



KEEPING CONNECTED

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**TRURO
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TRURO SCHOOL VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY 2020

INVITATION

The Headmaster and Governors are pleased to invite you to join them for Virtual Speech Day.

Guest speaker: Ros Atkins (CO93)

BBC Presenter, Outside Source, BBC World News & BBC World Service

**Speech Day
2020**

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FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2020

10.30 AM

VIRTUAL SPEECH DAY 2020

ORDER OF SERVICE

Truro School Chamber Choir

There is no Rose: Philip Stopford Conductor - Christopher Gray Editing - Palmerama Studios

Welcome: Headmaster, **Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown**

Opening Prayers: The Chaplain, **Rev Aubin de Gruchy**

Chair of Governors: **Mr Kim Conchie**

Headmaster: **Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown**

Poems: **Lily Wells, Finlay Harris**

Prizegiving: Academic Prizes announced by **Heads of Year**

Poem: **Celica Gill**

Drama: **Diggory Gill, Chloe Lansdowne, Kit Gordon-Brown, Monty Rix, Cat Boote & Lowenna Wearne, Harrison Fraser, Finley Morel**

Prizegiving: School Prizes: Announced by Deputy Head Academic,
Dr Shaun Pope

Lockdown Prizes and winner of Opie Shield: Announced by Headmaster,
Mr Andrew Gordon-Brown

Address: Former pupil **Ros Atkins** CO93
Presenter, Outside Source, BBC World News & BBC World Service

Head Boy: **Alex Martin**

Head Girl: **Georgia Stone**

Tomorrow from Annie (music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Martin Charnin)
Performed by **Susannah Melville** and **Elsie MacDonald**
Accompanied by **Peter Thomson**

Address by Deputy Head Academic, **Dr Shaun Pope**
and
Deputy Head Pastoral, **Mrs Emma Ellison**

Final Benediction: The Chaplain, **Rev Aubin de Gruchy**

You Raise Me Up
**Katherine Gregory, Harry Flint, Katherine Gregory, Lowenna Wearne,
James Lansdowne, Helena Paish**

Ros ATKINS CO93

Ros has hosted coverage of many major stories around the world for BBC News, including the death of Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama's first election victory and inauguration, the football World Cups in Germany and South Africa, the Charles Taylor verdict, the London Olympic Games and Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

He has also reported from an array of locations including an informal settlement in Soweto, a hospice in London, a prison in Indianapolis, a bookshop in Tel Aviv, a Nazi exhibition in Berlin, a maternity ward in Lagos and a classroom in Tanzania.

Ros has also made a number of documentaries for the BBC. Most recently, *All That Stands in the Way* which looked at gender inequality through the lives of four teenage girls in Iceland, UK, Lesotho and Jordan.

He made a BBC radio documentary called *Sharing It All* which examined why people are so willing to share very personal experiences online and television. Another documentary, *Living With Tourists*, explored the impact of the tourism industry on the three places where he grew up.

Prior to *Outside Source*, Ros hosted *World Have Your Say* on BBC TV and radio for many years.

Ros grew up in Cornwall but also lived in the Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago. He attended Truro School from 1986 – 1993.

After university he moved to Johannesburg where he worked as a researcher, journalist and DJ. Having lived in Africa and the Caribbean, he has maintained a keen interest in both and has been deployed by the BBC to cover Trinidad carnival, post-election violence in Kenya, and the Africa Cup of Nations in Ghana.

On returning to London from South Africa, Ros edited *Time Out* magazine's website, before joining the BBC as a news producer.

While presenter of *World Have Your Say*, the programme won a Sony Gold Award and a Sony Bronze Award (the most coveted awards for the UK radio industry). Ros was also one of the main presenters for the BBC's coverage of Nelson Mandela's death that won a Radio Academy (formerly Sony) Gold Award in 2014.

Ros lives in south-east London with his wife and two daughters.



WORLD AIMS DAY

Thursday 2nd July is World Action in Methodist Schools (AIMS) day. This year's theme: 'Breathe', exploring the themes of race, privilege and discrimination and reflecting on what it means to be able to 'breathe'. It also explores how, as a community, we can be anti-racist and anti-discriminatory.

