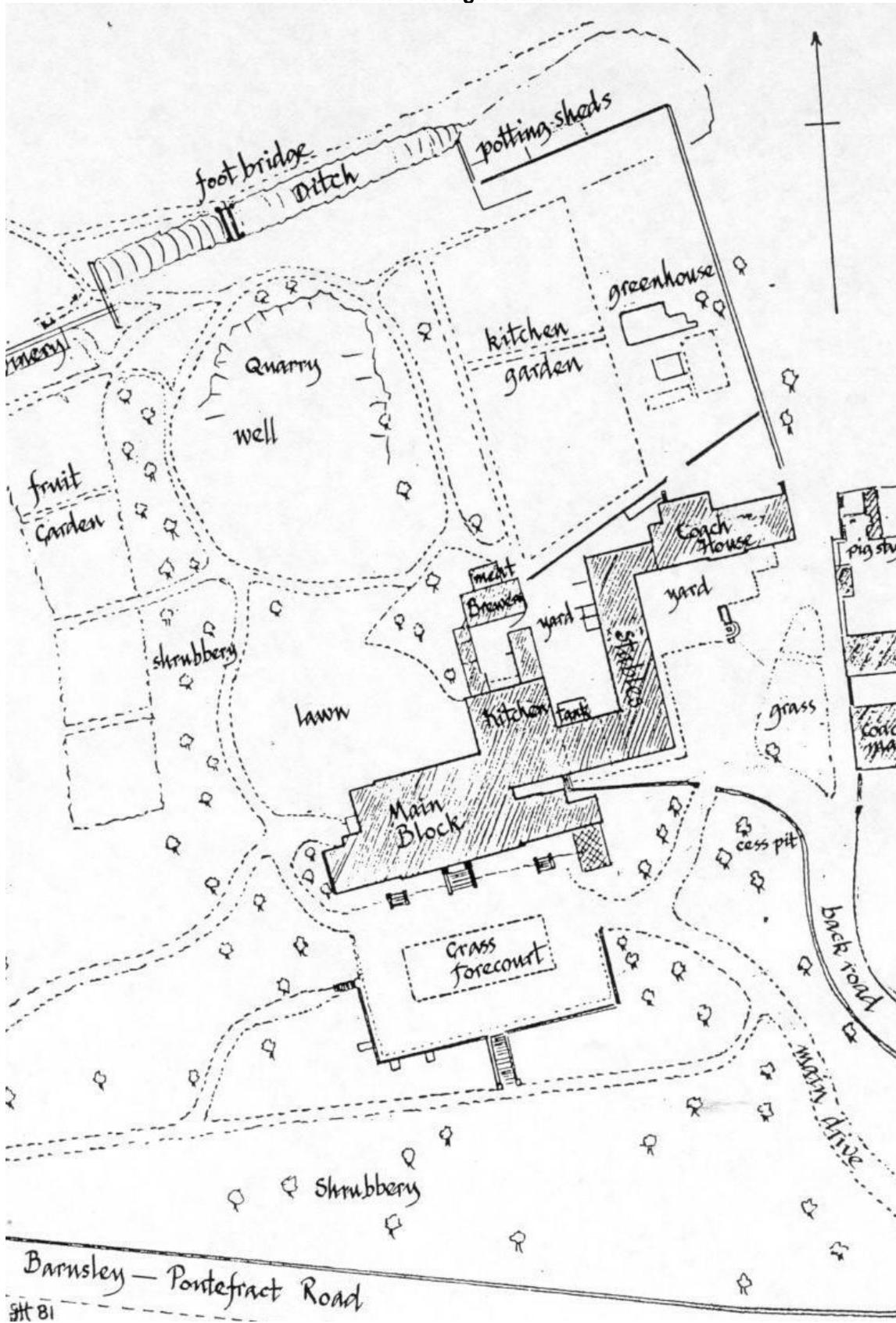


Hemsworth High Hall Plan



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**The School Front**



The Headmaster's Hillman Minx c.1960? See Contact with Mr. Hamilton on Forum 3.5

**The Main Building and Playground April 1939**



Photo provided by Brian Ardron. Thank you.

The "New Wing" before the "New Block" was built



Photo provided by Jacqueline Leonard. Thank you.

The Dining Room and Metalwork/Woodwork areas



Photo provided by Brian Ardron. Thank you.

The Quadrangle



The Headmaster's House (Front)



**The Headmaster's House (Rear)**



**The Caretaker's Cottage "Drinsey Nook"**



Photo provided by Brian Ardron. Thank you.

