

OFFICER CADET KAREN BUTTENSCHAW (V86-93)

She was born in 1975 and is the sister of **Martyn Buttenshaw (R86-95)**. She was both Head Girl of Brandeston (1988) and the College (1993).

On leaving the College she attended Oxford Brookes University reading Human Biology.

She was tragically killed in an accident on 29 October 1994 during an Army exercise on Salisbury Plain. Having failed to reach the top of a slope, the Land Rover she was driving rolled back, bounced on to its side and burst into flames. She was just 19 at the time and a member of the Oxford University Officer Training Corps. Her passenger, a fellow student, was also killed. A subsequent inquest into their deaths blamed a faulty petrol cap, which hadn't been fitted properly, for the fire.



There is a memorial tree at Brandeston in her memory and the Society has instituted a Karen Buttenshaw Memorial Prize. This is awarded to a College leaver with an outstanding school record both in terms of personal achievement and contribution to the College community over 5 years. It was first awarded at Speech Day 1995. See below for certificate that is provided to winner.

On 12 October 2007 the Queen opened the new National Armed Forces Memorial at Alrewas in Staffordshire. This lists all service personnel who have died since WW2 and includes Jack Maulden and Danny Mann – see <http://www.forcesmemorial.org.uk/roll-of-honour/roll-of-honour-profile.asp?profile=96907>

