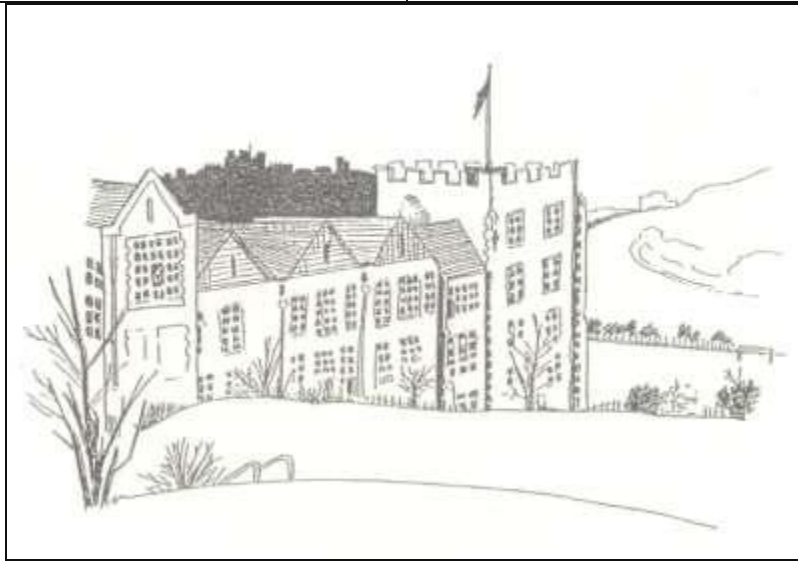




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MAJOR WILLIAM SANGSTER BORTHWICK, GM, RE (1927-32)

Major Borthwick died on 26th February at his home in Hampshire aged 78. He was born in Mintlaw, Scotland and the family moved to 99 Buckland Avenue, Dover in 1922.

He attended both Barton Road School and Dover County School for Boys 1927-32 and then served an apprenticeship at Dover Engineering Works.

He joined the Royal Engineers as a Draughtsman in 1937 and was an instructor in AA Defence during the war. He was commissioned in 1943 and, while on Bomb Disposal, clearing mines in Scotland in 1945, he was awarded the George Medal for rescuing German POWs injured on a live minefield. Later he was responsible for installing all the plant on Christmas Island in preparation for the Atom Bomb Test.

Retiring from the Army in 1958 he joined the Atomic Energy Authority at Aldermaston as an engineer and was involved in trials on rocketry in Australia, Norway and Scotland.

He finally retired in 1981 to live at "Redtiles", Bishopswood Road, Baughurst, near Aldermaston, where he spent much of his time with his wife, Patricia, at the British Legion **and in the Aldermaston Players.**