

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL CAMBRIDGE

Also known as the Central Technical Grammar School for boys from 1953
(formerly the Upper Grade School) Park side, Cambridge 1913 - 1958.

A Record of collections and memories for
the Class of 1950-1955



Blazer Badge 1950 - 1955

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History of the School and its origins

From York Street, Paradise Street, Parkside and finally to Queens Edith's Way.

1871 saw the opening of the first Higher Grade school in King Street. This was enlarged in 1884 but closed in 1905 when nearby buildings were used to relieve congestion until 1913. A second boys' Higher Grade School opened in 1884 in Paradise Street. Both were run by the Old Schools Trust. These both closed in 1913 when they relocated to the then new premises in Melbourne Place and provided for 820 boys and girls.

In 1919 the name was changed to the 'Central Council School' and became a senior elementary school. The next change was 1944 in to The Central School. In 1953 it changed again to be the Central Technical Grammar School to cater for Artistic and Practical pupils.

The last change to Cambridge Grammar School in 1956 was to provide more Grammar places. In 1957 the boys school relocated to Queen Edith's Way until 1974 when it amalgamated into Netherhall Secondary School.

The site in Melbourne place in 1957 was occupied by the Girls Grammar School.

From 1974 the School became Co-Educational and ultimately in 1998 The Old Melbourne Place site became a 6th Form Upper School.

Famous Alumni include

Sir Jack Hobbs (Surrey and England Cricketer)

Ronald Searle (Cartoonist, official P.O.W. artist in Burma and originator of St Trinians. Which was based on the Girls School adjacent to us).

School colours were amber and light blue

House names were; Clarendon (blue), Melbourne (green), Paradise (red) and Park (yellow).

Sports venue was mainly Parkers Piece with Leys School for Swimming and Fitzwilliam College Ground for Sports Days held every July.



Melbourne Place, Higher Grade Schools 1913

John Anderson (Deceased)
 Peter Attwood
 Eddie Black (Deceased)
 Nicholas Bond
 Syd Bowen
 Harvey Bridgeman
 Robin Chandler
 Dennis Chapman
 Dennis Clarke (Deceased)
 John Cleal (Living in Italy)
 Michael Colville (Deceased)
 David Cooke
 John Cowley
 Bob Cullum (Deceased)
 Peter Dring (Deceased)
 David Ely (Deceased)
 Brian Foister
 Trevor Fitzgerald (Deceased)
 Andrew Gates (Deceased)
 Brian Gates
 Roy Gentle (Deceased)
 Bryan Good
 Owen Gray
 Brian Hardy (Deceased)
 David Hart
 John Harvey (Deceased)
 Richard Hewish
 David Holgate (Deceased)
 Paul Holmes
 Malcolm Hopkins
 Jerry Iles
 Brian January (Deceased)
 Graham Kirkup

Michael Manni (Deceased)
 Andrew McCulloch (Deceased)
 Jimmy Moore
 David Nisbet
 David Nunn (Deceased)
 Ralph Olesen
 Alan Pettit
 John Poulter (Deceased)
 Richard Price (Living in Italy)
 Peter Richmond
 David Rye (Deceased)
 Dick Rickard (Deceased)
 John Scotcher
 Peter Scott
 Ian Shaw
 John Smith
 Brian Sutcliffe
 Peter Sutcliffe (Deceased)
 Bernard Wallman
 Rodney Wark
 Kenneth Warren
 Robert Wells
 John Wilkinson
 Chick Willars
 Paul Witt (Deceased)
 David Woolard
 Christopher Worland (Deceased)
 Jim Wright
 Peter Zobel (Living in Italy)

JD Livingstone - Headmaster
 J.C. Langford - Secretary to Head
 Ralph Brown - Mathematics and
 Deputy Head
 Rowland Parker - French
 Ted Edser - English
 Donald Annely - Geography
 Peter George - Science
 A.(Basher) Beckley - History
 Percy (Bonk) Frankham -
 Commercial Subjects
 Percy (Tuffy) Giles - Woodwork
 Algie Newitt - Metal Work
 Syd Phillips - Technical Drawing
 Richard Sell - Art
 A.B. (Taffy) Evans - Music and P.E.
 Harry (Dinger) Bell - Sports and P.E.
 Jack Chapman - Mathematics 1953-
 55
 Monk Mansfield - Mathematics
 1950-52??
 Mr Colville (AKA as The Weasel) -
 Caretaker

Roland Parker Chisel Giles Albert George Dick Annelly Buster Brown Basher Beckley Percy Frankham Syd Phillips

Harry Bell Algy Newitt Ted Edser Jock Livingstone Taffy Evans Monk Mansfield Richard Sell



THE CENTRAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS CAMBRIDGE 1950

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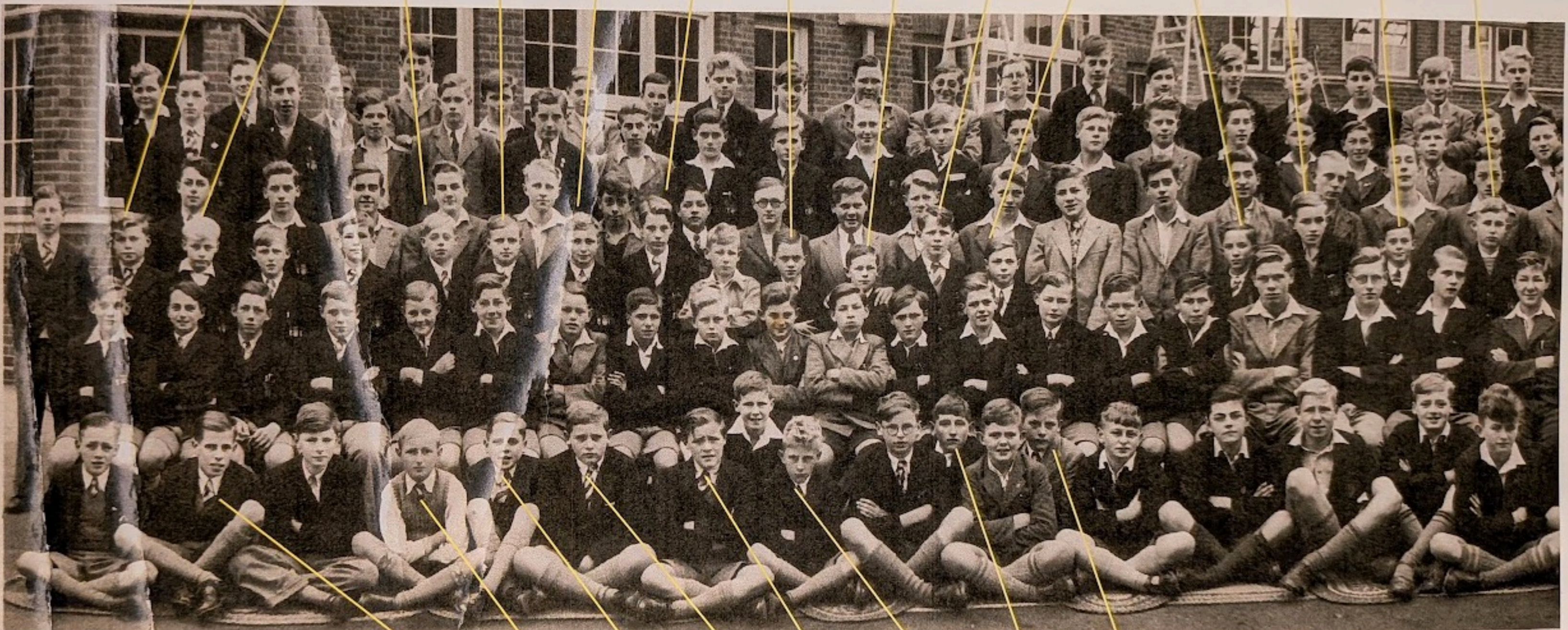
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Malcolm
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Cookie

Peter
Dring

Alan
Pettitt



Buster Brown
Maths

Jock Livingstone
Headmaster

Dick Annelly
Geography

Harry Bell
Sports

Basher Beckley
Arts & Crafts



Harvey
Bridgeman

Richard
Rickard

Brian
Sutcliffe



Roland Parker, French Teacher, who nearing, and in retirement wrote 5 history books, the second being The Common Stream of his village in Foxton, Cambridge. A dramatic tale of murder, pillage & adultery, which became a best seller

Tributes to the teachers

(Jock) Livingstone; Headmaster A superb Headmaster who was a very fair man who ran a 'Tight Ship' to great effect. Mr Livingstone lived along Milton Road and cycled to school in a very sedate manner on his sit up and beg bike along Victoria Avenue and Wol betide any boy who passed him as it was clear that he would be late for Assembly! Even the odd canings were tolerable! Old School but very much admired by the whole school.

