

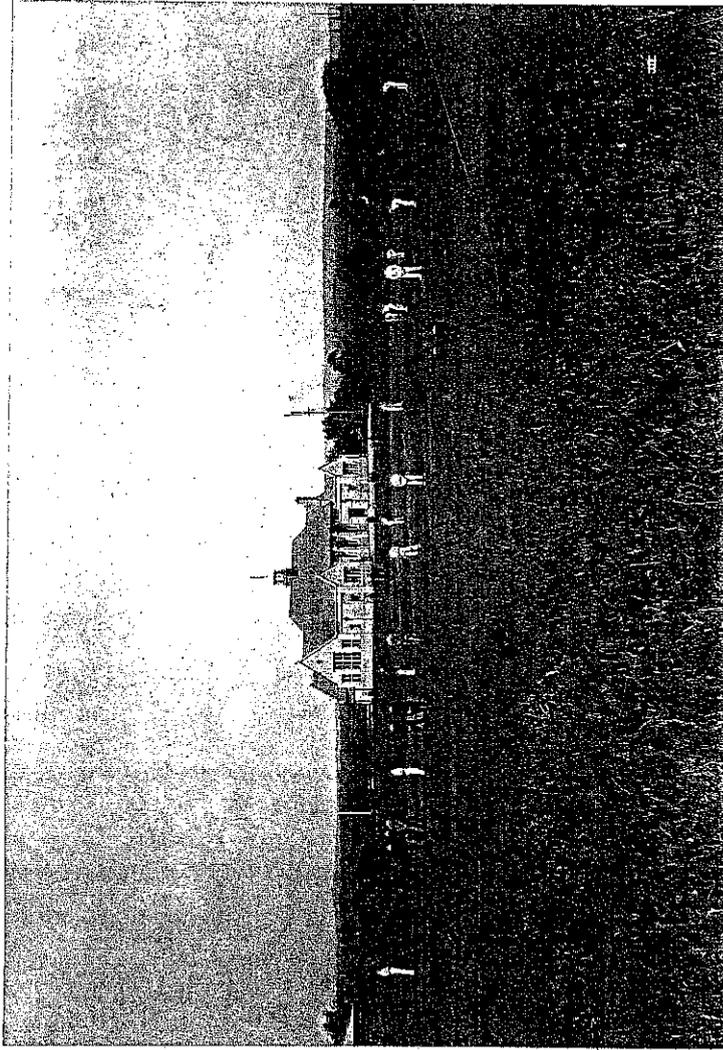
**AN ANTHOLOGY**  
**OF**  
**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
**HARTLEBURY**

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2005

**LAND & BUILDINGS**

**HARTLEBURY NEW GRAMMER SCHOOL  
& FIELD 1912**



HARTLEBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROPERTY

HARTLEBURY TITHE APPORTIONMENT 1838.

LANDOWNERS	OCCUPIERS	NUMBER	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES	STATE OF CULTIVATION	QUANTITIES PAYABLE TO RECTOR				
					A.	R.	P.	£ S D	
Lea, Thomas Simcox Hawkeswood, Thomas & White, William Trustees of Hartlebury School	Thomas Wheeler	567	Dole in Torton Meadow	Meadow	6	0	29	1 7 1	
				Total	6	0	29	1 7 1	
	William Moule			70 Hag Lane Piece	Arable	8	0	35	
					Arable	11	1	36	
					Pasture	0	0	25	
Pasture					0	3	2		
Total	21	0	11	8 6 3					
Thomas Jordan			105 Orchard	Pasture	0	2	20		
				orcharding	0	0	11		
Total	0	2	31	0 8 0					
Thomas Pierce Medwin			834 Dwelling house and gardens	Pasture	0	1	14		
				orcharding	0	1	14	0 5 6	
Total	0	2	28	0 13 6					
Reverend John Harward			835 Dwelling house, offices and garden	Pasture	1	0	14		
				orcharding	1	0	14	0 13 0	
Total	2	0	28	0 26 0					
In hand			847 School Room and Paddock	Pasture	0	2	10		
				orcharding	0	2	10		
Total	0	4	20	0 4 0					

HARTLEBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PROPERTY

RUSHOCK APPORTIONMENT 1842

LANDOWNERS	OCCUPIERS	NUMBER	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES	STATE OF CULTIVATION	QUANTITIES		PAYABLE TO RECTOR				
					A.	R.	£	S	D		
Hartlebury Free School Thomas Hawkeswood and John Lamb Trustees of	Thomas Bellamy	148	Deans Field	Arable	9	0	23	2	18	0	
		149	Burford Pleck	Arable	0	3	1	0	4	8	
		150	Far Pleck	Arable	0	3	24	0	5	0	
		152	Little Orchard	Arable	0	1	35	0	2	11	
		153	Pleck	Arable	0	0	19	0	0	9	
		154	The Butts	Arable	6	2	34	2	1	10	
		155	Little Butts	Arable	2	3	39	0	18	8	
		157	Common Piece	Arable	5	1	34	1	3	11	
		158	Common Meadow	Pasture	2	1	28	0	12	1	
		159	The Closes	Arable	6	1	6	1	19	6	
		160	The Wood Farm House Outbuildings Yard Garden etc		0	3	14	0	5	2	
		161	Little Meadow	Pasture	1	0	11	0	5	6	
		162	Pit Field	Arable	2	3	6	0	15	8	
		163	Tynning Meadow	Pasture	5	1	10	1	6	6	
		164	Tynning Field	Pasture	5	1	9	1	13	2	
				Total	50	2	13	14	14	0	
	William Jackson (Void)	151	Two Cottages and Gardens		0	0	25	0	0	2	
		Total	0	0	25	0	0	2			
	Thomas Millichamp	156	Cottage and Garden		0	1	18	0	0	1	
		Total	0	1	18	0	0	1			

ELMLEY LOVETT APPORTIONMENT 1840.

OWNERS	OCCUPIERS	NUMBER	NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF LANDS AND PREMISES	STATE OF CULTIVATION	QUANTITIES		PAYABLE TO RECTOR			
					A.	R.	£	S	D	
Hartlebury School the Trustees of Hawkeswood, Thomas Lamb, John		342	House Garden & Fold	Arable	0	1	10	0	13	6
		346	Marshalls Piece	Pasture	2	1	6	0	8	1
		347	Marshalls Meadow		2	1	11	0	1	7
		Total	4	3	27	1	1			

## ORIGINS OF THE SCHOOL – LAND

Names of pieces of land held by the school; Chaunters or Chantry Meadow near Wildon, (documented in 1558), Chaunters Ground near Waresley (documented 1560), and St Mary's estate near Hartlebury (documented in 1558).

From "*Studies in Worcestershire Local History*" - 1  
Ed. Whitaker and Brody

Excerpts from *The Early History of Hartlebury Grammar School*  
J.Pearman

The only clues to the origin of the school lie in title deeds. These describe transactions of land in Elmley Lovett, a parish from 1490 onwards. This area of land – Gervays Place – went through many hands and was then mentioned in the account book of the school in 1557. Here it was one of the pieces of land which had been endowed to the school and as such, rent was being collected from it.

How long the grammar school had existed, supported by rents of lands vested by all the *feoffes*\* is unknown – there is a distinct tracing of land from the *feoffes*\* to the governors. However, the titles of the school do elucidate the actual area which it occupied; a large piece of land called "Virgin Mary's" and another "Chantry Meadow" were included in the titles – the origin of these documents seems to be very early. In 1325 a chantry was founded in Hartlebury church in remembrance of John de Roberere, the Rector of Hartlebury for thirty years. This chantry was endowed with land in Hartlebury and the surrounding area as an income for a chaplain. This land seems to have been endowed to the school after the Reformation and the governors still owned "Virgin Mary's" and "Chantry Meadow" the documents from the reign of Edward VI. This is, therefore, another record of the existence of the early school.

In Edward's reign there was continuation of his father's work. There was a Chantry Bill followed by a Chantry Act the basis of which was that chantries were money wasting and inefficient. It was therefore proposed in the Bill that the endowment should be taken from the chantries to use to erect new grammar schools. This is quite interesting because it seems that Hartlebury's land had originally belonged to a chantry and from then on it was endowed to the school.

St James's Church was originally built in the sixteenth century and the original site of the school was to the west of this. Also, nearby was the school house.

Concerning the school property, the statutes made all the sales of wood etc. the responsibility of the governors so that any transactions had to take place by consent of the majority of the governors and the bishop.

In Hartlebury school life, finance was a very limiting factor in every respect. No doubt the actual building and its facilities was very scanty; contemporary writing gives a picture of a relatively poor school room, having one room where the boys sat on forms along the sides with the master sitting at a table on a dais at the head of the room. In this sort of situation, books would be provided by the teachers and the lesson form was therefore oral.

The letting of land by the governors was never at all constant. In fact, records indicate that they managed the school very badly. School property was constantly underlet and the governors never willingly raised the rents. In fact, they were called before a commission for charitable uses in 1660 and again during the Commonwealth period, so that the income of the school could be raised and the master be paid more.

The old schoolhouse stood at the west end of the church: from records of repairs requiring timber, plaster, tiles, glass and lead it seems that it probably had a timber framework, the beams being filled in with plaster. The roof would have been tiled and the windows would have had small panes of glass fitted into lead.

It seems that there were at least two rooms comprising the school, the hall being the main room.

From a report from the charity commissioners who visited the school in 1832, it seems that the old school had been pulled down and a new one built on the present site, in 1794. When the site changed, the under master's house was rebuilt and the headmaster's house was enlarged so the he could take boarders.

\* *fief* = land held in fee or on condition of military service  
*feoffes* = person invested with the *fief*

I will give some general impressions made upon me by my visit to the school. The first thing that strikes a stranger is that though the buildings may be adequate in respect of light, air and arrangements they do not sufficiently express the dignity of the work carried out in them. I hope to live to see the day when the beautiful, large, healthy site lately acquired will be crowned with a group of buildings worthy of the old school.

*Report to the Governors – Rev. John R. Burton*  
*Rector of Bitterley, Shropshire*  
 No. 1, 1899

Excerpts from "The Elizabethan"

Mr Stanley Baldwin JP, in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the rector for presiding and distributing the prizes, said the governors had not been unmindful of the question of a new school. It had engaged their attention, but the difficulty was one of finance. It was, however, hoped that the work would, in time, be successfully undertaken.

*Prize Day, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1900*  
*No. 4, December 1900*

One field belonging to the school was called Chantry Meadow, or St Mary's Meadow. Long ago, one of the rectors was John de Rodboro, who founded the chantry of St Mary's at the church for the benefit of his parents' souls, and the priests used to say masses for their souls until the Reformation. He, the Rector, had not the smallest doubt that after the Reformation, Elizabeth I or Edward VI took the land away from the Chantry and gave it to the grammar school which still possessed it.

*The Rector proposing "Success to the Old Boys' Association"*  
*Old Boys' Reunion, Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 1900*  
*No. 4, December 1900*

In March (1901) eighteen trees, six chestnuts, six beech, three silver birch, two limes and one copper beech, were planted on the school field.  
*No. 5, July 1901*

Our cricket pitch, generally level and good as it has been, has shown a tendency to "crumble" in dry seasons, and become fiery. Palmer, the Kidderminster CC groundsman, is now engaged in putting on a top-dressing of marl – a treatment which has been wonderfully successful on the Kidderminster and Worcester grounds.  
*No. 6, December 1901*

A new bathing place has been discovered this term in the Severn, on the south of Lincomb island. It is quite safe even for the smallest boy, and bathing there has been much enjoyed.  
*No. 17, July 1905*

Small "allotment" flower gardens have this term been cultivated by boarders on the north fringe of the field. The most successful has been that in joint occupation of G.Perrin and C.Rhodes.  
*No. 17, July 1905*

The Board of Education requires new school buildings as one of the conditions on which they will "recognize" us. The governors held on November 24<sup>th</sup> a meeting, which will probably be the first of a series to discuss the ways and means of carrying out this requirement.

