

I have just been reading with interest the Moseley Hall website. I was there in the 6th form from 1960 to 1962 but there seems to be a big hole around that time.

To my dismay, I find I can remember none of the pupils mentioned and only really Mr Armishaw who was of course the Head. I never really made my mark at any sport but I enjoyed the cross country and received colours. I was told it was because they were sure of at least one runner every week as many of the team also ran for Stockport Harriers. I remember that dreaded stream crossing at the end of the course although it often worked to our advantage against the opposition who didn't know how deep it was. In those days the course went on past Seven Arches towards Bramall Hall before turning up the well-named Pig Lane onto Tenement Lane and back.

I cannot see any mention of Mr ER Petty who was I think a Maths master. He also ran tent making classes after school and the tent I made was still doing good service some 20 years later.

We also started a mini-rebellion against the rugby scene and were allowed to play hockey on the rugby pitch across the stream but soccer was definitely a no-no. I also remember one of the first Sports Days to be held at the Girls School fields and the cross country runners were forced to run in the prestigious mile against their wishes. The race started slowly except for one runner who was called back by the others and did a u-turn to the annoyance of the staff. The race proceeded for another lap at a snail's pace and most of us were then literally hauled off the course for making a mockery of it, despite our protests that we knew we could not beat the few really good runners. To my chagrin, I received an apology from the master who obviously thought I was running at my best.

I also recall the secret smoking group at the top of Bruntwood Lane after school, although being a healthy cyclist, I didn't actually partake.

I moved, with my father's job, to Wolverhampton in 1962 where I married before moving back to Stockport in 1970. I have been in insurance for most of my life until joining Stockport Council a couple of years ago to promote cycling and sustainable transportation. I am due to retire in a couple of months but will continue part time as a cycling instructor. I also run the very successful Stockport Community Cycling Club and have been a top cyclo-cross judge for many years.

Nice to read about the old times.

Regards

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