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1. Peter Perry 1943-47



I am writing on behalf of my father Peter Perry who attended Hemsworth Grammar School - he appears on one of the photos for 1946 -47 in Form 4D. He would love to meet up with any old boys (or girls) from his era at school. (Contact through the site.) Would it be possible to include his details on one of the school pages on the website please? If there are any reunions planned he would be very interested.

Many thanks.

Carol Dougherty

2. Peter Miller 1957-61



Dear Dave and Sheila,

I check out the website on regular occasions and I am amazed how it's grown. So much detail and interest, a wonderful project, you must have spent many hours in the making. Keep up the good work and many thanks for all your effort. It seems you have been responsible for bringing so much pleasure to so many. Well done.

Having reached that magical age I am still working. The school motto "find pleasure in work" has certainly applied to me all my working life.

Peter Miller

28 July 2009

3. Edward Flower 1949-52



Thank you Sheila for pointing out the site to me. Over the last year I've spent many a happy, nostalgic hour drifting through various parts of it, lost in a world that was. Keep it up. I have a couple of names to put to photographs. 1950-51 3c back row No. 5 is Joe Bryan. Prefects 1951-52 3rd row No. 6 is Russell Allbrook.

Edward Flower

21 August 2009

4. Arthur Hanley 1941-48



Dave,

One or two additions/corrections to staff photos on the website.

Staff Photo 1944-45: Front row RWH, Mr. P. Crossland, JAS, Mr. W. L. "Daddy" Austin, Mr. J. "Scoff" Scourfield, Mr. Collette. "Daddy" Austin taught us Mathematics in 4S and 5S (1944 and 1945). He was past retiring age but stayed on as Senior Mathematics Master during the War until the end of 1945. Mr. J. L. Lloyd took over Mathematics in January 1946.

Staff Photo 1945-46:

Third row no. 6 is Mr. R. Ward

Staff Photo 1947-48:

Back row no. 5 is also Mr. R. Ward

Best wishes,

Arthur Hanley

HGS 1941-48

5. Dennis Harper 1944-48



Hi Sheila,

I have e-mailed Dave to provide missing names on a number of class photo's, in particular the one for 3c in 1946/47 which, incidentally, is the only one that I have. You are correct in saying that the more I look, the more I recall.

A couple of things before adding names to photos, firstly the friend who introduced me to the site is Peter Harvey, 1949-54, although I did not know him from HGS I met him a few years later when we both worked for British Coal. He has already contributed to the site.

I received an e-mail on Christmas Day from Peter Gunthorpe who informed that he has lived in Australia for over 40 years. I had not seen or heard from him for over 60 years. Wow! Where has the time gone?

Regards,

Dennis Harper

HGS 1944-48

Hi Dennis,

Thanks for your emails. I see you have made inroads on the '47 Panoramic, for which we are, as usual, grateful, to say the least. Your inter-name commentaries make the listings so much more interesting. You seem to be able to recall as many girls' names as boys in those Panoramics, and that's unusual. Do, please keep sending. This effort is so worthwhile in giving pleasure to many Hilmians.

Sincerely,

Sheila

6. Richard Dunn

Dear Sheila,

I was informed by an ex colleague of mine who taught maths at both the Grammar and Comprehensive School that there was a website. I seem to remember that the first Panoramic was dated 1934 and at that point the school was called Hemsworth Secondary School. I can't remember the other dates but I can remember who gave them to me. It was Gordon Holdsworth who is mentioned on your site. The first head of Hemsworth High destroyed much of the Grammar Schools artefacts including the Honours Boards. Staff such as Gordon attempted to hide as much as they could but the Head whose name I forget seemed to have done a better job on destroying things than Henry VIII did to the monasteries. The photos in the library were placed there by me so people could see how the building had been used. The lectern was still in the school when I retired. I believe it was in the staff room, unused. The archives were mainly photos but nowhere near as many as you already have on your site. If I remember rightly I also had the four House shields. I may have some photos of the High Hall somewhere. If I can find them I'll send them.

Best wishes,

Richard Dunn

14 Feb 2010