



### Prize giving speech by Lynnette Cassidy, Head of Crossley Heath

THE writer Heather Babcock has said, "Time doesn't really 'march on.' It tends to tip-toe. There's no parade, no stomping of boots to alert you to its passing. One day, you turn around and it is gone." Whilst she is right in many ways, there are opportunities in life to have a parade and mark the passage of time. This is one of them. This is an opportunity to stop, reflect on how far you have come, and to enjoy your achievements. It's wonderful that you have all chosen to do it this evening in the company of people who love and support you. Keep on doing it throughout your life and do some boot stomping tonight and over the holiday. Hopefully you will also take some time to remember your favourite bits from your days at Crossley Heath.

### Experience

We have enjoyed a busy and exciting year at school, as always. We have said goodbye to several colleagues, either to retirement or pastures new: Sally Corcos (Special Educational Needs team), Carole Sankey (Art), Philip Kirby (Mid Day Supervisor), Judith Mathison (Maths), Jim Ovendon (Design Technology) and Natalie Thornton, Jill Hanson and Barry Coulson (Science). And we also said farewell to two of our governors, Barry Coulson and John Costello.

### Academic success

In the summer, we were delighted by the academic success of our students. Our Year 13 students achieved excellent examination results, with 52% of all grades at A\*-B. The vast majority of our university applicants went on to their first choice university and a small number of students moved on to high quality apprenticeships or other career opportunities.

Not to be outdone, our Year 11 students did a fantastic job at GCSE, sustaining the great results achieved in 2018 with 62% of grades grade 7 (the old grade A) and above. A tremendous 42% of grades were grade 8 or 9 (the old A\* grade, which is now split). There were also some outstanding individual performances in Year 11.

All of you in Year 13 or Year 11 achieved a suite of grades of which you should be proud. Your success is a measure of your hard work, a measure of our commitment to a high quality of teaching and student support, and a measure of the support that you enjoy from your parents and families. We were delighted that your achievements were recognised recently in the *Sunday Times* Parent Power list who rated Crossley Heath in the top 10 state schools in the North.

#### Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic inevitably led to the cancellation of the two Bowls competitions and the Founder's Day celebrations. We currently anticipate that the AGM and Annual Dinner will be able to take place as advertised.

**Friday, 25 September 2020** Reunion Dinner at Heath RUFC, West Vale, Halifax  
6.45pm AGM

7 for 7.30pm Reunion Dinner  
Dress: Lounge suits/smart casual.  
Guests welcome.

£20 per person payable to HOBA via [Jon Hamer](#)<sup>a</sup>  
Mob: 07770 697176/Duncan Turner.

**Sunday, 9 May 2021 (tbc)** Russell Smith Memorial Trophy Bowling Challenge  
1.30 for 2 pm Greenroyd Bowling Club

**Thursday, 17 June 2021 (tbc)** Founder's Day Commemoration  
7.30 pm Halifax Minster

**Sunday, 20 June 2021 (tbc)** HOBA vs Cross Bowls Competition  
1.30 for 2 pm Greenroyd Bowling Club

<sup>a</sup>Click on the [magenta](#) text for the link or email address.

We were also delighted this year to receive a nationally recognised SSAT Award for excellent progress.

Of course, Crossley Heath is not all about results and exams. During this year there has been, as always,

a wide range of activities, opportunities and experiences for our students, together with hundreds of lessons taught, support sessions run, dinners served, meetings held, corridors cleaned, chairs put out (and stacked up again) and all the other day to day jobs which happen in school. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank our terrific staff who really do go ‘the extra mile’ and, whatever their role, work so hard for the benefit of our students.

## Highlights

I’d like now to give you just a flavour of some of the year’s notable highlights this evening. A large number of exciting events have taken place. House activities have thrived during the course of the year. House Music was won by Porter House. House Drama was won by Kings. Sports day also saw Kings lifting the cup and there was a surprise at this term’s annual swimming gala when Queens and Savile tied in first place and shared the trophy, the first time, I understand, that this has ever happened.

Our students enjoyed a multitude of visits including our first cohort to travel to China as part of the Chinese Mandarin Programme on what was for most students the trip of a lifetime. Students reflected on the sacrifices made by millions while visiting the Somme and Ypres, marvelled at the forces of nature in Iceland and were once again made welcome in the homes of families in Germany, as part of our exchange visit.

## Sporting success

In sports, we enjoyed some notable successes. In athletics, Max Burgin continued his stellar career becoming British U20 800m champion and the fastest European U18 800m runner of all time. His achievements were recognised in the awards of the British Miler’s Club junior athlete of the year and British Athletics Writers Association junior athlete of the year.

Isabel Castelow in the senior 800m and Niamh Woodhouse in the junior discus were selected to represent West Yorkshire for English Schools Athletics Championships. Our senior girls qualified for the regional A finals that took place in Derby and came 8th overall. Niamh Woodhouse threw a personal best of 31.56m to take first in the discus. Isabel Richardson won the 1500m in a time of 4.49. Verity Clements came in second place in a time of 5.06. Our Year 7 mixed boys and girls team entered the Super8 Calderdale athletics event and came third overall, narrowly missing out on a place in the West Yorkshire finals.

In tennis, having won the West Yorkshire league of the Lawn Tennis Association National Cup, our U13 team of Owen Lodge, James Duffy, George Whyton and Jack Drummond progressed, through the Yorkshire and Northern Finals, to the National Finals in

December, where they competed against some well-known sporting schools, including Millfield, Trent College and Reed’s School, all independent schools with tennis academies. Despite this formidable opposition, the boys took 2nd place — an amazing achievement making them the second best U13 tennis team nationally from almost 3,000 schools which entered! Also in tennis, the U15 girls’ team had an outstanding season, winning all their matches and coming second in the North of England Division 2 Tennis finals.

In fell running, three students competed in the English Schools Fell run. Isabel Richardson came 3rd and Peers Webb 38th in their respective Year 10/11 categories and Lauryn Gregg came 4th in the 12/13 age category.

In netball, all teams finished the 2018/19 season well by finishing in the top three in their respective age groups and our Year 10 team won their league. Ten girls have been selected for the Calderdale schools gifted and talented pathway this season.

In March 2019, Crossley Heath played host to a team of rugby-playing students from St George’s School from Vancouver, Canada. In October, a team of 55 rugby players travelled from here to St George’s, and were looked after extremely well by host families with whom we have developed strong links over the last decade.

Girls’ rugby goes from strength to strength, with many girls trying rugby out for the first time. The girls played their first festival at Ryburn, inaugural outings for many players. As the festival progressed, the girls gained more confidence, which was shown in the later matches. Our U15 girls rugby squad took part in the Northern Project Rugby Festival held at Sheffield Hallam University and enjoyed the experience of playing against teams from all over the north of England.

## Fundraising

Away from sport, we have continued our tradition of outstanding charity fundraising. The generosity of our students, their families and staff, both in terms of donations but also in the giving of their time to support school charities, is truly amazing. Last academic year we raised a staggering £10,395.59. It was good to see staff, as well as students, get in on the act by directly taking part in events such as the Calderdale Way Relay Race and the Midnight Walk for Kirkwood Hospice, in memory of our much loved colleague, Helen Richards.

This term alone, students and staff have filled 100 boxes for the Rotary Christmas shoe box appeal, raised both awareness and over £3,000 for three good causes — Smart Move Halifax, in support of Homelessness, the mental health charity Mind and the Azad Kashmir earthquake appeal — the latter an entirely student-led campaign.