*No. 18, December 1905*

The upper moat of Hartlebury Castle has been for two months undergoing a course of draining and dredging. The Bishop has kindly invited us when the last of the water is taken to assist and the fun anticipated with the fish. We hear the pool is to be stocked with rainbow trout afterwards.

*No. 18, December 1905*

### THE NEW CUTTING

During this summer term it was arranged that a new path should be made down to the old school; so the masters decided that the boys should dig a cutting through the bank. The question arose as to what gradient the path should be; with this arranged, the job proceeded. The first thing was to remove the turf from the surface where the cutting was going to be. Most of the turf was removed with the turf cutter, but the rest was done with spades. The turf was piled up as it was removed, ready to put on the sloping side when finished.

*Christmas 1933*

Mr Henry Grove, a governor, had offered prizes to be awarded to those boys who had worked best on the farms round about; these were to be given according to reports sent in by the farmers. The school had also taken up gardening in its own grounds in earnest and there were prizes for this too.

*Vol. V no. 1, 1941*

During games periods and on the afternoon for metalwork, the boys were sent out to farms where workers were wanted. All kinds of jobs were tackled, including hay making, weeding of root crops, picking of fruit, beans and peas.

During the August holidays boys volunteered to give up their free time to help

Recently, the headmaster has had a certain portion of the school fields ploughed up, so that he can grow enough potatoes to keep the school kitchens going for a considerable time.

Owing to a shortage of farm workers, the headmaster suggested that those who were willing could try their hand at farm work this summer. farmers over the fruit rush, and most of them worked the whole holiday.

After the work was done the farmers highly praised the boys for their willingness in adapting themselves for work on the land and Mr Bush received many letters expressing their gratitude and their hope that the boys could help again next year.

*Vol. V no. 1, 1947*

### THE NEW DINING ROOM

A new arrangement has been made at the school whereby any boy can have a hot two-course dinner at school for extremely low cost. The scheme has proved popular (100 boys are dining daily) and to house the diners the old woodwork shop has been converted into a dining room. Also, the next room has been changed into a kitchen and equipped with electric cookers. The latter were an essential need owing to the number to be fed. The hot dinners are admirably cooked and served by the caretaker and his wife, Mr and Mrs Job Mantle.

*Vol. V no. II, 1941*

### Problems with the electricity supply -Spring Term 1947

Mr Sobey, headmaster of the primary school, visited and discussed cooking arrangements in the event of a complete breakdown of electrical supplies. It was agreed that with the use of an open air kitchen, soup could be supplied.

*"The Elizabethan", Spring Term 1947*

### Excerpts from the *School Log Book*

10<sup>th</sup> April 1951      Horticultural people arrived to start laying out the school garden.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1951      A start was made on the Earl Baldwin Memorial Pavilion.

### Spring Term 1952

Archdeacon Wilson, Mr H.H.Talbot, the headmaster and the Droitwich District Surveyor inspected various plots of land in the Hartlebury district suitable for building a new headmasters' house.

17<sup>th</sup> May 1952

The Earl Baldwin Memorial Pavilion was opened at 3pm by Major Jewell. The Hon. Wyndham Baldwin, the opener and Mr R.P.Vale was chairman of the proceedings. Canon Cory dedicated the memorial. The key to the pavilion was accepted by the Headmaster, Mr J.G.Day.

4<sup>th</sup> March 1953

Work began on the school field to decrease the angle of slope joining the football pitch to the hockey pitch and so enable the mower to cut right across.

21<sup>st</sup> April 1953

The windmill was dismantled and sold during the holidays.

11<sup>th</sup> May 1953

Work was started on the school sewerage system.

27<sup>th</sup> April 1954

Term began. We were delighted with the new gates from Astley Hall which had been erected during the Easter holidays.

29<sup>th</sup> November 1955

Work started on connecting up the public water supply.

14<sup>th</sup> February 1956

The water pump broke down and in order to keep the central kitchen fully supplied, fire tenders from Worcester brought supplies

11<sup>th</sup> May 1959

Stone tablets fixed to gates and gates repainted.

16<sup>th</sup> May 1959

Quarter Centenary of the Charter celebrated. Tree planting on eastern boundary of field by Mayor M.F. Jewell.

25<sup>th</sup> March 1960

Serious fire destroyed most of main school.

26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> March 1960. Parents, boys and RAF clear debris after fire.

28<sup>th</sup> March 1960

Building started to restore form rooms.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1960

School reassembled. Two forms in Hartlebury Castle, one in dining room, one in art room and one in changing room. Headmaster's study and headmaster's secretary's office in headmaster's house, and staff in printing room.

30<sup>th</sup> March 1960      Upper and Lower VI using chemistry lab at Girls' High School,  
Kidderminster.

Summer Term 1963.

During the holidays, six horse chestnut trees planted near northern  
boundary.

# ACADEMICS

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Excerpts from "*The Elizabethan*"

The system of free scholarship from the elementary schools, especially as now aided by the county council, provide equal opportunities for talent to develop itself however humble a sphere it may be found. The intellect of a country is the sum of the intelligence of its individuals.

*Report to the Governors by Rev. John R. Burton, Rector of Bitterley, Shropshire.*  
*no. 1, December 1899*

Mr H.C. Watson, Clerk to the Governors, has most kindly offered a silver watch, of the value of £2-10s, as a special prize in the Annual Examination. It will be awarded for chemistry.

Mr Holyoake Wright also has been so kind as to offer an additional prize for shorthand. It takes the form this year of "Grace's Cricket Reminiscences".  
*no. 2, April 1900*

Important additions are shortly to be made to the school curriculum viz: Book keeping, Commercial arithmetic and French Commercial Correspondence.  
*no. 3, July 1900*

Julius Harrison, in March, passed with honours, the Harmony examination of the Royal Academy and Royal College of music. Mr Irving Glover must be proud of his pupil.  
*no. 5, July 1901*

### Victorian Memorial Prize

As a memorial to her late majesty, Queen Victoria, Mr B. Danks of Charlton House, has offered to the governors to transfer the sum of £125.00 India 3 per cent stock to form a permanent fund, the income to be expended in an annual prize for General Proficiency, to be called the "Victoria Memorial Prize". The governors have accepted the offer, and the prize – which will consist of a silver medal reproducing the ancient seal of the school (the die for which has also been given by Mr Danks) and of books - will be awarded for the first time on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Mr John Brinton will preside at the annual School Prize Distribution.

*no. 5, July 1901*

We extract the following from *The Kidderminster Shuttle*:-

“Mr Julius Harrison, organist of Areley Parish Church has been elected silver medallist of Trinity College, London, as a result of competition in Birmingham in senior organ playing. As Mr Harrison is only seventeen years of age, he should have a brilliant future. His masters and fellow students at Hartlebury Grammar School are much gratified at this and his many past successes.”

*no. 10, April 1903*

A little poetry –

In the general knowledge paper this term, boys were asked for a four line stanza (preferably witty). Here are some of the results, written at a moments notice:-

The Kaiser is lord of the chosen land  
But the Allies have got him well in hand,  
For the Germans are eating potato bread  
And they've nasty dreams when they're in bed.

The British Tommy knows no fear,  
He loves his baccy and his beer,  
And when the enemy appears  
He goes for them with lance and spears.

When first he went to war with France  
He said he'd make the Allies dance.  
He said he'd kill the refugees  
And now he's shaking at the knees.

When Lloyd George put a tax on beer,  
The workmen said “What's this I see”,  
Now that he's done that I fear,  
We'll have to live on milk and tea.

*Easter Term 1915*

There are still, of course, those select few who spend the intervals playing with ferrets in the pavilion, or throwing chalk about in school, generally the same boys who leave their books, with their prep, at home and who never have a pencil.

*From Letters from the Headmaster*

*Summer Term 1917*

The Annual Speech Day and Prizegiving was not held this year. The governors thought that when economy has become so very urgent and public meetings have grown out of favour, the speech assembly should be omitted, and the prize money used to better purpose.

*Vol. V, no. I, 1941*

**New Preparatory Class**

At a special meeting of the Governing Body in April 1941, the suggestion was made by the Headmaster, and agreed by the Governors, that an attempt be made to form a new preparatory class for boys between the ages of 8 and 10 years. The school had played its part in this venture by distributing a circular letter from the Headmaster throughout the district, and the response to this was so encouraging that the Governors unanimously agreed that the Board of Education should be approached. Their consent having been obtained, the class opened on May 6<sup>th</sup> 1941, with 18 boys.

*Vol. V, no.II, 1941*

**A Press Cutting from 12<sup>th</sup> July 1951**

Dear Mr Day,

Referring to your telephone conversation of this afternoon, I have made a quick survey of material available dealing with Hartlebury Grammar School and can recommend you to consult the following books which are in our possession:-

1. GRIFFITHS. Free schools of Worcestershire. pp230-252
2. WATSON. Parish of Hartlebury. P26
3. Victoria County History of Worcestershire. Vol.4, pp 525-7 etc.

Of these books, the most immediately useful for your enquiry appear to be no.1 above, which, on page 246 quotes the Report of the Charity Commissioners of 1832 as stating "There are six scholarships to Worcester College, Oxford, which are open to boys from this school in default of claimants from the schools of Bromsgrove, Feckenham and Worcester. Private pupils of Mr Harward have, in many instances succeeded to these scholarships; but no boy on the foundation has, during the last 25 years, applied to be admitted to Worcester College".

Again, no. 2 above, on page 26 states "the school is one of five in the county having alternately the right of presentation to six scholarships in Worcester College, Oxford, founded by Sir Thomas Cookes. Incidentally, Sir Thomas Cookes was the Patron of Bromsgrove Grammar School and endowed the school of Feckenham (near Bromsgrove) and it was his particular wish, in awarding scholarships, that preference should be given to pupils of Bromsgrove or Feckenham. (D.N.B. vol. 12 p103)

It may be possible that Bromsgrove has now appropriated all the six scholarships. Anyway, this may serve as a pointer for further inquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Borough Librarian

J.G.Day Esq.,  
Hartlebury Grammar School, Hartlebury.

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Lieut- Col. H. Moyse-Bartlett (HGS 1916 – 1920) is now secretary of the Society of Oriental Languages.

*Autumn 1951*

Autumn Term 1953

11<sup>th</sup> September      The science VI Form from Kidderminster High School came to share our VI Form Physics periods. This arrangement will continue throughout term owing to staffing difficulties at Kidderminster.

*Autumn 1954*

August 1961

Mrs Ashe (widow of G.H.Ashe) called and donated a sum of money to establish a Middle School English Prize in memory of her husband.

*School Log Book 1961*

From *Kidderminster Shuttle and Times*, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2000

An Oxford University professor, who was born in Kidderminster, has become one of a handful of Western academics to be given an honorary degree by Bulgaria's top university.

Richard Crampton, 60, travelled to Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, to receive the honour. He is Professor of East European History at the University of Oxford and an author of several books on Bulgarian History.

