

1. Mike Killoran 1962-67



Dave,

I can add and correct, some names on the History trip photo. I know that we visited several places including Helmsley Castle. The photo is:

Back Row L to R: ?, ?, Martin Petfield, Norman Marks, Mike Killoran, Hodgson (?).

Front Row L to R: Brenda Thompson, Heptinstall (?), Carol Hicklin, Susan Jackson, Chris Siddons, Pat Holland, Gaynor Green. I remember one of the teachers was Mr. Hogdson.

I wonder If anyone recalls the trip to Interlaken Switzerland in 1966?

Mike

(May 2004)

2. Tony White 1957-64



I only found this site recently and have found it very interesting. It has brought back a lot of memories. I attended the school from 1957 to 1964 and there seems to be a lot of information about the school and attendees around that time. Sadly, it was this site which made me aware of the passing of a cousin but the site also gave me the chance to catch up with other relatives. I will continue to drop in every so oft.

Thanks

Tony White

(June 2004)

Dear Tony,

Thank you for the information. It has now been added to the site. I am glad that you have enjoyed your visit. If there are any memories that you would particularly like to record, just email them in and I will put them on the site. If you have a school photo of yourself, I could use it to personalise your entry. Finally, which House were you in at School?

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

1963/64 photograph of the L6R second row 10 - Tony White. This is me, what a surprise. This must have been taken just before I left HGS. Thank you for your reply following my first e-mail. In response to your query, I was in Talbot House and I was not aware of any school photo's so the one mentioned above was a bit of a surprise. I have viewed the site on a couple of occasions and have found it very thought provoking.

Thanks,

Tony White

I have been flipping through the photos in the class pages and have recognised some of the missing names. See below - Form index 58/59 3A 3rd. row no.6 is Jacqueline James.

Form index 60/61 3B back row no. 5 is David Fairclough, 3rd. row no.5 is Phil Quinn and 2nd. row no. 1 is Liz Jones.

The site continues to grow and remains of great interest with a lot of thought provoking memories.

Thanks

Tony White

(November 2004)

3. Alan Barker 1955-60



After a chance meeting with Jean Tallett, I was directed to your web site. I found this to be a very pleasurable experience, and I must say it roused memories in me that I thought were forgotten in the mists of time. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you all on the website, which has given me 3 or 4 hours of interesting and nostalgic experiences. I have seen pictures and names which I must admit to have almost forgotten. I hope to attend the reunion at Brierley.

Alan Barker

(June 2004)

Dear Alan,
What a lovely surprise to hear from my 5S classmate. It sounds as if you have enjoyed your web-site visit. I hope you will continue to do so. Please try to get to the Three Horse Shoes on the 2nd July. It will be great to see you again.

Best wishes,

Dave

Dear Sheila,
I enjoyed the reunion night more than I ever felt possible. You and Dave have rekindled an interest in school all but forgotten. Thanks. I think you are right about school - I don't think we moved in the same circles so we probably never spoke which I must say is my loss. Anyway I will close now. Keep in touch. Thanks again, and I'm definitely up for any more reunions. My wife loved the evening. She found out things about me she didn't know, and says "Thanks" too.

All the best,

Alan

4. Dave Fearnside 1958-66



Dear Dave,
I have some old School memorabilia which you can have. I'll be in Yorkshire for a week in August and hope to meet up with Kenny Johnson. Maybe, I could pass them to you via him. The "George Pacy's Unknown Form" photo is 3B in 1961.

Dave Fearnside

(June 2004)

Dear Dave,
Thank you for getting in touch with the web site and thank you for the information. Your memorabilia will be very welcome. I have met Ken Johnson a couple of times recently and he has let the site have lots of material. He is just as I remembered him. You and I have not met since you went with the Willowgarth Geography Department to Derbyshire in the Seventies. It seems like yesterday. I do hope you will maintain contact with the site. You must have lots of memories which will be of great interest to our audience around the World.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

