EDWARD ARTHUR SWEET (TED)

Dear Caroline,

May I through your magazine, thank all those kind people, who have offered their condolences, cards and donations on the death of my dear husband, Ted. He passed away peacefully at St. Nicholas’ Home, Sheringham on 19th June, aged 93 years.

It is a great comfort that so many people, who have spoken to me about him have made the same comments; ‘He was a gentleman’ and ‘He was a lovely man’. A fitting tribute and one he would have been proud to hear. Thank you all.

Yours sincerely,
Pauline Sweet

OBITUARY: TED SWEET (1924-2017)

Ted Sweet died in St Nicholas Care Home in Sheringham on 19th June having just celebrated his 93rd birthday.

Born in Balham, South London, Ted’s family circumstances necessitated his leaving school at 14 and he became a junior office boy before joining the Navy towards the end of World War II. He loved the life recording that he saw no action but plenty of Australia. After being demobilised he drifted into work as an electrician but he was bright and ambitious and worked hard to become a director of a successful electrical contracting company. After his first marriage ended in divorce, he met and married a widow, Pauline, and they enjoyed 35 years together, the last 27 of which were spent in their bungalow in Holt.

Ted was an enthusiastic member of the Ramblers’ Association for whom he led 10 mile walks until he was over eighty. He was always willing to lend a hand to his neighbours and organised street collections for the Arthritis Research Campaign.

He was for many years a Committee member of The Holt Society, producing an updated edition of Holt Town Walks which formed the basis of the current Strolls through Georgian Holt. He was also the Society’s long-serving Secretary and Treasurer.

Above all Ted was a delightful human being; full of sparkle and humour even as Alzheimers took hold in his last years. He was sunny, modest, kind, gentle and caring - just a lovely man.

Steve Benson

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR GRESHAM’S INTERNATIONAL BACCALEAUREATE DIPLOMA PUPILS

Pupils at Gresham’s School in Holt are looking forward to taking up university places they have worked hard for after receiving their International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma results.

The Class of 2017, a cohort of 31 pupils, achieved a fantastic 100% pass rate. The average point score of 33 places the pupils ahead of the global average of 30 points. Most will now begin their undergraduate courses at top UK universities including London School of Economics and Political Science, Durham, University College London, King’s College London, Bath, Warwick and Exeter with some studying overseas at universities in USA, Canada, The Netherlands, Germany, and Hong Kong.

Boarder Seb Florax, from King’s Lynn, scored 39 points (equivalent to three A’s and one A at A-level) securing his place at Durham University to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Seb, who joined Gresham’s Prep in Year 7, intends to travel to South America to enjoy a gap year; he has plans to learn Spanish and to meet up with other former Gresham’s pupils.

Arriving at school to collect his results, Seb was delighted with the outcome of what he described as ‘hard work and plenty of commitment to study’. Seb added: “I chose the IB as it was the right fit for me. It was great to have a choice between A-levels and the IB, which offered a wider range of subject combinations.”

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) was introduced to Gresham’s in 2007 and has proved increasingly popular with pupils, who have achieved outstanding results. Gresham’s Headmaster, Douglas Robb, welcomed the results and said: “I am very proud of this year’s IB cohort. Their hard work has been duly rewarded and I wish them all the very best for a successful future as they head off well equipped and prepared for the demands of university life.”

Gresham’s, the only school in Norfolk to offer the IBDP, has swiftly gained an international reputation as an IBDP centre of excellence, with pupils progressing to some of the world’s most prestigious academic institutions.

The School believes that the IBDP’s reputation for proven academic depth across a broad and innovative curriculum makes it an excellent academic programme for pupils should they wish to study for it and provides them with the intellectual, social, cultural and linguistic skills they need to succeed. In particular, as an academic qualification, the IBDP engenders a sense of internationalism and an awareness of global contexts, something that is increasingly valued by university admissions offices and employers in today’s global marketplace.

Gresham’s is now looking forward to receiving pupils’ GCSE and A level results later in the summer.