It was his schooldays at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Hartlebury between 1952 – 1956 that stimulated his interest in Eastern Europe.

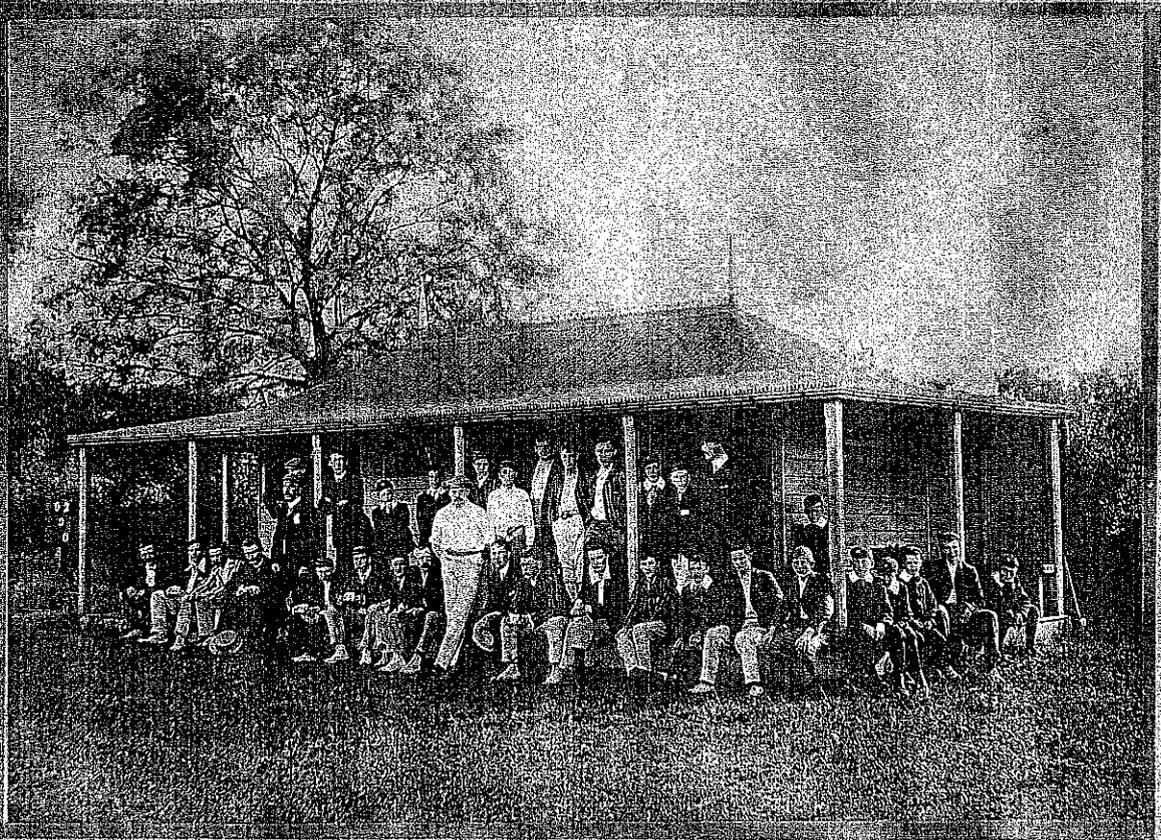
24<sup>th</sup> April 1986 – *Kidderminster Shuttle*

Michael Bailey, a former student at Hartlebury Grammar School, 1954 – 1961, who is now a consultant surgeon at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford, Surrey, has been awarded the most prestigious prize of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, the Moynihan Prize.

SPORT



1892  
2<sup>nd</sup> XI CRICKET



**SPORT**

Excerpts from "*The Elizabethan*"

The Headmaster has offered a silver medal for chess, to be competed for on the American system.

*December 1899*

Mr F.H.Ragg won the Droitwich Golf Club Challenge Cup for the season 1899-1900.

Mr S.M.Glover has won more prizes as an amateur under A.R.A. rules and open regattas than any other oarsman in England.

Mr B.J.Dorsett played right-back for Norfolk and Suffolk in Association Football.

Mr W.A.Baylis captained the Welsh International Hockey Team in their match against England at Kersal On March 17<sup>th</sup>, playing right-back.

*No.. 2, April 1900*

**The Sports – May 29<sup>th</sup> 1901**

Mr Hopewell (headmaster) thought they were peculiarly fortunate in securing Mrs Stanley Baldwin to give away the prizes, for she was not only herself good at games, but showed a lively interest in those of the school, as was evinced by the handsome prizes she yearly gave for batting and bowling.

*No.. 5, July 1901*

**Stourport Regatta**

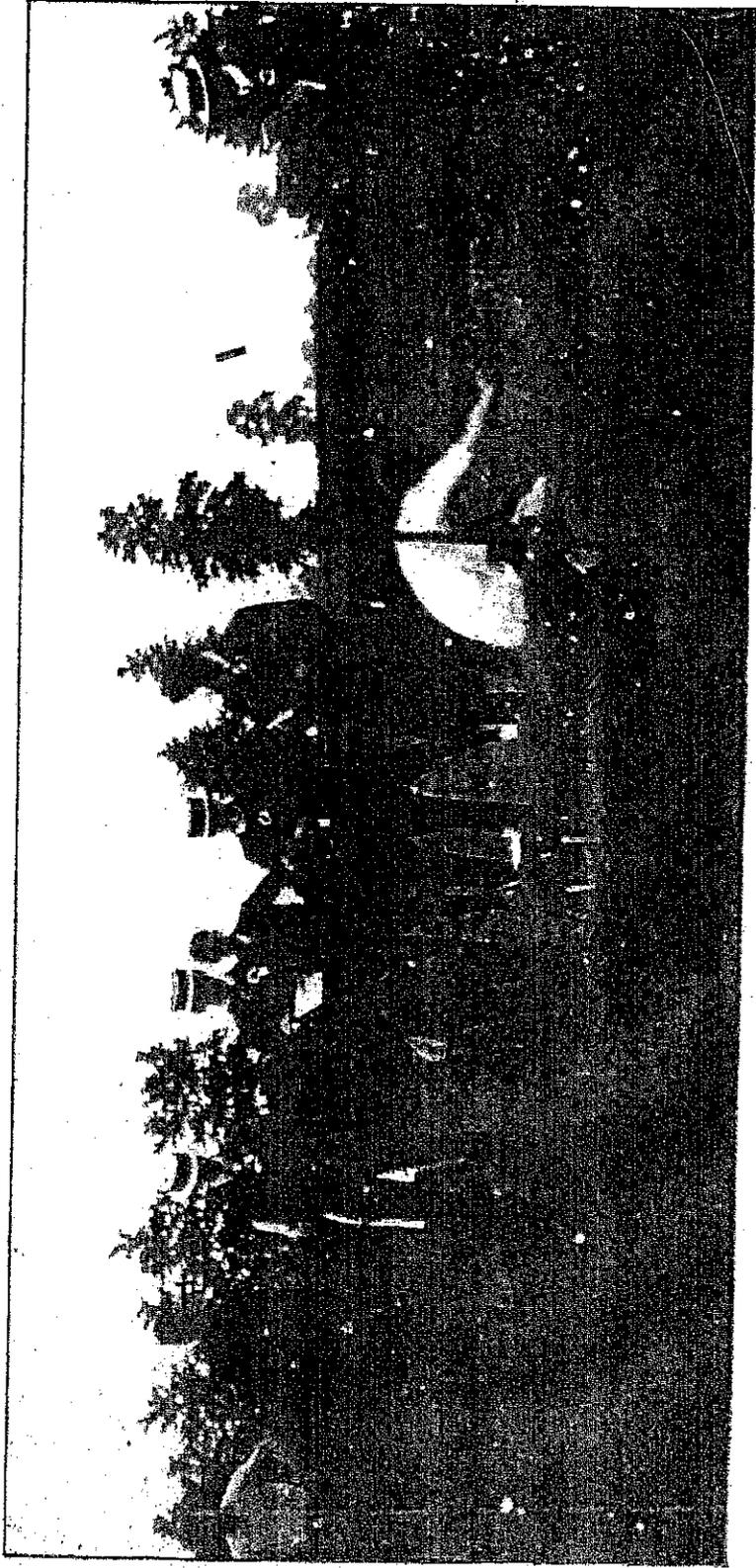
The Public Schools Swimming Race was won by our representative, Harold Dorsett, whom we heartily congratulate. During this race a Wolverley boy was taken with cramp, and was in danger of drowning, when Mr Donald Glover, a well known "O.E", plunged in with all his clothes on and saved him, thereby adding another to his long list of his rescues from drowning.

*No.. 5, July 1901*

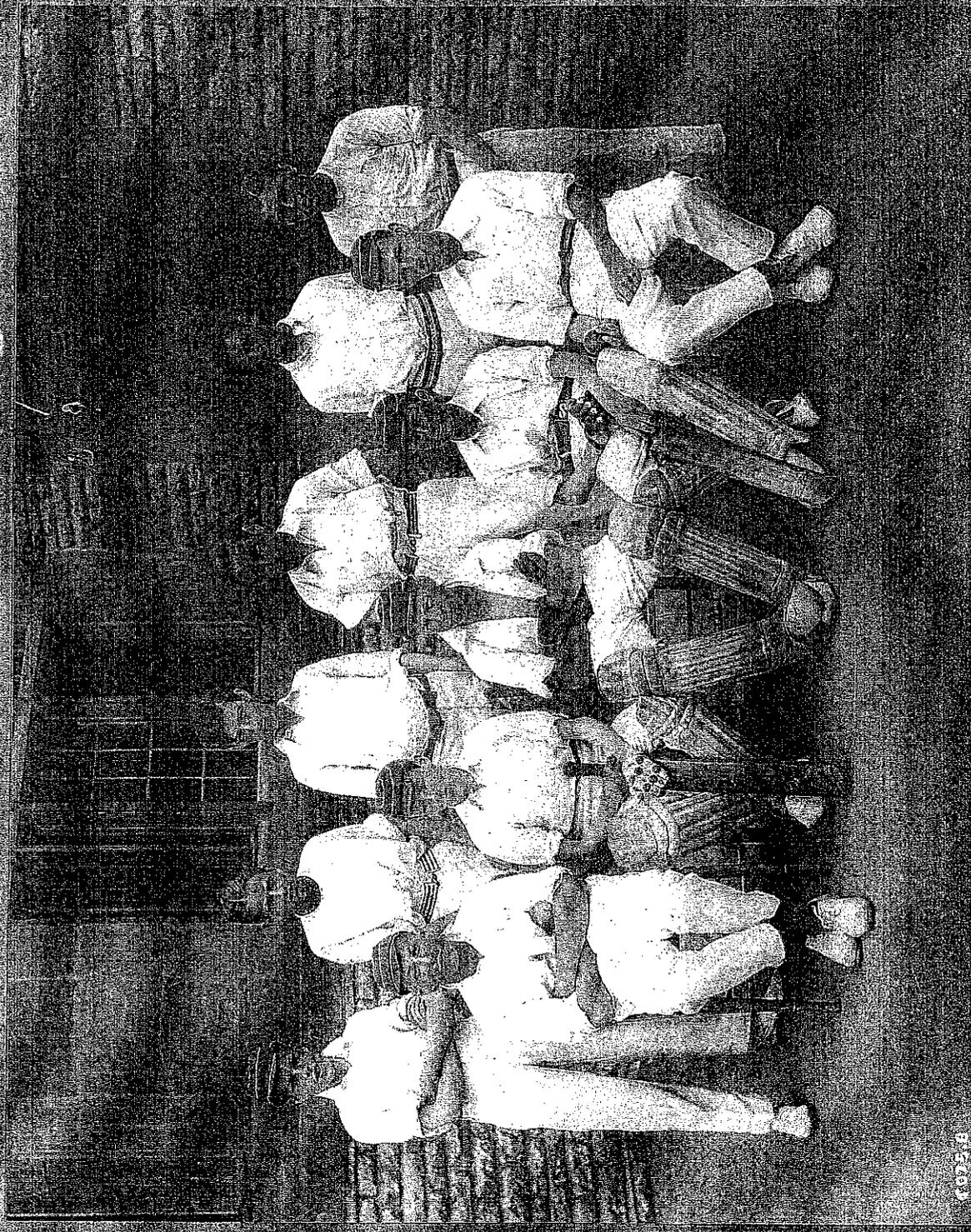
**A golf course for our playing fields.**