Ralph (Buster) Brown; Deputy Head Maths teacher and Melbourne House master. A man of Devon who was a very competent Maths teacher who made sure we paid attention. This included slamming down rulers on the front desk and occasionally lobbing the chalk board rubber against a surface. A man with a sense of humour and humility that made him a popular teacher.

Roland Parker ;French Teacher A tall man with a military stature who gently dragged us in to the use of basic French. Our only foreign language. Well organized and a popular teacher who always supported the Annual School Camps, in some cases assisted by his French wife. In retirement he became an accomplished author and published histories involving local villages.

Donald B (Dick) Annerly ; Geography Teacher Form Master to the 1950-55 year group who was dedicated to education despite being hampered by a physical problem with his spine that left him with a permanent stoop. Despite this handicap he had a good sense of humour, that was needed with our class. He was a much admired, experienced and informative teacher who devoted so much time and effort in organizing events, in particular the annual School Camps, Photographic Club, Christmas parties in addition to being a good teacher of Geography. One of the best teachers you are likely to meet!

Algie Newitt ; Metalwork teacher A modest man (ex Bomber Command) who led us into the useful skills of beating metals into shape. His mantra was 'get it hot and hit it hard'. No doubt he found us troublesome and administered a light cane sparingly. Our revenge was to substitute it with an aluminium rod which somewhat caused much amusement to all. (See Metalworking sheet of test pieces attached)

Syd Philips ; Technical Drawing A calm and modest man (Fleet air Arm who flew Swordfish from Ark Royal) who taught us all the skills of draughtsmanship and attention to detail. These were very important for boys going into any form of engineering. He was a popular and unique personality who also ran the model aircraft club after school. Classroom was in Mud Lane.

Richard Sell ; Art A man with a flair for his subject. Taught

drawing and painting that was supplemented by working with Clay and papier mache. The latter using a gungy substance of paper offcuts and Gloy mix. His classroom was also in Mud lane.

Harry Bell; PE Ex professional footballer and RAF PTI. A very thorough teacher of skills in ball sports and encouraged all to get involved. Very keen on coaching cricket batting skills in the gymnasium through the winter months.

A.B. Evans ; Music and PE Very influential Welsh teacher who encouraged singing as well as being a talented pianist at assembly time. Worked well with Mr Bell and was key to our sporting successes.

Percy Giles ;Carpentry Good teacher of very important life skills and shared the Workshop building with the metal bashers with a considerable tolerance and level of humour and resilience.

Ted Edser ; English Old school teacher with fairly rigid method but most effective in guiding us through the perils of our, sometimes, tricky language and its history of great writers.

Peter George ; Science Quite but effective teacher of a subject many of us struggled with. His classroom was the one nearest the 'No Go' door to the Girls school and the far end of the Cycle racks. However he overcame any distractions and gave us a good insight into the world of science and its uses.

Basher Beckley ;History His subject was wide ranging and relied on memorizing dates of significant events of our history. Not the most outgoing of characters but once again he was good at describing the subject and the events surrounding them.

Percy Frankham ; Commercial and secretarial. Very strong personality despite his handicap. Provided those who chose the commercial route with a solid grounding in book-keeping and shorthand, not the most riveting (not the metal type) of subjects.

Jack Chapman ; Mathematics Came to the school when we were in our third year and quickly settled in as he was a keen sportsman (ex Cambridge Town player). Pleasant personality who enthused at the wide range of activities taking place in the school and got involved wherever a job needed doing.

The School day began

At 9am school started with Assembly followed by ;
Morning schedule - Classes 9.15-10am, 10-10.45am. Then a break, 11.15 - 12noon. Lunch in Mud lane 12.45 (after the Girls of course). Afternoon schedule - 2.00 - 2.45pm, 2.45 - 3.30pm. Then a break, 3.45- 4.30 pm finish.

Significant events whilst we were at The Central 1950 - 1955

1950

- May - July - 11plus exams and the interviews at the School
- August - buy School uniform from Jacobs Outfitters, St Andrews Street or Smarts on Mill road.
- The Big Day ! Monday 4 th September we started at the Central

1951

- Radio shows like the Archers and Goon Show started, Plus Churchill came back as PM ,The Festival of Britain, Comics -The Eagle comic started and Dennis the Menace first appeared in the Beano ,Miss World competition began.
- Top comedians included Max Miller, Tommy Trinder, Ted Ray, Arthur Askey, Ken Dodd and Tommy Cooper. Hobbies abound with Meccano/Hornby trains, Subbuteo table football, Crystal set radios, Trainspotting, Cigarette cards etc.
- Cinemas showing all popular films . Cricket at Fenner's to see the Australians, West Indies ,India and Pakistan.

1952

- First School Camp to Devils Bridge in Wales .Our big venture but strict rules were applied (on next page)
- King George VI died

1953

- Queen Elizabeth II coronation/Everest climbed / Matthews Cup final
- Television sets became more popular
- School Camp to isle of Wight

1954

- School camp to Devils Bridge .
- Food rationing ended ,
- The first St Trinians film made,plus the Dam Busters.
- Central Old boys Rowing Club formed to take part in Town Bumps every July.

1955

- Cambridge Schoolboys beat Oxford at Cricket (6 Central boys) .
- Match v Watford drawn due to heavy rain
- May /June GCE 'O levels taken
- School camp to Paignton
- July 18th we left the Central to enter the wide world of employment .

Life in Cambridge in the 50's

More bikes than cars ,cycling everywhere ,ABC minors on Saturday Mornings (at a cost of 6pence), Parkers Piece was a hive of Sporting activity every day with Football and cricket pitches ,Hockey ,Rounders (for the Girls school of course)all over the place, Cinemas aplenty such as the Regal ,Victoria, Central ,Playhouse ,Tivoli, The Rex The Arts, ,and Kinema (bit of a flea pit) ,

For sustenance if required we had Cakes from the Dorothy, Hawkins or ,if you could afford it , Fitzbillies. All the big stores were in the town centre including M&S ,Woolworths, Sainsbury's, Boots, Joshua Taylor, Eaden Lilley, Burton's ,John Collier ,Freeman Hardy and Willis, Peak's Furnishers ,Robert Sayle's (now a John Lewis),Barrett's China shop , ,Heffers , Jarrolds , Bowes and Bowes, MacFisheries (complete with fish tanks),Lipton's, Universal Stores ,The Co-op etc. Daily Market in Market Square (with fountain and underground toilets !)

Hardware shopping at Mackintosh's Laurie McConnal ,or Mackays . Model shops such as Renbro's on Mill Road ,Wards, and Gees for Electrical components also on Mill Road There were offices for each of the Utilities ,Gas/Water/ Electric . All the Banks were open , Wards,Haywards and Halfords for bikes etc ,Building Societies and Insurance companies had offices (open on Saturday mornings) Half Day Closing was on Thursdays !

It was all there if you needed anything ! Just park your bike against a wall or kerb .

Football at Milton Road for Cambridge Town(City from 1953) or Semi pro at the Abbey Stadium for Abbey United (with groundsman of Parkers Piece, Arthur Morgan in Goal) .

Buses ran regular timetables eg the 101 -Milton/ Chesterton to the Railway station ,106 Red Cross to Girton College or 139 from Cottenham to the station ,etc. All well organized !

Police were highly visible and respected, Addenbrookes was on Trumpington Street, Overall it was a busy place because it all had to paid for with Cash !

School Camp Rules

ROUTINE - REGULATIONS - INFORMATION.

1. POSTAL ADDRESS:

Cambridge Central School,
c/o H.F. Pencoed Youth Camp,
via Devil's Bridge,
Aberystwyth,
Cardiganshire.

2. TELEPHONE: Ponterwyd 42.

3. DATES:

First Party: Friday August 6th to Friday August 13th.

