

CHRIS JESTY – *personal profile*

I was at Harlow College from 1950, when I was eight, until 1952, when I was ten. The boy I liked best and always contrived to sit next to was Michael Dyke, but the one I most admired was Simon Seward. I was to meet them both again, as well as Michael Slater and others, when I started going to the South-West Essex Technical College in January, 1958. Simon was the Vice-President of the Students' Union at the time (as I was to become, later). He had such a presence at Union meetings and debates I felt that he had a great future in front of him, but I have never been able to find out what has happened to him since.

I wasn't Vice President for long before I left college to go to Aberdeen University, and in 1965 I moved to Southampton to work for the Ordnance Survey as a cartographic draughtsman. I had long been interested in motor sport, and I wrote to the Secretary of the Wessex Motor Club, which was based in that area. To my surprise I received a reply from Mike Dixon, who remembered me from my days at Harlow College!

Throughout the 1970s I devoted my life to the production of a series of guides to views from mountain-tops and other places. In the 1980s I devoted my life to books about Dorset and East Anglia, and since 2003 I have devoted my life to the revision of the Lakeland guides and other books by Alfred Wainwright.

That was written in 2011. My work on the Wainwright books was finished in 2013. Since then I have devoted my life to my autobiography *Happy Memories*, which was published in 2018 and can be purchased from Amazon for £10. You can also read about me at <http://www.chris-jesty.co.uk>.