This is not a very easy thing to describe or design, as the "holes" instead of holes have to be goalposts or other large objects, like the roller or shooting butts. The first hole might have its teeing ground between the steps and the gardens, and the butts for its hole. The second would be from the butts to the windmill. The third, one of the most sporting in the whole round, would lie from the windmill to the other side of the pavilion, so that if you sliced you would go into the road (lost ball), and if you pulled you would hit the school (broken windows to be paid for); short out straight drives would do best at this hole. The next two holes, approaching the roller via the top of the field, would be mere mashie shots. The sixth would be bunkered by a tree, the seventh by the windmill. The eighth and ninth complete the circuit of the field, and lead you back to the starting point by way of the goalposts. One of the principles followed in describing this course has been to make the holes as sporting as possible, and not too long, because it is not always the men who drive a long ball that win the holes, but those who can "approach".

*Christmas Term 1913*



HARTLEBURY SCHOOL SPORTS.—The Long Jump.



1920-8

1920

1931



J. Ambullon  
 J. Mastoy  
 J. D. Dorset  
 G. J. Sealed  
 P. W. M. Sullivan  
 E. W. M. North  
 J. Keeling  
 H. B. Boush  
 Ac Stone  
 A. DeDona  
 J. Keeling  
 H. B. Boush  
 Ac Stone

The golf course described in last number was only imaginary, but this term the boarders have constructed a real course. There are six holes suitably set out upon the playing fields. There are artificial bunkers, as well as goalposts etc. The greens, or rather "browns", consist of hard earth, rolled flat, and very fast. This with the exception of the fourth hole, which is quite peculiar to Hartlebury: it is a cup-shaped arrangement, consisting of turfs piled up, and surrounded by a ditch. It requires a skilful mashie shot. The record score is 24, "bogey" in 21.

*Easter Term 1914*

### Swimming

The Summer term of 1929 offered an excellent opportunity for open-air swimming, and the school was able to take advantage of it.

The Bishop of Worcester, vice- chairman of our governors, kindly gave us permission to use one of his pools; this had recently been cleaned and the school doctor was consulted as to its safety from infection.

We started the term with about a dozen swimmers, and so great was the enthusiasm, that by the end of term nearly 60 per cent of the school could swim.

*Christmas 1929*

### The Worcester Match

Towards the end of glum November  
When the school played Worcester (here),  
It was foggy – you remember,  
Thick as soup and wet as beer.

Fog – it filled the fields around us,  
(\*cous the pitch one couldn't see),  
Worcester weeks before had drowned us,  
Forced our firsts to bend the knee.

Still the mist was thick as ever,  
Even players too were mist,(sorry)  
Worcester scored one goal, then never  
Threatened our increasing list.

Weird it was when lusty cheering  
Drifted from across the sward;  
(As the fog was far from clearing  
We decided that School had scored.)

Downfall was indeed awarded,  
Though the game was not quite done;  
When the match untimely ended,  
School was leading - four to one.

*Christmas 1930*

*HJH*



QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S. WARTLEBURY

HOCKEY XI UNDEFEATED SEASON 1961.

BACK ROW: M.E. BAILEY, R. DUNN, D. J. RANDLE (V. CAPT), I. KERSHAW,  
J. BULLOCK, R. MOULE.

FRONT ROW: J. MAIDEN, B.C. COMPTON, G. THORP (CAPT), M. J. WILDE  
D.R. BURTON.

RECORD. PLAYED 12 WON 11 LOST 0. DRAW 1.

**Excerpts from *The School Log Book***

10<sup>th</sup> October 1950

Air Vice – Marshal Bates visited the school and presented the cup given by the Officers' Mess, 25 MU RAF, for house competition in the Athletic sports.

19<sup>th</sup> June 1954

J.J. Waldron broke the half-mile county record (13 – 15 age group) in the County Sports, held in Bromsgrove.

25<sup>th</sup> May 1955

The school won the Intermediate Cup for the Kidderminster Schools Athletic Sports.

14<sup>th</sup> June 1958

Worcestershire County Schools Athletic Championship at Droitwich.  
Cliff won the mile in new record time 4 minutes, 41.2 seconds.  
Maiden was in the inter- relay team which set up a new record.  
Baxter won the Junior High Jump (5'1/2")  
Cliff, Maiden and Carter gained county badges.

9<sup>th</sup> October 1958

Boxing club started in school.

29<sup>th</sup> March 1961

Hockey team had undefeated season – Capt. G. Thorpe

20<sup>th</sup> June 1961

Swimming bath taken into use.

7<sup>th</sup> July

Swimming bath officially opened by R.P. Vale

5<sup>th</sup> March 1966

Shields of unbeaten teams (destroyed in the fire) replaced and fitted in hall by Mr Bevan.

5<sup>th</sup> April 1973

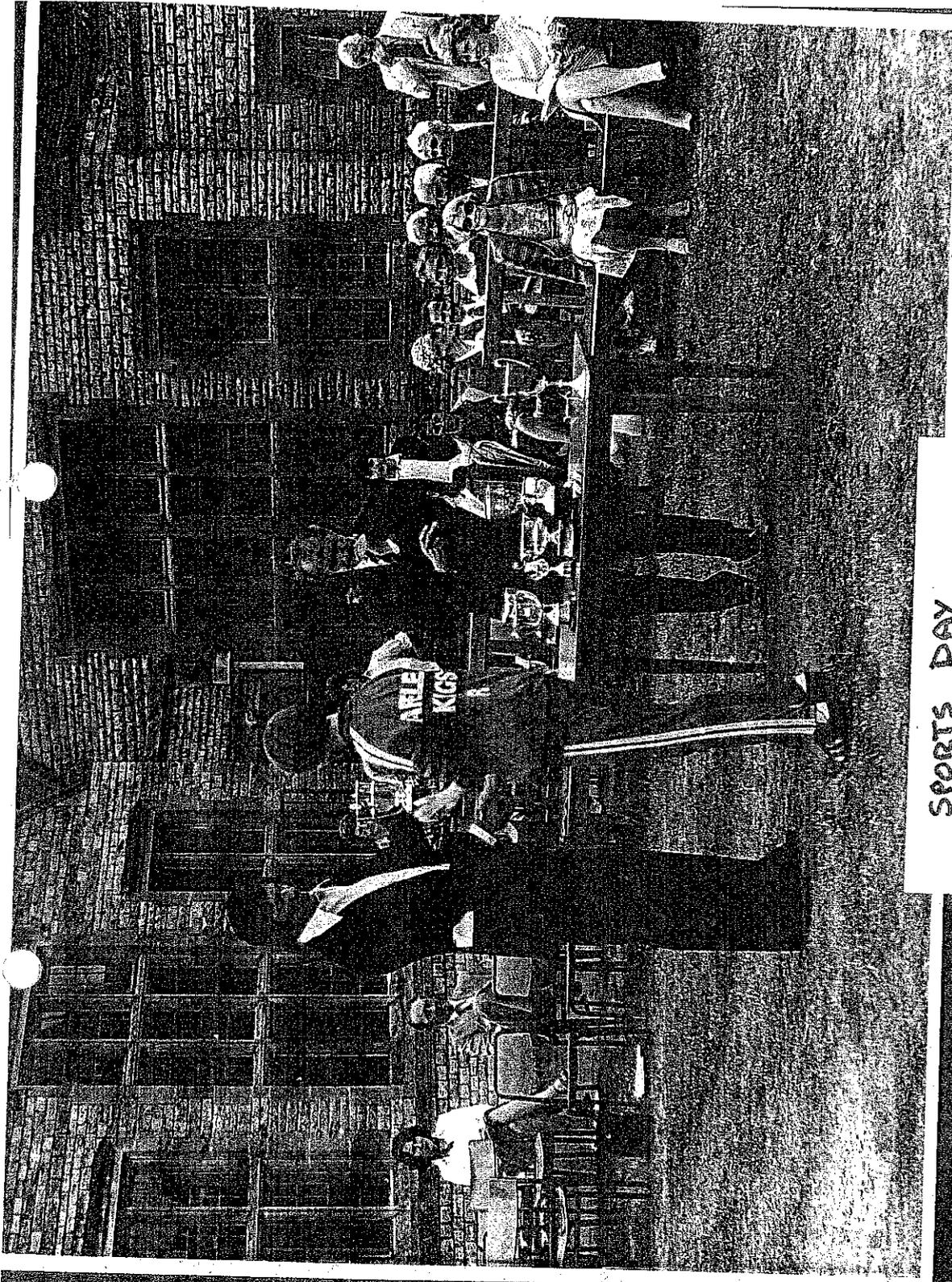
Ian Taylor becomes the first school hockey player to gain an England Cap.

14<sup>th</sup> April 1975

Whole school delighted with news, Martin Rogers selected for England under 19 Hockey in International Competition; he scored 2 goals.  
Also P. Talbot selected for Wales under 19 Hockey.

20<sup>th</sup> July 1977

Last athletic Sports took place in fine weather.



SPORTS DAY

1976

IMRAN KHAN PRESENTING

THE VALE CUP

TO

NEIL BAYLIS

## OLD ELIZABETHANS

*From "the Elizabethan"*

### No. 1, December 1900

A general meeting of old boys was held in the school at 6.30pm on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 1899. The motion that an Old Boys' Association be formed was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously. Mr R.P.Vale officiated as secretary pro tem.

Mr Seager – the well known "Jumbo" of school days – who is in the First Coldstream Guards – was in the battles of Belmont, Grosparn and Madder River (Boer War), and has happily come through unscathed so far.

Mr W.A.Bayliss was an International Hockey player for Wales last year, and is captain of Cardiff Hockey Club this year.

### No.2, April 1900

#### The Old Boys' Association First Annual Gathering.

On Saturday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> 1899, the first annual gathering was held at Hartlebury, the programme consisting of a football match between past and present boys, a meeting of the Association, and dinner at the White Hart Hotel in the evening.

The Rector (the Revd. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury) was surprised and delighted to see so many old boys from long distances present (for the dinner), and he had been greatly interested in some letters which Mr Henry Wood, now a bank manager in America had written to him with regard to his former association with the school.

A short time ago he (the Rector) wrote to an old school fellow of his who had been elevated to the highest position on the Scottish Bench – the Right Hon. J.B.Balfour – who was at the head of the form when he (the Rector) was at school. He received an extremely kind letter from Mr Balfour.