The World AIMS programme was started, by two Old Truronians, Rev Dr Richard **Jones** CO44 and Graham **Russell** CO67, about 18 years ago to get schools to look beyond themselves, to the needs of the local and wider community. We continue to aim to recognise the various challenges facing our community and the wider world, and also to celebrate all that is good.

To find out more, watch the introduction video with Revd. Aubin de Gruchy and Upper Sixth leaver Maisy Vincent.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

CAT AND LOWENNA CO20 - OUR NEWEST 'OLD TRURONIANS'

Huge congratulations to Upper Sixth students Cat and Lowenna, who are celebrating after both earning places at Guildford School of Acting. We look forward to following your careers in the theatre!

Read their reactions to the news here

[CLICK HERE](#)

You can also catch Lowenna and Cat performing a section of Blood Wedding, their A-Level performance piece, in this year's virtual speech day.



MAISY VINCENT CO20

WORLD AIMS AMBASSADOR & FOUNDATION AWARD RECIPIENT



Maisy is a Sixth Form leaver who has just, as she mentions later in the article, *'rather abruptly due to lockdown'* completed her A-Level studies. Maisy joined the School in 2012 with a means tested bursary funded by Truro School Foundation. As she moves from pupil to Old Truronian - class of 2020 - Maisy told us:

"I have been at Truro School from First Year and I've tried to get involved with everything that's been offered to me – music, sport, drama – the list goes on! Last year I used my Wednesday Afternoon Activities to volunteer at the Royal Cornwall Hospital, Treliske as a dementia support volunteer. This was an amazing experience and the school greatly supported me in the role."

Maisy was awarded the Helpforce Champion's Young Volunteer of the Year Award 2019, for her work at the hospital.

"It was a real honour to receive the award. At school we are always encouraged to support charity work being done in the community and it feels good be able to give something back."

My volunteering work has taught me patience, and I've learnt how to actively listen to people. I've also met such a wide range of people from different backgrounds."

Talking about Maisy, the Helpforce Charity said: *"Maisy is one of the most outstanding volunteers and she has helped mentor new volunteers, and featured in 'Charity Today' as part of the Helpforce workshop team of young volunteers."*

Maisy has certainly put her passions and skills to good use by joining Revd. De Gruchy in the World AIMS 'Breathe' campaign – she is a wonderful Ambassador.

"World AIMS has always been a programme that I have valued at Truro School and I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with the co-ordinators over the past year. Our theme for our World AIMS day this year is 'Reimage the World - Let me Breathe' and it explores the issues of race, privilege and discrimination in the UK and around the world. I felt it was really important for all the pupils to engage with this topic, especially with the current climate of widespread protests and change. Having finished my A Level work rather abruptly due to lockdown, I've had the opportunity to pull together a whole range of resources that let the pupils explore ideas, problems and history around race that let them create a personal response and evaluate their own privileges and opinions. It was important that I was able to use my own privilege to amplify BAME (Black, Asian and minority ethnic) voices and catalyse discussion within the school."

What does the future hold for Maisy now she is one of our newest 'Old Truronians'?

"My work at Treliske and the work we do at Truro School for World AIMS has inspired me. These experiences have all confirmed for me that I want to work in a field where I can help people so next year I will be working with Shrewsbury International School Bangkok Riverside in their drama department and on their outreach programme with their partner charities. I will then hopefully be going to the University of Manchester in September 2021 to read International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response."

We wish Maisy every success with her plans - I'm sure we will be featuring her in future Old Truronian news!

ANOTHER "WHERE ARE THEY NOW?"

1962 RUGBY TOUR - HANOVER, GERMANY

EASTER MONDAY 23RD APRIL 1962



BACK ROW - FROM LEFT:

Ken **James** (master) - Simon **Julian** CO61 - Victor **Julyan** CO61 - David **Crabb** CO62 -
Kenneth (Kenny) **Roberts** CO62 - David **Ellis** CO62
Charles **Collins** CO62 - Roger **Ede** CO62 - Christopher **Johns** CO62
Andrew **Julian** CO64

FRONT ROW - FROM LEFT:

Robert **Downey** CO62 - Frederick (Fred) **Buckley** - Richard (Dickie) **Blackburn** CO61
Roderick **Elliott** CO61 - Michael **Balman** CO61 - Andrew (Andy) **Cameron** CO64

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



The series “Where Are They Now?” seems to have struck a chord with many of you, so this week we have another lovely photo, kindly sent in by Roger **Ede** CO62.

