

A photo of ... 4

1. A photo of ... HGS cap and scarf 1930s.



Vera, Hubert and Vernon Hammill all lived in Fitzwilliam and attended Hemsworth Secondary School in the 1920s, and also in the 1930s when it became known as Hemsworth Grammar School.

These are HGS excerpts from Vernon's memoir '**Historical Notes and Remembrances of an Ordinary Person**':-

1. Vera and Hubert were in Holgate House, but I was put into Talbot House. When it was found out that I had siblings in Holgate, they tried to transfer me, but I didn't want to swap.
2. The Headmaster was A.G. Jenkinson; School Motto 'Labor Ipse Voluptas' – crudely translated as 'Labouring with a walloped *!*' and 'Sons of Yorkshire Lift Your Voices' as the School Song.
3. Masters and Mistresses always wore gowns.

4. Mr England, the English Master, hadn't any hair on either side of his head, so consequently he looked like a Mohican. Miss Bromley, a dishy young French teacher always wore high heeled shoes, so that in the Girls v Teachers hockey match she ran about on her toes.
5. Thinking of bikes, Dalziel the Assistant School Secretary used a racing bike and thought nothing of stripping off his jacket as he rode downhill at some speed.
6. At School I was messing about when Joey McCroakam grabbed me whilst he had a pencil in his mouth. It stuck and dangled from my ear about half an inch from my ear hole. Once I was emerging from a cupboard where I'd been pushed when the Latin Master walked in and threw a blackboard rubber at me.
7. James Arthur Storer (Geography Master) was known as JAS, so young pupils got into bother because they thought that was his name. He was also my House Master (Talbot).
8. At HGS we had a 'North Walk' where cycling was forbidden, but we did – on the way home. There was a right-angled bend with a holly bush in the corner. The bend had a two/three inch slope down from path to soil and we used it to help us corner at speed. I missed it one day and fell into the bush – ouch.
9. Whilst playing Rugby I jumped the highest for a very high ball but it was spinning endwise as it came down and I finished up with a badly dislocated right thumb. The top two parts formed an upside down L in the palm of my hand. The doctor talked to me and suddenly pulled it out and then let it drop back into position with a bang. You can't use splints for a thumb joint because of its rotational movement so I had to have it in a sort of very firm jelly.

2. A photo of ... Year 1956-57 Reunion October 2015



L-R: Jenny Green, Jean Armitage, Jean Gillian, Christine Nicholson, Carol Oates, Peter Cooper, Anne Brown, Terry Donohue, Tom Lowe, Tom Wild, Norman Tate, Ivan Chaplin. Kneeling at the front is Dave Freeman.

Hopefully there will be another 1956-57 Reunion next year. If you would like to attend in 2016, please contact the website.

3. A photo of ... Mr. Hamilton bowling in the Staff v School match circa 1966



The photograph comes from Stephen Batey.

4. A photo of ... The Coach Houses in 1967



Marrion Pearson has sent us this photo of the Woodwork Room (left) and the Drawing Office (Dog 'ole). The area is rather different now! What was the first floor used for?

Hi Dave,

The first floor was called the Pottery Room and was used for teaching small groups - usually 6th form. The area was also used for storing scenery for the stage productions.

Terry McCroakam

Marrion's photo of the coach houses had me trying to remember which of my Forms used the ground floor room on the right hand side with the open windows as a Form Room. I know that Mr. Hudson was our Form teacher, and so it must have been 5A. I don't recall having many lessons in that room, although there were desks, chairs and a blackboard. We just used to have the register called, and we then proceeded to our lessons elsewhere. Can anyone else help me out here?

Sheila Kelsall HGS 1955-62

5. A photo of ... The Main Hall Corridor Display Cabinets in 1967



Image from Stephen Batey. Thank you, Stephen.

Dear Dave,

Some pupils were unfortunate enough to have form rooms that lacked desks. When I was in LVIS our form room was the Lecture Theatre in the Science Block and we kept our text books, exercise books etc in the lockers at the front of the theatre. In the Upper 6th we again had no desks in our form room (I actually can't remember which room it was - possibly the Physics Lab). **The cupboards in the hall corridor were used as our desk space.**

The Hall Corridor shows Christine Stephens (left) and Janet Herbert.

Stephen Batey

6. A photo of ... A group of friends on the main playground c.1966/67



Just before the new developments for the High School.

Standing L-R: 1, 2, 3, 4, Clive Allsop, 6, 7, Mike Killoran
Front: 1

7. A photo of ... Happy Prefects around "Wendy" in the Quad 1959



L-R: Jim Wild, Sid Kenningham, Bernard Connolly, Clive Goodwin, Colin Nye (on shoulders), Terry Deeley
Front: Bob Brett

Wendy and the Flagpole

I had been meaning to mail you about Wendy and see that there is now a picture of her. Do you remember that after such riotous evenings as a School Dance or last night of a School Play, Wendy was often found wearing some item of school uniform - hat, scarf or satchel. I also remember a flagpole at the front of school and after one such evening there was, hoisted aloft, an item of feminine apparel. How tame that seems now, but at the time it was quite shocking.

Dee Tyrrell (HGS 1955-60)

8. A photo of ... 1965 Third Form History trip to Helmsley



Photo from Fred Johnson and Alan Jones. Thank you.

Back Row L-R: Michael Jones, Bernard Gibson, Martin Petfield, Norman Marks, Mick Killoran, Peter Hodgson
Front Row L-R: 1, 2, Darryl Watson, Carol Hickling, Suzanne Jackson, Chris Siddons, Pat Holland, Gaynor Greene

9. A photo of ... a wet Sports Day in 1957?



L-R: Arthur Street, Sheila Baker, Geraldine Walker, Christine Whittaker

Photo from Christine Whittaker. Thanks, Christine.

10. A photo of ... a game of Fives