### No. 3, July 1900

The editors have received a capital photograph in court dress of Mr A.H.Bayliss, Q.E., who is H.M.Consular Agent in Las Palmas. There were Baylisses in Hartlebury for many generations, all of them good at work and play.

No. 4. December 1900Old Boys' Reunion, Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> 1900

Replying to the toast to the school, Mr Hopewell (Headmaster) said he felt it a great honour to be associated with the old school, which if not the most ancient in the kingdom, was certainly one of the most ancient. Rugby and Harrow, which were called old schools, were mere children compared to Hartlebury, although he admitted they were children of larger growth. It was a curious thought, and one had to realize, that just as Hartlebury School recently celebrated the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking, and other successes gained by our troops in South Africa, in all probability hundreds of years ago Hartlebury School boys rejoiced in the overthrow of the Armada, and probably even over the victories of Crecy and Agincourt. The school must have existed then; but if aged, their school was not infirm.

No. 6. December 1901Reminiscences of 30 years ago.

I will remember that after school hours I used to walk with the other boys to Hartlebury Station to get Mr Tarleton's paper, and the interest with which we were accustomed to peruse it for the latest news of the Franc-Prussian War. Signed "*Sugar Loaf*"

We hear that Mr John Weaver, on Old Boy of Hartlebury grammar School, has just been appointed District Attorney of the City of Philadelphia at a salary of £2,000 a year, a very responsible and highly coveted post. He was elected by a great majority. This surely reflects great credit on our Alma Mater.

In a letter, Mr Henry Wood, Rolla, Missouri, USA, a most enthusiastic OE, of November 22<sup>nd</sup>, says:- "If I remember rightly I commenced school in Hartlebury in 1852 or 1854. The Reverend Edward Firmstone was the headmaster, and Mr G.E. Tarlton was the second master. The Right Rev. Philpott was Bishop, and the Rev. Thomas Baker was Rector.

No. 10. April 1903

Mr John Weaver, OE, late of Stourport, has lately been elected Mayor of Philadelphia, USA, polling 168,781 votes.

No. 11. July 1903

It is a great pleasure to have amongst us again a well known figure of the school time of about 16 years ago – to wit Jack Mucklow – who is spending 10 months holiday in England, after 10 years in India, where he is managing a tea plantation for the Assam Tea Company.

Summer 1930Honourable Mention

According to news from Simla, dated July 7<sup>th</sup>, the official committee of enquiry into the outbreak of rioting at Peshawar on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, in which a British dispatch rider was beaten to death by a mob, an armoured car burnt and a number of natives killed by the firing of troops – up held the action of the civil and military authorities in dealing with the disturbances. The government of India accepted the findings of the committee. Among the officers concerned, Captain Ricketts was mentioned as having handled his men (2/18<sup>th</sup> Garwal?? Rifles) with coolness and judgment. Captain Gordon Ricketts was a boarder at our school, leaving in 1913, and served with distinction in the World War.

Mr R.P.Vale (one of the governors) proposed the toast of "The Visitors". He gave interesting particulars of the carving of names and initials by the former boys of the school upon the trees in Hillditch Coppice (known as "Illitch"), one name dated 1879.

Summer 1931Old Boys' Dinner

Mr Douglas Clayton (chairman), proposing the toast of the school and staff, declared his unreadiness to declare some of the school secrets of long ago days. Mr Clayton said he knew who stole the firewood for the bonfire, and who set fire to the common for the jubilee in 1887; he also knew who fired the shots through the door of the old school house, but was not going to tell them who did it – the name Clayton might be amongst them (laughter). He was interested in his recent journey round the old place, and when he came to what he thought was "Hillich Coppice, the first thing that struck him was the name "W.B.Clayton" carved there in 1884, and it was today as plain as possible, and the old boy who did it was present this evening – he stood on his (the speaker's) shoulders to do it.

Vol 4, no. 6, 1939The Old Boys' Day – 1939

Shooting match v the school – it is interesting to note that one old boy, Harry Long, shot for the Stourport Rifle Club against the school in July 1914 practically 25 years to the day, when his opponent was Mr Ashe.

Vol. V, no. 1, 1940

The Association suffered a great loss in January by the passing of Lieutenant-Colonel W.Adam, DSO. The "Colonel", as he was affectionately called, held the presidency from 1933 to 1936. During this period the Association financed the building of the changing room, and it was largely due to Colonel Adam's energy and generosity that the proposal to build became an accomplished fact.

Vol. V, no. 5, 1944-45

The first Old Boys' Dance since the outbreak of war was held on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall.

Despite the coupon restrictions, there was a goodly show of evening dress.

Music was supplied by Bob Earp's Band, consisting of piano, saxophone, trumpet and drums, with vocalist "Cyril".

Autumn 1951

25<sup>th</sup> July 1950. Old Boys' Day was completely washed out by rain.

Re-Union Day 1951

During an interval in the cricket match a call to a short service in the school was made by the ringing of the school bell. This caused a little surprise for the bell which had in fact not been heard for many years, was unknown to some of the company present.

Excerpts from *The School Log*

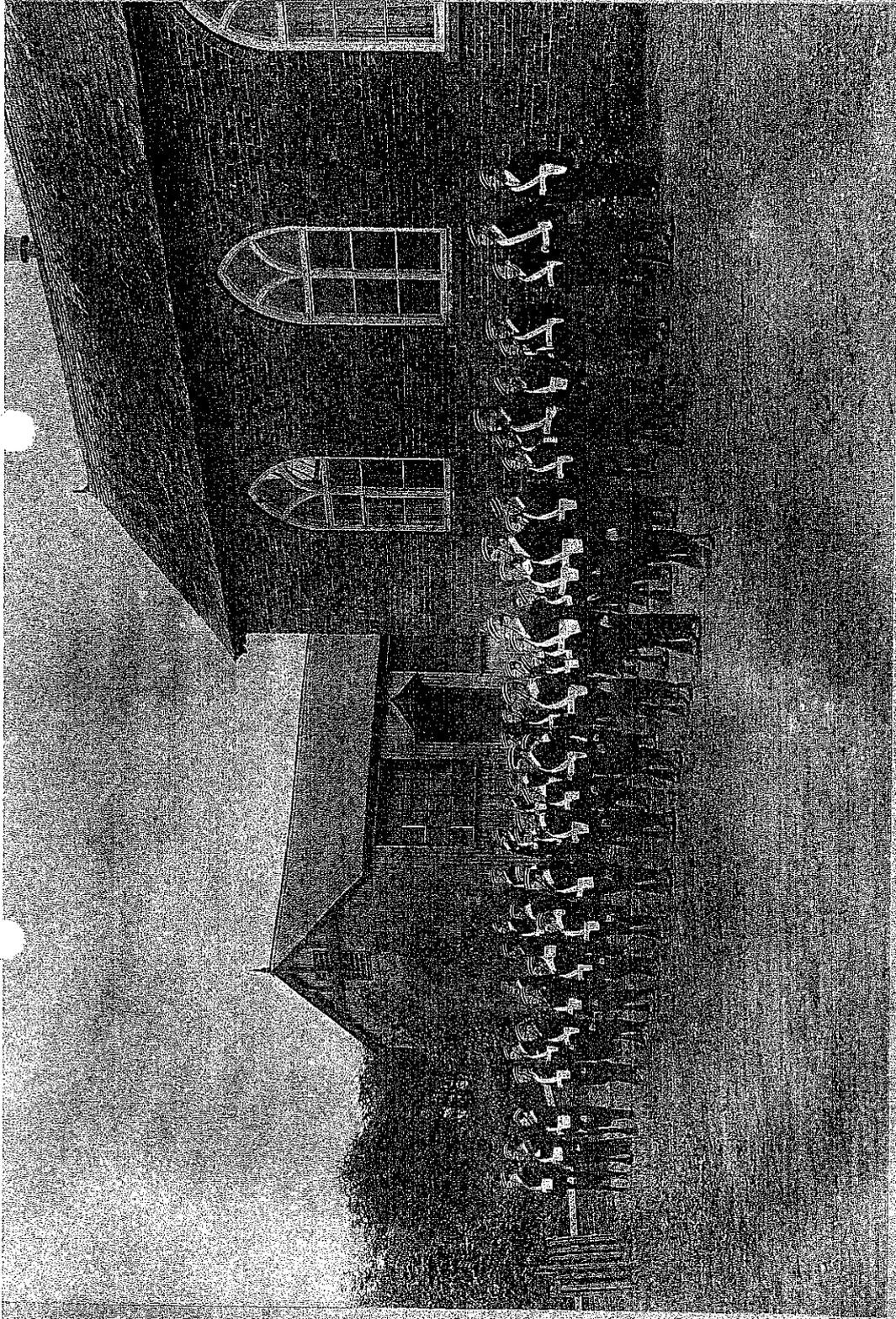
3<sup>rd</sup> March 1953. An oak tree was planted by the Old Boys to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

3<sup>0th</sup> March 1956. The Old Boys Dinner held in the school for the first time.

7<sup>th</sup> April 1962. Old Boys Dinner – Victor Crane Memorial Cup presented to the school.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1975. Meeting of the Old Boys in the library at 7.30pm. Not well attended. Sense of desperation about the meeting, one or two loyal members attended, but does anyone else care two hoots about the Old Elizabethans?

WARTIME



## THE CADET CORPS

FORMED 1900.

UNIFORM: DARK BLUE NORFOLK SUIT,  
DARK BLUE BRIGADE CAP WITH WHITE CORDING  
AND WHITE BELT AND HARESACK GIE.

**WARTIME**

Excerpts from "The Elizabethan"

*No. 2, April 1900*

**Old Boys' Association First Dinner.**

The Rector (The Rev. D. Robertson, Rector of Hartlebury) referred to the deep interest which Her Majesty (Queen Victoria) took in the war in the Transvaal, and felt sure that all were thinking of the men who were upholding the honour of the Queen and country in South Africa.

The school is represented by the following Old Elizabethans in South Africa: Sergeant S. Stephens of Scots Fusiliers (taken prisoner at Colenso), W. Mason, 21 lancers; E. Glover, 1<sup>st</sup> Worcestershire Regiment; H. Saunders, Cape Mounted Rifles; W. Mucklow, Worcestershire Volunteers.

The Association of Headmasters is agitating for the foundation of "Cadet Corps" in the grammar schools of the kingdom. As they place the minimum age of recruits at 15 years, we fear the HGS corps will not be numerous enough to utterly exterminate the Boers. But why not a corps of OE's combined with the present boys of 15 years and upwards?