“Like a lot of us who are self-isolating, I too have been sorting out photographs. The photograph featured is of the school rugby team that went to Hanover, Germany at Easter, 1962. It was taken on Easter Monday, 23rd April according to my pencilled note on the back. Looking at the photo made me wonder where they all are now and how they have spent the last 50+ years?”

Roger left Truro School in November 1962 and played in the ‘Old Boys’ rugby team in 1963 having been contacted by Dave **Ellis** CO62.

Roger retired from NatWest Bank in 1995 having stayed with the company throughout his working life, ending as Operations Manager at the South West Regional office in Exeter.

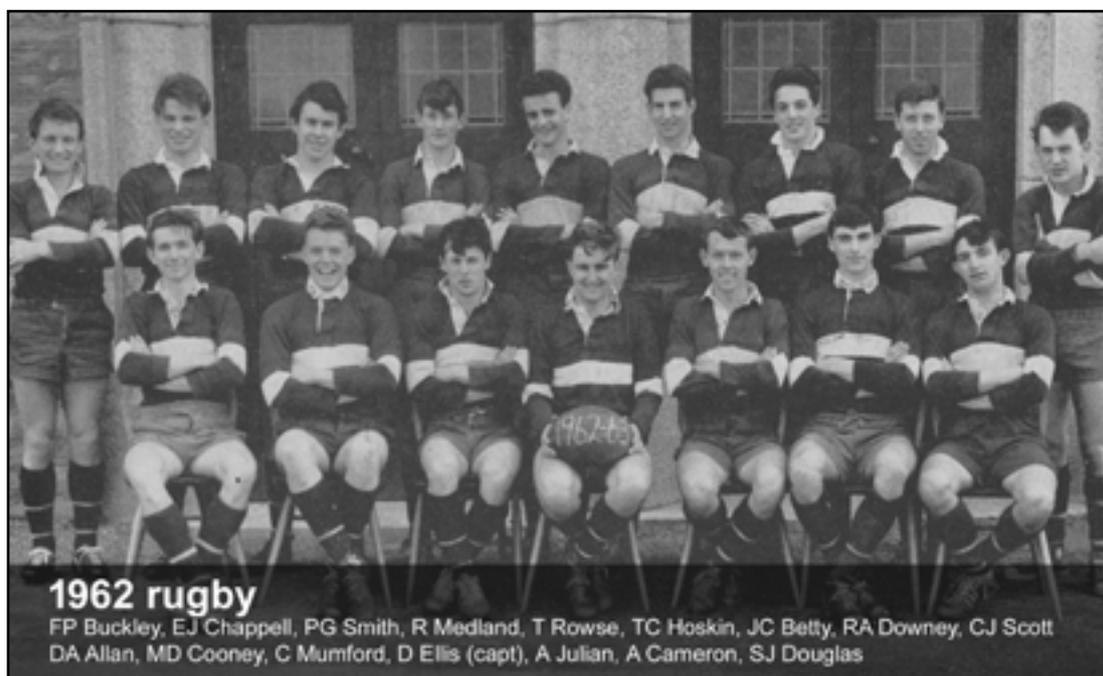
Roger lives in South Devon and continues to work with local charities in the area and returned to Truro School for one of the reunion dinners some years ago.

*“I attended a School Reunion Dinner several years back, with Guy (William) **Speake** CO62, George (Stephen) **Pester** CO63, Tich (Stephen) **Douglas** CO63 and Michael **Cooney** CO62.”*

Roger recognised Tim **Tregidgo** from the article about Tim and Pip in Keeping Connected Number 10 and hopefully by now they are back in touch. Since we started Keeping Connected at the beginning of lockdown we have managed to reunite many old friends – just another example of the many ‘silver linings’ we have managed to find in these strange times.