My auntie and uncle were Mr. and Mrs. Cliffe, the caretaker and cook at the school from 1938 to 1953. They lived in the caretaker's cottage, named "Drinsey Nook". The cottage had a back gate which opened onto Mr. Street's field and orchard, and the name was on a plaque on the gate. For a time, Miss Eva Shortridge lodged with the Cliffe's, until 1946. As a child I so revered her, almost to being frightened of her, and I always felt as though I needed to curtsy to her! I remember she bought me a little book every week. I used to have all the school grounds to play in, but I was not allowed to go near the front of the school. Did you know about a tree in the centre plot of land as you come through the Green Gate? Carved all the way around the trunk about 5ft from the ground was - William Henry Leatham - but I can't remember the date. I was so sorry when it was chopped down to alter the School. It should have been preserved!!

Maureen Ardron

**The Gymnasium and Changing Rooms (1957)**



Photo provided by Dee Tyrrell. Thank you.

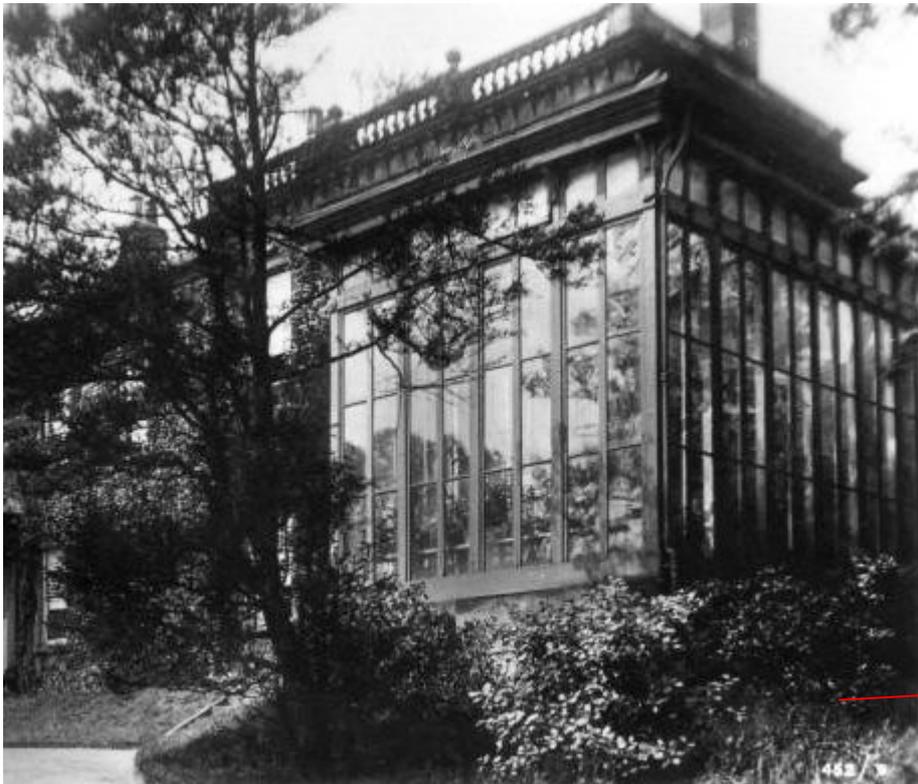
**Hemsworth High Hall pre 1913**



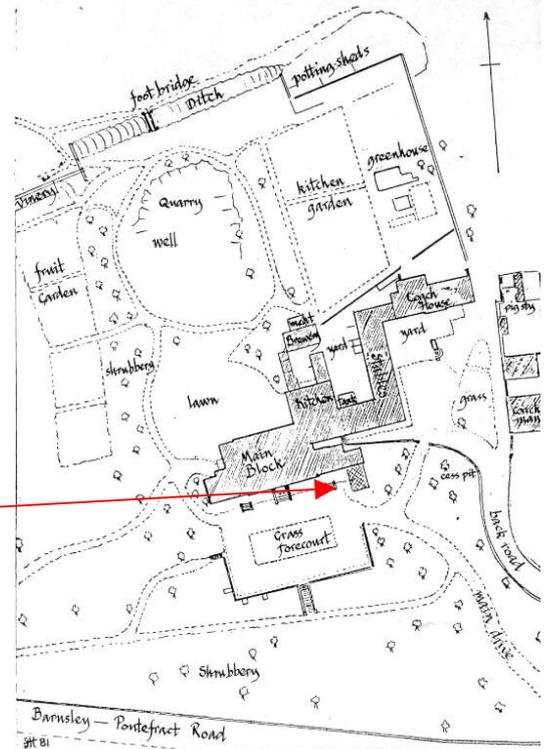
Hemsworth High Hall in Winter showing the conservatory on the right



The Orangery or Conservatory



The Orangery or Conservatory clearly appears as a square structure jutting out from the Main Block frontage on the 1920 plans (shown below) dating from the conversion of the house to a School.