*No. 3, July 1900.*

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1900 – *Lady Hampton after Sports Prize Giving:-*

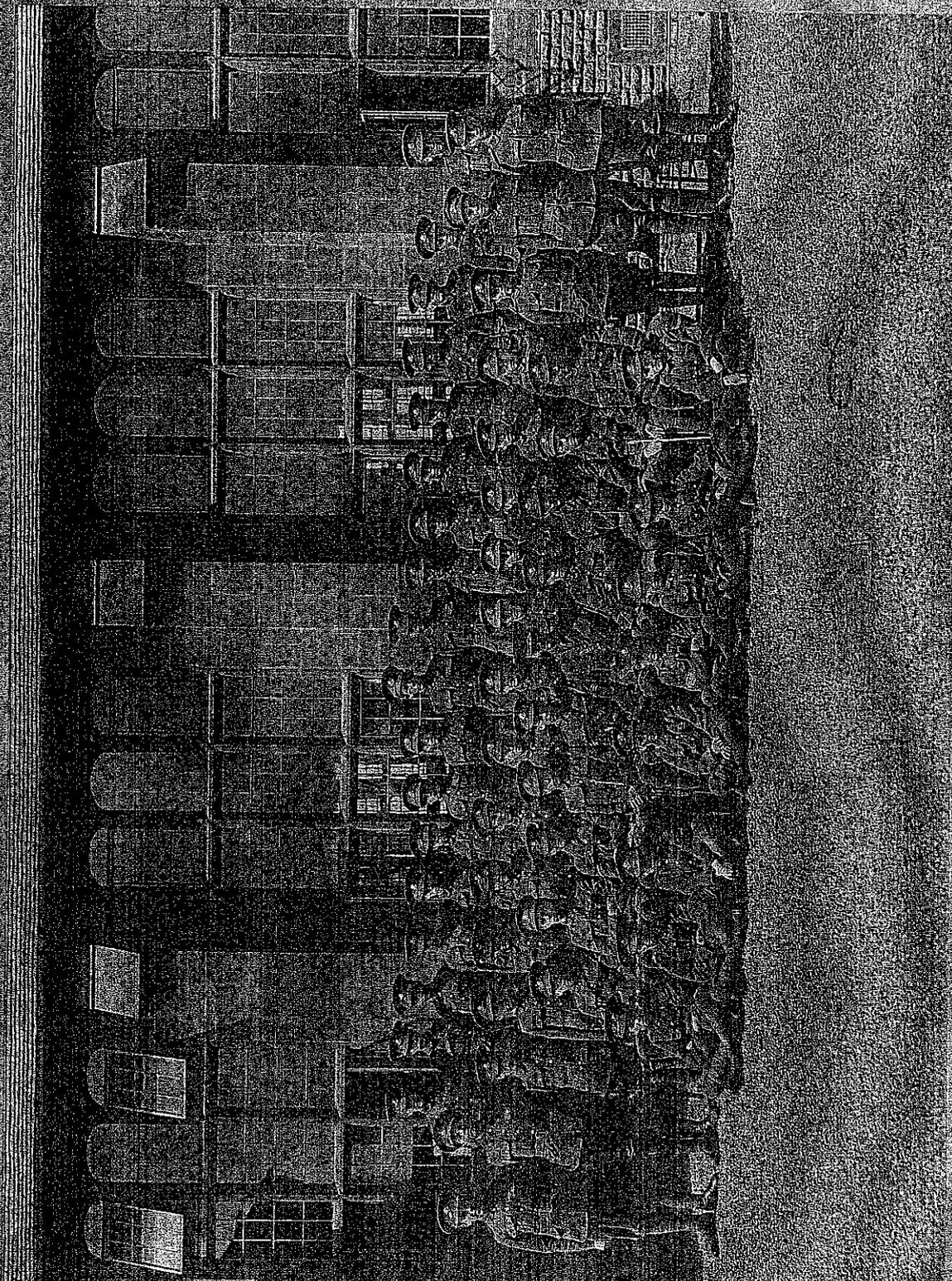
Lady Hampton said that such sports were an excellent preparation for the work of life and for warfare. They were glad to see others winning sometimes. It was better than always winning themselves. It was more amusing, and an incentive to try harder. They could not say that about war and had not the slightest wish that any of the Boer generals should win a victory, even for a change. It might be a good and popular thing in sports, but they had not the slightest wish that the Boers should carry off even a single consolation prize. She did not think there was much chance of their doing so, and sincerely hoped not.

*No. 4, December 1900*

*Rev. J.R. Burton, BA*

*Report to the Governors at Prize Day, from the examiners.*

Besides the keen interest in games, which are nowhere more eagerly pursued at the proper time than in Hartlebury – providing an innocent and healthy outlet for the impetuosity of youth – I was pleased to see the boys going through their physical exercises with drill rifles, under the guidance of a sergeant instructor. The proposed Cadet Corps will make this drill more systematic, and help to raise up a generation able to take their turn in defence of the Fatherland.



CADET CORPS.  
PERIOD OF FIRST

The Cadet Corps under Sergeant Macartney's care, has become quite smart. Non-commissioned officers will be appointed next term. A Silver Medal has been offered by the headmaster, for shooting.

*No. 6, 1901*

We notice with much pleasure that Corporal C.C. Gough, late of the Manor House, Stourport, and an OE who left school about seven years ago, was included in the list of names published in the London Gazette in a dispatch from Lord Roberts, in which his Lordship brings to the notice of the Secretary for War, the names of regimental officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Regulars, Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers, together with a few irregulars and civilians "who with various units have rendered special and meritorious service in connection with the war in South Africa".

*No 16, April 1905*

We were very pleased to meet during the winter an Old Boy, W.R. Mason, who previous to that time had spent 6 years in India, Egypt and South Africa. He was wearing the King's and Queen's medals with bars for five successful battles which he had been through in South Africa with the 16<sup>th</sup> Queen's Lancers.

He and one other were the only two in the regiment who did not have sick leave, and they were on active service the whole of the campaign. He is at present stationed with his regiment at Colchester.

*Easter Term 1917*

On account of the war and the German blockade, Mr Ashe decided to grow potatoes for the dinners. He asked forty boys to do ten patches, each eight by four yards.

*Vol. 6, 1939*

The Gas Mask

What mean those vicious looking tins  
On every back that sway?  
They are for when the war begins,  
To hold the gas at bay.

Let's grope and find what is inside,  
An eye piece for the light,  
A rubber mask our head to hide,  
And tapes to fix it tight.

To fit the face there is a can  
To keep the gasses out:  
One seems to be more pig than man  
When one has grown a snout.

And now to fix the mask that gapes  
We thrust in first our chin  
Then out our thumbs beneath the tape;  
One heave and we are in.

Soon simply stifled by the smell  
We quickly drag it clear,  
With ruffled hair and ears that smell  
We go all-over queer.

We give a greedy, grateful gasp  
And let fresh air pour in.  
A sniff, another curious smell  
O lor! It must be chlorine!

*Form II*

## Ex-cadet traces faces from past

FIFTY years ago on Saturday, these boys from Hartlebury Grammar School Platoon appeared in the *Kidderminster Times*.

The cadets, from the 2nd Cadet Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment, were photographed just before they marched to Norton Barracks to spend a week under canvas.

Mike Rendle was one of those boys - he is second from the left, kneeling.

With the help of friends, Mr Rendle, who now lives at Hallow, near Worcester, has managed to identify all the young cadets in the picture. Many of the boys still live locally. Can you recognise any of them 50 years on?



— AUGUST 5, 1993

Vol. 4, no. 6, 1939The Trenches

On arriving back at school in September we were confronted with the problem of protecting our august personages. We finally decided to dig an experimental dug-out, and we commenced excavating. These dug-outs were supposed to hold ten persons, but they were altered to fit available material for the roof.

After the first one was dug satisfactorily six more were started, five down first end and two where the original trenches were. Boys with special powers roved about commandeering from each other, and even old trenches were brought into use and six of the dug-outs were adequately covered, and the last not at all.

Vol. 5, no. 3, 1942Farming

In October, most boys in the upper part of the school, who were above the age of fourteen, were engaged in national service for a fortnight. Many farms in the district were supplied with boy labour, to help gather the potato crop. The farmers were very considerate towards them and appreciative of the work they were doing. Each day a member of the school staff visited the fields where the boys were working, to inspect their behaviour. This showed the willingness of persons involved to play their part in helping with the winter's food supply.

Vol. 5, no. 3, 1942Army Cadet Force

January 1943 saw the beginning of a new school activity in the first parade of the school A.C.F. unit. Boys over 14 were eligible to join and preliminary enquiries showed that all those of the required age, everyone who was medically fit and was not already a member of the A.T.C. or Sea Scouts, wished to be enrolled, with the result that out of 42 boys in the school over 14 years of age, 39 are now cadets.

Vol. 5, no. 5, 1944-1945

The majority of the cadets, having obtained part I war certificate 'A', have spent this year in preparing for certificate 'T' classes which have been conducted by Mr Bennett on the Internal Combustion Engine. In preparation for this certificate, the cadets have gained great advantage from Mr Bennett's hard work - a 'Morris' Engine was purchased and this has been sectioned by Mr Bennett in such a wonderful manner that the motor car engine became an open book for all to read, instead of a complete mystery.

## SCHOOL CHARTER

Although there was evidence of the school during Mary's reign, it was not until Elizabeth came to the throne that any changes took place; during her first year she, with the advice of Edwin Sandys, Bishop of Worcester, drew up a charter for the school. Elizabeth did not found the school, she merely remodeled it, and according to the charter was required "the school hath existed for the space of divers years although for the default of necessary foundation and good government it hath brought but small commodity" (charter translation – Worcester Archives)

After the charter the school was to be known as The Free Grammar School for Queen Elizabeth "for education and instruction of children and youth in grammar" (Charter translation) The school was to be run by a school master and an usher and governed by twenty men of the parish. The Charter gave these governors ultimate control over the school and all its possessions and revenues.

Elizabeth stated in the charter that it was hoped "that lands, tenements, rent revenues and other things to the sustenance of the school .....may be better governed".(charter translation)

The governors were also given power to make statutes concerning any school affairs (ie. The schoolmaster's wage, the order of the school) with the advice and consent of the bishop, in accordance with the charter.

These two documents gave the bishop ultimate control over the school and the governors' day to day control. However, any actions they wished to make were subject to the approval of the bishop whom they had to meet periodically where and when he wished.

From *The Early History of Hartlebury Grammar School*  
J.Pearman

### Excerpts from "The Elizabethan"

#### First Old Boys Dinner – at The White Hart Hotel, Hartlebury No. 2, April 1900

The Rector (of Hartlebury, the Rev. D.Robertson), exhibited an impression of the ancient seal of the school, which had been obtained from the British Museum.

The Rector, in acknowledging the toast, referred to the circumstances under which the old seal of the school, bearing the date 1560, was found in an oaken chest in the parish vestry, an impression of which was on the table. At the same time the seal was recovered he found concealed in the same chest the original charter of the school bearing the date 1480 and also an order book of the school, which gave a continuous history of the school from 1556, so that they had a complete history for 340 years.

No. 4. December 1900Address by the Rector at Prize Day, 27<sup>th</sup> July 1900

The Rector mentioned the Old Order Book. The record showed that the school was not created in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but that it had actually commenced its career in the reign of Queen Mary – two years after Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, was burnt, two years before the charter was granted by the Virgin Queen, and eight years before the statutes were given by the same Monarch. So they would see that they were dealing with a very ancient school.

In 1603 the school was called after the Monarch King James, which was the only recorded instance of the name being changed from that of the Queen Elizabeth School.

During the time of the Commonwealth the whole of the governors were cited to appear before the Lord Chief Baron at a special commission at Worcester, and were found guilty of mismanaging the affairs of the school for their own private interest and use.

The commission decreed that the governors should be turned out of office and that Mr Thomas Solby should be appointed headmaster. An endeavour was made to remove the headmaster, but Richard Baxter, minister of Kidderminster, would not consent. It was most interesting to find the celebrated Richard Baxter associated with the school.

The Rector proposing the toast at The Old Boys' Reunion, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1900

The school had many vicissitudes during its long career. At the Commonwealth the Rector was turned out, and a man named Wright took his place. He must have been very much a "Vicar of Bray", for although he had refused to conform to the Prayer Book, and was a Presbyterian Minister, when the Rector was restored, Mr Wright became rector of Witley and conformed to the Prayer Book.