If you have an old friend you would like to try to find, fill in our [FIND A FRIEND](#) form on the Alumni section of the website.

Some of you might also recognise those pictured in the 1962-63 Rugby 1st XV below:



SOPHIE FERGUSSON (CO2016)

TALKS ABOUT HER FIRST TEACHING JOB DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW BEACHES IN SOUTHSEA DON'T QUITE COMPARE TO CORNWALL.



Throughout my 3 years at university studying Primary Teaching with a specialism in Citizenship it was almost drilled into us that as a teacher you must be ready for the unexpected and that on any given day you could face a number of curveballs. Somehow, though, I think a pandemic really wasn't quite what they meant.

I am in my first year teaching since qualifying. I teach Year 3 in a primary school in a deprived area of Portsmouth where we simply call the coronavirus the super bug. It is a completely different environment to where I grew up in sunny Cornwall. I have found it challenging not being able to visit my friends and family in the holidays like I would usually. Southsea beach is lovely but it isn't a proper sandy beach and I can't wait for the day I finally get that BBQ on a Cornish beach with my friends and family. Zoom quizzes just aren't quite the same!

I haven't taught a single Year 3 pupil since we started our new routine. I didn't get the chance, and neither will I, to prepare them for Year 4. I don't even have a full class photo of me with my first ever class where we are not in fancy dress. I miss my class. I miss their loud giggles, their pantomime theatrics, the arguments that even if mum says so, a Twix isn't one of your five a day. I even miss telling the children to stop having competitions about who has the most black teeth! I teach in an area where, when I tell people, they will shudder and say 'good luck', where the children won't have had breakfast, where they have seen things that no seven year old should see, where everyone knows what the local drug dealer looks like and where I know where not to park if you don't want anything stolen. During the first half term of this pandemic, I have taught the children of key workers in Year 4, 5 and 6 instead of my year 3's. Then I was given three days' notice, in the final half-term, that I would be teaching a bubble of 15 Year 1 children. Unexpected curveballs have been the understatement of my short teaching career so far!



SOHPIE FERGUSSON (CONTINUED)

So, I thought I would write a brief outline of what a day teaching in a pandemic is like. My average day consists of getting to school for 7:20, setting up the classroom and cleaning the surfaces. My teaching day starts at 8:30 when the children arrive.

At my breaktime, where I would usually make sure everything is ready for my next lesson, I juggle break duty outside with phoning parents of my Year 3 class to make sure that they are coping with their online home learning. They are doing an awesome job in the circumstances. However, most end the call with something along the lines of "To be honest I don't know how you do it. I can't understand any of it myself and why do they even need to know fractions?" Teaching the parents how to teach my pupils over the phone is a challenge I didn't foresee in September.

I then run outside with some spare oranges I have bought from the shop for any children who don't have a snack, returning to email any parents back who have sent me their children's work. At lunch, the break is 45 minutes long but due to lack of staff it is now down to myself and my Learning Support Assistant to be lunchtime supervisors as well. After lunch, we do art, music, geography or treasure hunts outside which is brilliant. Then between 3-3:40 the children slowly filter out, exhausted but excited for another day. For them, the day is over but for me I stay and clean every bit of equipment touched (or even looked at it seems!) by a child with disinfectant and wipe down the tables, chairs and surfaces before prepping for the next day. This routine has become ingrained within me these past three months. Now the idea that in September I could be teaching 30 children all in the class at once scares me, although I cannot wait for it to start to feel normal again.



This could seem that teaching during a pandemic hasn't been fun, but that's not what I mean. Don't get me wrong - it has been tough and there have been days where I have really struggled. However all you need is a child to say something completely random that really makes you giggle and the classroom is ok again. For example, I overheard one little girl say, very seriously, to her friend that sharks don't mean to eat people. They are actually sea doctors who want to test people's blood and so we shouldn't be scared of them! We have made bright sunshine filled memories so that when all of this is in the past these children will remember days where they got to play games, go on treasure hunts, make pastries and pizzas, enjoy film afternoons, make bubbles (this one was super messy!) and have hula-hoop competitions.

