

## Barrie Moore

I left Rishworth in 1973 and headed for the City of London to work for the overseas division of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. I soon realised that everyone else was having more fun at university, so after a year I left. I read Economics with Maths at Essex University graduating in 1978 with a 2(i). I also captained the University First XV. Having sworn I'd never work for a bank again, I joined the First National Bank of Chicago and spent a very cold winter in 1980 in Chicago (-60 below!!) I moved into Private Equity at NatWest in the late 80's where I was a Managing Director. I am currently a partner in Bond Capital Partners which provides development finance for growing European based businesses.

In 1982 I married Carole (a Howell's School girl from S Wales) and we celebrate 30 years of marriage this September. We have no children but have enjoyed watching my brothers' kids grow up.

In a quiet period at work I decided to go back to university and have just completed a part-time Post Graduate Diploma in Financial Strategy at Oxford University. The prospect of sitting four 3 hour exams whilst wearing white tie and tails (subfusc) was a daunting task for a 56 year old! It was, however, a thoroughly rewarding experience and I feel honoured to be one of Oxford's alumni.

My wife and I love walking and we spend a lot of time in Sidmouth in Devon where we indulge ourselves by staying in the same hotel (and the same room!) in a state of sybaritic luxury. I am a keen opera fan and a passionate supporter of England rugby and cricket being a regular attendee at both Twickenham and Lords.

Having been head chorister at Rishworth, I joined the London Symphony Orchestra Chorus (under Andre Previn) and still sing at functions including weddings, birthdays and funerals. I am a member of a City Livery company (The Upholders) and was the youngest master of my Masonic lodge in 1989.

My years at Rishworth (1966-73) were possibly some of the most fulfilling of my life. The maxim "work hard, play hard" has shaped my professional career ever since. I was head boy in 1973 and that responsibility helped me deal with many challenging situations throughout my working and private life. I still think of Rishworth as part of my extended family and owe an enormous debt of gratitude to my parents for sending John, Peter and me to the same school.

## Peter Moore.

I had the distinct privilege and pleasure to attend Rishworth with my twin brother, Barrie, from 1967 -73. We were fortunate to attend school at the time girls arrived, and I have very fond memories of the relationships that developed during those years. It was a great thrill to captain the Rugby 1st XV for two years, and as far as I know I'm still the only person to score over a hundred in a cricket match against another school.

After graduation, a school friend invited me back to her home in Toronto, Canada for the summer holidays. This event changed my life forever as I fell in love with the country, and it has been my home ever since. I obtained a student visa and studied Civil Engineering, worked nights and weekends on construction sites, so I could afford to go to school, and graduated in 1977 with a diploma. I returned to England briefly so I could get my landed immigrant status and officially reside in my adopted country. I immediately started my own General Contracting business, and a whole new chapter of my life began.

My childhood relationship had ended and I threw myself into my business, as moving back was not an option, I was smitten with the North American fantasy. My business prospered, and was incredibly fortunate to meet my future wife Dana, who finally got me to the altar in 1984. We very quickly had 3 beautiful and healthy children, Nicholas (1985), Andrew (1987) and Alanna (1988). These were truly amazing years, and I was very fortunate that my parents could visit often. My sons have now joined me in the business and we focus on Construction Management projects for High-End Retail and Hospitality clients throughout Canada and the United States, personally traveling over 150,000 miles each year. Dana and I love to travel, we spend every New Year in Florida with the whole family, summers at the Cottage with my in laws, and we really enjoy spending time in London with my brothers and their wives.

They say the best years of your life are your school years, for me that is absolutely true. I had the pleasure to be mentored by Arthur Lomas, Ken Anderson, and Bruce Steele, to name a few. I learnt self-discipline, hard work and the passion to be the best at what you do. I'm very proud to have been born and raised in Yorkshire, and the values that it gave me. I look forward to spending more time with family and friends, on both side of the pond, and attending more OR reunions.

## John 'Dudley' Moore

I left Holy Trinity Junior School in Halifax at the age of 11 in 1958. I had failed my 11+ and my father believed Rishworth would offer a better education and life chances than a secondary modern school. I started as a day boy at Slitheroe House, becoming the first dayboy prefect before moving to Ebor House in 1960. I started boarding after the first term and for the next three years developed friendships which have lasted a lifetime. Although not realising it at the time, the regime at the school developed a range of life skills and interests which have lasted to the present time. The valedictory note in the magazine indicated that I was leaving school to be articled to a local solicitor. This didn't work out and instead I started as a student teacher at Bradshaw Primary School. I enjoyed this so much that I applied to Oastler College in Huddersfield to train as a teacher. I qualified in 1968 and worked in various primary schools in Halifax for the next 16 years rising to become acting Head of Deanfield Junior School in Ovenden. During these years I attended the University of Leeds for a year, fulltime and the University of Bradford for three years, part-time, gaining a Dip Ed(Adv) and an M.Sc. In 1984 I was appointed senior lecturer in Education at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham, where I worked with undergraduate students in developing the necessary skills and knowledge to become teachers. In 1992 I was promoted to Principal Lecturer and Course Leader of the B.Ed degree when the institution became Nottingham Trent University. I retired in 2006 after 39 years of teaching and now indulge myself in a range of hobbies:-travel, walking, gardening, DIY and family, with three lively grandchildren, now occupying my time.

On leaving school I joined the OR rugby club in Copley, playing for several seasons. I also joined the Halifax Amateur Operatic Society where I met and in time married Muriel in 1969 at the Halifax Parish Church. We lived in Southwram with our two children until our move to Nottingham. I maintained my links with the school through my brothers and being Treasurer of the OR sports club, eventually becoming President of the OR club in 1996.

Life at school in the 1950/60's was hard, beatings, bullying, fagging meant one had to develop resilience, determination and supportive friendships as well as learning how to manage people and situations. Although not necessarily the most conducive of environments for everyone, I found it character building and helped me to draw on my past experiences to cope with life's ups and downs. Having twin brothers who attended Rishworth has proved to be an additional bonus, although we live many miles apart, we have more than a blood bond. For me Rishworth was an enabling experience and developed qualities of my personality and character that gave me a successful professional career and a fulfilling social life.

