

## **OBITUARY: C V Williams**

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C V Williams, who was known as Bill to his family but “CV” to the post war generation of KGS boys, died at the age of 89 in May 1995.

Born in Merthyr Tydfil in 1907, the son of a master blacksmith, he attended the local Castle School. Obviously, he did not realise that his whole professional life would be involved with education as he ran away to join a circus. His father once found him washing the elephants. He went on to Colleg Harlech and then trained at a Physical Education College in Denmark.

He met his wife-to-be, Jane, before the war when they were both teaching in Burnley, CV being at the local grammar school. At the outbreak of war he volunteered for the RAF. Perforated eardrums prevented him from flying and he became a Corporal PTI, being posted to Bulawayo.

In 1945 he resumed teaching in Burnley and married Jane. They were to have 49 very happy years together. In 1947 he successfully applied for the position of PT teacher at KGS where he remained until his retirement some 25 years later. He was a gentle-man in every sense of the word although the unconventional shape of his nose bore testimony to his love of, and youthful participation in, both boxing and rugby football.

His booming Welsh voice coupled with the poor acoustics of the school gymnasium did on occasions leave be-plimsolled schoolboys not knowing what was expected of them. His experiment of holding up boards with instructions written on them was soon abandoned.

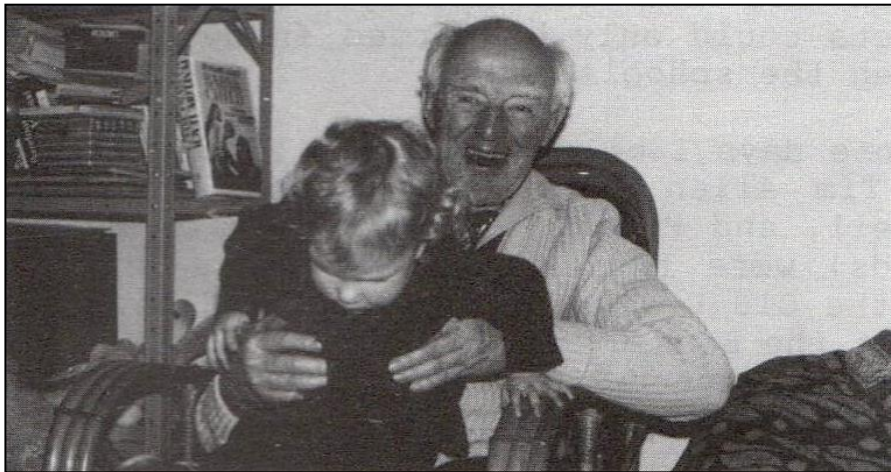
In retirement he pursued his hobbies. As befitted a man whose professional life was devoted to physical fitness, he enjoyed walking and was often to be seen striding up Fryent Way, being trailed by a much younger, but obviously less fit Labrador. He journeyed 13 times to Australia to visit his daughter and his grandchildren. He also kept a detailed daily diary.

A devoted man, he had three children. The eldest, Michael, is an executive with Mercedes Benz. His daughter, Janet, emigrated and

married an Australian university professor. Her premature death preceded her father's by only six months and was no doubt a contributory factor to it. Her twin brother, Patrick, is a local librarian and is the living image of his father, apart from his nose!

Our belated condolences are extended to all members of his family, particularly his wife, Jane.

Whether you loved or loathed PT, you could not help but like "CV"!



**C V with one of his grandchildren**