



# Heath Old Boys' Association Newsletter Issue 2014

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## NEWS

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### A Day in the Life of a Head Teacher

"The day always starts early; school is at its most peaceful at 7am in the morning, making this a very productive time to catch up on paperwork and respond to the many emails which arrive on a daily basis. Around 7.30am, students start to arrive as their parents drop them off on the way to work. An innovation this year is our breakfast club, providing our early risers with a good meal before the school day starts. The day then properly begins. It is a satisfying feeling to know that all students and staff are in the building, ready to start a productive day of learning. My days are always varied. I may have meetings to attend, a lesson observation to conduct or an impromptu visit to a class to view some exceptional work. Some days I am out of school at meetings with other Head Teachers in Calderdale or visiting other outstanding schools to share ideas with colleagues.

My job brings many pleasures but also some challenges. I believe it is vitally important for the Head to maintain a calm demeanour in the face of adversity, thus enabling all staff within the school to do the best job they can. Funding is a constant source of anxiety; we are not a 'well-off' school by any means and have become adept at making a little go a long way. By the time you read this piece, we shall know whether we have been successful in our bid for additional classroom and 6<sup>th</sup> form space. Additionally, interference by politicians and the constant rate of change in education policy make long term planning very difficult. Despite this, we maintain an academic curriculum which allows all our students to gain access to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities should they wish to do so. In addition, I believe it is important to offer 'different' courses for challenge and interest. To this end, all Year 9 (3<sup>rd</sup> year) students take a GCSE course in Personal Economics and students may choose GCSE Mandarin taught by our teacher who originates from China.

However, good news stories outweigh the bad and prove to me that the education we provide in this school is second to none. A highlight of the year was finding out that we are placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the UK league tables for GCSE performance, putting us ahead of all other local grammar schools and such lauded institutions as Eton and Harrow. This is a stunning achievement and a testament to the hard work and commitment of all staff and students. Other accolades this year include the Quality Mark for Careers Education, Information and Guidance and an innovation award for our PSHCE safeguarding work on domestic violence. The sporting curriculum and success in local and national competitions resulted in Crossley Heath featuring in the list of the best state schools for sport. We gained a place in the Top 20.

The year 2014 is a significant one in the life of the school in that we are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Crossley Heath building. One does not have to travel far to see a number of brand new schools, which have been built within the last few years. At times, I confess to a pang of envy for the purpose-built facilities, which staff and students in such schools enjoy. However, take a drive past Crossley Heath or step inside the building and you immediately recognise that you are encountering something unique – an architectural gem, which possesses genuine character and soul. Our building may have started life as The Crossley and Porter Orphan Home but the present-day school is a true amalgamation of Crossley and Porter and Heath. Current students are fascinated by 150 facts, which we have unearthed during the course of our research.

To conclude, I look forward to seeing you all for the Heath Old Boy's reunion at Heath RUFC on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014."

Wendy Moffat

## **H.O.B.A. Reunion Dinner 2013**

The traditional H.O.B.A. dinner took place at the superbly refurbished West Vale clubhouse on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013 when an excellent evening was enjoyed by the thirty two Old Boys and their guests, the number being about the same as last year.

The evening began with the A.G.M. which, always brief, seems to get more brief with the passage of time. The committee was again re-elected en masse. The Association is financially robust and members are kept in touch via the newsletter and the website, which is now functioning again after a fallow period. It was decided to donate £100 to the Friends of Crow Wood Park.

There followed the now customary many-course banquet – “I likes my grub plain and wholesome”, as the convict, I think, said to young Pip – in this case vegetable soup, chicken and ample mashed potato with chives, followed by meringue; grapes, coffee, cheese and biscuits. I wonder how many families, in these hectic times, say grace before meals but our traditional Latin grace, read by Jim Farrell, never fails to stir atavistic memories.