Our charity work epitomises our dearly held school values. Respect, self-belief, responsibility, purpose, aspiration and challenge underpin everything we do. Having respect for each other is a fundamental of good character and so important as we move into the future decade following a fairly turbulent ten years at home and globally. Our young people here tonight will move into their early adulthood at a time when it will be critical to grasp the nettle on issues such as climate change, rising nationalism, the ethics of artificial intelligence, sustaining public health and an ageing population, to name but a few.

## Challenges

This is not to daunt you; every generation has faced its challenges as your parents and grandparents here tonight can attest. In the outgoing decade, of course, we followed the history of the First World War, 100 years after the guns first fired to the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, and we remembered many Crossley & Porter and Heath Grammar School students who served their country during that conflict. But you might reflect that 100 years ago at Christmas 1919 young people of your age, who had fought or lived through the war at home and survived the influenza pandemic of 1919, also faced many issues in the decade ahead of them, including widespread poverty in the UK, together with two million people unemployed and the challenge of securing the vote for all women.

You, like them, will draw on your values over the next ten years as you shape your character and become an

independent adult. The world needs you; it needs young people with critical thinking skills, intellectual rigour, resilience and passion. It needs young people with self-belief, who are willing and capable of taking on the challenges ahead. It needs young people who will act with responsibility and with purpose, who aspire to be the best they can be, young people who can influence and lead others. You all have an enormous amount to offer to the world.

My challenge to you is, in whatever walk of life you find yourself, to help other young people recognise and build their values, their self-esteem and their resilience so that, they too, can make a contribution for the benefit of everyone. And take a bit of that precious commodity, time, to picture yourself before Christmas 2029, looking back over this next decade at who you have become and what you have achieved.

John Mark Green echoes the words of Heather Babcock in his poem 'Taste the Wild Wonder' — "I blinked my eyes and, in an instant, decades had passed." It will be an enormously exciting ten years for you but remember to make the most of it.

Back to tonight, this evening is all about you, your parade and your boot stomping and it gives me enormous pleasure and pride to see you all here tonight to celebrate your achievements and collect your prizes and certificates. Whether you have moved on or are still with us, and wherever life takes you, you will always be 'Crossley Heathens' and we will always be proud of you.

Huge congratulations to you all. Enjoy your night.

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## Annual Reunion Dinner

THE ASSOCIATION held its 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion Dinner at Heath RUFC at West Vale on Friday, 13th September 2019. The 42 Old Boys and their guests who attended were, alas, well down in number on recent years, due no doubt to the absence of such worthies as Jim Farrell, the family Stollery and Dom Potter.

The meal was, as ever, preceded by the AGM held, *al fresco*, on the balcony of the clubhouse, it being such a balmy evening. Our time-honoured treasurer, Mr J.D. Turner, presented his report, showing that all is well with our finances. The WWI booklet was the year's main item of expenditure, which had facilitated the donation to the Royal British Legion. We have 125 paying members, a number remaining pretty steady.

The secretary's report praised the year's successful events and urged us to make use of the website, Facebook, etc. The phrases 'satellite committee member' and 'Jim wants to give up' were bandied around, the committee re-elected itself and the meeting concluded at 7.17 pm.

The meal of chicken in white sauce with all the trimmings followed by chocolate cake and cream, while not culinarily distinguishable from recent years, was nourishing and allowed the evening to develop. In the absence of Mr Farrell, the drily humorous Jon Hamer presided, serving his introduction with bawdy jests and unrepeatably innuendo. He was delighted to welcome his contemporary, Dave Harrison [Heath 1978–1983], for many years Head Coach at this very club.

Dave spoke with affection of his time at Heath, claiming to have been caned 17 times and actively encouraged to leave! His main influence at school had been Mike Capelin. (In passing, the legend, Brian Moore, says that Mike Capelin was his biggest influence at a nearly

school — what a teacher!) Dave’s speech was obviously rugby-dominated, and went down a storm with those who share that interest, which should be all of us as the club at West Vale is the ‘last bastion’ of Heath.

The school was represented by Mr S. Donlan.

The appalling but unavoidable stand-up-sit-down game was won by Mr Stansfield and the raffle, with prizes generously donated by Jas Chatta, raised a considerable sum for the Association’s funds.

The evening ended, as is right and proper, with carousing and camaraderie. Thanks to all who helped to make it another memorable HOBA occasion.

Those attending were: Steve Donlan, Dave Harrison,

Chris Gostridge, Roger Wheeldon, Steve Scarborough, Dave Burge, Jon Hamer, Rob Sumner, John Wasylwiw, Den O’Callaghan, Steve Bull, Andrew Thorpe, Tim Stringer, Mark Baxendale, Chris Tindall, Mick Ralph, Umberto Cuzzo, Phil Marrion, Mike Orlic, Ollie Schofield, John Denwood, John Russell, David Broughton, John Henry, John Henry Snr, Paul Keenan, John Hoggard, Gordon Stansfield, Rod Eastwood, Grayham Smith, Mike Bingham, Robert Bradley, Roger Dixon, Duncan Turner, John Robertshaw, John Greenwood, John Hudson, John Davey, Andrew Connell, John Bunch, John Charnock.

**Rod Eastwood** [1954–1961]

## 2019 Prizegiving

The 2019 Prizegiving took place on 19 December 2019.

Among the prizes presented were:

- The CE Fox Prize for Head Boy: Abhishek Subramaniam
- The Heath Old Boys Athlete’s Prize for Excellence in Sport (Girls): Sophie Wizniewski
- The Heath Old Boys Athlete’s Prize for Excellence in Sport (Boys): Owen Witchell
- The John Robertshaw Prize for A Level Progress: Marmaduke Hall & Benjamin Hutchings
- The HC Morris Prize for Physics: Harry Nicholson
- The CO Mackley Prize for History: Lauren Hare
- The Heath Old Boys Prize for Further Mathematics: George Pennington
- The Heath Old Boys Prize for Chemistry: Aisha Noor Ul Huda
- The George Littlefair Prize for French: Lucy Andrews

