

JOHN KERR MBE (G53-56)

He was born on 19 November 1943.

From a farming family, he attended Writtle Agricultural College after leaving Framlingham.

He was Chairman of the Farmers' Club in London and set up one of Suffolk's most popular family attractions, Easton Farm Park. In 2006 he was elected President of the Suffolk Show, in its 175th year. The picture below was taken of John greeting the Duke of Gloucester at the 2006 show.



He was awarded the MBE in Summer 1986.

He also served as High Sheriff and Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk and Vice-Chairman of the Woodbridge Magistrates bench. He is also a Governor of the College.

Apart from farming, his other great passion is Ipswich Town Football Club, where he has been a director since 1983 (taking over from his father) and was Chairman from 1991 to 1995. The following is a picture of John (on the left) in 1992, with the then Ipswich Town Manager John Lyall.



In the September 2002, he was presented with an Honorary Doctorate Degree by Writtle Agricultural College. The citation contained the following :-

".... John Kerr was a student at Writtle College in the 1960's and now farms 7,000 acres in Suffolk where he is Deputy Lieutenant of the County. John Kerr was High Sheriff of Suffolk in 1995 and has been the Honorary Director of the Suffolk County Show. John Kerr has held many official positions both regionally and nationally including that of Chairman of Ipswich Town Football Club.

"In recognition of his services to the agricultural industry, it gives Writtle College much pleasure in conferring on John Kerr an Honorary Doctorate of the University of Essex."