Second Party: Friday August 13th to Friday August 20th.

4. DAILY TIMETABLE.

Reveille 7.15 a.m.
Breakfast 8.0 a.m.
Kit Inspection 9.0 a.m.

Either:-

Picnic Lunch
Dinner 7.0 p.m.
Cocoa 8.30 p.m.

Or:-

Dinner 1.0 p.m.
Tea 4.30 p.m.
Supper 8.0 p.m.

Bed by 9.30 p.m.

Absolute silence at 10 p.m. This is the most strict rule of the camp, and will be rigidly observed.

5. ORDERLY DUTIES:

At every meal there will be four orderlies to lay the tables, help with the serving, clearing the table afterwards, also washing up. The whole hut each day will be responsible for tidying-up the sleeping-quarters. The whole of the orderly duties will occupy less than one hour per day, and will be fixed by rota. No boy will miss any excursion through being on duty.

6. TIDINESS. All members of the party will at all times be held responsible for preserving the tidy appearance of the Camp area and for avoiding litter wherever we go. This is not a Camp rule; it is a matter of pride in our reputation. We don't want boys to spoil the good name of the Central School.

7. DISCIPLINE.

There are only two offences that you can commit.

- (a) To break one of the few but essential camp rules.
- (b) To cause inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment to others. You won't do any of these things, of course, if you are thoughtful, sensible, and above all remember that we have come here to have a happy care-free holiday. We hate saying 'don't', just as you hate hearing, but here are a few 'Don'ts!', that may not always be obvious.

DON'T write on hut walls,
throw stones anywhere, any time.
shout near houses or in vehicles.
risk a wetting or an injury just
to show off.

8. MONEY.

Mr Parker will be in charge of the bank.
Let him take charge of all your money and he
will issue it to you daily as required.

9. LEADERS.

Notice the change of title. Help Mr Livingstone, Mr Annely, Mr Sell, Mr Langford, Mr Parker and Mr Evans (who used to be a master at this school) to forget for a time that they are 'schoolmasters'. They are there to organise things for you. But remember they rely on your co-operation.

10. IF YOU FEEL UNWELL.

If you feel unwell tell one of the masters at once. He will attend to you, or if necessary take you to a doctor. Even a small cut or scratch should be attended to at once if it is to heal quickly. Blistered feet will need equally prompt attention.

11. TRAIN TIMES.

Forward:-	Cambridge	8.54 a.m.
	Paddington	11.10 a.m.
	Aberystwyth	5.50 p.m.
Return:-	Aberystwyth	9.55 a.m.
	L/Street	7.24 p.m.
	Cambridge.	8.42 p.m.

BOYS NOT WANTED IN CAMP.

1. Those who think camping means sitting in a deck chair while other boys fetch things for them.
2. Those who are slackers.
3. Those who think others are slackers. These are the same as No. 2.
4. Greedy boys.
5. Those who think others are greedy (same boys as No. 4)
6. Those who can't eat this, and won't try that, and don't like the other.
7. Those who, when on orderly duty, try to give the smaller boys the most unpleasant work.
8. Boys who, when on a ramble, keep on enquiring every few minutes How much further is it? When do we have lunch?
9. (a) Boys who at the beginning of a ramble insist on showing how tough they are by streaking away ahead.
(b) Boys who halfway on a ramble are lagging hopelessly behind.

(Of course these are the same.)

GOOD CAMPERS.

1. Boys who are determined to enjoy every minute of their time in camp.
2. Boys who are determined to do nothing to spoil the enjoyment of others.
3. Boys who have the intelligence to see that making it a point of honour not to break camp rules is the same as Numbers 1. and 2.
4. Boys who can smile and whistle on a wet morning as cheerfully as when the sun is shining.
5. Boys who regard orderly duties as fun.
6. Boys who, when they see a job that needs to be done, get on with it before they are asked to do so.
7. Boys who instead of telling everyone how things ought to be done, SHOW them.
8. Boys who are man enough to see that macs, shoes and towels are dried the moment this becomes necessary.
9. Boys who, when on a ramble, don't try to show how tough they are by streaking on ahead, and holding up the party while they continually return from taking the wrong direction.
10. Boys who, when tired on a ramble, don't get on everybody's nerves by enquiring every few minutes, How much further is it? When do we have lunch?

All this, and much more, can be put into five words

BOYS WHO ARE GOOD CAMPERS.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU.

When packing, bear in mind that the bulk of your kit that is a full kit-bag or strong suitcase, will be sent in advance to make travelling easier for you. This should not contain anything breakable or anything, e.g. bathing trunks, which you might want during the week before camp. You will therefore want, in addition to the kit-bag or suitcase, a smaller case or, preferably, a haversack, to carry with you on the journey. The latter would be most useful for carrying your mac, bathing gear, camera and sandwiches when out on an excursion.

These are the essentials:

1. BLANKETS - if full-size, and cleverly used with blanket-pins, TWO will do for a small-to-medium boy; a big boy will need THREE.
2. SHEETS - ONE will do; a sheet sleeping-bag is better; if you don't mind being tickled to sleep you can leave this out.
3. PALLIASSE- if you have one; if not, a large light sack will do; if you can't get one, we shall hire some. The idea is to fill the sack with straw and use that, on the floor, as your bed.
4. MAC - or (better still) CYCLING CAPE. With your name on it, please.
5. BOOTS OR STOUT SHOES - which will stand up to scrambling over rocks and getting wet.
6. GYM-SHOES or SANDALS for use indoors and on the beach. You really want THREE sets of footwear then; 1. indoor, 2. Outdoor, 3. travelling.
7. PYJAMAS.
8. TOWELS - TWO, one for toilet, one for swimming.
9. SHIRTS - one on; at least one spare.
10. UNDERWEAR - one clean set on to start; one set spare.
11. SOCKS - at least two spares.
12. HANKERCHIEFS - as many as you need.
13. BATHING TRUNKS - fur-lined, of course. I know that's last year's joke, but we may get last year's weather.
14. SOAP.
15. TOOTHBRUSH & PASTE.
16. COMB.
17. SHORTS or KNOCKABOUT SLACKS.
18. PILLOW - you can use your boots, with clothes on top, but a small cushion is a good idea.

These are non-essentials but highly desirable:- WRITING-MATERIALS, SOFT BALL, CARDS, TRAVELLING CHESS-SET, CAMERA, BOOK.

Then there are those things which I have forgotten, but NOT, definitely NOT catapults, coshes, dangerous knives, dirty knees, tame mice, or little sister.

ON THE JOURNEY we think you would do credit to us and to yourselves if you wore the School cap and blazer.

Favourite Subjects

The very practical sessions in the purpose built and well equipped workshops. Metal and Woodwork, certainly focused attentions on crafts and engineering work and resulted in several pupils going on to work with the Cambridge Instrument Company, also Pye Radio, both significant employers in the town.

For the first 2 years our class split into two and alternated every 6 months. We were given the choice in year 3. I chose metal work and have not regretted it in later life. Having acquired the skills and necessary tools to repair/ make a wide range of metal objects and maintain our bikes etc.

Our teacher was Algie Newitt (Class reunion photo 198 - refers). Whilst demonstrating his skills at forging metal into many shapes and styles, poker, chestnut roasters etc, Al (Algie) would repeat the mantra "get it 'ot and hit it 'ard!"

Equal second favourite subjects were Art (Dick Sell) and Technical Drawing (Syd Phillips).

We also worked with clay, mainly coil pots, also with Paper Mache (main ingredients being torn paper in a water/gloy mix which was termed Moggy... I think).

Technical Drawing lessons later proved to be very useful to me when I took on Civil Engineering and subsequently highway engineering. Particularly using the acquired knowledge of setting out and drawing objects from different viewpoints. Front elevation, Side elevation and Cross sections, also Iso-metric (angled) projections.

Syd Phillips was a good teacher with an interesting background of having been with the Fleet Air Arm in the War, flying Swordfish torpedo bombers, known affectionately as Stringbags, which were biplanes. Somewhat outdated and vulnerable in the 1940's, achieving some heroic results but with considerable losses.

Syd ran an after school club making and flying model aircraft, so there was certainly a pupil interested there as well as with his popular classes in technical drawing, benefiting many in their future employment.

- By Ralph Olesen



'Things' of Metalworking are a Joy Forever!



