

ALUMNI PROFILE

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I was the first pupil to be registered at St. Teresa's when it opened on Thursday 7th September 1967. I was five years old and started in what was then called 'Class 2' (now referred to as 'Year 1') and our teacher was Mrs. Wilcox. Mr. Maurice Walker was the Head-teacher and my best friends were Andrew Culhane, Mark Golding and Nicholas Wright. I enjoyed my third year most because we had Mr. Denham for our teacher. He was the first male teacher at the school and he introduced a lot more boyish activities! I particularly remember in the lead up to Christmas 1969 building a huge church made from matchboxes, complete with snow-covered spire and stained-glass windows made of coloured tissue paper; and an electric light bulb lit it up inside! My other significant memory was going to the outdoor swimming pool in Colne Bank Avenue for swimming classes – it was always freezing cold but I enjoyed it.

I left St. Teresa's in summer 1971 to go to Grace Dieu Manor preparatory school in Leicestershire. It was tough boarding at such a young age. For my secondary education, I went to Ratcliffe College, a catholic school run by the Rosminian Order where my father, uncle, cousins and grandfather had also been.

I graduated in Applied Chemistry from Huddersfield Polytechnic in 1985 and secured my first job shortly afterwards in the chemical industry. I applied to be a sales rep because I would get a company car but I was unsuccessful! However, I was offered another position within the distribution department. From there I moved into the oil industry, the international coal industry – again both with a transport/logistics slant – and finally into the rail freight industry.

I married in 1986 and now have three grown up children, all of whom attended St. Teresa's in various years between 1994 and 2000. In 2002, my work took me abroad to Switzerland and after three years living in Geneva we moved back to Ipswich where we have lived for the past twelve years. I now have my own consultancy business specialising in rail freight and I generally work between 1-3 days per week so I consider myself semi-retired.