.

Terry became an expert in stage lighting, House Master of County House and gave much time to the pastoral elements of his profession.

He left Reading School to become Head of Modern Languages at the 1,500 pupil Maiden Erleigh School. Again, he ran the sailing club and organised foreign trips, with his huge enthusiasm for skiing never waning.

At age 60 he retired but remained in education as an examiner for Cambridge Assessment and an invigilator and graduation marshal for the Open University and the University of Reading.

Terry also gave his time to the Reading Association for the Blind, the Museum of English Rural Life and the National Trust.

The large congregation at the funeral at St Paul's Church, Wokingham, on 22 June 2017 were asked to wear something blue, white or red in recognition of Terry's lifelong love of France. The reception afterwards was in the pleasant setting of the Museum of English Rural Life and amongst former staff members present were J M (Mike) Evans, E S (Ned) Holt, A J (Andrew) MacTavish, G A (George) Pfeiffer, A P (Philip) Rothbart and a number of former pupils.

Terry is survived by his wife, Maureen, their three children (Andy, Claire and Caroline) and seven granddaughters (Lilly, Eve, Abigail & Natalie (twins), Sophia, Alice and Jasmin). KCB

T A Boyington, born 28 March 1940, died 13 July 2017, aged 77.