Presentation of Awards	
The CE Fox Prize for Head Boy	Abhishek Subramaniam
The Morris Memorial Prize for Head Girl	Georgia May Codd
The Cookcroft Prize for Deputy Head Boy	Ryan Arnold, Nipun Kaushik, Nikita Kogut, Kush Narayan
The Cookcroft Prize for Deputy Head Girl	Lucy Andrews, Jaynah Awan, Aisha Noor-Ul-Huda
The David Alexander Prize for Boys' Sporting Endeavour	Georgia May Codd
The David Alexander Prize for Girls' Sporting Endeavour	Isaac Mitchell
The Heath Old Boys' Association Athlete's Prize for Excellence in Sport (Girls)	Sophie Wizniewski
The Heath Old Boys' Association Athlete's Prize for Excellence in Sport (Boys)	Owen Witchell
The Miller, Turner & Walton Trophy for Most Improved Student of the Year	Ben Gianniti
The Vernon Rectory Prize for Public Service	Tara Melling
The Lombard, Hooper & Horsfield Enterprise Award	Fabrizio De Vito
The Matthew Ripley Prize for Art	Kate Brunton
The Ian Mitchell Prize for Drama	Emily Hought
The Websters' Invention Award for USSE Art	Adam Ayub
The Tudor Tatchell Evans Memorial Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Kinex Intra	Iona Chisholm (Niam JD)
The Sheila Iremus Jackson Memorial Trophy for Hockey	Charlotte Green
The Mrs Graham Trophy for Outstanding String Musician	Harsh Dhan (Dhar K)
The Philip Webb Prize for Outstanding Contribution to Intra Activities	Sarah Brodshaw
The Kevin Allan Prize for Perseverance in Mathematics	Finnian Clutter-Wheeler
The Crossley Heath School Prize for Examen	Maria Malik
The Crossley Heath School Prize for Design Technology	Mikenna Krunz
The Crossley Heath School Prize for School Music	Martha Iremus
The Crossley Heath School Prize for Food and Nutrition	Pran Mudalige
The Crossley Heath School Prize for Psychology	Ellen Underwood
The Edward Brauer Prize for Business Studies	Ellen Underwood
The Alan Bentley Prize for English Literature	Naveen Sringson
The Alan Bentley Prize for Economics	Marmaduke Hall
The John Robertshaw Prize for A Level Progress	Marmaduke Hall & Benjamin Hutchings
The Lombard, Hooper & Horsfield Prize for Information Technology	Benjamin Hutchings
The H C Morris Prize for Physics	Harry Nicholson
The Slieve Tiggleton Prize for Biology	Mahmud Melle
The Slieve Tiggleton Prize for Mathematics	Mahmud Melle
The Roy Ward Prize for Religious Studies	Olivia Howarth
The CO Mackley Prize for History	Lauren Hare
The Crossley Heath Association Prize for Geography	Olivia Howarth
The Crossley Heath Association Prize for English	Adam Kenney
The Crossley Heath Association Prize for Exceptional Attainment at A Level	George Pennington
The Crossley Heath Association Prize for Outstanding Progress KS2 to GCSE	Aisha Noor Ul-Huda
The Heath Old Boys Prize for Further Mathematics	George Pennington
The Heath Old Boys Prize for Chemistry	Aisha Noor Ul-Huda
The George Littlefair Prize for French	Lucy Andrews

## Creating an accessible website

EVER since the start of the Internet, people with visual disabilities have been able to hear what is on a website by using a screenreader. However, early websites often did not present the content in ways which were helpful when heard through a screenreader.

In 2008 a set of standards for making websites access-

ible was published and, since then, a series of improvements have been published to make the job of screenreaders easier and thus the experience of visually disabled users better.

The HOBA website was upgraded in 2015 in part to take account of these improvements and was further

upgraded in 2019 to take advantage of a new feature which allows the same material to appear on a website in an order which suits sighted users while at the same time presenting it to screenreaders in a different order more suited to screenreader users.

On 1 May 2020 the Webmaster took part in the [openSUSE Virtual Summit](#) contributing this [video](#)

[presentation](#) in which he shared his experience of making the HOBA website more accessible for screenreader users.

If you are interested, you can read the technical details in the [website documentation](#).

If you are using a screenreader and have any comments or suggestions to make, please contact the [Webmaster](#).

## Memories

### John Robertshaw

JOHN Robertshaw [Heath 1958–1965] has shared [a number of documents](#) his parents received when he was offered a place at the school in 1958 including a copy of the School Rules at the time. He has also shared two further letters from the Headmaster to his parents, one about [taking exams when under 16](#) and the other about [earning money and taking intoxicants](#).

### SCHOOL RULES.

1. HOURS OF ATTENDANCE. Morning and afternoon School begin with Registration at 8.55 a.m. and 1.55 p.m. at which times all boys are to be in their Form rooms. Boys who arrive after these times are marked late and must report to the Head Master at 4.15 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
2. ABSENCE. No boy may be absent, except for illness or emergency, unless previous permission has been obtained from the Head Master. On returning to School after absence a boy must bring a written note of explanation from his parent addressed to his Form Master. If there has been infectious disease, a Doctor's certificate must accompany the note.
3. ASSEMBLY. All boys must attend morning Assembly in the Hall. Boys who arrive late, or are excused attendance at prayers on religious grounds, must go into the Hall for Notices.
4. USE OF PREMISES. No boy is allowed on the School premises before 8.45 a.m. Except during wet or severe weather, boys will leave the building during Recess. All boys not on authorised School activities will leave the premises by 4.30 p.m. or 12.45 p.m. on half-holidays. Subject to good behaviour, members of the Sixth and Fifth Forms are allowed use of their Form Rooms at certain other times.
5. DINNER HOUR. Boys who stay to School Dinner may not leave the School precincts except by permission of the Master on Duty. Boys (below

the Fifth Forms) are not allowed in their Form Rooms during the Dinner hour except during inclement weather. Certain Form Rooms are set aside for supervised private study.

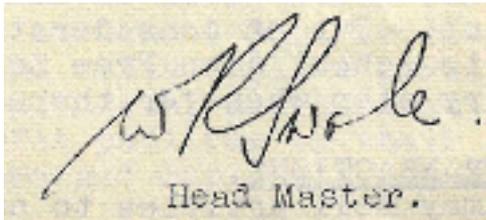
6. BOUNDS. The following are out of bounds to all boys except when accompanied by or under the orders of a Master : — The Head Master's Study, The Staff Common Room, the Science Laboratories and Lecture Room, the Woodwork Room, the Gymnasium, the Caretaker's premises, the Kitchens, the Stage and Property Room, the Boiler Room, the Head Master's Garden. No boys may be in the lofts or on the School Roof.
7. SCHOOL OFFICE. The School Office is open at the following times:—  
9.15 to 9.20 a.m. 10.45 to 11.0 a.m. 1.45 to 2.0 p.m.  
Boys are not to visit the Office at other times except by the authority of a Master.
8. DETENTION. Official School Detention is held on Wednesday afternoons. Boys are required to bring signed Detention slips to the Secretary at Recess on Thursday mornings.
9. SCHOOL LIBRARY. The school Library is open for the issue of books at the times arranged by the Librarian. At other times the Library is out-of-bounds to all boys below the Sixth Form who have not obtained special permission from the Second Master or the Librarian.
10. CLOAK ROOMS. No money or valuables of any kind may be left in the cloakrooms.
11. DRESS. All boys must wear the School Cap and an official School tie when at school, when travelling to and from School or games, and when representing the School on any occasion. During the summer months boys may wear neat open-necked Sports shirts on an announcement by the Head Master. Boys must remember that the School colours are widely known, and that misbehaviour in public brings discredit to the School as a whole.
12. CLOTHING AND PROPERTY. All clothing and property brought to School must be clearly

marked with the owner's name and initials. This applies particularly to caps, ties, scarves, gloves and raincoats, which cannot otherwise be easily identified. Boys may fit padlocks to their desks or lockers, provided that a clearly marked duplicate key is deposited with the Form Master.