Andrew Gates, Fitzgerald, John Smith, John Poulter, Mick Covill, John Anderson, Robin Chandler, John Cleal



Peter Zobel, Dick Rickard, Brian Gates, Bryan Good, Dave Holgate, Ralf Olsen



Brian (Ginge) January, David Ely, Ralph Orlsen, Mr Parker



Brian Gates & Mick Covill



Devils Bridge 1952
David Cooke, John Smith, Robin Chandler, Bernard Wallman



Central School Football Team 1955



School Cricket Team 1955

Syd Philips, John Smith, Trevor Fitzgerald, Robin Chandler, Rodney Wark,
Malcolm Hopkins, Michael Manni, Robert Wells, Brian Hardy, J. Bristow,
Peter Attwood, John Harvey, Jimmy Moore



Selected for Cambridge School Boys Cricket 1955
Robert Wells, J. Bristow, John Harvey, P. Starling, Peter Attwood,
Robin Chandler



Dining Room



Tech/Drawing Room



Mud Lane

New of Old /Ageing Centralians, who attended the Central Technical School for Boys, Parkside: Class of 1950-55

The idea to initiate a regular (our class only) Reunion developed from a meeting in March 1996 between John (Smudger) Smith and Ralph (Olly) Olesen, not having met during the intervening 41 years since leaving Central. John was the only contact Ralph had (having moved in 1956 to East Sussex) was simply that John's family ran a show shop and repair business on Milton Road. Despite not having an address or Post code to add to the envelope, the postal service came up trumps!

A few pupils had attended the Annual Dinners at the Dorothy Restaurant during mid to late 50's. These were organised, each Spring, by The Higher Grade and central School Old Boys Association, which subsequently changed to Cambridge Old Grammarians, in 1992, following the move, with Grammar school Status, to Queen Edith's Way in May 1958.

Details of the School and related Old Boy's association over the years are given in a booklet (*The Cambridge Grammar School for Boys*) covering the period 1871-1971, published by Echo Press of Loughborough.

Considerable research by Messrs Smith & Olesen to locate classmates, including a notice in the Cambridge Daily News. Ultimately a list of just over 30 came together. Assisted by extensive cascading between classmates, this enabled the first of our Class Reunions to take place in November 1987, a lunchtime gathering of over a dozen at the riverside Pike & Eel pub, Chesterton. The following year, by popular demand, we met again there, and 16 Ex pupils were delighted to welcome two

teachers, Algie Newitt (Metalwork) and Dick Sell (Arts and Craft).

Over the following years, always in mid November, the reunions, typically between 12 and 20 attending, are held at The Robin Hood pub in Cherry Hilton, and currently extend from mid day until later evening, when the ladies are invited to join for a meal at the pub or in a nearby Indian Restaurant.

Summer meetings started later, usually in June/July and in 2001 there was a guided punting trip to the Tea Gardens at Granchester, repeated in 2018. Fine punting conditions, relaxed and an excellent tea were enjoyed on both occasions.

Two river cruises were enjoyed, in early 2000's and 2015 on the Georgina, down the Cam, and in 2017 on a Norfolk Wherry down the River Orwell, from Ipswich.

In 2022 and 2023 there was a converted narrow boat cruise on the River Ouse, between Hartford Marina and Godmanchester.

Some of 10 (class of 1950/55) pupils attended the central School (Parkside) Centenary 1912-2012 Luncheon at University Arms Hotel in September, joining many other pupils dating back to 1931 and forward to 1969.

On two occasions, in 2005 and 2015, Parkside Community College warmly hosted visits, commemorating the 50 and 60 years since leaving. Discussions are now ongoing for a 70th Anniversary venue and activity to be agreed, acknowledging that all ex pupils are nearing their mid 80's! Watch this space!

Inevitably the passage of years has sadly reduced our numbers, but we can still raise a virtual Football team with a few reserves in hand!





The Central Old Boys in 2015 and, inset, in their younger days

Funeral reunites Central Old Boys once more

The Central Old Boys – former pupils of the Parkside-based Central Grammar School from 1950-55 – were among those attending the funeral of John Anderson, one of their members, at St Mary's Church in Willingham.

Robin Chandler fondly recalled John from their time at the school, which relocated to Netherhall as a secondary modern in the 1960s.

"He was the first one on the register and he was a very nice bloke.

"He became an engineer and had his own engineering firm over at Bar Hill at one time," said Robin, who noted that there are 20-25 Central Old Boys who meet twice a year, usually at the Robin Hood pub in Cherry Hinton and for a summer day trip.

"This year we went on the river at Hertford, on the marina, so we

do try and keep going," said Robin.

Ten of them attended the funeral on Friday, September 15.

Recalling their school days, Robin, who lives in Bedford, said there were 60 boys in his year.

"Until the late 50s it was the Central Technical Grammar School for boys and girls. It was a great school, in the centre of town, and we had very good masters and teachers."



Devils Bridge HF Camp, March 2002



2009



Richard Sell (Arts & Craft) & Algy Newitt (Metalwork) at our 2nd Old Boys Reunion in 1988 at the Pike & Eel pub



Acknowledgements

This Commemorative brochure has been produced on the 70th Anniversary of their leaving The Central to briefly summarise the people and experiences of the class of 1950-55 during these years attending The Central School, Melbourne Place , Cambridge .

We hope that everyone attending this celebration and able to attend the Lunch meeting being held at The Plough , Coton on Thursday 18th September will enjoy this opportunity to reflect on the happy years we spent at the Central. Every effort has been made to record our gratitude to the Headmaster Mr (Jock) Livingstone and his staff on making The Central such an enjoyable and informative centre of learning. We must of course remember our classmates and the staff who have passed away or are not able to join us today and their contribution to the success of The Central.

This document has been prepared by Robin Chandler with invaluable assistance from Ralph Olesen and his treasure trove of excellent records. Ralph was of course the catalyst for our Class of 50-55 to reform in 1997. The original Central Old Boys Association had petered out some years earlier.

Having remustered our group ,with Ralph and John Smith at the helm, the social events and gatherings have been well organized by John Anderson, Graham Kirkup and latterly Brian Gates. The links have strengthened accordingly, with The Pike & Eel and The Robin Hood being the annual November meeting places.

Regrettably, age is the crucial issue today and this is possibly our last chance to meet up socially in a larger group. We hope this brings all of the memorable moments flooding back and is a fitting tribute to a very fine teaching institution.



Central Old Boys Class of 1950-55

STARTERS

Crispy spiced whitebait with tartare sauce gf*

Prawn cocktail with buttered brown bread gf*

Tomato & olive bruschetta with crumbled goats cheese v ve* gf*

Balsamic glazed chorizo on toasted focaccia gf*

MAINS

Pan-fried fillet of bream gf

crushed new potatoes, charred spring onions & seaweed sauce

Roast pork loin gf

hispi cabbage, champ & burn apple puree

Chicken supreme gf

slow roasted with creamed leeks, potato cake & crispy parmesan

Roasted cauliflower v ve*gf

red lentil dahl, spiced spinach & house pickles

Sharing bowls of seasonal vegetables will be on your tables to compliment your main course

DESSERT

White chocolate, ginger & mango cheesecake & mango sorbet v

Pistachio panna cotta with crispy honey filo v

Raspberry Eton mess v gf

Salted caramel tart with vanilla anglaise v

~ Tea or coffee ~

£35.00 per person + 10% service charge

*indicates these dishes can be altered to suit certain diets

N - Nuts, V - Vegetarian, VE - Vegan, GF - gluten free (can be made suitable for)

Please speak with your server about any dietary requirements or allergies when ordering

Some of our dishes may contain trace of nuts. Our fish may contain bones & game dishes may contain shot

An optional 10% service charge will be added to all bills - 100% goes to our staff.

VAT is included at the standard rate

News of Old /Ageing Centralians, who attended the Central (Technical) School for Boys, Parkside : Class of 1950-55.

The idea to initiate a regular (our class only) Reunion developed from a meeting in March 1996 between John (Smudger) Smith and Ralph (Olly) Olesen, not having met during the intervening 41 years since leaving Central. John was the only contact Ralph had (having moved in 1956 to East Sussex) was simply that John's family ran a shoe shop and repair business in Milton Road. Despite not having an address or post code to add to the envelope the postal service came up trumps!

