

**Peter Moore (joined 1936)**

Peter passed away on 4th August 2011. The following (slightly edited) tribute was sent by Stewart McIntyre:

Peter Moore was well liked by everyone at school in Brockenhurst. He was always friendly to boys like me who were 2 or 3 years younger. We all had a very great respect for him. He was my House captain. A few words from him at a House match at half-time galvanised me into becoming a much better footballer. He was a good footballer himself and a member of a great First XI half back line - Moore, Moffat and Patterson, the best trio who played together in my 7 years at the school. He once said something at a House Meeting that caused me to get caned by the Headmaster and win an event on Sports Day - the only event I ever won. It's a long story but one that shows what an influence he had on me. On Sports Days, he ran in the mile race for Brown House. He wasn't built for it like Cobden of Green House but sheer guts ensured Cobden had a mighty struggle on his hands. When Peter left the school, our headmaster, GBH Jones, paid tribute to him. He said that when some bombs were dropped around Brockenhurst one night, he got dressed and went to our old wooden school in Highgrove Road, to see if it was all right. He found Peter Moore was already there and together they did a stint on fire-watch.

It was a great pleasure to see him at Brockenhurst reunions and Old Secundrians annual dinners. I was often asked by my contemporaries if he was present. For example, Bill Robbins, in Canada, could not make the dinner this year but he asked if Peter Moore was there. And Bill wasn't even in my House at school - and hence a deadly enemy !

I believe Peter did good work visiting hospitals in later life. On one such occasion, he came across Mr Hitchins in a hospital bed. He notified me and I went to see him and got some of my contemporaries to visit him too. I think old 'Scratch' was pleased that he had not been forgotten.

RIP, Peter, you will be sadly missed.

Stewart McIntyre, August 2011