13. **BADGES.** The wearing of unauthorised badges is prohibited. Boys may wear badges of Scouts, Boys' Brigade, ATC., YHA., etc., and other recognised Youth Organisations. No political badges of any kind may be worn.
14. **LOST PROPERTY.** Articles found in the School premises must be taken to the Office and all lost property claimed from there.
15. **DAMAGE.** All damage to School property must be immediately reported to a Master or Prefect. The Head Master will require boys to pay for any but purely accidental damage. Loss or damage to books borrowed from School stocks or from the Library must be made good.
16. **BICYCLES.** Boys who wish to bring bicycles to School may do so only on special conditions which must be accepted in writing by Parents. The School accepts no liability for loss or damage to bicycles or accessories.
17. **INJURIES.** All injuries, however slight, sustained in School, in the playground or on the games field, must be immediately reported to a Master.
18. **MILK.** Milk may be drunk only at the appointed times and in the appointed place. Milk bottles may not be brought into School buildings without the Head Master's permission.
19. **SCHOOL PIANOS.** Boys may not play on the School pianos without the permission of Mr. Holt (Hall) and Mr. Haigh (Room K.)
20. **BLACKBOARD AND NOTICEBOARDS.** Unauthorised writing on blackboards or notice boards is strictly prohibited.
21. **ROAD SAFETY.** Any breach of the Highway Code is an offence against School Rules. In particular, boarding or leaving moving vehicles is strictly forbidden. Boys are expected to maintain perfect order on buses and in bus queues. Boys who travel on No. 6 buses towards Savile Park, must board buses outside the School and not at the Heath Road stop. Out of consideration for other passengers, boys who travel to school down Free School Lane, should alight at the Infirmary stop whenever there is a queue waiting.
22. **MONEY TRANSACTIONS.** No boy may sell articles to another boy in the School except by permission and under the supervision of his Form Master.
23. **DANGEROUS ARTICLES.** No boy may bring fireworks, dangerous weapons or noxious articles to school, nor have in his possession any knife,

other than a small pen-knife of the "shut-up" type. Any articles designed or used for the shooting, squirting, or propelling of anything are prohibited. Boys may not make or throw darts or pellets of any kind.

24. **DISCIPLINE.** Boys must behave in an orderly and quiet manner in School, in the streets and on the playing fields. Climbing on or over walls of the School or adjacent property is forbidden. No litter is to be left in classrooms, corridors or playgrounds, or in the lane leading to the shop.
25. **PREFECTS.** Prefects and sub-Prefects are appointed by the Head Master and act with his authority.
26. **PRIVATE PROPERTY.** No boy may interfere in any way with the private property of another person in the School. Unauthorised tampering with desks, lockers, cupboards, satchels, etc., or wilful damage to another person's private belongings, will render the offender liable to immediate suspension by the Head Master.
27. **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.** All boys are required to be thoroughly familiar with the School Fire Orders, which are widely displayed. Boys may not interfere appliances or with any other electric apparatus or equipment in the School. The Special Orders for Practical Science and the rules for the Woodwork room, Gymnasium and Art Room, are to be strictly obeyed. **KNOWLEDGE OF THE**
28. **SCHOOL RULES.** All boys are expected to have read and understood these Rules, which are permanently displayed on the notice boards. Amendments or additions from time to time will be announced in Assembly and posted on the Notice Boards.



Head Master.

#### **TEMPORARY ADDITIONS TO THE SCHOOL RULES DURING THE EMERGENCY PERIOD CAUSED BY THE BUILDING OF SCHOOL EXTENSIONS.**

1. The entire area of the building operations is out of bounds to all boys, and no one may interfere in any way with the builder's materials.
2. Boys who take school dinner at the Clare Hall Dining Room, must proceed to and from dinner in an orderly manner and will wear School caps. There is to be no interference of any kind with parked cars or any property of Smith's Garage.

## School photos

RAYMOND Hanson [Heath 1938–1945] has kindly lent us a copy of the 1939 School photo along with the names of most of the masters and several of his classmates, to which John Stringer [Heath 1963–1968] has added. John has also supplied an enhanced version of the 1964 School photo along with lots of names, to which Peter Robinson [Heath 1959–1964] has added, and an enhanced version of the 1968 School photo along with lots of names, to which Stephen Readyhough [Heath 1964–1971] has added. Martin Davey, son of John Davey [Heath 1951–1959] has supplied copies of the 1953 and 1955 School photos.

## Rugby Teams 1949–1952

THE following photographs were kindly supplied by Martin Davey, son of John Davey [Heath 1951–1959].



## Cricket Teams 1950s

THE following photographs of teams from 1956, 1958 and another year in the 1950s were kindly supplied by Martin Davey, son of John Davey [Heath 1951–1959].



## History

### Northerne Poems

IN April 1946 T. W. Hanson presented a paper at the Halifax Antiquarian Society on a book of 'Northerne Poems' which he deduced from its contents had been written by Dr Favour to promote the protestant cause with James I. He starts by asking for indulgence for these verses from the north.

England seemes fertile onely in the South,  
These North parts yeelde but few things  
that are good:

The learned Schools haue filde their flowing  
mouth

With James his prayse, in verse and pleas-  
ant moode,

Vnlearned with learnd haue sundry poems  
wrote,

From Norths cold clime the muses haue sent  
nought.

This grieude my thoughts, with sighs I cald  
at last,

Vpstart a rurall Muse and brake the ice  
With these vnpolisht verses made in hast  
And send to thee (O King) her weake deuise  
Pardon to me the tringer of her letter,  
Vouchsafe, the Muse deliuered me no bet-  
ter.

He points out in another poem that James is from the North:

Al euill from the North saith proverbe olde,  
But we may say, the North sends vs most  
good,

Our gracious king with ofspring manifold  
From thence deriues his stocke and royall  
bloud.

Let Boreas blastes to others euill bring,  
All good to vs that sends vs such a king.

Taking his cue from Elizabeth's motto, 'Semper eadem,' he writes:

Elizabeth our noble Queene was wont to  
write,

Alwayes the same, the same in deed and  
word,

Our King may alwayes vse the same by  
right,

Whose deeds with words, whose words  
With deedes accord.

He mentions the 'three Lions' as a symbol of England:

Three Lions do our English Armes adorne,  
And one hath Scotland euer iustly borne:

The flowers of France doth England clayme  
of right,

As fairly flowers the Scottish Scutcheon  
dight.

To make an harmony adde Lions three  
To one, and flowers to flowers adioyne  
comly:

This match is fayre, when like with like are  
met,

Lion with Lions, and flowers with flowers  
set.

The final verse is a plea for Union between the Kingdoms of England and Scotland, desired by James, and once again an area of contention.

Olde Albion is but one by natures lore,  
Inuirond round with the vast Ocean shore.  
To make it two nature denies it bounds  
It is vnited fast by solid grounds.

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### World War I Roll of Honour extended list

**George Stuart Arthur:** ?-1 July 1916 [Heath 1896-1898/1900] Lived at 24 Heath Crescent. Worked in the family drapery in Huddersfield. Second lieutenant 1/5 Cheshire Regiment. Enlisted in the ranks August 1914. Commissioned as officer February 1915. Killed leading a bombing party 1 July 1916 on the Somme.

**Philip Hugh Ballantyne:** 9 March 1891-28 October 1918 [Heath 1902-1910]. Lived in New Mill, Huddersfield, formerly Ripponden. Son of head of Zion Congregational School, Ripponden. Lieutenant 4 Seaforth Highlanders. Killed in action 28 October 1918. Commemorated on Vis en Artois Meml. Aged 27.

**Laurence Bedworth:** 14 January 1895-10 September 1916 [Heath 1907-1914] Lived at Rothwell Mount, Savile Park, Halifax. Captain of football and School. Joined Civil Service, London. Enlisted September 1914 anti aircraft battery. Transfer to London Irish Rifle Brigade May 1915. Sergeant. Reported missing 10 September 1916.

**Thomas Washington Benson:** 11 June 1897-22 August 1917 [Heath 1906-1915]. Son of Thomas and Alice of 'Headlow' Albert Promenade. Second Lieutenant 4 Royal Scots. Reported missing 22 August 1917. Buried at La Brique, British Military Cemetery no 2, St Jean le Ypres.

**C. Arthur Beverley:** ?-5 May 1915 [Heath 1898-1903] Lived at 54, Savile Park Street. Electrician with Hamer

& Co. Enlisted September 1914. Private 2 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Gassed at Hill 20. Died of wounds 5 May 1915.