Dave,
It was very kind of you to reply to my 'note'. Please excuse me, as it was remiss of me not to congratulate you on all your considerable efforts in producing such a comprehensive website. It was only recently that Kenny was expressing his shock at seeing a photo of me not only on a Willowgarth field trip, but with the long hair. What particularly interested me on the HGS site

was one of the links to www.hemsworth.org. There it states that of the 8,000 or so 'wards' in England, Hemsworth ranks round about the 300 level in the Index of Deprivation: 1 being the worst deprivation; so 8,000 is pretty affluent. I haven't lived in Hemsworth for nigh on 38 years, but have been back very regularly so I am quite aware of how folk have to exist there. Of course, when we were at school, folk were also poor and deprived, but we knew nothing else and weren't surrounded by wealth, but HGS gave us a step-up. By reading your website or 'Friends Reunited', you realise that many Old Hilmians have done very well for themselves. I wonder if there is now some way our concerted efforts could help the poor generation that has known nothing but benefits and hopelessness, and likely to have to do so ad infinitum. I don't know what the answer is. I would just like to start the ball rolling and see if anybody else feels strongly enough to pick up on it.

Regards

Dave Fearnside

5. Glenn Burrows 1963-69



Dear Sheila,

I moved from Sowerby Bridge Grammar School to Hemsworth in March 1963, entering the 2nd year. I was at the school until 1969. I was in one of the smaller classes in my 4th & 5th years and have a photo. I was in the 6th form with pupils such as Terry Mills and Alan Jones. Some of my memories are a bit hazy, but they were refreshed last October when I met someone from a year below me in Sydney. This was purely a chance meeting. Now I have made contact I will try to reflect back on my time there and let you know.

Regards

Glenn Burrows

(June 2004)

Dear Glenn,

Delighted to hear from you. You mention starting at HGS in 1963. Are you on the panorama for that year? If so, could you let us know where you are on it, and if possible, give us any of the missing names you can, please? Dave and I left School the year before you started there, and so we will have shared many of the same Staff and traditions. When we were in the Sixth Form we didn't have much idea of the names of the younger pupils, so any help with names is appreciated throughout the site. Your mention of a photo is interesting, and we look forward to seeing it. Bit by bit we are building the picture of what it was like to attend that School. Everyone is so kind in supplying memorabilia, as you will have seen on the site, and it all makes for interesting reading, especially for those who have gone abroad. Our School Song has been aired in many countries so far! The longer one spends viewing the different sections of the site, the more memories it seems to encourage. You will be one of the Hilmians who experienced the changeover from Grammar to Comprehensive. Did you find it easy? Any reflections on this, or just about anything from those days would be most welcome.

Sincerely,

Sheila

6. Linda Redmile 1964-71



Hi,

I was a pupil at HGS from September 1964 until July 1971. I was in Holgate House. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the comments, looking at the class photos and reliving some happy memories. Keep up the good work on the website, it's fascinating. Who says nostalgia isn't what it used to be?

A few memories.....

a. Miss Smith - She had a fearsome reputation and insisted that she was addressed by her name. You had to say, "Yes, Miss. Smith, no, Miss. Smith", and woe betide you if you forgot and tried to end a sentence without the obligatory "Miss. Smith". We

were not allowed off the school premises unless we had a "permit". In order to obtain a permit you had to queue outside Miss. Smith's room before the start of school and provide proof of your need to obtain one. "I have a dentist's appointment, Miss Smith. Yes, Miss Smith. No, Miss Smith. Thank you, Miss Smith." It was on one such occasion that she amazed me. I was only in the second year and had gone to ask for a permit. She not only knew my name but she congratulated me on how well I'd done in the end of year French exam. She had never taught me and I don't think she had ever spoken to me before, so how did she know? At that time she only taught French to the Upper school so I came out of her room walking on air. Many of the teachers in those days used to wear their academic gowns around school. Everyone else's was black but Miss Smith's was dark green.

b. Standing on the stairs which led from the Girls' Changing Room to the Gym, I think in alphabetical order, to be weighed and measured in the first P.E. lesson of each term (or it might have been each year?).

c. I was really looking forward to doing Needlework in the second year, but before we were allowed anywhere near a sewing machine we had several weeks of "Hygiene" lessons. Miss Metcalfe talked to us about washing regularly and the importance of regular bowel habits! She was a lovely lady.

d. School uniform skirts had to be exactly the right length - two inches from the floor when kneeling. Blue gingham summer dresses could be any style but Christine Laycock took this to extremes. When Miss. Smith said to her, "What are those?", she answered in wide eyed innocence, "Hot pants, Miss Smith." (At least she remembered to say Miss. Smith at the end of it!)

e. The blue/grey lady. Was she blue or grey? Mrs. Margolis, maths teacher, once told us she had seen an apparition on the main staircase as she was going home late one evening. She had stayed back to do some marking and was quite alone in that part of the building when she saw the famous HGS ghost. I have wondered since if she was having us on at the time, but in my mind I believe she was very sincere.