A few pupils had attended the Annual Dinners at the Dorothy Restaurant during mid to late 50's. These were organised, each Spring, by The Higher Grade and Central School Old Boys Association, which subsequently changed to Cambridge Old Grammarians, in 1962...following the move, with Grammar School status, to Queen Edith's Way in May 1958. Details of the School and related Old Boy's Associations over the years are given in a booklet *The Cambridge Grammar School for Boys* covering the period 1871 – 1971, published by Echo Press of Loughborough.

Considerable research by Messrs Smith & Olesen to locate classmates, including a notice in the Cambridge Daily News. Ultimately a list of just over 30 came together..assisted by extensive cascading between classmates. This enabled the first of our Class Reunions to take place in November 1987, a lunchtime gathering of over a dozen at the riverside Pike & Eel pub, Chesterton. The following year, by popular demand, we met again there, and 16 ex. pupils were delighted to welcome two teachers, Algie Newitt (Metalwork) and Dick Sell (Arts & Crafts) *Photograph attached.*

Over the following years, always in mid November, the Reunions, typically between 12 and 20 attending, are held at The Robin Hood pub in Cherry Hinton, and currently extend from mid day until later evening, when the ladies are invited to join for a meal, at the pub or in a nearby Indian Restaurant.

Summer meetings started later, usually in June/July, and in 2001 there was a guided punting trip to the Tea Gardens at Granchester, repeated in 2018. Fine punting conditions, relaxed company and an excellent tea were enjoyed on both occasions

Two river cruises were enjoyed..in early 2000's and 2015 on the Georgina, down the Cam, and in 2017 on a Norfolk Wherry down the River Orwell, from Ipswich.

In 2022 and 2023 there was a converted narrow boat cruise on the River Ouse, between Hartford Marina and Godmanchester.

Some 10 (Class of 1950/55) pupils attended the Central School (Parkside) Centenary 1912- 2012 Luncheon at University Arms Hotel in September, joining with many other pupils dating back to 1931...and forward to 1969

On two occasions, in 2005 & 2015, Parkside Community College warmly hosted visits, commemorating the 50 and 60 years since leaving. Discussions are now ongoing for a 70th Anniversary... venue and activity to be agreed, acknowledging that all ex pupils are nearing their mid 80's! Watch this space!

Inevitably the passage of years as sadly reduced our numbers, but we can still raise a virtual Football team with a few reserves in hand!

Register of Boys who attended the School from 1950-55

John Anderson (Deceased)

Peter Attwood

Eddie Black (Deceased)

Nicholas Bond (Deceased)

Steven Bowen

Harvey Bridgeman

Robin Chandler

Dennis Chapman

Dennis Clarke (Deceased)

John Cleal (Living in Italy)

Michael Colville

David Cooke

John Cowley

Bob Cullum (Deceased)

Peter Dring (Deceased)

David Ely (Deceased)

Brian Foister

Trevor Fitzgerald (Deceased)

Andrew Gates (Deceased)

Brian Gates

Roy Gentle (Deceased)

Bryan Good

Owen Gray

Brian Hardy (Deceased)

David Hart

John Harvey (Deceased)

Richard Hewish

David Holgate (Deceased)

Paul Holmes

Malcolm Hopkins

Jerry Iles

Brian January (Deceased)

Graham Kirkup

Michael Manni (Deceased)

Andrew McCulloch (Deceased)

Jimmy Moore

David Nisbet

David Nunn (Deceased)

Ralph Olesen

Alan Pettit

John Poulter (Deceased)

Significant events whilst we were at The Central 1950-55

1950 - May-July -11plus exams and the interviews at the School

August -buy School uniform from Jacobs Outfitters, St Andrews Street or Smarts on Mill road.

1950 - The Big Day ! Monday 4th September we started at the Central

1951 – Radio shows like the Archers and Goon Show started,

Plus Churchill came back as PM ,The Festival of Britain, Comics –The Eagle comic started and Dennis the Menace first appeared in the Beano ,Miss World competition began . Top comedians included Max Miller, Tommy Trinder, Ted Ray, Arthur Askey, Ken Dodd and Tommy Cooper. Hobbies abound with Meccano/Hornby trains, Subbuteo table football,Crystal set radios, Trainspotting, Cigarette cards etc. Cinemas showing all popular films . Cricket at Fenners to see the Australians, West Indies ,India and Pakistan

1952 - first School Camp to Devils Bridge in Wales .Our big venture but strict rules were applied (See attached)

1952 - King George VI died

1953 – Queen Elizabeth II coronation/Everest climbed /Matthews Cup final

Television sets became more popular

1953 – School Camp to isle of Wight

1954 - School camp to Devils Bridge .Food rationing ended ,The first St Trinians film made,plus the Dam Busters.

Central Old boys Rowing Club formed to take part in Town Bumps every July.

1955 – Cambridge Schoolboys beat Oxford at Cricket (6 Central boys) .Match v Watford drawn due to heavy rain

1955 – May /June GCE 'O levels taken

1955 – School camp to Paignton

1955 – July 18th we left the Central to enter the wide world of employment .

Life in Cambridge in the 50's

More bikes than cars ,cycling everywhere ,ABC minors on Saturday Mornings (at a cost of 6pence), Parkers Piece was a hive of Sporting activity every day with Football and cricket pitches ,Hockey ,Rounders (for the Girls school of course)all over the place, Cinemas aplenty such as the Regal ,Victoria, Central ,Playhouse ,Tivoli, The Rex The Arts, ,and Kinema (bit of a flea pit) ,

For sustenance if required we had Cakes from the Dorothy, Hawkins or ,if you could afford it , Fitzbillies. All the big stores were in the town centre including M & S ,Woolworths, Sainsbury's, Boots, Joshua Taylor , Eaden Lilley, Burton's, John Collier ,Freeman Hardy and Willis, Peak's Furnishers ,Robert Sayle's (now a John Lewis),Barrett's China shop , ,Heffers , Jarrolds , Bowes and Bowes ,MacFisheries (complete with fish tanks),Lipton's, Universal Stores ,The Co-op etc. Daily Market in Market Square (with fountain and underground toilets !)

Hardware shopping at Mackintosh's Laurie McConnal ,or Mackays . Model shops such as Renbro's on Mill Road ,Wards, and Gees for Electrical components also on Mill Road There were offices for each of the Utilities ,Gas/Water/ Electric . All the Banks were open , Wards,Haywards and Halfords for bikes etc ,Building Societies and Insurance companies had offices (open on Saturday mornings) Half Day Closing was on Thursdays !

It was all there if you needed anything ! Just park your bike against a wall or kerb .

Football at Milton Road for Cambridge Town(City from 1953) or Semi pro at the Abbey Stadium for Abbey United (with groundsman of Parkers Piece, Arthur Morgan in Goal) .

Buses ran regular timetables eg the 101 -Milton/Chesterton to the Railway station ,106 Red Cross to Girton College or 139 from Cottenham to the station ,etc. All well organized !

Police were highly visible and respected, Addenbrookes was on Trumpington Street, Overall it was a busy place because it all had to be paid for with Cash !

SCHOOL CAMP RULES

ROUTINE - REGULATIONS - INFORMATION.

1. POSTAL ADDRESS:

Cambridge Central School,
c/o H.F. Pencoed Youth Camp,
via Devil's Bridge,
Aberystwyth,
Cardiganshire.

2. TELEPHONE: Pontnewydd 42.

3. DATES:

First Party: Friday August 6th to Friday August 13th.

Second Party: Friday August 13th to Friday August 20th.

4. DAILY TIMETABLE.

Reveille 7.15 a.m.
Breakfast 8.0 a.m.
Kit Inspection 9.0 a.m.

Either:-

Picnic Lunch
Dinner 7.0 p.m.
Cocoa 8.30 p.m.

Or:-

Dinner 1.0 p.m.
Tea 4.30 p.m.
Supper 8.0 p.m.

Bed by 9.30 p.m.

Absolute silence at 10 p.m. This is the most strict rule of the camp, and will be rigidly observed.

5. ORDERLY DUTIES:

At every meal there will be four orderlies to lay the tables, help with the serving, clearing the table afterwards, also washing up. The whole hut each day will be responsible for tidying-up the sleeping-quarters. The whole of the orderly duties will occupy less than one hour per day, and will be fixed by rota. No boy will miss any excursion through being on duty.