**Fred W. Booth:** 28 March 1895–24 April 1918 [Heath 1906–1909]. Son of Tom and Hannah of 4 Milton Street. Unmarried but fiancée Miss Gledhill, Glenholme Heath. Attended Harrison Road Congregational Church. Educated at Holy Trinity School and Heath GS. Worked at Commissioning Dept, Ladyship Mills. Enlisted in 1/4 Duke of Wellingtons Regiment in September 1914. Lieutenant 56 Machine Gun Corps. Died of wounds 24 April 1918. Buried at Aubigny Communal Cemetery, age 23.

**Sidney Herbert Bray:** ?1883–20 July 1918 [Heath 1891–1896] Lived at 'Warley', Collingham Bridge, Nr Leeds. Parents lived in Knaresborough. Married. Second lieutenant 8 West Yorks. Killed in action 20 July 1918. Commemorated at Stoney Royd Cemetery. Age 35.

**George Alva Carter: [Gilbert Albert]** ?1895–12 August 1917 [Heath 1906–?] Lived at 4 Ruskin Terrace, Lee Mount. Fiancée Muriel Simpson of 65 York Crescent. Enlisted Duke of Wellington's Regiment (no 2501). Transferred to 10 Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment (no 31695). Private. Killed in action 12 August 1917. Buried at Enclosure 3, British Military Cemetery, Voormezele, age 22.

**Percy Crowther:** ?1876–20 September 1916 [Heath 1887–1889] Lived at Down House, Shawford, Hampshire. Formerly of Shibden. Enlisted September 1914. Captain in Army Service Corps. Transport officer Salisbury. Died of sickness at home after suffering in Madeira for three months 20 September 1916. Buried at Compton, nr Winchester, aged c. 40. Commemorated on the Shawford Down Memorial.

**William Frederick Wilkinson Davis:** ?1882–22 June 1917 [Heath 1889–1891] Lived at Chevin Edge, Halifax. Son of James William Davis, Mayor of Halifax 1890–1893. At Heath GS and then Giggleswick School. Working at Oldfields Ltd, Liverpool early in war. Private 18 Kings Liverpool Regiment. Killed in action 22 June 1917. Aged 35. Report of death with photo in Halifax Daily Guardian 10 July 1916. Buried in Dickebusch Military Cemetery, near Ypres. Memorial on family grave at All Saint's Church, Dudwell Lane, Halifax.

**Stanley Gilbert Dyson:** ?–1 June 1918 Does not appear in Heath records but lived at 14 Hornsby Terrace, Fenton Road, Halifax. Said to be educated at Halifax Secondary School 1908 and at Heath GS. Taught

at Parish Church School and for Cambridge Education Authority. Enlisted RAMC March 1915. Commissioned December 1917 in 82 Squadron RAF. Observer in reconnaissance aircraft 31 May 1918. Wounded when shot down. Treated in Field Ambulance but died following day. Buried at Vignacourt Communal Cemetery.

**Francis Vaughan Evans: [Frederick]** 1893–24 October 1917 [Heath 1902–?] Lived at Greystones, Savile Park, Halifax. Heath GS and then at the Leys School, Cambridge. Attended St Jude's Church and Christ Church, Sowerby Bridge. Late father solicitor and JP; clerk to Sowerby Bridge UDC. Original enlistment rejected but accepted in 1916 into Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (no 3573). Private 3/4 West Kent Regiment (no 204593). Killed in action 24 October 1917. Died aged 24.

**Percy Lewis Evans:** 10 August 1891–22 November 1918 [Heath 1905–1910] Theological student at United College, Bradford and Cambridge University. Served in Friends Ambulance Brigade, Brighouse for 18 months before enlisting in Artists Regiment April 1916. Commissioned in Royal Flying Corps. Lieutenant in RAF. Killed in air crash 22 November 1918. Age 27.

**Charles Clifford Foster:** ?1886–29 July 1918 [Heath 1903] Son of William and Emma of South Grove, Halifax. Enlisted September 1914 with seven friends, all in the Cheshire Regiment. All subsequently commissioned. Four out of the seven killed, three badly wounded, one survived, Major Horace Fox, unscathed. Served in the ranks Palestine and France. Lieutenant 5 Cheshire Regiment. Killed in machine gun fire in advance on Western Front 29 July 1918. Buried at Raperie, British Military Cemetery, Ville Montmoire, aged 32.

**George Douglas Gelder:** 20 November 1893–4 November 1918 [Heath 1902–1909] Son of Fred and Alice of Lea Avenue, Halifax. Unmarried. Worked for Jas. Tankard Ltd. Worsted spinners, Bradford. Enlisted in ranks. Captain in 9 Duke of Wellingtons Regiment. Killed in action 4 November 1918. Buried at Romaries Comunal Cemetery, age 24.

**Verney Barrett Hellowell:** 22 January 1897–11 October 1918 [Heath 1908–1913] Son of Eli and Achsah living at 35 Boston Street, Sowerby Bridge. Worked in Lancashire and Yorkshire Bank, Todmorden. Enlisted February 1916. Corporal 1 Royal Fusiliers. Killed in action 11 October 1918. Death reported in Hebden Bridge Times 23 October 1918.

**D. E. Hennion:** [Heath 1905–1906] Calderdale Book of the War Dead 'WW1 201' No further detail.

**Tom Denton Hepworth:** 27 July 1893–31 July 1917 [Heath 1907–1908] Son of George and Emma Hepworth of 11 Clover Hill View. Single. Educated at Holy Trinity Junior School and Heath GS. Member of St. Paul's Church and cricket club. Member also of King Cross Constitutional Club. Worked as a cabinet maker for Dentons. Enlisted October 1914 (no 240967). Corporal in 1 Kings Own Royal Rifles. Killed in action at Passchendaele 31 July 1917, aged 24.

**George Frederick Vincent Hervey:** 23 January 1899–18 August 1918 [Heath 1908–1910] Lived in Triangle but native of Southowram. Son of Reverend George Augustin Hervey, Vicar of Sowerby Bridge and his wife Grace. Educated at Heath GS, King Edward II School, Norwich and Leeds University (Medicine). Private. Served in RA Medical Corps (no 99516); later in Cheshire Regiment and finally in 1-4 Essex Regiment (n. 55615). Died of enteric fever in Gaza, Palestine on 18 August 1918, aged 19.

**Augustus William Howarth:** ?–15 April 1917 [Heath 1896–1899] Son of Reverend A. J. Howarth, Vicar of Wyke. Second Lieutenant. 6 Rifle Brigade. Reported missing 15 April 1917. No known grave. Commemorated at Arras memorial.

**Thornton Jowett:** 1889–3 November 1916 [Heath 1902–1904] Single and living at Mile Cross Road, West End. Attended Heath GS and Halifax Technical College. Clerk at Crabtree and Sons, cotton doublers, Salt-erhebble. Taught Book keeping at Lee Mount. Private in 9 Royal Northumberland Fusiliers. Enlisted April 1915 (no 29/405). Killed in action 3 November 1916, aged 27.

**Albert Edward Lord:** ?1887–29 April 1918 [Heath 1900–1903] Lived at 1 Brow Lane, Shelf. Parents at 1 Brighton Grove, Halifax. Educated at Halifax Secondary School 1900 and Heath GS. Organist at Shelf Wesleyan Church, deputy organist at Eastbrook Hall, Bradford. Married to Maggie Crowther of Shelf. Enlisted in Bradford Pals in September 1914. Awarded Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty. Commissioned 1917. Died of his wounds 29 April 1918. Commemorated at Ploegsteert Memorial. Buried in Shelf Bethel United Methodist church yard aged 30.