In a surprise change, the guest speaker insisted on speaking before the “fun and games” started, as she had not expected to be the main item and thus would have to improvise. We were delighted to welcome Wendy Moffat, the Head Teacher, who gave us a warm-hearted and enthusiastic picture of the current state of the school which, to be brief, is very rosy indeed. The school became an Academy in January, which seems to imply mainly financial changes. However, all the vital elements, the house system, sport etc. continue to flourish. The school came 16<sup>th</sup> in the national league table, above many better-known schools, which is a great achievement. The Head sat down to tumultuous applause. We were also addressed by Rosalind Wood, who spoke about the Friends of Heath, an organisation set up a while ago to save the Heath building from the Local Authority.

There only remained the boisterous raffle and ribald Heads and Tails game which raised a magnificent £180 for the funds. Prizes were kindly donated by Messres Chatta and Hamer. Those with the stamina talked deep into the night and looked forward to the next dinner.

Those attending were:

J. Robertshaw, D. Grayson, R. Dixon, J. Crosland, G. Stansfield, A.V. Edwards, R. Morley, J.T. Bunch, J. Charnock, D. Turner, M. Orlic, O. Scholefield, D. Potter, J. Farrell, R. Stollery, D. Stollery, J. Russell, I. Baldwin, H. Brearkey, H. Riley, M. Bingham, J. Hudson, J. Davey, A. Baigent, G.P. Smith, P. Marrion, J. Wasylyw, P. Burton, E. Broughton, the Shields twins and R. Eastwood.

## **Martyn ROPER receives O.B.E.**

Martyn Roper, who was at Heath in the late 1970s and early 80s, was awarded the O.B.E. in last years' Honours List. Martyn is the British Ambassador to Algeria and the award came for his services to U.K. business interests in Algeria, and particularly for playing an exceptional role in the aftermath of a terrorist attack there.

Congratulations to Martyn on his fine achievement.

## **New Editor Required**

After many years editing the Newsletter, Rod Eastwood would now like to stand down from the role. Anyone interested in taking on this role is asked to contact Rod or any other member of the Committee (details at the end of this newsletter). The role involves receiving and editing items and forwarding them on for inclusion within the website, as well as distribution of the finished newsletter, so word processing and computer knowledge would be useful.

## H.O.B.A. Bowling Challenge 2014 (Russell Smith Memorial Trophy)

“On the afternoon of Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014, a mere twelve old boys met at Green Royd to contest the Russell Smith Memorial Trophy, now an annual feature of the Old Boys’ programme of events.

The weather was inclement, with frequent heavy precipitations throughout the afternoon, but this did not deter the enthusiasm of the participants.

The pairings were: the experienced M. Gostridge and R. Dixon; debutants R. and P. Stollery; solid C. Greenwood and J. Hamer; athletic G.P. Smith and P. Marrion; eloquent J. Farrell and A. Baigent; and the veterans J.T. Bunch and A. Hobson.

After the first ends it would be charitable to say that the conditions were affecting the proceedings, as the woods were scattered around the green like planets around the Solar System. The inexperienced Stolleries were always going to struggle, while Smith and Marrion’s early promise faded, with Gostridge and Dixon contending strongly. The format was the best of five ends, or the first to reach eleven points.

It became clear that Gostridge and Dixon, with their intimate knowledge of the green, would be hard to beat, while Farrell and Baigent, with a massive defeat of Greenwood/Hamer, also reached the final.

The final was a fascinating showdown, fought over the best of seven ends. Gostridge and Dixon looked on course for an easy victory, leading 6-0 after four ends, with Dixon dominating the green. But the drama was only just beginning, as their opponents came back strongly. After the seventh end it was 6-6, forcing a play-off. Farrell now bowled magnificently to complete one of the most memorable come-backs in the history of the game.

There followed the usual excellent buffet, enjoyed by all, and the team was selected for the match against the Old Crossleyans which took place at Green Royd on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014.

We were pleased to see David Robinson, who started at Heath in 1941, John Hoggard and Alan Hobson, who taught at Heath from 1976-82.

Thanks to Jon Hamer for again organising the event.”

