

*In Memory Of*

*Mr John Mallon  
the Scotsman who came to  
The Punjab Public  
School, Nabha, to teach,  
is no more.*

*Passed Away Peacefully On May 13  
2021 In England*

*Remembered Fondly By  
The ONA Family*



*Mr. John Mallon*

*In PPS from Sep 1965 to May 1968. Loaned to the School  
by The British Council.*

*As Head of the English Department used innovative teaching methods  
which proved successful and the fruits were seen in the school results and were  
the main reason why The PPS had a meteoric rise in the 1960s. This  
earned him the respect of staff and students alike. .*

*He was instrumental in the school getting many books for its Library  
from the British Council and the British Council information  
documentaries which became a regular weekly feature at the School.  
He taught French on his own initiative, for six months to IIT  
classes, in early 1968 (1967 batch after their ISC exam). He  
would hand over French booklets for reading and for pronunciation he  
would bring his personal tape recorder with spools and play it in class. One  
of the students got inspired and went on to become a French journalist,  
author and film maker in Paris.*

*Sharing an excerpt from his article written and sent to Dr Jashanjot before Golden Jubilee, 2010:*

*Quote " The Mallen family life was full of friendship and hospitality, largely due to the Kates. My wife, Ann, developed skills in Indian cuisine, helped by Nirmala Kate and her friends, and I acquired a preference for Indian and vegetarian food. Our third child, Margaret, had been born in Hyderabad, and our fourth, Mairi, in Delhi, while we were at Nabha. The last involved me with J K in my new English MG car in a collision with a military convey on the Grand Trunk Road. Predictably, J K's contacts provided me with a jeep and a complete rebuild of the front of the MG - as a safeguard, a Puja was carried out on the car on its return.*

*Mr Oberoi, Sam Cowell's replacement, became a great friend and tried to revise my written Urdu, while my sons became fluent in Hindi, Punjabi and even Tamil (the last from the ayah). But when we returned to Edinburgh they ran wild at school and their weakest subject was English! We were greatly helped by the Horlick's management in Nabha, although I declined their invitation to head in a convey at dawn for Delhi during the Indo-Pakistani war."*

*His daughter Mairi who was born while Mallens were at Nabha is reachable @mairi@rein4ce.co.uk*