

My husband DAVID PHILIP MAYNE died in Melbourne on 21st January 2023, aged 95.

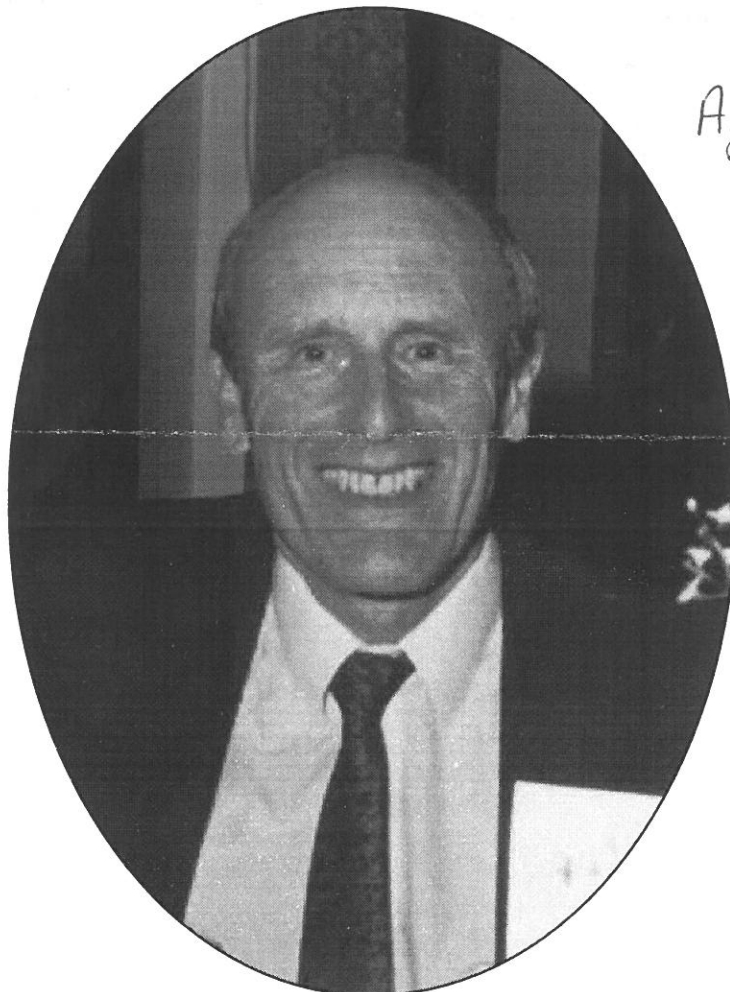
Under Headmaster Bruce Lockart (?) David was in School House at Sedbergh from January 1941 to January 1945, when he enlisted in the British Army (Kings Royal Rifle Corps) shortly before turning 18. Those four wartime years at Sedbergh were tough, with shortages of food, petrol and coal for heating. The best teachers were away in the Armed Forces, and retired teachers were brought in to plug the gaps.

David was the school swimming champion, and the Master in charge of swimming was a German Jewish refugee who couldn't swim! David trained the boys with lap swimming, with the Master making an occasional contribution saying, "Boys, ve vill have a race." With the difficulties of wartime travel, the boarders only saw their families during holidays.

After three years in the Army, two of them spent in Italy in the British Army of Occupation, David went up to Cambridge to do a compacted 2 year ex-Serviceman's degree (Bachelor of Arts) before joining the ICI Dyestuffs Division in Manchester in the Overseas Division. He served in four Asian countries for 12 years, then back to Manchester for 5 years, then migrated to Australia where he spent the rest of his life working in the textile and chemical industries until retiring at age 72.

Sedbergh nowadays seems to offer a pleasant co-ed boarding experience. Features of David's time he used to recall were cold baths, sleeping with the windows open even if it were snowing, running up and down the fells, and long cross country runs nearly every day – but the resulting fitness stayed with him for life.

Diana Mayne



Aged 65