**Walter Magson:** ?–27 September 1918 [Heath 1898–1900] Unmarried; lived at Highcroft, Albert Promenade, Halifax. Worked as wool merchant in partnership with his brother. Private in Artists Regiment.

Killed in action 27 September 1918 aged 34/36. Commemorated on Vis en Artois Memorial.

**Robert Clement Perks:** 2 January 1895–27 October 1918 [Heath 1903–1913] Merton College, Oxford. Qualified as barrister and practised in Leeds. Enlisted June 1915 in 10 Duke of Wellingtons Regiment having served in officers training corps at Oxford University. Promoted to Acting Captain. Wounded in leg by shell splinters at Messines Ridge 7 June 1917. Awarded DSO for gallantry leading bombing party although repeatedly wounded. Died of his wounds 27 October 1918.

**Eric Bateman Petty:** 25 February 1893–23 March 1918 [Heath 1902–1909] Lived at Wyngarth, Greenroyd, Halifax. Son of architect. Member of West End Golf Club. Worked in wool trade, Bradford. Joined the ranks with seven other friends most of whom were commissioned and were killed in action, as was he on 23 March 1918.

**John B. Reid:** Does not appear in Heath GS records. 2 Duke of Wellingtons Regiment. Killed in action 23 May 1917.

**Eric Leslie Robinson:** 25 February 1894–23 May 1917 [Heath 1906–1911] Lived at Chancery Buildings, Southowram. Son of Edward and Emily of 20 Market Street, Halifax. Trained at Borough Road Training College. Became a teacher in Wakefield. Attended St. Anne's Church. Enlisted in Royal Flying Corps in September 1914 (no 45404) and promoted as Sergeant. Killed in action 23 May 1917. Buried at Railway Dugouts, Zillabeake.

**Gerald Holt Rothwell:** 5 November 1891–15 September 1916 [Heath 1904–1910] Native of Radcliffe. After Heath GS, attended Reading University and became a teacher in Barnsley and Hebden Bridge. Attended Foster Lane Methodist Church and was a member of Hebden Bridge Liberal Club and Caldene Hockey Club. Lance Corporal in 8 Kings Royal Rifle Corps having enlisted January 1915. Killed in action 15 September 1916 whilst bringing up rations. Buried at Delville Wood, Somme. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial. [Brother Clifford killed in action on 10 August 1917; gunner in RFA].

**Gerald Scarborough:** 6 May 1896–12 September 1918 [Heath 1906–1912] Son of Arthur, Royd Lodge, Halifax. Commissioned as Captain 1914 in 4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Injured in motor accident; therefore not at front until 1918 with attachment with 15 Essex Regiment. Died of gunshot wound to chest on 12

September 1918. Buried at Aire Community Cemetery aged 22.

**Leonard Tetley Seed:** 7 November 1894–28 July 1918 [Heath 1908–1909] Son of Joseph and Jane, living at 24 Park View, Halifax. Attended Queens Methodist Church and Sunday School. Became an electrical engineer. Private in 2/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment and served as a Signaller (242830). Killed in action 28 July 1918. Aged 23. Commemorated Soissons Memorial and at Halifax General Cemetery, Lister Lane.

**Harry George Spencer Short:** 1 March 1895–22 September 1916 [Heath 1908–1909] Lived at Glenholme, Snaith after early years in Halifax. Uncle Woolstapler in Halifax. Joined the 1/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment and killed in action 22 September 1916 at Leipzig Redoubt, Somme, age 21. Commemorated on Thiépval Memorial.

**Richard Stafford:** 3 March 1892–20 October 1916 [Heath 1905–1909] Lived at Norfolk Place, Halifax. Educated at Holy Trinity School and Heath GS, leaving to become an electrical engineer. Father Richard Stafford Master plumber. Lance corporal in the Machine Gun Corps no 34405. Member of the Loyal (North Lancs) Regiment 47th Foot. Killed in action 20 October 1916, aged 24.

**Charles Clifford Stott:** 1888–13 October 1919 [Heath 1899–1903] 34 Elmfield Terrace, Halifax. Promoted to Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery but died of an illness contracted on active service at East Anglian Sanatorium, Nayland on 13 October 1919, aged 31. Buried at Stoney Royd 17 October 1919 from St Judes Church, Savile Park.

**Frank Gordon Stott:** 25 June 1893–11 July 1916 [Heath 1903–1909] Son of William and Maria of 34 Elmfield Terrace and brother of Charles Clifford Stott. Works Manager for Martins of Pellon Lane, Halifax. Enlisted in 1 Cheshire Regiment August 1914. Attached to the Machine Gun Corps. Killed in action 11 July 1916 on the Somme. Age 23. Buried at Bouzencourt Communal Cemetery and commemorated at Stoney Royd Cemetery.

**John Garside Sugden:** 5 January 1899–21 March 1918 [Heath 1910–1914] Lance Corporal in 8 Kings Royal Rifle Corps (38367), having worked in his father's business. He was reported missing on 21 March 1918. He became lost after surrendering in a German advance, aged 19.

**Ernest Edward Sykes:** ?–4 July 1916 Named on the Memorial Board as attending Heath GS in 1896 [possibly 1896–1901]. Enlisted in 1/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Killed in action 4 July 1916.

**Herbert Edward Thompson:** 1891–3 September 1916 [Heath 1901–1902] Son of Samuel and Mary Ellen Thompson of 45 King Cross Lane, Halifax. Educated at Heath GS and Halifax Secondary School leaving in 1905. He worked as a plumber for his father. Enlisted in 1/4 Duke of Wellington's Regiment in September 1914 (no 200662). Killed in unsuccessful attack on the Schwaben Redoubt, Somme. Reported missing 3 September 1916, aged 25.

**Guy Langton Tillotson:** [Heath 1901–1904] His death is recorded in the Calderdale Book of the War Dead but with no further detail.

**Louis Francis Tinker:** 21 August 1892–5 May 1915 [Heath 1905–1909] He lived at 28 Elmfield Terrace, Halifax (see the details of the Stott brothers above). Member of the Halifax Orchestral Society as a violinist. Employed in the offices of J & J. Baldwin. He enlisted as a private in the 2 Duke of Wellington's Regiment (no 14025) but died at the age of 22 from gas poisoning at Hill 60.

**Julian Merrill Walton:** ?1877–21 May 1917 [Heath 1888–1893] Lived at Grafton House, Halifax. He became a Director of Thomas Hoyle and Sons of Ellenroyd Mills. He enlisted in 1915 in the Sportsmans Battery and became a Lance Corporal in the 20 Royal Fusiliers. He was wounded once but was killed in action 'by gunshot' on 21 May 1917 aged 39.

**Frank Allison Whiteley:** 8 November 1893–19 November 1918 [Heath 1903–1909] 22 Haddon Avenue, Halifax. Enlisted in Army Service Corps (no T/295657). Private in 5 Essex Regiment no 36702. Died of pneumonia on 14 November 1918 in Citadel Hospital, Egypt, aged 25. Commemorated in All Saints Salterhebble Cemetery.

**Harry Whitley:** 20 May 1893–27 March 1918 [Heath 1906 to 1909] Son of George and Fanny living at 7 Norfolk Place, Halifax. Unmarried but engaged to Miss Stocks of Hazelroyd, Halifax. Employed as a Clerk at Yorkshire Penny Bank. Enlisted in November 1915. Second Lieutenant in 1/2 Yorkshire Regmt. Commissioned August 1917. Attached to 2 West Yorks Regiment but killed in action on 27 March 1918, aged 24 years. Buried in Misery Chateau German Cemetery.

