

Remembering GRAHAM





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Graham's students, Oxford 1990



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A very active team in BSM physics,
with several collaborators of Graham
(*lecturers, post-docs and visitors*)
including:



Subir
(Sarkar)



Zygmunt
(Lalak)



Herbi
(Dreiner)

My interview with Prof. Dalitz, before assignment of supervisors.

- Professor Ross is what you are looking for.

First comments from a friend

-You will be supervised by Graham Ross! You are so lucky!

-Yes, I know! Isn't this great!

-Of course. Double win!

-What do you mean?

-Great research, and he cannot be an examiner on your Thesis defense.

-But that is bad news...

-Of course not! Graham asks so many questions! The other day he was sitting on an exam and he almost lost his train!

My first talk in Oxford

On the second year of the D.Phil., we had to give a talk on our progress. Anxious to show my work, I made the fatal error to prepare too many transparencies.

After several questions, mainly by Graham (who knew well that it was better to “cross the Rubicon” among friends) it was clear that I wouldn’t have time to present even half of my results.

I started sweating, and as my hand was on the slides, I was erasing part of the content. Worse, my hand was trembling and the transparencies were shaking on the wall!

After the talk, Graham said:

-Hmm. I should have had a look at *those* transparencies.

-I’ll never give another talk in my life.

-Of course you will, and soon. You will do fine! After all, what can go worse?

Graham was smiling and his eyes were sparkling. All of a sudden I felt better. In fact, I never got so stressed on a talk again.

Wonderful Oxford memories

It is hard to put in words how much I learned from Graham and how he affected me as a physicist and as a person.

All of us who were enormously fortunate to be supervised by him, were commenting on his sharp wit and ideas, but also the kindness and respect with which he always treated his students and colleagues.

I will always remember his reassuring smile, even when it was taking time to produce results that he knew should be around the corner.

Wonderful memories from Oxford (continued)

I will also remember the wonderful dinners that Graham and Ruth were preparing at their place and how happy we all were on those occasions.

By the way, I hardly eat vegetables but Graham was not having that.

- Magda, you cannot leave the potatoes. They are from our garden!
- The carrots are from our garden too!
- In fact so are the rest of the veggies!

Subsequent years

During my years as a post-doc, we collaborated on several occasions and the more experience I gained, the bigger my appreciation of Graham kept growing.

For several years we were meeting at CERN.



After I returned to Greece, we met mainly in Corfu. It was funny to think how Graham and Ruth were directing us to the best beaches in the island!

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**Thank you so much Graham!
I will always remember you.**