Rod Eastwood

## Heath vs Crossley Bowls Tournament 2014

“On the glorious, sun-kissed afternoon of Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014, at Green Royd, a team of Heathens took on a team of Crossleyans to compete for the inaugural Free School Lane Trophy. The teams lined up as follows:



For Heath: Messrs Baigent and Dixon; Bunch and G.P. Smith; Greenwood and Roper; Robertshaw and Waite; and Marrion and J. Hamer, with an occasional contribution from Eastwood.

For the Old Crossleyans: Messrs Hinchcliffe and Squire; Hodgson and Ineson; Mr. And Mrs. Knowles; Farley and Baker; and Mitchell and Denton.

The agreed format was the best of five ends, or the first pair to reach eleven points. It soon became apparent that it would be a rather one-sided contest, as Heath had been unable to field its strongest team, while Crossleys had several bowlers of vast experience, many of whom had intimate knowledge of the subtlety of the Green Royd green. For Crossleys, Mr. And Mrs. Knowles and Baker and partner starred, winning four of their games whilst for Heath Robertshaw and partner won four, whilst the others struggled gamely but ineffectually. In the end, Crossleys were the deserved winners by 15-10, and Michael Denton was duly presented with the trophy. There followed an enjoyable buffet and social get-together, with old acquaintances renewed. It is hoped that this can become an annual addition to the calendar of both associations and we can only vow to do better next time.

Many thanks to Jon Hamer and Michael Denton for organising the event.”

Rod Eastwood

## **Steve Eggleton, our longest serving teacher**

A Q&A session with Steve Eggleton, Science Department Leader, currently the longest serving member of the teaching staff.

*1. Where were you educated?*

Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, York and Whitcliffe Mount, Cleckheaton for 6th form. I studied Plant Biology at Bangor University (BSc Hons.) followed by PGCE at Leeds Univeristy.

*2. Where do you enjoy going on holiday?*

Anywhere with hills or mountains. I am not good at sitting on beaches.

*3. What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?*

Anything outdoors really, having played rugby and climbed until age caught up with me. Sport was always important to me. Now it's walking, golf and motorcycling.

*4. Which subjects did you enjoy the most and which the least?*

Favourite subjects at school were the sciences, geography, geology and Latin. Never really got to grips with French, the least favourite.

*5. What kind of music do you enjoy?*

I still enjoy the music of my youth, progressive rock, although my listening tends to be more eclectic now. Pink Floyd still take some beating.

*6. What are your favourite foods?*

I have to admit to being carnivorous - seafood and steak.

*7. Do you have any pet hates?*

Politicians who tinker and make political careers from the education of children, Mr Gove being top of that pile at the moment.

*8. Were there any special teachers who inspired you?*

Three of my secondary teachers were really the reason I came into teaching, John Hardy (Biology), Peter Littlewood (Chemistry) and my form tutor for several years and my Latin teacher, Al Read - all teachers who knew their subjects thoroughly but also knew their students well.

*9. What are your favourite TV programmes and films?*

Film - The Lord of the Rings trilogy. TV - David Attenborough' wildlife programmes.

*10. If you hadn't chosen teaching as a career, what would you have liked to do?*

I never really considered being anything other than a teacher, working with young people has always been incredibly rewarding. The times spent with them away from school on field courses like Slapton, school camps at Harlech, ski trips to Montafon Valley etc., have given me terrific pleasure and many good memories.

## MEMORIES / LETTERS FROM OLD BOYS

### Heath School Camp at St Helens Isle of Wight 1938 / Leo Hodgson

I am contacting you on behalf of St. Helens Historical Society on the I. O. W. of which I am the acting secretary.

Recently a photograph has come into our possession, via our local record office, from an old post card. It is named 'Heath School Camp. At St.Helens, I.W. 1938. We are unable to identify which of the possible fields it is taken in.

I decided to 'Google' the caption and to my delight I came up with your wonderful website! Specifically a letter from Phyllis Hodgson, on behalf of her husband Leo. I understand it originates from your 2003 news letter, I am of course very conscious that time catches up on all of us and that it may no longer be possible to contact this gentleman, but am hopeful that somewhere in your archives you may have some other information or photographs of your schools visits to the Island, perhaps you could share something with us for our archives. A road name of where the camp was would even give us some clue.

