Charles Weatherley Wall

1930 – 2022

Charles Weatherley Wall was a lifelong philanthropist, and the eponymous founder of "**The Wall Trust"** a charity that supports exceptionally talented students in the performing arts who, without financial aid, might not be able to realise their potential.

A native of Liverpool, Charles was sent by his parents Robert Wall and Vera (nee Potter) to Shrewsbury School. Charles spent his national service in the Royal Army Medical Corps, then subsequently trained as a chartered accountant with Cooper Brothers (now PWC) and then Deloitte. Subsequently Charles served as a financial director for several companies, formed his own firm "Wall & Co" and was also a partner at FW Stephens.

Charles set up The Wall Trust as his retirement project. Established in 1985, The Wall Trust was set up by Charles with the support of two great friends Tony Elliott and Tom West, the three original trustees. The Wall Trust is now focused on supporting students training in the performing arts, but in the early years The Wall Trust also supported training in Ice Dance, Theatre Design and Tennis.

Now, over 35 years on, more than 300 Wall Scholars have benefited from that decision. Charles took a close interest in each scholar, from holding auditions and monitoring their annual progress through college to attending their professional performances. Many have commented over the years that knowing Charles was there in the audience (and often the bar after the show!) gave them a welcome boost. Charles was very proud that many Wall Scholars have gone on to fulfil their dreams including actors such as **Daniel Mays**, **O-T Fagbenle**, **Bertie Carvell** and **Nnabiko Ejimofor**, dancers such as **Thomas Edwards**, **Stephen Murray**, **Hannah O'Brien**, **Lydia Hall** and musicians such as **Clara Andrada** (flutist), **Ruby Hughes** (soprano), **Lara Melda** (piano), **Yevgeny Sudbin** (piano), **Hiroaki Takenouchi** (piano) and **Morgan Szymanski** (guitar).

Those that knew Charles knew him as keenly interested in the people around him, inquisitive to know more and to explore the world, enthusiastic to help, kind, generous in spirit, always with a twinkle in his eye and a mischievous sense of humour.