**Ronald Edward Wilson:** ?–13 March 1916 [Heath 1896–1900] Educated at Heath GS and King Williams College, Isle of Man. Later at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. BSc. Mechanical Sciences. Oarsman. Parents moved to Reading. Became Assistant engineer in Bombay Port Authority. Enlisted in ranks Bombay Volunteer Rifles August 1914 and commissioned December 1914 in Machine Gun Corps. Killed in action East Africa 13 March 1916. Buried Toweto Military Cemetery, Kenya.

**Frank Wolfenden:** 12 March 1896–25 October 1918 [Heath 1908–1911] Lived at Centre Vale, Triangle, Halifax. Became Civil servant in Post Office Bank, London. Enlisted August 1914 in Civil Service Rifles (no 530709). Served in France and Salonika. Ship torpedoed on way to Egypt. Died of bronchial pneumonia on 25 October 1918 in Boulogne.

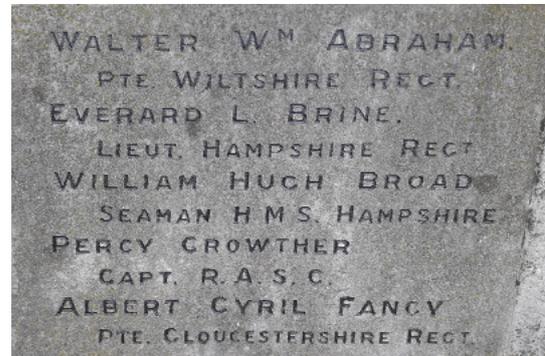
**Arthur Gordon Wood:** 1892–15 September 1916 [Heath 1905–?] Lived at 8 Willow Terrace, Sowerby Bridge. Unmarried. Worked at Yorkshire Penny Bank, Sowerby Bridge and Halifax. Enlisted in January 1915 (no 20045). Private in 2 Royal Fusiliers. Was reported missing on 15 September 1916 but it was later confirmed that he had been killed, aged 24. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial.

## World War I Roll of Honour: Percy Crowther

John Bunch [1972–1985] writes:

Percy Crowther [Heath 1887–1889] lived in Shawford, not far from where I now live. I

attach two photos. One is of his name on the Shawford war memorial and the other of the memorial itself which is at the top of Shawford Down and is visible from all sides. Thus Percy Crowther is commemorated at two different but striking memorials over 200 miles apart.



*Inscription on Shawford Down Memorial*



*Shawford Down Memorial*

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## Requests

Colin Helliwell [Heath 1953–1960] writes:

I am searching for members of 5S 1957/58 and 6S 1958/60. I found Terry Rees from his letter on this site and then I was able to find Stuart Wilson and David Hollas. Between us we have named everyone else on the class photos we have; I can send you copies. I will continue to search on social media, etc. If you would like to contact me, privacy regulations mean you have to write to the Heath Old Boys Association website, and someone will pass your email on to me.

It was very enjoyable meeting my old classmates, all three of whom had successful and interesting lives. Hence my desire to meet a few more.

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## Obituaries

OLD boys are invited to supplement the information in these obituaries with both facts about and memories of an old boy. Please send any such material to [the Editor](#).

**Percy Wilson: 8 March 1893–30 April 1977  
[Heath 1908–1911]**

PERCY Wilson was born on 8 March 1893, the son of T.W. Wilson, a baker and confectioner. After attending Heath Grammar School from 1908 to 1911, he studied at The Queen's College, Oxford gaining first class honours in mathematics in 1915. From 1915 to 1919 he served as an instructor in the Royal Navy, becoming lecturer in Applied Mathematics at the Royal Naval Engineering College.

From 1919 he was an administrative officer in the Ministry of Education moving in 1938 to become Principal Assistant Secretary at the Roads Department of the Ministry of Transport until his retirement on grounds of ill-health in 1953.

In 1923 he happened to pick up the third edition of *The Gramophone* magazine and read in it an article about needle tracking error which, with his mathematical background, he was able to solve. Calling in at the magazine's offices the following year, he met the editor, told him of his solution and was invited to write an article on it which led to his appointment as technical adviser in 1924. He co-wrote *Modern Gramophones and Electrical Reproducers* with George W. Webb, chair of the magazine's Expert Committee, in 1929. During this period he made significant contributions to the development of the quality of gramophone speakers. He withdrew from this work with the outbreak of war in 1939 but, following his retirement in 1953, he became technical editor for *The Gramophone* until 1966 and wrote *The Gramophone Handbook* in 1957. Right from the outset he had written numerous articles on subjects related to sound reproduction. He resigned from the magazine in 1966 to become an acoustics and audio consultant.

His other interest was Spiritualism. His grandfather had been a Unitarian minister who became a Spiritualist medium and preacher. Percy became a minister in 1941 and was president of the Spiritualists National Union from 1950 to 1953. From 1958 to 1964 he was a vice-president of the College of Psychic Science and from 1951 to 1962 managing director of Psychic Press Ltd. He was also a trustee of the Spiritual Truth Foundation from its inception in 1965 and a trustee of the National Federation of Spiritual Healers from its foundation in 1951.

He was married and had three sons. The oldest, Laurence, was a barrister. His other two sons, Professors Geoffrey and Richard Wilson (29 April 1926–19 May 2018) were leading scientists in their own right with studies in acoustics and physics. He confessed that a notice given him in America hung just by the front door saying:

The opinions expressed by the husband in this house are not necessarily those of the Management.

He died on 30 April 1977.

Thanks to Marie-Cécile Besançon-Seed for drawing our attention to Percy.

**John Edward Stinton 25 July 1931–10  
August 2019 [Heath 1947–1950]**

I am writing to inform you of the death of John Stinton aged 88 years who died at home on 10 August 2019 in France. He suffered from cancer for about six months. We had been married for almost 64 years but he still had very happy memories of his time at the school.

Your sincerely,

**Nell Stinton**

11 November 2019

**Kenneth Illingworth: 12 November  
1920–21 December 2019 [Heath  
1932–1937]**

KENNETH Illingworth was brought up in the Lee Mount area of Halifax where he attended Lee Mount Baptist Church and met his future wife, Winifred. He had two sisters, Audrey and Joan. Audrey died in her early 20s but Joan is still alive, in her mid nineties, living in Buckinghamshire. On leaving school he followed in his father's footsteps in textile design before spending the war working on radios in the RAF. His future wife had been posted to Strathpeffer in Scotland during the war and they married in 1947. They adopted Susan in 1954 and then Ruth.

He worked as a textile designer at Standevens, in Ladyship Mill, before moving to Mallinsons in Huddersfield and then John Foster and Sons in Queensbury for the end of his working life.

At Lee Mount Baptist Church, he and Winifred were Sunday School teachers and Kenneth served as a deacon, as the treasurer and as the secretary at different times.

In 1970 the family moved to Willowfield and joined Pellon Baptist Church; in the 1990s they moved into a bungalow a few hundred yards away from where they had been living. Sadly, in 2007 Winifred died having suffered with dementia for a few years prior to her passing. Kenneth and Winifred were always a close couple. They had a few friends who came round to play bridge but sadly most of their friends died in their early sixties.

Kenneth was by now a grandfather and a great grandfather as well as an uncle. He moved into a self-contained flat at Ing Royd and rejoined Lee Mount Baptist Church until failing health meant he spent the his last year or so in Savile Park care home.