We had 2 camps that provided camping holidays to schools and various associations, such as guides and scouts during the pre and post war period, my own memories date from the later, but it does not look as if it is from one of those. There were also several fields it may have been, some now provide extra housing to our expanding village. Carpenters and Duver roads are possibilities. Leo Hodgson's entry describes it as 'little tents and a large marquee'.

Forgive my boldness with my enquiry, Google has certainly made communication possible. I am hoping that you may be able to help us.

Kind regards  
Sally Lavery. [sallylavery@icloud.com]

### Class Layout for 1970-77 era

Detailed below is the register as I recall it, which many will find amazing as I was notoriously and frequently late.

There were 31 boys in the class, sat in alphabetical order, 4 rows of pairs of desks. 8 desks per row. From the perspective of the teacher at the front of the class "Ancliffe" was seated far left (at the back). "Werritt" was seated near right (at the front). Room "M" was our form room for the first year at Heath for 1B in 1970.

I'm sure I recall this regimented routine as register followed by assembly followed by first lesson. I made my appearance by blending in as the assembly ended and pupils walked to first lesson.

Ancliffe	Arculitz	Halstead	Helliwell	Marsh	McGregor	Shields (NA)	Shields (NB)
Barker	Barton	Heppenstall	Hyland	Mitchell	Murgatroyd	Sherwin	Taylor
Bedford	Blagborough	Irving	Kent	Naylor	Rogers	Varley	Ward
Broadhead	Gatehouse	Kershaw	Lord	Sawyer	Sayles		Werritt

**Blackboard**

David Helliwell [1970-77]

## Richard Murgatroyd / Ian Booth

Richard has been in contact after reading a note on the website from Ian Booth trying to make contact, but unfortunately Ian's listed email address seems no longer valid. Richard can be contacted on richardmurgatroyd@gmail.com.

## John Illingworth: Heath 1962-1967

My name is John Dennis Illingworth, nickname (Strawbs) and I went to Heath September 1962 to July 1967.

I am at the age where thoughts are often with past friends and wondering where everybody got to! If there are any fellow 'Heathens' who remember me I would love to hear from them.

Kind Regards  
John Illingworth [j.illy@icloud.com]

## Ilkley Rugby Union Football Club - Schools Seven-a-Side Tournament

Progression Records 1951, 1953 and 1954.

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# ILKLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB Schools Seven-a-side Tournament

SATURDAY MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 1953



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Hignworth Grammar School Sleazates School Leeds Modern School Crossley and Porter School, Halifax Rephall Grammar School West Leeds High School Emrys's Grammar School, Shipley Runcy Grammar School Leeds Grammar School Kipperholme Grammar School Drove Henry Grammar School, Otley Scarborough High School Leeds Grammar School, Holtham Maddersbrough High School Hyman's College Emsforth Grammar School Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield West Yorkshire Grammar School Roundhay School Harrrogate Grammar School Kilgus Grammar School Doncaster Grammar School Woodhouse Grove School St William Turner School, Coatham Archbishop Holgate School, York Darlington Grammar School Ilkley Grammar School Bell Baxter Sch. Ashby Hall Grammar School Egby Grammar School Richmond Grammar School Whitehall Mount Grammar School	10 } Hignworth Grammar School 9 } NIL } Crossley and Porter 12 } 12 } West Leeds H.S. 6 } 10 } Emrys's G.S. NIL } 5 } Leeds G.S. NIL } NIL } Scarborough H.S. 5 } 15 } Heath G.S. NIL } 5 } Bradford G.S. 8 } 9 } Queen Elizabeth G.S. NIL } 9 } Roundhay High School 5 } 12 } Doncaster G.S. 15 } NIL } Woodhouse Grove 8 } NIL } Archbishop Holgate G.S. NIL } 3 } Bell Baxter Sch. G } NIL } Ashby Hall G.S. NIL } NIL } Richmond G.S. 10 } Whitehall Mount G.S.	5 } Crossley and Porter 6 } 5 } West Leeds High School NIL } 11 } Leeds G.S. NIL } 8 } Heath G.S. NIL } 8 } Queen Elizabeth G.S. NIL } NIL } Roundhay High School NIL } 9 } Woodhouse Grove 10 } Archbishop Holgate G.S. NIL } NIL } Bell Baxter Sch. NIL } Archbishop Holgate G.S. 16 } Whitehall Mount G.S.	NIL } Crossley and Porter NIL } 6 } West Leeds High School NIL } 5 } Leeds G.S. NIL } 11 } Heath G.S. NIL } 9 } Queen Elizabeth G.S. NIL } 6 } Woodhouse Grove 6 } Archbishop Holgate G.S. NIL } NIL } Whitehall Mount G.S.	3 } West Leeds High School NIL } 15 } Heath G.S. NIL } 15 } Queen Elizabeth G.S. NIL } 6 } Woodhouse Grove NIL } 3 } Queen Elizabeth G.S. NIL } NIL } Archbishop Holgate G.S. NIL }