I'm sure I will think of many more memories but these will suffice for now.

Linda Redmile
(July 2004)

Dear Linda,

Thank you for getting in touch with the site and for the memories. They are now on the site. I am glad that you have enjoyed your visits. Clearly the School still remains in many Hilmians' thoughts. I too remember Miss. Smith's "Miss. Smith". Who could ever forget her? I was at HGS for 7 years and was is awe of her for all of that time.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

7. Les Brown 1941-48



Thanks to Sheila for the e-mail introducing us to the HGS website. My wife, Mary (nee Wilkinson - Price House 1943-49) and myself (Guest House 1941-48) have found it very interesting. We have also introduced it to Mary's cousin, Peter Perry (Guest House 1943-47). We have quite a few photographs (details later) which might be of interest to you and we can offer a little help with some of the photos etc which you already have on the website. With reference to "The Gallery" and the three cartoons taken from various editions of the school magazine, the artist was a contemporary of mine, Jack McGillivray. (His photograph is to be found among the Prefects for 1947/48.) The one entitled "Which Way to the Fives Court?" is a true reflection of the actual situation at the time. There was a group of 4th/5th year boys who were very keen to play fives using bare hands and a tennis ball. (Proper equipment was not available because of the war.) Thus at the beginning of morning break and at lunchtime there was a headlong rush for the Fives Court since the order of play was determined according to the principle of "first come - first served". Equally, at the end of break and lunchtime there was a reluctance on the part of the boys on court to stop playing and return to lessons.

The cartoon entitled "High Up - Winter Days" is a reference to a rumpus which had arisen among some staff and pupils when it was decided that the denizens of the rookery in the trees at the front of the school were becoming too numerous and should be culled. It was thought that they were making too much noise (and mess) as they fought and squabbled with each other as the competition for suitable nest sites became more intense. I am not sure but I think that the cull did take place.

Mary and I think that we might be able to help with the names of some of the people appearing on some photographs, though the memory plays tricks after so many years and "anno domini" does not help!! We have a selection of team and form photographs from the 1940's, copies of which we hope to send on to you during the next few months as we sort out (hopefully) some of the names of the people in them.

Please accept our thanks and best wishes for your management of the website.

Mary and Les Brown

(July 2004)

Dear Mary and Les,

Thank you for getting in touch with the web site and thank you for the information you have submitted. Our schooldays were very important and many Hilmians enjoy looking back in perhaps the only way we can collectively. Incidentally I started out in my teaching career working with Les Tate who left HGS in 1945. I believe he was quite an athlete in those days.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

8. Bob Waite 1957-63



Hi Dave,

I remember being in Guest following my elder brother James (he left a year or so before I started) and my mother. HGS was HSS then circa 1926/27. I left at Christmas 1963 after a few months in L6R, then persuaded RWH to move me to L6S. It was not my thing to continue beyond New Year so I got a job and left. I must admit I took great pleasure in walking out through the Staff entrance at the front of the main building!!! One thing that comes to mind at the moment about the school is that I had a History teacher called Mr Bulley who wrote a book about the history of Hemsworth as a Village then small town. I also remember that Polio was still a problem and that the Salk Vaccine was available for children. I was on a school swimming trip and had to go to my doctor to be vaccinated. It may have been when I was at Junior School, but I think it was at HGS. I hope to keep in contact with you and any other school friends that turn up. A few names of contemporaries which I remember:-

[David Miles](#)

[John A. Robinson](#)

[Linda Hopkinson](#)

[Norma Sale](#)

[Jean Merrington](#)

[John Creighton](#)

Please keep me informed of anything which you think may be of interest and I'll try to dig out, if I still have them, any photos.

Regards

Bob Waite

(July 2004)

Dear Bob,

Thank you for contacting the site. I hope you have enjoyed your visits so far. We were at the School at more or less the same time. You mention John Robinson. John is in contact with the site and he attended our most recent reunion on the 2nd July. Your information has been put on the site. Personal HGS memories become ever more fragmented as time marches on. Hopefully the HGS site will help us to more clearly remember at least part of our formative years. If you do have any photos, memories, memorabilia which you would like to see on the site, please let me have them. Photos are probably best scanned into jpeg format at about 300dpi.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

9. Sylvia Fox 1950-56



Hello there from New Zealand. I have just 'found' your website and can't keep away from it! It is great. I can fill in some of the names on photos etc and I will reply more formally within the next few days.

