Angus Heron (Sh '46)

My cousin Angus Heron died in early April 2013. He was one of a fast diminishing band who were at Bryanston during the Second World War and had very happy memories of his schooldays. He was in Shaftesbury House under Eric Bramall and was tutored by Joyce Wilson. He was a keen oarsman. But perhaps the most influential figure in his school life was the Chaplain, Jack Winslow.

Angus was born to a medical family in Bristol; both his parents were doctors. His mother worked for many years in Bristol's pioneering Child Guidance Clinic: Thorold Coade once said that children born to people with a professional career in childhood development often suffered because of it. This was not the case with Angus, whose life was a model of balanced wisdom, friendship and kindness.

After National Service in the Army, he went on to study law at Bristol University and, after Articles, practiced as a solicitor in Bristol for nearly 40 years, much of it running his own firm. He was widely respected in his profession for his care, kindness and attention to detail.

All this would be fine only up to a point if it were not for two things: his long and extremely happy 56 year marriage to Catharine with their two children Alexander and Veronica; and his deep religious faith. The influence of Jack Winslow lasted long. Angus was a lay reader for over 25 years in his parish church and involved in many ways with the local community. They lived for 55 years in Abbots Leigh just outside Bristol before moving to a retirement village just under two years ago.

Both Angus and Catharine were lovers of the British countryside. Their holidays were spent in their camper van roaming far and wide, recorded in Catherine's charming sketchbooks. One of their last trips was to the reunion of the Coade Years at Bryanston in 2009. He had a continued affection for his old school and passed on to me some beautifully kept memorabilia: his blazer, tie, scarf and cuff-links.

Richard Joscelyne (Sh '52)