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JOHN WADDELL

Tribute from James Ruddock-Broyd (G46-52), successor to John Waddell as Editor of OF Magazine

John's passing really makes a hole in my life. He was my trainer and mentor and I learnt so much from his Fleet Street experience and his publicity work for Ford Europe.

As Sub-editor of the Overseas Bag, I often stayed with John and Kitty at Snape and received excellent hospitality. We discussed the OF Magazine in general and ideas for new articles as he had been Editor for many years. A major step in my life came in March 1996 when calling at Snape, John handed me two enormous envelope packets and said "You're the Editor from now." His knees were beginning to play up and other health complications were setting in.

John's journalism and PR experience had brought new life into the "Mag" as more modern approaches were introduced. He was especially good at tracing a great variety of OF personalities worldwide and writing about their exploits; the strangest, perhaps, was the Wizard in New Zealand. John's 'teachings' helped development of a different kind and being a Governor at the same time meant I was privy to all the 'goings on' at Fram.

The training from John grounded me well for my Editorship period of 8 years until it merged with the College new Yearbook. More recently it has helped in a new direction of writing travelogues and reports of special events. John and I served as Governors together so this is the sad end of a great chapter in my life. Thank you, John, for imparting so much to me.

Yours sincerely,

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