6. TIDINESS. All members of the party will at all times be held responsible for preserving the tidy appearance of the Camp area and for avoiding litter wherever we go. This is not a Camp rule; it is a matter of pride in our reputation. We don't want boys to spoil the good name of the Central School.

7. DISCIPLINE.

There are only two offences that you can commit.

(a) To break one of the few but essential camp rules.

(b) To cause inconvenience, discomfort or embarrassment to others. You won't do any of these things, of course, if you are thoughtful, sensible, and above all remember that we have come here to have a happy care-free holiday. We hate saying 'don't', just as you hate hearing, but here are a few 'Don'ts!', that may not always be obvious.

DON'T write on hut walls.
throw stones anywhere, any time.
shout near houses or in vehicles.
risk a wetting or an injury just to show off.

8. MONEY.

Mr Parker will be in charge of the bank.
Let him take charge of all your money and he will issue it to you daily as required.

9. LEADERS.

Notice the change of title. Help Mr Livingstone, Mr Annely, Mr Sell, Mr Langford, Mr Parker and Mr Evans (who used to be a master at this school) to forget for a time that they are 'schoolmasters'. They are there to organise things for you. But remember they rely on your co-operation.

10. IF YOU FEEL UNWELL.

If you feel unwell tell one of the masters at once. He will attend to you, or if necessary take you to a doctor. Even a small cut or scratch should be attended to at once if it is to heal quickly. Blistered feet will need equally prompt attention.

11. TRAIN TIMES.

Forward:-	Cambridge	8.54 a.m.
	Paddington	11.10 a.m.
	Aberystwyth	5.50 p.m.
Return:-	Aberystwyth	9.55 a.m.
	L/Street	7.24 p.m.
	Cambridge.	8.42 p.m.

BOYS NOT WANTED IN CAMP.

1. Those who think camping means sitting in a deck chair while other boys fetch things for them.
2. Those who are slackers.
3. Those who think others are slackers. These are the same as No. 2.
4. Greedy boys.
5. Those who think others are greedy (same boys as No. 4)
6. Those who can't eat this, and won't try that, and don't like the other.
7. Those who, when on orderly duty, try to give the smaller boys the most unpleasant work.
8. Boys who, when on a ramble, keep on enquiring every few minutes How much further is it? When do we have lunch?
9. (a) Boys who at the beginning of a ramble insist on showing how tough they are by streaking away ahead.
(b) Boys who halfway on a ramble are lagging hopelessly behind.

(Of course these are the same.)

GOOD CAMPERS.

1. Boys who are determined to enjoy every minute of their time in camp.
2. Boys who are determined to do nothing to spoil the enjoyment of others.
3. Boys who have the intelligence to see that making it a point of honour not to break camp rules is the same as Numbers 1 and 2.
4. Boys who can smile and whistle on a wet morning as cheerfully as when the sun is shining.
5. Boys who regard orderly duties as fun.
6. Boys who, when they see a job that needs to be done, get on with it before they are asked to do so.
7. Boys who instead of telling everyone how things ought to be done, SHOW them.
8. Boys who are man enough to see that macs, shoes and towels are dried the moment this becomes necessary.
9. Boys who, when on a ramble, don't try to show how tough they are by streaking on ahead, and holding up the party while they continually return from taking the wrong direction.
10. Boys who, when tired on a ramble, don't get on everybody's nerves by enquiring every few minutes, How much further is it? When do we have lunch?

All this, and much more, can be put into five words

BOYS WHO ARE GOOD CAMPERS.

WHAT TO TAKE WITH YOU.

When packing, bear in mind that the bulk of your kit that is a full kit-bag or strong suitcase, will be sent in advance to make travelling easier for you. This should not contain anything breakable or anything, o.g. bathing trunks, which you might want during the week before camp. You will therefore want, in addition to the kit-bag or suitcase, a smaller case or, preferably, a haversack, to carry with you on the journey. The latter would be most useful for carrying your mac, bathing gear, camera and sandwiches when out on an excursion.

These are the essentials:

1. BLANKETS - if full-size, and cleverly used with blanket-pins, TWO will do for a small-to-medium boy; a big boy will need THREE.
2. SHEETS - ONE will do; a sheet sleeping-bag is better; if you don't mind being tickled to sleep you can leave this out.
3. PALLIASSE- if you have one; if not, a large light sack will do; if you can't get one, we shall hire some. The idea is to fill the sack with straw and use that, on the floor, as your bed.
4. MAC - or (better still) CYCLING CAPE. With your name on it, please.
5. BOOTS OR STOUT SHOES - which will stand up to scrambling over rocks and getting wet.
6. GYM-SHOES or SANDALS for use indoors and on the beach. You really want THREE sets of footwear then; 1. indoor, 2. Outdoor, 3. travelling.
7. PYJAMAS.
8. TOWELS - TWO, one for toilet, one for swimming.
9. SHIRTS - one on; at least one spare.
10. UNDERWEAR - one clean set on to start; one set spare.
11. SOCKS - at least two spares.
12. HANKERCHIEFS - as many as you need.
13. BATHING TRUNKS - fur-lined, of course. I know that's last year's joke, but we may get last year's weather.
14. SOAP.
15. TOOTHBRUSH & PASTE.
16. COMB.
17. SHORTS or KNOCKABOUT SLACKS.
18. PILLOW - you can use your boots, with clothes on top, but a small cushion is a good idea.

These are non-essentials but highly desirable:- WRITING-MATERIALS, SOFT BALL, CARDS, TRAVELLING CHESS-SET, CAMERA, BOOK.

Then there are those things which I have forgotten, but NOT, definitely NOT catapults, coshes, dangerous knives, dirty knees, tame mice, or little sister.

ON THE JOURNEY we think you would do credit to us and to yourselves if you wore the School cap and blazer.

Favourite Subjects

The very practical sessions in the purpose built and well equipped workshops..Metal and Woodwork, certainly focussed attentions on crafts and engineering work and resulted in several pupils going on to work with the Cambridge Instrument Company, also Pye Radio, both significant employers in the town.

For the first 2 years our class split in two and alternated every 6 months. We were given the choice in year 3 ..I chose metalwork and have not regretted it in later life... having acquired the skills and necessary tools to repair/make a wide range of metal objects and maintain our bikes etc.

Our teacher was Algie Newitt (Class Reunion photo of 1998 - refers). Whilst demonstrating his skills at forging hot metal into many shapes and styles..pokers, chestnut roasters et al.. Algie would repeat the mantra : " get it 'ot and hit it "ard!"

Equal second favourite subjects were Art (Dick Sell) and Technical Drawing (Syd Phillips).

We also worked with clay..mainly coil pots , also with Paper Mache (main ingredients being torn paper in a water/gloy mix) which was termed Moggy..I think).

Technical Drawing lessons later proved to be very useful to me when I took on civil engineering and subsequently highway engineering...particularly using the acquired knowledge of setting out and drawing objects from different viewpoints.. Front Elevation, Side Elevation and Cross Sections, also Iso-metric (angled) projections.

Syd Phillips was a good teacher with an interesting background of having been with the Fleet Air Arm in the War, flying Swordfish torpedo bombers..known affectionately as Stringbags..which were biplanes.. somewhat outdated and vulnerable in the 1940's, achieving some heroic results but with considerable losses.

Syd ran an after school club making and flying model aircraft, so there was certainly a pupil interest there as well as with his popular classes in technical drawing. .benefitting many in their future employment.



'Things' of Metalworking are a Joy Forever!



DEVILS
BRIDGE
1951.

DAVID
COOKE

JOHN
SMITH

ROBIN
CHANDLER

BESSIE
WALKER



BRIAN GATES
MICK COVILL

Richard Price (Living in Italy)

Peter Richmond

David Rye (Deceased)

Dick Rickard (Deceased)

John Scotcher

Peter Scott

Ian Shaw

John Smith

Brian Sutcliffe

Peter Sutcliffe (Deceased)

Bernard Wallman

Rodney Wark

Kenneth Warren

Robert Wells

John Wilkinson

Chick Willars

Paul Witt (Deceased)

David Woolard

Christopher Worland (Deceased)

Jim Wright

Peter Zobel (Living in Italy)



CENTRAL
SCHOOL
FOOTBALL
TEAM
1955



Syd Philips
John Smith
Ivor Fitzgerald
John Chandler
Les Mark
M. Hopkins
W. Mann
R. Wells
B. Hardy
J. Bristow
P. Attwood
J. Harvey
J. Moore

SCHOOL
CRICKET
TEAM
1955



R. WELLS
J. BRISTOW
J. HARVEY
P. STALLING
P. ATTWOOD
R. CHANDLER

SELECTED
FOR
CAMBRIDGE
SCHOOL BOYS
CRICKET
1955

£13 million painting could leave UK

A CEZANNE painting on display at the Fitzwilliam Museum for almost 30 years is at risk of departing the country, unless a new buyer comes forward.