Cheers for now

Sylvia Fox

(August 2004)

Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for getting in touch with the web site. It is good to know that you are enjoying your visits. Memories are so important. Please let me have whatever you can gather together and I will add your thoughts, names etc to the site.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

10. Jean Worbey 1948-53



Dear Sheila,

I remember Hemsworth G.S with great affection. My first Class was 1C and I was in Holgate House. I can sing the School Song even today and the first school rule given for lines could never be forgotten. I may have a class photograph hidden somewhere and I will try to find it. Does anyone remember the whole school photograph, taken about every five years? I have one of those. Many years later I retrained and taught Infant and Junior children. This photograph of me was taken in 1950 on the School playing field. It's funny to think that after all these years memories come flooding back when I look at the HGS site.

From,

Jean Worbey

(August 2004)

Dear Jean,

Delighted to hear from you - and especially pleased that you were in Holgate, as were Dave and I! Another similarity is that I taught Primary and Infants, and Dave has recently retired from the teaching profession too! As you'll no doubt have seen on the site, we're doing our best to gather the memories of HGS before they fade into the mists of time. Along the way, we are finding that many friendships have been renewed, and those who are abroad are appreciating the renewal of links with home. In the Index on the site we have a section for whole School photos (Panoramas) and we have ones there for 1949 and 1952. We do appreciate your willingness to help us build the picture of those School days. It's absolutely amazing that so many class photos and memorabilia have survived all these years, and that so many Hilmians like yourself will share them. Incidentally, if you find your class photo and don't have a scanner to send it to us, I can give you an address. Dave will copy the photo and return it safely to you.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sheila

Thank you for your E Mail. First - I am new to the computer and I'm learning as I go along so forgive mistakes. You have given me a lot of information to think about and I promise to look up my old 'photos, in the meantime a little information. On the 1952 School Choir photo I am third row number 5. I could not bring up a photo of class 2D in 1949/50 but among the names you have given I remember Barbara Alderman, and Betty Pinder. The name Carol Sugden rings a bell. Do you have any information about a Maureen Spaulding who left school early and went to live in America?

Jean

11. Bill Nightingale 1934-39



Dear Sheila,

Thank you for your E-mail of 15.08.04. I have viewed some of the photos at Willowhemhistory and will send names of those people I remember.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Nightingale (Talbot, 1934-1939)

(August 2004)

Dear Bill,

Delighted to hear from you, and will be most grateful for any names you can supply. There's a school choir photo of 1931 right at the bottom of the Gallery which has been causing us a bit of a problem. Would you mind having a look and perhaps identifying some of the pupils with Miss. Morgan Jones if you can? Hope you enjoyed your look round the site, and will treat it as your own. We'd love to hear your memories, which you can send directly to us via the website. Hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

Sheila

12. Geoff Osborne 1962-67



Hi,

Just had a great time looking through the web site. Brought back many memories. I believe I can help identifying a few people/places on some of the gallery photos. Must look in the loft for some of my old photos and school memorabilia.

Geoff Osborne

(September 2004)

Dear Geoff,

Thank you for contacting the site and for the information. HGS was a special place for so many people. We are simply trying to bring those memories back into focus. The willingness of people to help is very pleasing. We look forward to receiving those items from your time at School.

Best wishes,

Dave McKenzie

HGS 1955-62

13. John Draper 1960-65



Hello Sheila,

Thanks for your note with the details of the site. Just had a quick look and I recognize Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Collette and Miss. Smith on the "Homepage". I'll have a look in more detail, I'm sure I'll recognise lots of people. I started there in September 1960 and left at Christmas 1965. I've never attended any reunions at HGS, in fact I've only been on the site of the School once in the last 40 years! If you have any information on future reunions, I'd appreciate the details.

Thanks again,

John Draper

(September 2004)

Hello John,

You're in for a treat as you return to the HGS website and browse further into it. On the opening page there's a button you can click - Meetings - which will give you an idea of the get-togethers currently being planned. Class Pages will take you to the Form photos of your years, and if you can help us out with any of the missing names, we would be most grateful. Dave and I left the School in 1962, the year Dave was Head Boy, with Jacqueline Leonard as Head Girl, so we don't know many of the names of pupils of later years. Would you mind letting us know your pathway through School? 1A, 2B, 3A, etc. and which House you were in? Also, any recollections of Form teachers or House Masters/Mistresses, or what you thought about School in general - dinners, Games, Assemblies, Speech Days, School Plays - it goes on and on?. Just click my email address at the bottom of the Home Page.