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A Selection of old Rugby and Athletics Team Photos







## OBITUARIES

### Richard LUMB : ? - 4 January 2014

Malcolm Lumb (Heath 1943/47) has informed us that Richard Lumb, a pupil at Heath from 1955 to 1963, sadly passed away on 4th January 2014.

### Graham HYLAND : ? – March 2014

The eldest of four siblings, Graham, of Spinners Hollow, Ripponden, was the son of well known Halifax GP Keith Hyland.

Graham attended Heath Grammar School before reading law at Northumbria University, formerly Newcastle Polytechnic. He was called to the Bar in 1979 and joined the former Chambers of His Honour Judge James Pickles in Bradford. He later became Head of Chambers, a position he relinquished in 2012. Graham was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1998, an Assistant Recorder of the Crown Court in 1992 and a full Recorder in 1996.

Since 1999 he had sat as a Legal Member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal. He was also elected a Bencher of the Inner Temple. Graham was called upon to act in the most serious criminal cases, including homicide, sexual offences, drugs offences and serious fraud. Graham has been recognised by the major legal directories as having considerable expertise and sat as a part-time President of the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

A keen sportsman, Graham represented Yorkshire and the North East at water polo and played cricket for King Cross. He was a patron of the Arts, an active member of St Paul's Church, King Cross and Vice-President of the Friendly Brass Band.

Graham leaves a wife, Jane, son Edward and daughter Lucy. The funeral took place at Halifax Minster at 1 on Monday 10 March 2014

### Gordon WASHINGTON MBE: 1928-2014 [Heath 1939-1944]

Passed away on 13th. February 2014.

He was born in 1928 and attended HGS between 1939-44. He started work with the Westminster Bank in Halifax and moved around the country. He leaves his wife Eileen at their family home in Wrea Green near Lytham.

He is the brother of Geoffrey Washington, another Old Boy, who died a few years ago.

## **Geoffrey WHITELEY: ? - 2014**

We are sorry to report the death, in April 2014, of Geoffrey Whiteley, aged 88. From Heath, Geoffrey went to Durham University. He subsequently taught English at Sowerby Bridge Grammar School for his entire career. In his retirement Geoffrey wrote poetry and had three books published, 'Parish Poems' volumes 1, 2 and 3.

He always showed an interest in the Old Boys and attended several dinners in the 1980's.

## **Brian HALLIWELL: ? – 2014**

We were sorry to hear of the death this year of Brian Halliwell, who attended Heath in the 1940s.

Brian was a distinguished horticulturalist, who worked at Edinburgh Botanical Gardens and then spent twenty years at Kew Royal Botanical Gardens. Brian had books published on the subject and also taught Alan Titchmarsh at one point.

We extend our condolences to his family.

## **YOUR COMMITTEE**

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Write them down for inclusion on the web and in our next newsletter – send them to your HOBA secretary Jon Hamer now (contact details above).