No. 10. April 1903

Mr C.A.Drew, OE, has presented to the school museum a piece of bark from one of the few remaining trees of "Birnam Wood" (see "Macbeth"), a rock from the summit of Snowdon, and a piece of stone from the ruins of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Scotland.

16<sup>th</sup> May 1959 – Fourth Centenary of the granting of the Charter of Queen Elizabeth I

A tree was planted by Admiral Sir William Tennant, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Worcester, on the east side of the school field.

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**MASTERS**

Excerpts from *The Early History of Hartlebury Grammar School*  
*J.Pearman*

In the records of the school from 1559 to 1890, the Schoolmaster was Rector of Hartlebury or one of the neighbouring villages.

Mary died in 15510 and it was from her reign that the first actual records of the school still exist. Unfortunately, in these records the actual names of the schoolmasters were not stated, therefore it is impossible to see whether the bishop saw fit to replace the master at Hartlebury.

The Bishop, Edwin Sandys, thought that masters should "instructe, teache and bringe learnings as in the true knowledge of God and his Holie Word" (old order book translation p.220). However, Sandys also brought these general views on education to a closer association with school life; he felt that scholars should be taught according to their own capabilities not pushed to standards far beyond them by corporal punishment.

The schoolmaster, as well as his salary, was given free use of the school house during the time he held his position and he was permitted also to take the profits of the cock fights and potations taking place in the school.

**Masters service exceeding ten years – 1890 – 1977**

R.E.McKinley	42 years
J.Keeling	35 years
J.H.Pearman	31 years
G.H.Ashe	28 years
H.Adams	27 years
E.W.Hopewell	23 years
D.A.Guyatt	23 years
J.Bartle	22 years
T.H.Bennett	21 years
R.S.Mason	15 years
H.J.Penberthy	15 years
C.R.Tyrer	14 years

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"MAC" – excerpts from *The Elizabethan*

Mc Kinley: a useful bowler on a soft wicket: has some very nice strokes, but should leave rising balls alone.

*Summer Term 1915*

Mc Kinley: bats extremely well, but will make more runs in a year or two. Should leave off the balls alone. Has not had much chance as a bowler this year.

*Summer Term 1916*

Mc Kinley (vice captain): a very good bat, with strokes to every part of the field. Plays himself in very carefully, and is difficult to get rid of. His bowling has been successful, though the wickets have not favoured him. A neat fielder.

*Summer Term 1917*

Mc Kinley: a brainy forward, who times his passes well, and shoots accurately, does not follow up enough.

*Christmas Term 1917*

Mc Kinley R.E. : a really good bat, who has been unlucky this season; has been a little late in playing forward to one type of ball, which has been his undoing. The wickets have not suited his bowling so far. A very good and keen fielder.

*Summer Term 1918*

Robert Mc Kinley is in a Shipping Insurance Office, Liverpool.

*Easter 1920*

Congratulations to R.E.McKinley who has been selected for the County Hockey Eleven as inside- right versus Warwickshire.

*Christmas 1929*

From the *Diary of Francis Evans 1699 - 1706*  
Hartlebury School, 8<sup>th</sup> January 1701-2

John Pearkes C.L., MA, was licensed to be chief schoolmaster of Hartlebury, having taken oaths before Mr Chance.

Death of Mr George Tarlton.

May old boys will hear with regret of the decease of Mr Tarlton, who passed away very peacefully on February 18<sup>th</sup>, after a short and painless illness. Mr Tarlton was born in July 1822, and spent the greater part of his life in scholastic work. His first appointment was that of English master in a school in Rouen; after which he became in succession a master at Newport (I.O.W), and the City of London School. He came as second master to Hartlebury under the old scheme in 1851, and retired on a pension in 1890, having spent here nearly forty years. Though not opposed to corporal punishment, Mr Tarlton was of a kindly disposition, and won the affection and esteem of the numerous generations of Hartlebury boys who passed through his hands. During his ten years of well earned rest, which he spent with his son at Bilston, nothing pleased him more than to hear of any success achieved in the world by an old boy.

*No. 5, July 1901*

Rev. T.W Greenhall

Our readers will much regret to learn that the Rev. T.W.Greenhall, formerly headmaster, has been suffering from a severe illness, the result of a sunstroke in August. He is fortunately nearly well again, and able to resume his duties at Overton.

*December 1901*

Mr Keeling

We were all very pleased when Mr Ashe told us that Mr Keeling, who had been at the school up to the outbreak of hostilities, was coming back to us. He joined the Tank Corps in November 1916, but was later transferred to the R.G.A., having first seen active service in France.

In due course he arrived, looking quite well after his, what may be called "cramped", life in the tanks. He at once took up his duties, taking the lower forms, but next term we are looking forward to his taking us in English, his old subject.

*Easter Term 1919*

The New Headmaster.

Mr R.A.Bush became Headmaster of the school at New Year 1940. He is a Master of Arts of Cambridge University, and has had considerable experience in the management of boys, coming to us from Ashford Grammar School, Middlesex.

Fortunately, Mrs Bush was able, in the summer, to get her discharge from the A.T.S., and so has been able to accompany her husband and to assist him in many ways.

*Vol. 5, no.1, 1940*

Mr T.H.Bennett

As the Autumn term came to a close the school heard that Mr Bennett was leaving us. This was because he was going to do war work, giving instruction in manual training, at a Government centre in Kidderminster.

Mr Bennett has been a member of the school staff since 1919, and has been a great help to staff and boys in many ways. Before the new improvements were made to the school buildings, Mr Bennett took both woodwork and metalwork in the "old school", which has since his leaving, become a dinner room.

*Vol. 5, no. 1 1940*

*Excerpts from the School Log Book*Staff Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> November 1945

Decided upon a new and somewhat drastic system to check bad behaviour and raise the poor standard of work done by some of the boys. Detention system each day, two detentions qualifying for a caning if obtained in the same week.

Summer Term 1947 10<sup>th</sup> May

The canteen staff finished this day. Mrs Mantle and Mrs Richards have completed six and a half years and prepared 200,000 meals.

Autumn Term 1947

The term opened on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 1947, there being 208 boys in the school. This increase in numbers was the result of the Governors' offer to the L.E.A to accommodate the first year boys entry at the Stourport Modern Secondary School.

Excerpts from the Governors' Minutes27<sup>th</sup> October 1948

Miss P.T.Randle appointed full time biology mistress for spring term 1949. Discovered that she was not qualified as a teacher. Salary adjusted accordingly. She will attempt to qualify again in June.

Mr W.F.H.Whitmarsh, former Senior Modern Language Master at the Royal Liberty School, Romford, appointed deputy head from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1949.

30<sup>th</sup> June 1949

Mr W.F.H.Whitmarsh resigns, being unable to find suitable accommodation in the area, for his family.

20<sup>th</sup> October 1949

Miss P.T.Randle obtained teachers' qualification.

9<sup>th</sup> February 1950

Nan Frost appointed school secretary from 11<sup>th</sup> November 1949  
(*County Record office B.A. 9037/34*)

Spring Term 1952 – 8<sup>th</sup> January

Price of staff lunches increased to 1s. 6d.

12<sup>th</sup> June 1952

It was reported to the former clerk to the Governors, Mr Capel Loft, had handed over to the clerk to the governors, two minute books covering the period 1851 – 1906, together with a bound copy of old order books for 1556 – 1752. The Governors' Minutes for the past 100 years are now available. Agreed that these documents be deposited with the County Archivist.

Excerpts from the *School Log Book*  
Spring Term 1953

"Headmaster's Detention" took place for the first time on Saturday morning for boys who gained 2 detentions in one week and other offences.

18<sup>th</sup> October 1961

Memorial Service in Worcester Cathedral for Archdeacon Thomas Bowstead Wilson (1882 – 1961), who died in October.

26<sup>th</sup> July 1963

Death of Sir William George Tennant, KCB, MVO, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, and a Foundation Governor of the school.

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1963

Mr McKinley (Mac) retires after just over 42 years on the staff.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 1966

Death of Dr J.W.T.Patterson, Chairman of the Governors

7<sup>th</sup> October 1970

Mr Robin Richardson came to present a £100 cheque to establish a prize in memory of the late I.R.Adams, who taught at this school for seven years.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1971

Mr H.J.Penberthy left to take up an appointment as Headmaster of Halesowen Grammar School.

14<sup>th</sup> July 1972

Mr H.Adams retired after 27 years service.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1976

Mrs Frost elected to retire as the result of ill health and pressure from the county as she was past retiring age. A sad way to end a career of 27 years.

GOVENORS

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Excerpts from *The Early History of Hartlebury Grammar School*  
J. Pearman

After power was given to the governors in 1558, they and Bishop Sandys drew up the initial Body of Statutes and Ordinances. However, this was after a lapse of seven years; perhaps this was because they needed time to run the school in which to see its failings. Whatever the reason, the Body of Statutes contains many clauses which elucidate how the school would have been run.

Every Ash Wednesday the two "most efficient governors" (p237 Free Schools of Worcestershire) were elected to collect revenues and rents and make all payments for the following year. They were to pay the bishop yearly for the rent of the school land, and pay the master and usher quarterly.

The governors must have considered their affairs very, very important because it was stated in the Statutes that all writings should be kept in a chest in the vestry of the church. The chest was to be locked with four locks, the vestry with two, six governors holding a different key. The chest was also to hold the governors' seal, the registers and all the accounts.

The safe keeping of these was obviously important to the governors, showing that they took their position very seriously. The point was emphasized by the last Statute which made every governor upon election make an oath; if any governor broke or infringed any of these Statutes, he had to forfeit 3s. 4d. for his first offence and was dismissed from the governors for the second.

The school affairs continued to be badly managed; the property being under-let and money very short until, in 1841 the Attorney General put the school into Chancery, the masters resigned and the school was empty for eleven years. However, since 1852, when the school was reopened, it has seemingly been run efficiently with several letters of praise.

### Death of Mr H. Eliot Howard

Mr H. Eliot Howard died on 26<sup>th</sup> December. He was "a notable figure in that long line of amateur men of science for which England has always been distinguished" (the Times) He went to Eton and Mason's College, Birmingham, and spent the greater part of his years in the firm of Stewart and Lloyd. His great hobby was the study of birds, and from his pen came the following books: "The British Warblers" (1907-1914), "Territory in Bird Life" (1920), "An Introduction to the Study of Bird Behaviour" (1929) and "The Nature of a Bird's World" (1935). Mr Howard was an esteemed governor of the school for over a quarter of a century.

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9<sup>th</sup> February 1949

This date saw the last governors' Meeting under the old constitution.  
Mr N.J.Dorrell, who had been a governor for 39 years, retired due to advancing age.

14<sup>th</sup> September 1854

Mrs C. Beakbane, widow of a former school governor, Mr H. Beakbane, presented a cheque for £15 to be used fro a prize to be given annually for science, and to be known as Mr Beakbane Science Memorial Prize.