Culture minister Ed Vaizey has placed a temporary export

bar on *Vue sur L'Estaque et le Château d'If*, in a last-chance bid to keep it in the UK.

He said: "For almost 30 years this quietly beautiful painting has adorned the walls of the Fitzwilliam Museum where it has been

enjoyed by countless visitors.

"I hope that the temporary export bar I have put in place will result in a UK buyer coming forward and that the painting will soon be back on the walls of one of our great public collections."

REUNITED: Former pupils returned to Parkside Community College after 60 years. Below right, John Anderson, and bottom, a previous reunion in 1998

Pictures: Warren Gunn



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It's back to school

for the old boys



For the Old Boys

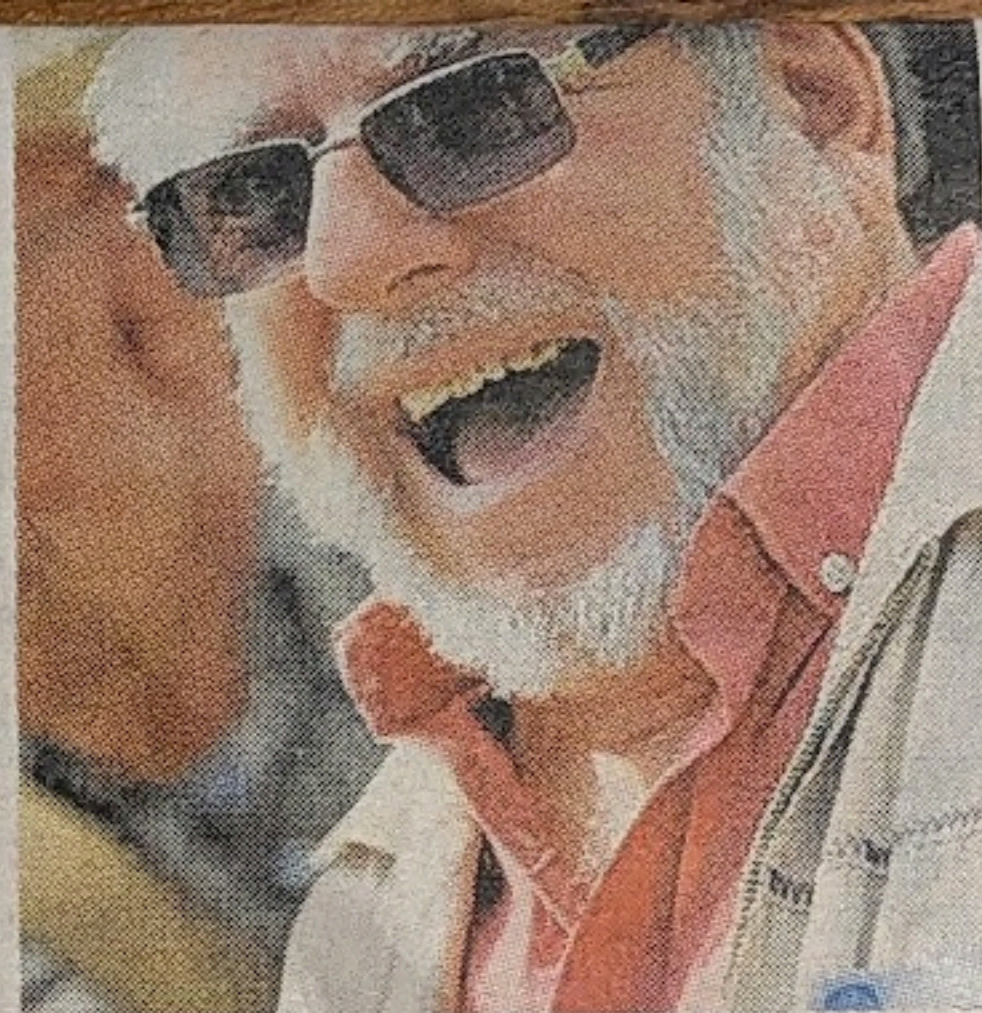
THE class of 1955 relived the days of daily prayers and school assemblies last week, when they returned to Parkside Community College after 60 years.

Fifteen 'old boys' from the former Central School for Boys returned for a tour of the campus, before catching up on a cruise down the Cam.

Former student John Anderson, 75, said: "It was very good, a real trip down memory lane, and a real blast to see everyone again.

"There have been quite a few changes to the school in 60-odd years, but the bulk of the building is still here.

"I only came down from Willingham, but others made quite an effort to be here."



St LUKE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL.

FOOTBALL TEAM

WINNERS INTER-SCHOOL SHIELD.

1949-50



Mr. Willsher

Mr. Caple.

M. Wilkin. B. Clements. B. Brittan. J. Davidson. M. Redman.
T. Cook. R. Chandler. J. Harvey. M. Harrall. R. Jolley.
M. Hopkins. J. Hart.

TERRY Cook has emailed *Our Time* all the way from Down Under – to reminisce about his schooldays in Cambridge.

Says Terry: "My wife and I returned to Cambridge for a holiday. It was our first visit back home for 35 years, and we had a wonderful time catching up with family and friends.

To say that Cambridge has changed is an understatement, but we found many things hadn't changed at all.

"Just before we returned to Australia a friend gave me a copy of *Our Time's* 'Back to School' edition, and we both had a good read, as being Cambridge born and bred there were many interesting features – none more so than the items about St Luke's School and Chesterton Secondary Modern, as it was then called.

"I attended St Luke's from 1947 to 1950 and in the season 1949-1950 was a member of the football team, which won the minor schools league."

Terry enclosed a photo of the side, and was able to name everyone in it.

The two teachers are Mr Wiltshire and Mr Capel. The boys are, from left at back, John Wilkins, Brian Clements, Baron Brittain, John Davidson and Mick Redman. Seated from left are myself



SCHOOLDAY MEMORIES: St Luke's football team in the late 1940s.

CP

Harvey, Tony Beaumont, Roger Jolly. On the ground on the left is Malcolm Hopkins and Jack Hart.

"As this was our last year at St Luke's, some of us went on to other schools such as Chesterton, The Central and The County high schools. And some of us teamed up again at Chesterton to play football.

"In our last year the senior boys were victorious in both the league and the City Cup. The photo. taken by the *Cambridge*

and Jack Chapman, who will be remembered as a Cambridge City footballer. The team, from the left at the back, are Greg Lloyd, Dave Aplin, Baron Brittain, Jack Hart, Brian Clements, Ray Lawrence. Front row from left, seated, Dave Glass, Terry Cook, Richard Windmill, Pat Wilson, Mick Couch, Willy Asplin, and Wuzzy Wheeler.