Sincerely,

Sheila

Hello Sheila,

Thanks for your note. Just had a look at a photo that Bryan Thomas has sent in of 1961 2C. I'm on it and I can see that Bryan has already given you my name. I don't think he has given all the girls but I remember some. On the second row of girls the first one from the left is Carol Millthorpe, the second is Hilary Poskett, and at the far right it is Susan Wren. You asked about my "path". I went into Normans in Sept 1960 then it was 2C 3C 4R 5R and a brief spell in Lower 6R. I was in Holgate as I had had 2 sisters there earlier. My sister Margaret went to HGS in 1951, my sister Mary in 1948. The form teachers I remember are Mr. Shelton in 2C, Miss. Couperthwaite in 3C, and I think it was Mr Hassall in the Normans. Boys I remember from my intake include: Roger Elsworth, John Fradgely, Pete Hryschko, John Bladen, John Grayson, Clive Jones, Alan Marshall, Stephen Brunt (even my local MP - Jeff Ennis was on my school bus! - something I always mention if I go to his surgery!) I'll look at the site in more detail, I'm sure it will prompt more memories and I'll be in touch. Thanks for letting me know about the site.

John

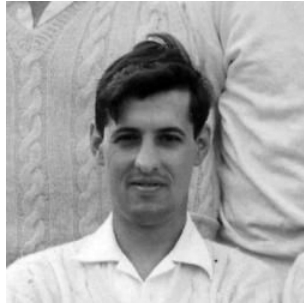
Dear John,

Thanks for the mail. Thank you so much for the extra names you give us. They will be entered on the photo page, and thanks also for your pathway through School. Could we also please request you look at the later Panoramas, and supply some names for us? Holgate! An excellent House! Both Dave and I were also in Holgate, so we have a special affection for that. Can you remember House Prayers? Who was the House Master who conducted them in your time? You mention Mr. Hassall, who was the Religious Knowledge teacher. I remember him well. He came to Shafton Methodist Chapel one evening to give a talk - very strange for a couple of us, as he had been taking us that afternoon for 'A' level RK! Do, please, delve further into the site. I know it takes quite some time to see everything but the more you look, the fresher the details become, and before you know it, you'll be remembering names and anecdotes quite easily. We are here to receive them, and place them on record before the mists of time blur the events. Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Sincerely,

Sheila

14. Ken Sale HGS Staff 1955-61



Dear Sheila,

Thank you for your last e-mail response, informing me of those who have achieved academic success over the past 50 years or so. It is humbling to realise that most of the ones who have succeeded at such high levels 'suffered' under my tutelage. I did always recognise that there were many who were infinitely cleverer than myself and so tried hard to stimulate, inspire and encourage their embryonic potential. I trust that I did it with care, with respect and imagination. It makes me look back with considerable intent and earnestness. I have searched the dark recesses of the loft for past photos and have come up with four that show some familiar faces. I read the Forum through again as well as the games sections following the accounts of the Rugby, Cricket and Hockey sections with renewed interest. The school had an immense reputation, not only in South Yorkshire but also in the rest of the West Riding for the quality of its teams - all due to the superb organisation of the PE staff and their brilliant coaching skills. To defeat HGS at any game in those days was a major and worthy scalp. I remember bringing two teams from High Storrs (which at the time were probably the best teams in the area of Sheffield for their age groups) and suffering two considerable defeats by quicker, well-drilled, more skilful teams showing greater stamina than the boys at High Storrs. Our lads went back with a greater determination to become fitter and better. It was a salutary lesson that they were not as good as they thought, but they had enjoyed the experience.

A sad moment whilst I was at HGS is related to the fact that not enough of the fifth-formers went into higher education at A level. There was enormous potential talent that lay untapped especially in the Sciences, certainly in Biology. Another sad moment came during the last two weeks of my stay at HGS. I was swamped by the enormous generosity of the various groups with which I had been associated - Form, School, Staff, Biology groups, and rugby groups who all gave me and my fiancée gifts which we still treasure in some cases. I must say that it was slightly embarrassing but I did recognise that it was their way of saying thank you for being myself and supporting them in so many ways. I hope that I did not show the tears, but they were memorable moments, and their consideration and kindness have always remained in my memory at least. Perhaps I should have remained in touch, but life becomes very involved with new horizons and interests. Continue with the good work, especially your memories of your return to school. They are fascinating.

