

Spring Lane House
22nd May 2016

Dear Andrew,

Thank you very much for your kind letter about Nick. He enjoyed a good conversation (about almost anything), and his memory of people and their doings was prodigious. It was a terrible tragedy that he had aphasia - severely after his first stroke last August, and complete after the second one in February. He did not seem to regret the passing of his huge facility with computers (and this was a mercy, I think, and a part of the stroke symptoms). He was very recognizably Nick until near the end, as his facial and hand movements showed reactions to people and what they were saying. He was frequently

visited by the family and we hope
he knew that he was much loved.

Nick never did things by halves,
and all of his causes had the
full attention, through thick and
thin! OWD was certainly one of
his important causes!

WD's education was clearly successful
in my day (45-50), even though
resources were a bit stretched. Two
of my year got Eton Scholarships, and
even then, that was worth some
pride to the school. The Latin and
Greek painfully instilled was still just
about alive 60 years later (I
recreated it in half an Open Univ.
degree). My only regret was the
lack of high quality music teaching.

Thanks again

Yours
Anthony Hobson