There is so much that we can't do at the moment. However I take comfort in the fact that there are lots of things that we can do. A grinning 6 year old running back to you after she has left for the day to give you a huge hug and whisper "Thanks Miss, that was the bestest day I have ever had in the whole wide world" makes up for me missing my original class.

VIEW FROM THE CHAMBER (30/06/2020)



Now the science has determined that Cornwall can open, it's up to us to make it work; and one way we can get back on our feet again quickly is to Buy Cornish. One of the brands we own at Cornwall Chamber of Commerce is Choose Cornish. This is deliberately thoughtful. It is not a strident campaign, merely a reminder before you order from Amazon to think 'is there a local supplier who I could buy from?' Often the overall price is better, you benefit from personal service and after sales care and the money you spend locally circulates and creates the famous Multiplier Effect – the formula which calculates a pound spent here has far greater impact as that pound is re-spent many times through the local supply and consumer chains.

The Choose Cornish campaign applies not just as a clarion call for consumers to support your High St, your farm shop, your local market and producers through schemes like Made in Cornwall; but for businesses to think 'can we buy our IT support, our office supplies, our staff training and so on from a local provider in Cornwall?'

It is no surprise that Visa Card has launched a TV ad campaign on this theme ; and the Buy Local! cry is being taken up all round the world, not to decrease competition but to restart economies from the grassroots up in the same spirit that we have been looking after our neighbours and picking up litter on our beaches. But in Cornwall with our sense of pride in the place we live, I believe this policy takes on a higher purpose. We are at our best when we collaborate, especially when times are tough. But buying Cornish goods and services is not a hair shirt decision. You get the very best food and drink, creative goods, home furnishings and after sales care from your local outlets creating employment and small businesses here. And, if you are running a business, you can buy the best and create local relationships and networks to everybody's benefit.

So use Cornwall Chamber, Made in Cornwall, Cornwall Council's Let's Talk Cornwall and Cornwall Living's Little Piece of Cornwall online; and walk or cycle to all the amazing towns, markets, and suppliers that make up such an important part of our County. Buy Local, Support your High St, think Cornish business for your supplies!

By **Kim Conchie**

Chief Executive Officer of Cornwall Chamber of Commerce
TS Chair Of Governors & Foundation Trustee

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VIRTUAL ART SHOW - HESELTINE GALLERY

We are pleased to invite you to our end of term virtual art show in the Heseltine Gallery, showcasing works of art from across the Prep and Senior Schools, including A-Level and GCSE pieces.

The exhibition is available to view:

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TAKE A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL

Maybe just for a trip down memory lane or to see what is available at the School today, with Jayne Grigg, Director of Admissions and Development.

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ZOOM REUNIONS

Following on from the article in Keeping Connected Number 10, Jem Treadwell CO74 has been continuing to meet fellow Old Truronians via Zoom, the most recent call being number 5.

Jem said:

“Seventeen people have been on the calls, including thirteen on Monday’, which was the biggest so far. I had quite a few contacts from the Keeping Connected article, and several more by word of mouth, so our e-mail list is expanding.

We’ve also started a WhatsApp group.

Our next call is tentatively planned for Monday 13th July at 8pm UK time, and we’re also likely to hold another one soon at an Australia-friendly time.

Anyone interested in connecting, regardless of year, please contact me at jem.treadwell@gmail.com, and I’ll pass on details.”

Wherever you are, and whatever year group, you will receive a warm welcome from Jem and the other members of this group – so why not join and let’s see how many are on the call next time!