He had always been active, walking back for lunch with the family every day when he was working in Ovenden

and taking a long walk at 92 around Hollingworth Lake with his daughter, Ruth. He enjoyed shopping, particularly for clothes, reflecting his life in textile design. His daughter, Ruth, says that he never considered dying and she struggled to get him to decide on readings and hymns for his funeral service.

Our condolences to Susan and Ruth and the family.

Thanks to Revd Terry Hepworth for his assistance in preparing this obituary.

**John R Hudson** [Heath 1957–1960, 1962]

### **Keith Gordon Hartley: 17 April 1937–11 July 2019 [Heath 1948–56]**



*A recent photograph of Keith Hartley*

**K**EITH Hartley died on 11 July 2019 after a short illness at Sue Ryder's Hospice in Oxenhope.

He always talked very fondly of his days at Heath Grammar School. He was a great rugby player and captained both Heath Grammar School 1st XV and Yorkshire Schoolboys 1st XV. Heath set my father up for a further experience of a lifetime at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he initially studied languages and then social anthropology. Before then he had already met his wife to be, Megan Linda Hartley (Crossley and Porter). Sadly she died in 2018.

He was picked up on the 'milk round' by Cortaulds after his final year at Cambridge. From there he rose the ranks and travelled the world (eastern bloc, Japan,

Southern Africa, Cuba — he went to most countries) to become a lead manager in export sales.

In between his working travels he had three children, Andrew, Duncan and Rachel, with Linda. They rarely saw him when young! He later brought them north in the late 1980s to Ilkley, where he and Linda lived to their end.

He loved the arts and spent a lot of his time promoting the arts and fund raising for the arts (he was a primary fundraiser for what was called West Yorkshire Playhouse — recently renamed Leeds Playhouse). His principle hobbies were books and sport — he ran his own bookshop in Skipton as a hobby for 20 years.

Our Dad was a real character. If you met him, you would remember him. He loved humour and loved throwing bricks into the still ponds of others to cause a reaction.

They will be greatly missed. We, their children, have organised a concert which is in part in remembrance of them and in part in memory of their love of the arts. This is to be held at 7.30 pm on 2 November 2019 at St Margaret's Church, Ilkley when our mother's old choir *Cantores Olicanae* will be singing Mozart's Requiem.

We are extremely grateful for the education Heath and Crossley & Porter gave to our parents. Their life chances were enriched immensely by their education at these two fabulous institutions.

#### **Duncan Hartley**

#### **Terence Ward July 1940—9 May 2020 [Heath 1951—1958]**

‘**T**ERRY’ Ward was born at Fern Street, Boothtown in July 1940; the Battle of Britain was about to reach its height. His father was serving in the War and the separation was, as with many families, traumatic. Terry was five years old before he met and recognised his father.

An only child, he was brought up in Boothtown and his love of sport soon became clear. He joined the Salem Boys Brigade where he enjoyed the ‘shows’ and the football. He was no mean performer either on the stage or in Cup finals at the Shay. At all times, he was an easy and affable companion.

Having passed his 11 plus at Boothtown Junior School (and as a chorister at the then Halifax Parish Church), he arrived at Heath Grammar School in September 1951.

Inevitably at Heath, he was drawn into the sporting arena — rugby, cricket (school and Northowram CC) and athletics. His era was part of the halcyon days of rugby at Heath.

Ever of small stature, he nonetheless proved himself a splendid addition to the pupil stock and, throughout his eight years at School, his influence and status increased as the years passed by.

He was an outstanding scrum half — indicated by his selection, in 1958, for the Yorkshire Schools XV, including his appearance against the Welsh Schools along with Bob Lee, Stan Watkin and Malcolm Bussey.

His academic abilities enabled him to prosper in both his O and A levels. He left School in 1958 planning to pursue a career as a PE teacher at Loughborough but he was diverted into local commerce. He was invited to join the Insurance firm of Hargreaves Peake by Freddie Hargreaves, a prominent member of Halifax RUFC. He did not look back.

He was well known and his popularity, knowledge and easy relationship with people enabled him to build his business in the insurance world, conducted exclusively in central Halifax.

After a short time with Heath OB RUFC, he joined Halifax where he had a brilliant career and was President of the Club for 2011 and 2012. He was Captain for three years. In 1966/7 he did not miss a game playing in 42 games.

Then, happily, Jean came into his life through their membership of the local Tennis Club; they were married at Salem Methodist Church and were blessed with a family — Tina and Paula. At their home in Northowram, they had many joyous years, holidaying, honing their dancing skills and helping to run the Northowram Social Club. Jean's and his dancing skills emboldened them to always be first on to the floor and even to Jive.

The Rotary Club of Halifax Calder was formed in 1980. Terry was a prominent member from the start with Presidencies in 1984 and 2008. He was a 'doer' of good works, especially at White Windows and in local schools, and enthused about the annual Rotary Conferences in Scarborough.

Little known fact: the diminutive Terry Ward, in 1991, was about to lodge the week's takings in the Bank when he became aware of a 'hue and cry.' A police officer was chasing a thief. Never the most effective tackler, he nonetheless felled the culprit for which he was awarded a Certificate from the High Sheriff of West Yorkshire — and £100 reward.

He is sadly missed .

**Grayham P Smith** [Heath 1952—1959]

**Ralph Best: 21 September 1932–24 May 2020 [Heath 1943–1950]**

**R**ALPH Best died at his home in Heath Crescent, Free School Lane, Halifax where he had lived for many years.

I first met Ralph in September 1943 when we joined the Heath senior school. Four of us, all a little short of our

eleventh birthdays, immediately became good friends. Ralph and Jim Kape had been at Salterhebble school and Joe Akroyd at All Saints, while I had spent the three previous years in Heath junior school where Mr Moxon was headmaster.

Ralph, along with another of Ralph's friends, David Sharpe, was always close to the top of 4B1 and every subsequent year.

I remember very well the cycling holiday Ralph and I had in the summer holidays of 1948. In a 750 mile round trip which took us youth hostelling to the south coast and back, we also stopped for a few days with my aunt and uncle in Surrey where we apprehensively awaited our School Certificate results. When these arrived, Ralph had three distinctions (officially called Very Good) and six credits (I had to make do with one distinction, seven credits and a pass).

In the sixth form, Ralph received a higher school certificate in French and German (both with oral) subsidiary Latin and English Literature — together with the school's modern languages prize.

Those seeking a place at Oxford or Cambridge entered the third year Sixth. Ralph became Head Boy but soon departed for national service on receiving a Hastings Scholarship to the Queen's College Oxford which he took up after national service in 1952.

I did not see much of Ralph in the years that followed. He spent a number of years in Germany where he met and later married Sigrid. Eventually he returned to Halifax where he was a master at Crossley's. Sigrid, who died last year, taught languages at Heath.

About two years ago I got Ralph's contact details, courtesy of HOBA, and soon found that he regularly visited a son who lives near Bromley Kent. I live in Purley Surrey, some sixteen miles away and we met up in Spring 2019, reminiscing over a very long lunch. We planned to meet again this Spring but the lockdown and his sad death prevented this.

I know that Ralph kept in touch with school friends David Sharpe, David Huddleston and Joe Akroyd, maybe others, who will be equally sad to hear of his death.

**Roger Crowther** [Heath 1940–1951]

**Francis David Bottomley: 28 July 1931–15 June 2020 [Heath 1946–1950]**

The death of David Bottomley, a long-standing supporter of HOBA and one time Editor of the Newsletter, has been announced.

We will provide further details and a suitable tribute in due course.

Our condolences to his family.

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