

I was at MHGS from 1955 to 1960. I lived in Wilmslow with my parents and two younger brothers.

Pupils were bused in from Alderley Edge, Wilmslow and Handforth. Many cycled to their stop from Mobberley and Styal.

The bus started in Bank Square, Wilmslow, with stops at Styal Road, Wilmslow. The Blue Bell - gone. The Greyhound, Handforth - demolished). Lastly, the Waggon & Horses.

Anyone at the Griffin in Heald Green was ignored because that was too close for the free bus.

School buses also travelled in from Bramhall and Hazel Grove.

My fellow pupils/travellers were Pete GASH, Roger HULME, Des HOWARTH, Ali ROBB, Colin SIMPSON, Simon FENTON, Robert William Gibson DOOLEY, Keith TATE.

Plus a BURGESS - forget his given name.

Roger SPROWSON lived in Styal but don't recollect him on the bus. He may have cycled from home up Station Road following the unmade path and coming out of Sagars Road in Handforth facing the Freemasons Arms.

Angus McClardy was picked up at the Waggon.

I was the only one to leave in 1960, the others going on to take A-levels.

The headmaster was ARMISHAW, DICKIE DURRANT the deputy..

Dixon taught maths. Joe SEED - art. Henry CURRY - geography. Dave CONWAY - divert him to talk water polo. Gough - woodwork. Sid PRITCHARD - PT. Abbey Thompson - Latin? and History. I think Forbes took games and taught RE. Bescoby taught Biology. There was a very heavy-set guy taught metal work too. Even as a skinny 14-year old I was taller than him but he was three times as wide.

MOTHER MATHER In 1965/1966 asked directions whilst on traffic duty in Chester. He was driving a mini bus on a school trip to North Wales.

Brian Clarke from Gatley - his parents had a shoe shop facing the Horse and Farrier - was a police officer in Macclesfield and Tintwistle from around 1963 on. He retired as a DCI from Greater Manchester Police around 1993.

Alan Holden, I heard, became a police officer but don't know how long he served or in which force. In those days STOCKPORT had its own police.

This is before the creation of GMP in 1971.

Des HOWARTH as a youth/adult took up running. We went ice skating as teenagers - he left me for dead, even having done a 9K cross country club race that morning.

Simon Fenton also ran - bumped into him in his 40s - he was very slim. Several years later I too tried running - Simon took great joy in cheering me home a minimum of five minutes behind him even in a short 5-miler. We both keep it up into our 70's.

Goughs woodworkers. Built several Enterprise sailing dinghies - the first was launched on Winsford Flashes. Afterwards sailing was at Rudyard Lake, entering the water from the Macclesfield end.

I didn't take any lessons with any of the above - they all did Sciences and I did Arts. I lost touch after 1960 except for meeting Des HOWARTH - a coach when my children took up athletics - and Simon Fenton at running races in our 40s.

I do recall always being cold in the classroom in winter. You remember the precast concrete blocks, asbestos roofs and single glazed iron framed windows. What joy it was in 5th year to have a form room in the old hall and warmth!

A former pupil also from Wilmslow was Chris Nicholl.

He would have been born 1946. He went from Moseley Hall to Wilmslow Grammar when it opened.

He became a professional footballer playing for Burnley, Halifax, Aston Villa, Southampton and Grimsby.

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