**GAPS**

**Buildings**            pre 1899  
                             1900-1915  
                             1918-1930  
                             1930-1940  
                             1940-1956  
                             1965-1977

**Academics**            pre 1899  
                             1903-1917  
                             1917-1940  
                             1940-1950  
                             1960-1977

**Sport**                    pre 1899  
                             1900-1913  
                             1913-1930  
                             1930-1950

**Old Boys**              pre 1899  
                             1905-1915  
                             1915-1930  
                             1930-1940  
                             1945-1950

**ODDS & ENDS**

## PUNCTUALITY

Excerpts from "*The Elizabethan*"

This golden rule of life is not kept so well as it might be, by three boarders in particular. These individuals are rather fonder of matutinal rioting than their toilet. Ruffled hair, unbuttoned waistcoats, and high water marks denote a rather hasty "coiffure". The novel penalty for unpunctuality is to remove a large redstone rockery stone from the neighbouring gardens to the School House Lawn. Only, sad to say, these criminals do not fulfill their penalties to their greatest power, for they select mere pebbles. The day boys, in this respect are not spotless, for many a morning a breathless rider, all pouring with perspiration, may be seen riding on a more or less genuine flat tire towards the school gates. And also in the changing room you may see a solitary boy hopping on one foot, looking for a slipper, and blessing the person who has removed it from where he is quite sure he has left it. But perhaps we might have worse faults than unpunctuality.

*Christmas Term 1913*

### Advice to New Boys – By an Old Boy

The writer would warn all New Boys to be duly respectful to members of the First Form and especially to the Prefects, who do not always inspire such awe as they seem to think they do. All "freshmen" must be prepared to put up with a little "ragging" at first. They must chiefly submit to such trifling indignities as having smoothly-brushed hair ruffled, their ties pulled out, and water splashed upon their faces; and they must answer without once losing their temper, all sorts of impudent and very personal questions.

If a newcomer has gained any knowledge of lessons at another school, it is best for him to assume for a time the bearing of intense imbecility. If an old stager knows anything of masters, they like to cherish the fond illusion that they have found a New Boy's brain in an absolutely crude state, and when it begins to show development they flatter themselves that the improvement is entirely due to their own skilful teaching. Masters are very ordinary mortals after all.

*Easter Term 1914*

### The ABC of HGS

A's Mr Ashe, since last summer our head;  
 B are the boarders – no more need be said.  
 C is for cricket, the game we adore;  
 D for the doubles we write never more.  
 E the elevens that win every match;  
 F is the fame to their deeds does attach.  
 G are the grumblers who find work too tough;  
 H are the halves, not frequent enough.  
 I are the infants low in the school;  
 J is their joy in wielding a tool.  
 K's Mr Kealing who teaches us Latin;  
 L are the lyrics the infants sing flat in.  
 M is the metre- stick some of us know;  
 N is the neatness our exercise-books show.  
 O is the overwork from which Johnson ails;  
 P is the privet that weathers the gales.  
 Q are the questions asked on our work;  
 R are the rabbits who do nought but shirk.  
 S for the stick – destiny tragic:  
 T Mr Thomas, whose football is magic.  
 U is for us who do all the writing;  
 V are our victories, sometimes exciting.  
 W's a master whose name I can't rhyme to;  
 X I can't manage – not enough time to.  
 Y is the year slowly rolling along;  
 Z is the zeal with which I finished this song.

*Easter Term 1914*

### A Slacker's Week

Few HGS Slackers keep diaries, but there is one sufficiently energetic to do so, and here are the entries for a typical week:-

Notes for the weekend preceeding:- out all Saturday and Sunday.

- Monday- Haven't done any prep, couldn't answer any questions, got impost for all lessons. With a little doorstep revision managed to answer 2 out of 12 in afternoon and scraped through.
- Tuesday - Didn't have to stay in during the interval and so was able to play for our footer six, first time for three weeks. Slept peacefully through the afternoon.
- Wednesday - Went on fine until the last lesson, when disaster overcame me. It smarted. Played footer all afternoon.
- Thursday - Red letter day. No impost, possibly a feeling about that I deserve a rest after yesterday. Commemorated great day by going to picture house in the evening.
- Friday - All right until last lesson, when I was caught eating sweets. Got a hefty impost, and began to realize I was alive.
- Saturday - Test papers- results and consequences don't appear until Tuesday. Hurrah, another weeks work over Great match today. Wicks scored 3 goals.

*Easter Term 1914*

We congratulate those hardy souls who came to school through the snow at the beginning of term. It ahs been suggested that the holidays have had a deteriorating effect on their minds.

*Easter Term 1918*

### THE WEATHER

Snow fell about the 15<sup>th</sup> January, and for some days communications were awkward, but not impossible. On the 29<sup>th</sup> January and the next two days, only about a dozen boys could reach school. On the 31<sup>st</sup> the atrocious conditions grew even worse; snow on top of thick ice made road traffic all but impossible. We got about 40 boys brave enough to reach the school on the next two days.

About this time a wonderful thing happened. Everything outdoors – walls, railings, branches, twigs – became covered on the eastward side with a clear, thick coating of ice (quite two and a half inches thick on the railings and school near the steps leading to the boiler). The appearance was quite astonishing, and there was an eerie noise as branch tinkled against branch. It is probable that no one living can remember such weather before in this part of the country.

The school had no games after January 10<sup>th</sup> (a fine afternoon) until 21<sup>st</sup> February, owing to ground conditions – probably a record break!

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### The School in 2014

How different is the school now from what it was in 1914, then freshly built and accommodating only eighty to one hundred boys. Now it has been added to, and holds nearly five hundred boys. The grounds also have been enlarged and contain a hangar for the aeroplane in which the boys come to school, an also a garage for motor cars, though only electric cars are now seen. Now each boy has a separate tutor, who will do exactly as the boy wishes. Should a boy desire to stay at home for a day there is no objection, as the lessons can easily be carried on by wireless telegraphy. In games, football and cricket are unknown, and a form of tennis very different from the old game is played. Golf is played, but with an electric machine, which does all the work, even to carrying the players from one side of the course to the other. Hartlebury Grammar School, in 1914, isolated in a little village, is now at the centre of a populous district in which the descendants of G.H.Ashe Esq., headmaster in 1914, continually hold the position of Lord Mayor, and are elected to parliament unanimously at every election.

*Summer Term 1914*

BOOTS

*To the Editor of The Elizabethan:-*

Sir – I suppose you know that all the boys have to change their boots before coming into school; if we don't we are sent to change them and make up the time after school. It is not our fault if we lose our slippers, because we put them in a place where we can find them, but when the caretaker sweeps up the place one slipper is here and the other somewhere else. It very often happens that we put someone else's slipper on by mistake. I think all the school should have lockers like the first class, or have slipper bags and get our sisters to make them. If we change our boots, I think the masters ought to do so as well, don't you? They bring in as much dirt as the boys, and make marks on the valuable floor. Don't you think, Editor, that the masters ought to change their boots, or let us come into school in our boots?

I am, Sir, etc.,  
KNOWALL.

(we understand that lockers are to be provided – Ed.)  
*Summer Term 1914*

OUR DRILL SERGEANT

We have had two wounded soldiers drilling us this term. One has gone back to the front. The other is quite young, and has had his left arm shot off, He says, when practicing to keep under cover, that there would not be much left of us after we had been in action; but still he says we are improving, and will soon do for the 1<sup>st</sup> Worcesters.

Things we should like to know:-

The name of the boy who began writing out the school song:-  
"On a hill looking out over meadow land and sea"  
*Christmas Term 1914*

Side lights on the Junior Dormitory

When we go to bed we make a terrific noise, if it's only walking across the floor, for then it rattles as much as the door. "Bang, Bang" comes from underneath. We have a bit of fun sometimes when we think Matron is at her supper and won't be up for a few minutes. We jig in our beds and make a racket, and the beds slip along the floor. The we catch it from Matron when she comes up.

One day we knotted our stockings together and began boxing. "Bang, Bang"! The door opened and in came Mr Ashe.  
*Easter Term 1916*

### The School Wireless

The school now possesses a one- valve set; the boys supplying the money to buy the high tension batteries, and other parts which may be required; it is hoped to convert it into a two-valve set, that will make it possible to work a loud speaker, then we shall be able to listen to the lessons especially broadcast for schools; also it may be used to pass away wet dinner hours. Altogether there are great possibilities in it.

*Christmas 1829*

### The "Bus"

On the first day of this term a low rumble was heard outside the school gates. It wasn't a lion let loose, but the Midland "bus" which had started for the first time, from Bewdley to Kidderminster via Hartlebury. About a minute after the "bus" had arrived at the gates, a collection of people rolled into school. These were regarded with a mixture of awe and contempt, but a week after these pioneers arrived, the excitement had slightly subsided. True, the passengers were looked down upon by those who cycled, and told they were afraid of rain by others, but they bore this bravely.

However, in about a month's time from our starting school it rained! No, it poured! It was comical to watch the difference in number of passengers. A great rush was assembled in High Street, Stourport, composed of boys waiting to board the "Bus". Afterwards the contempt was not so pronounced, and now those who come on the "Bus" are, more or less, regarded as ordinary folk again.

*Christmas 1929*

### The New Bus Service

The school bus from Kidderminster has been running with success for a number of years; and for a long time a similar service was needed for boys coming from Stourport and its neighbourhood. Accordingly, two terms ago, each boy concerned was given by Mr Bush a letter to his parents, asking whether they would support the bus if it could be arranged with the company. Very soon, to the credit of all, the new service with Stourport came into being.

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### Spring Term 1952 6<sup>th</sup> February – *the School Log Book*

The whole school was assembled at 11.20 am in the hall and the headmaster announced the death of King George VI of England

Autumn Term 1953Holland in a Week

No small share of the credit for the trip's success belongs to the energetic guide provided by the Netherland's Railways, a young man who insisted on being called Henry. "One hundred percent service" was his slogan and he spared no pains to give the boys maximum enjoyment. At times his dynamic energy literally took ones breath away, and no member of the party will ever forget his oft-repeated injunctions to be "Quiet, gentlemen, quiet" on his spirited leading of frontline charges along railway platforms. It was nothing to him to risk life and limb amid the city's swirling traffic merely to post boys' letters on the back of a passing tram, and as the homeward-bound vessel drew out of Hook he stood on the quay and waved till he was but a speck in the distance. Good old Henry!

*"The Elizabethan" Autumn 1953*

Excerpts from the *School Log Book*28<sup>th</sup> April 1953

Two boys of the school, Ian Stoddard and his brother Colin Stoddard, were presented with the Scouts' Silver Medal for saving a youth from drowning in the river Severn at Bewdley. Presentation was made by Capt. H.Spreckley RN (ret'd)

10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> December 1955

Fourth Form boys planted 158 Norway Maple Trees and 600 Corsican Pine Trees on Hartlebury Common.

26<sup>th</sup> September 1972

Boys instructed that they may wear open necks without ties, and short sleeves, in the school after assembly until the end of school.

2<sup>nd</sup> October 1972

Assembly was taken by the boys for the first time.

2<sup>nd</sup> February 1976

Information received that the Secretary of State has approved the proposals for reorganisation in Wyre Forest. A sad day that this school shall be closed. I have a feeling that everything we've worked for in the past few years, and all the work done by our predecessors, accounts for nothing now. There are good reasons for developing comprehensive education, especially in this area, but I wish some way could be found to use the traditions of this school.

15<sup>th</sup> June 1976

Princess Anne landed on the school field at 4.30pm to make a private visit to Hartlebury Castle for tea with Lord and Lady Woods.

16<sup>th</sup> July 1976

A sad time for me (R.V.Fookes) and for others who are leaving. I wish some way could be found to integrate this school with its traditions, into the new system. It is a great shame to destroy the intangible assets of a school like this.