LEFT TO RIGHT:

TOP Row:

Peter **Hulley** CO74 – Jem **Treadwell** CO74 – Vik **Watts** CO74 – Dave **Harbage** CO74
– Rob **Bruce** CO74

MIDDLE Row:

Nigel **Haywood** CO73 – Martin **Trehella** CO74 – Nigel **Knee** CO74
– Adrian (AJ) **Smith** CO74 – Andrew **Trelawny** CO74

BOTTOM Row

Alan **Draper** CO75 – Howard **Nicholls** CO74 – Ravi **Saravanmuttu** CO74

FAREWELL TO OLD FRIENDS



Old Truronian

OWEN LYNWOOD HARDING

“LYN”

19/10/1929 – 08/11/2019
TS 1940 - 1947

Lyn passed away peacefully, having suffered from Alzheimer’s for a number of years, at his family home in Lincoln where he had resided for over 50 years having moved from Cornwall to embark on his career as a design engineer. He leaves his children Alan and Heather, their spouses, Melanie and Paul and his grandchildren, Thomas, Joseph, James and Benjamin.

Old Truronian

JOHN HUMPHREY HARVEY LANGDON

05/10/1928 - 13/06/2020
TS 1937 - 1945

John passed away peacefully aged 91. Following multiple pneumonias last Christmas John had moved to Trevern Care Home in Falmouth. Dementia had a random effect on his memory and he was muddled at times but always recognised everyone who went to visit him. The staff took to him immediately and he was very well looked after and cared for as if he was one of their own family.

In his 91 years John touched many lives and leaves many memories and affections in many places. He will be missed by many - not least by the Famous Old Grouse Distillery and local winemercants, pubs, restaurants.....

Words by John’s son, Phil Langdon





MARIA'S RECIPE

This Prawn Pad Thai is a cookery school favourite, and has appeared by popular demand on several of our courses



PRAWN PAD THAI



INGREDIENTS

250g dried medium flat rice noodles
3 tablespoons tamarind paste
3 tablespoons light brown soft sugar
3 tablespoons fish sauce
1 red chilli
2 tablespoons oil
2 banana shallots
4 spring onions
100g mange tout
Small bunch of coriander
2 eggs
50g roasted peanuts
200g raw prawns
100g bean sprouts
1 lime, cut into wedges to serve

METHOD

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Once it is boiling remove from the heat then add the noodles and leave to soak for 15 minutes until just soft.
2. De-seed and finely chop the chilli then place into a small bowl
3. Add the tamarind paste, sugar, fish sauce and water and stir until the sugar has dissolved.
4. Peel and finely slice the banana shallots and spring onions.
5. Top and tail then finely slice the mange tout into thin shreds.
6. Remove the tough woody stalks from the coriander and roughly chop the remaining leaves and tender stems.
7. Crack the eggs into a small bowl and whisk together with a fork until the yolk and white are well combined.
8. Drain the noodles and rinse in a colander under cold water. After rinsing shake well to remove all the water.
9. Roughly chop the roasted peanuts.
10. Heat the oil in a wok over a medium-high heat. Add the chopped shallots and prawns and cook for 1-2 minutes until the shallots are just starting to colour and the prawns have just turned pink.
11. Add the eggs and stir for 30 seconds.
12. Add the drained noodles and fry for another 30 seconds, stirring to break up the egg.
13. Pour in the tamarind and sugar mixture and simmer until it is absorbed.
14. Add the spring onions, bean sprouts and mange tout and fry for a final 1 minute.
15. Finally stir through half the coriander and half the peanuts.
16. Garnish with the remaining coriander leaves, nuts and lime wedges and serve immediately.

Don't forget to send us photos!
tso@truroschool.com

COOKERY SCHOOL - RE-OPENING

Maria and AJ are excited to announce that The Cookery School is planning to re-open in September. They are busy planning lots of new courses which will be live to book from August. Maria said:

"We are also excited to be launching a new 'shop' page with a range of new products from cookery kits and chutney to our popular 'Truro School Cookery' aprons and knife blocks."

For news of courses and much more sign up to receive the Cookery School newsletter on the home page visit the website:

<https://truroschoolcookery.com/>



DON'T FORGET 'FRIDAY NIGHT IN' WITH TRURO COOKERY SCHOOL

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END OF TERM CHAPEL SERVICE – REV AUBIN DE GRUCHY

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GUY DODD

BOOK OF CONDOLENCE

THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to the Book of Condolence for Guy. His family have asked us to convey just how much they appreciate the warmth and sincerity of all the messages and the comfort reading them has brought them all at this difficult time.

Please use the link if you wish to add a message:

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