1920 plan showing the Conservatory

**Gym and Science Block Under Construction  
1956/57**



Photo from Terry McCroakam. Thank you, Terry.

**Cricket Pavilion 1951**

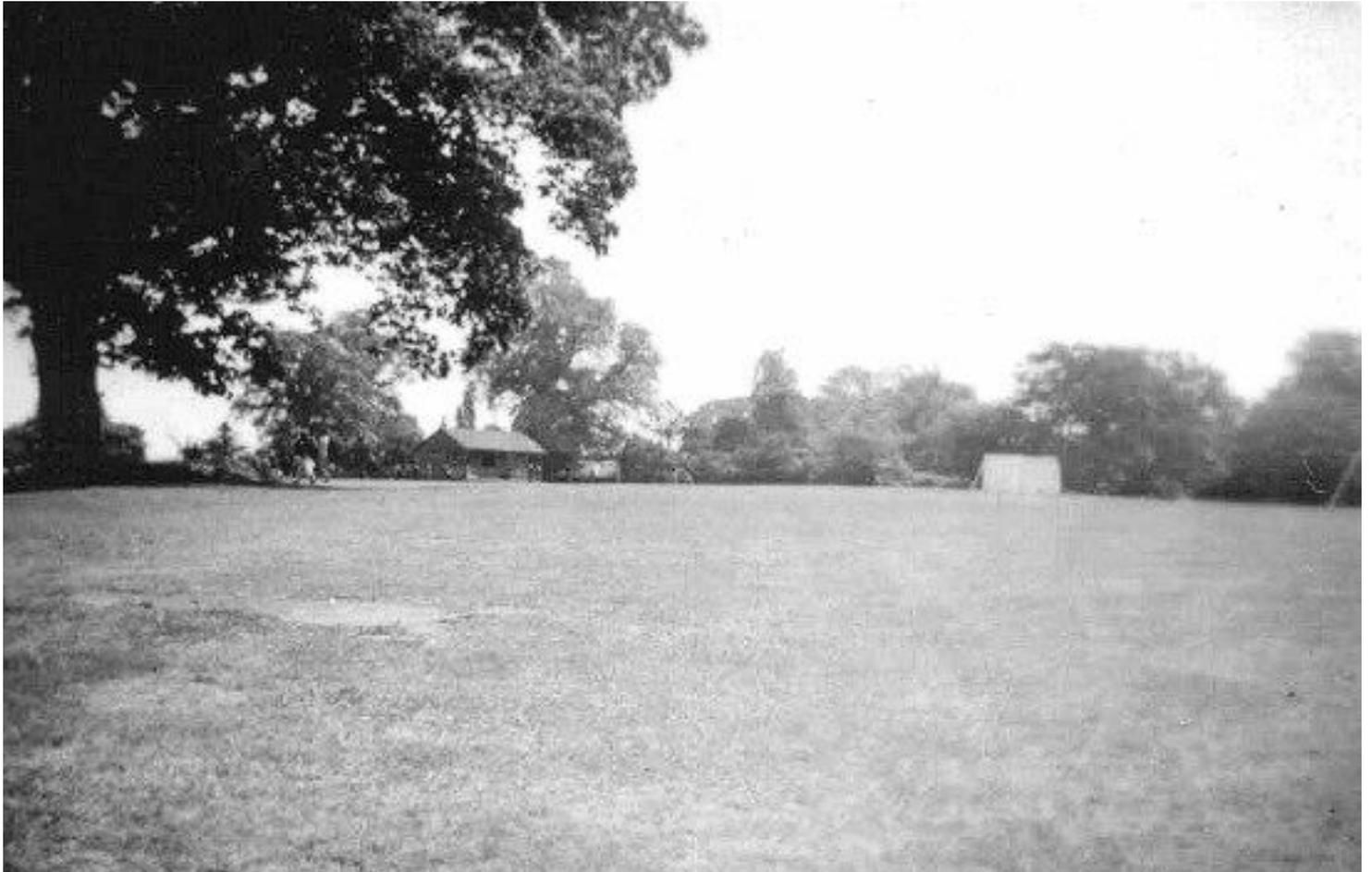
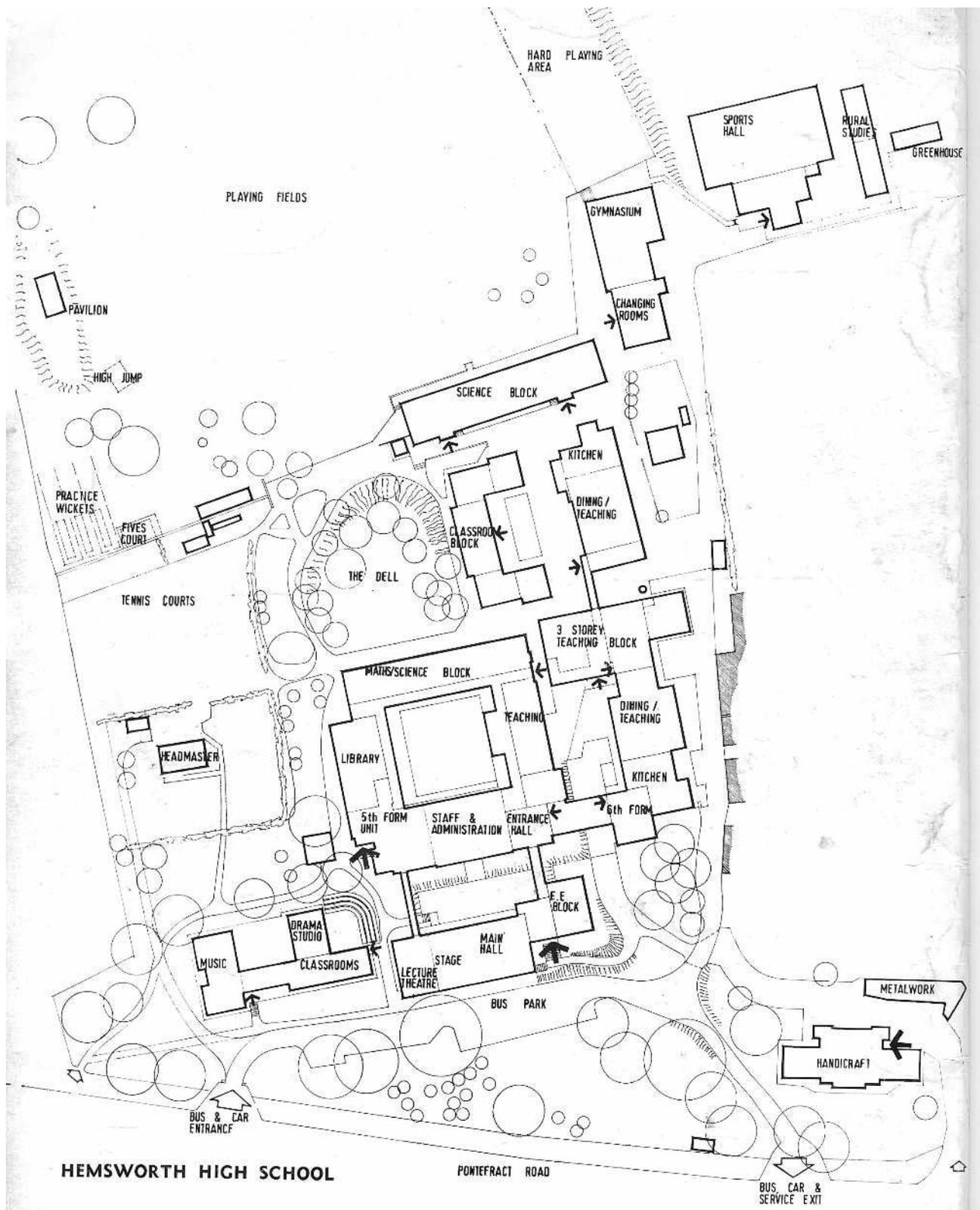


Photo from Roy Sault. Thank you, Roy.

## The Changes 1967-68



"The changes to the buildings were tremendous or horrendous as some of you have witnessed. The outside concrete slabs covering the front of the house can be seen elsewhere on this website. This became the new hall, but not big enough to hold the whole school. The woodwork, metalwork and pottery rooms were knocked down to enable a 3 storey concrete slab to be put up. The bulldozers were waiting for the Easter assembly to finish and some of the staff were still on the site when they started. Inside the old part, the hall became a library, the library became the staffroom, male and female staffrooms were converted into study rooms for the 6th form. Room 9 behind the Head's office became an entrance hall from the front. The area around the bike shed and boys' cloakroom entrance became an entrance and staircase up to a 6th form library area. The boy prefects' room became a matron's room. Girl prefects became a cloakroom and so it goes on..."

Terry McCroakam