Yours,

Ken Sale (October 2004)

Dear Ken,

How wonderfully generous you are to share your recollections with us! You certainly have a gift for portraying the picture of those happy times. They exist in a land where nothing changes, and the wider the picture, the more the pleasure. I only hope you are receiving an equivalent enjoyment as you browse the site. So many people are joining in, and bit by bit we are all filling in our little pieces of information. One would think that eventually we would all know everything - but not so! During the two years or so of the site's existence we have discovered many layers of rich memories from within School and in the wider community. It has taken time and dedication to tease out those memories from underneath 30, 40, 60, and even 70 years of subsequent life experiences, but we feel it's a job worth doing, and it's a race against time. After a slow and hesitant beginning, we have been constantly gratified by the enthusiasm of everyone we encounter to help us lay down a true record of those exceptional few years when we were all lucky enough to find so many opportunities to grasp.

Sincerely,

Sheila

15. Janet Bonds 1960-66



I was in Price and I remember that my first year class was Celts. I also remember taking part in the 1962 show - I was the telephonist in the thistle!!!! Other memories include having a day off school when Geoff Boycott played in his 1st test match for

England and a dreadful gale when some of the magnificent trees at the front of the school were blown down and the roof of the New Science block flew off.

Janet
(October 2004)

16. Marjorie Bowcock 1961-66



Hi there,
I've just discovered the HGS website and am so excited to find one of my old school photos. Unfortunately I don't have any Grammar school photos so this is wonderful. My name isn't listed so I'm sending it now so it can be added. The class is Normans year 1961/2 and I'm sitting in the second row between Linda Archer (great pal of mine in those days) and Joan Hibbert. My maiden name was Marjorie Bowcock. My married name is Fife and I live in New Zealand. Congratulations on a brilliant site.

Marjorie Fife
(October 2004)

Dear Marjorie,
Thank you for getting in touch with the site. I hope you enjoy many more visits. We are all Hilmians even now and we share so many memories. Thank you for adding your name to two of the photographs. To help to complete the record: which House were you in and when did you leave HGS? If you can think of any particular points about HGS, please send them in for publication on the site. Lovely to hear from you.

Best wishes,
Dave McKenzie

Dear Dave,
I remember Miss. Smith who was my music teacher. I had opted for Art but there were no places left. There were only 3 pupils in the said class and, unfortunately for me, the other 2 seemed, at the time, to play the piano like concert pianists, whereas I could only manage 'chopsticks'! Much to my eternal regret I still cannot play the piano. Why did I 'bunk' off that class so often?? My 'Mam' used to tell me that 'schooldays are the happiest days of your life' but I didn't think so in the 60's. Now I repeat it to my son and know it to be true. Especially after browsing your site which has brought back so many memories, good and bad. Keep up the good work.

Marjorie

17. Cath Long 1961-69



Dear Dave,
I found this amongst the old family photos. Hope it is of interest. As it is half term, I may yet turn up other HGS stuff in the loft!

Best Wishes
Cath Fuller (nee Long)
(October 2004)

Dear Cath,
Thank you very much for the scan of the Uniform Price List 1961. I will add it to the site's Memorabilia Section. Half terms are so important. Do enjoy your break. Go carefully into your loft and Good Hunting.

Best wishes,
Dave McKenzie

18. Colin Lowery 1961-68



Listening to BBC radio on my PC I did some web searches and found this wonderful site. So many happy memories. This school was instrumental in my going to college (the first in the family). I am forever grateful. I am now living and working in the US but please keep in touch. Unfortunately when I left (1968) we had just become a Comprehensive school.

Colin Lowery
(October 2004)

Dear Colin,

Welcome to the HGS web site and thank you for your positive comments about it. The good start given by HGS has helped so many people. We are all Hilmians and will always remain so. I note that your final year coincided with the retirement of Mr. Hamilton (December 1967). Sheila Kelsall and I are always interested to hear the thoughts of those who attended HGS. Please let us know if there are any memories which you would like to have published on the site. Simply email them to one of us. Lovely to hear from you.

Best wishes,
Dave McKenzie