"I have many fond memories of my school days at these two schools, and my time spent at the Morley Memorial







photography by



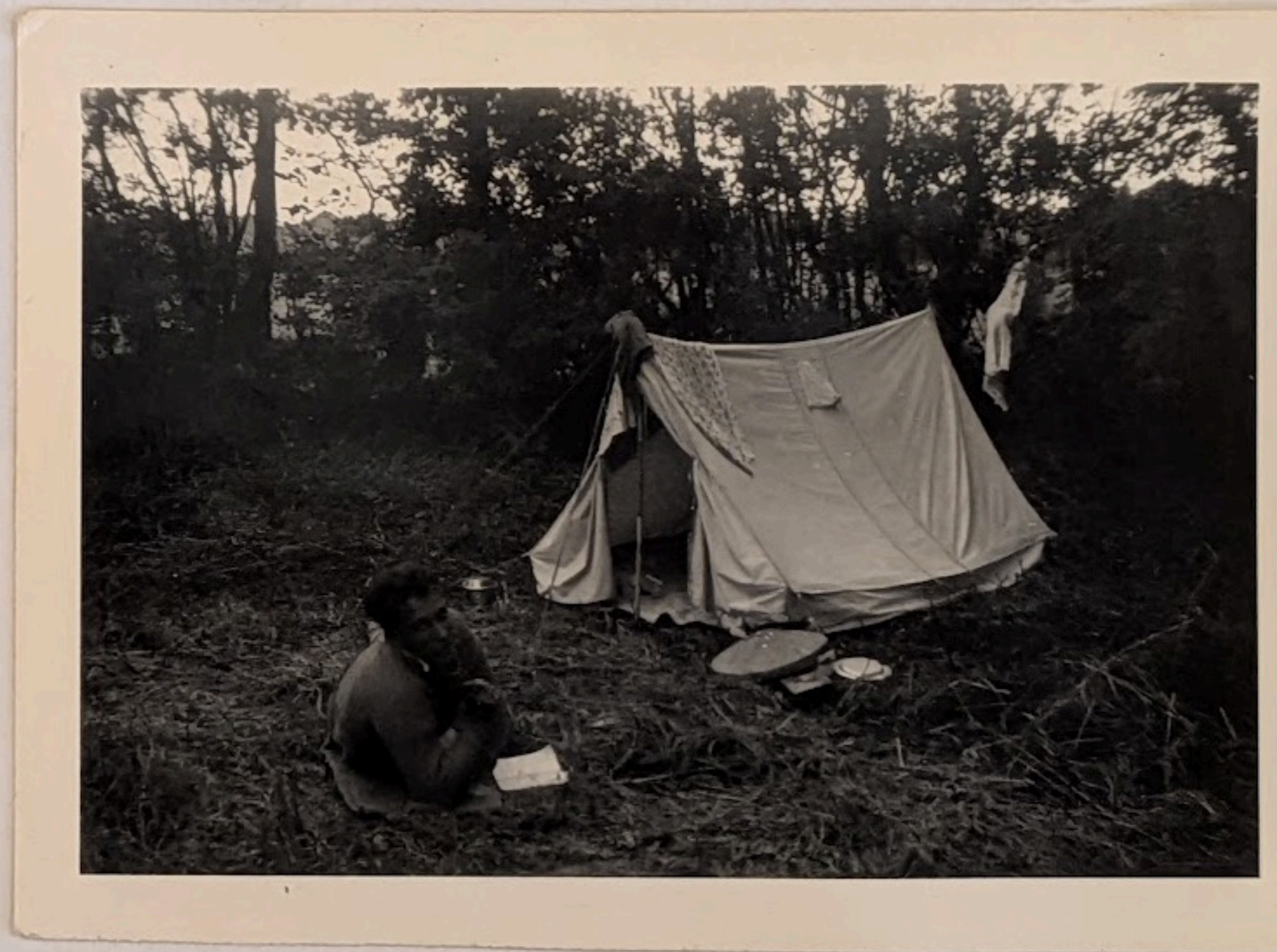












Ernie Harrall
P. Harrall
Chas
K.P. Bonfield
M. S. Parsley
A. G. G. G.
P. Harrall
P. Harrall
P. Harrall

R. Harrall
R. Harrall
B. Harrall

B. Harrall
John Conlay

Twenty Fourth
R. G. Chandler
ANNUAL DINNER

N. J. Bond

B. Wallman

David G. G.

P. S. D. M.

Dorothy Restaurant
 FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1956

L. J. Lovell

Yoga

really good sport

PETER Harrall has paid tribute to a great stalwart of the News who appeared in a recent archive picture, presenting one of our Merit Shield trophies to a local football team.

Peter said: "It wasn't the team of players that I recognised, but the man who was presenting the trophy, Ernie January."

"In 1954, the Central Old Boys Boat Club was formed to compete in the Town Bumps, and Jan, was how we knew him, was

our coach and mentor. His drive and enthusiasm meant that our eight worked really hard every day, and we became a coherent crew.

"Due to his dedication we won our oars on three consecutive years. He was a hard taskmaster, but also a gentleman, with a wicked sense of humour. Sadly, the boat club no longer exists, but I still have happy memories of that time.

"Incidentally, another loyal supporter of our club was Tiny Hopkins, the owner of Hopkins fish and chip shop in Fitzroy Street (still the best fish and chips I've ever tasted) and he could be seen every day of the Bumps cheering us on."

Peter has sent in a photo of the club's founder members - front





Brain
blake R.C.

Shir
Worland





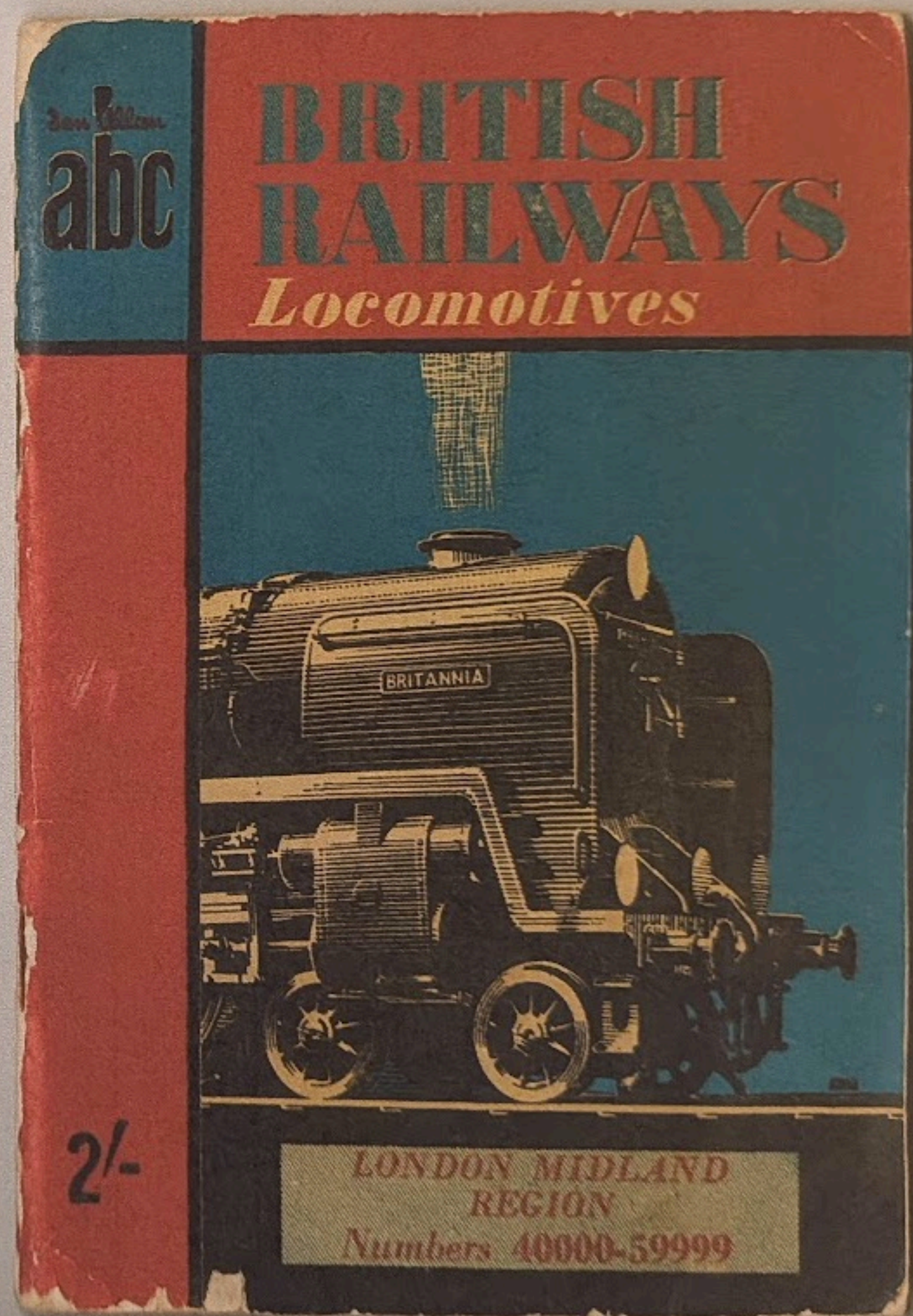
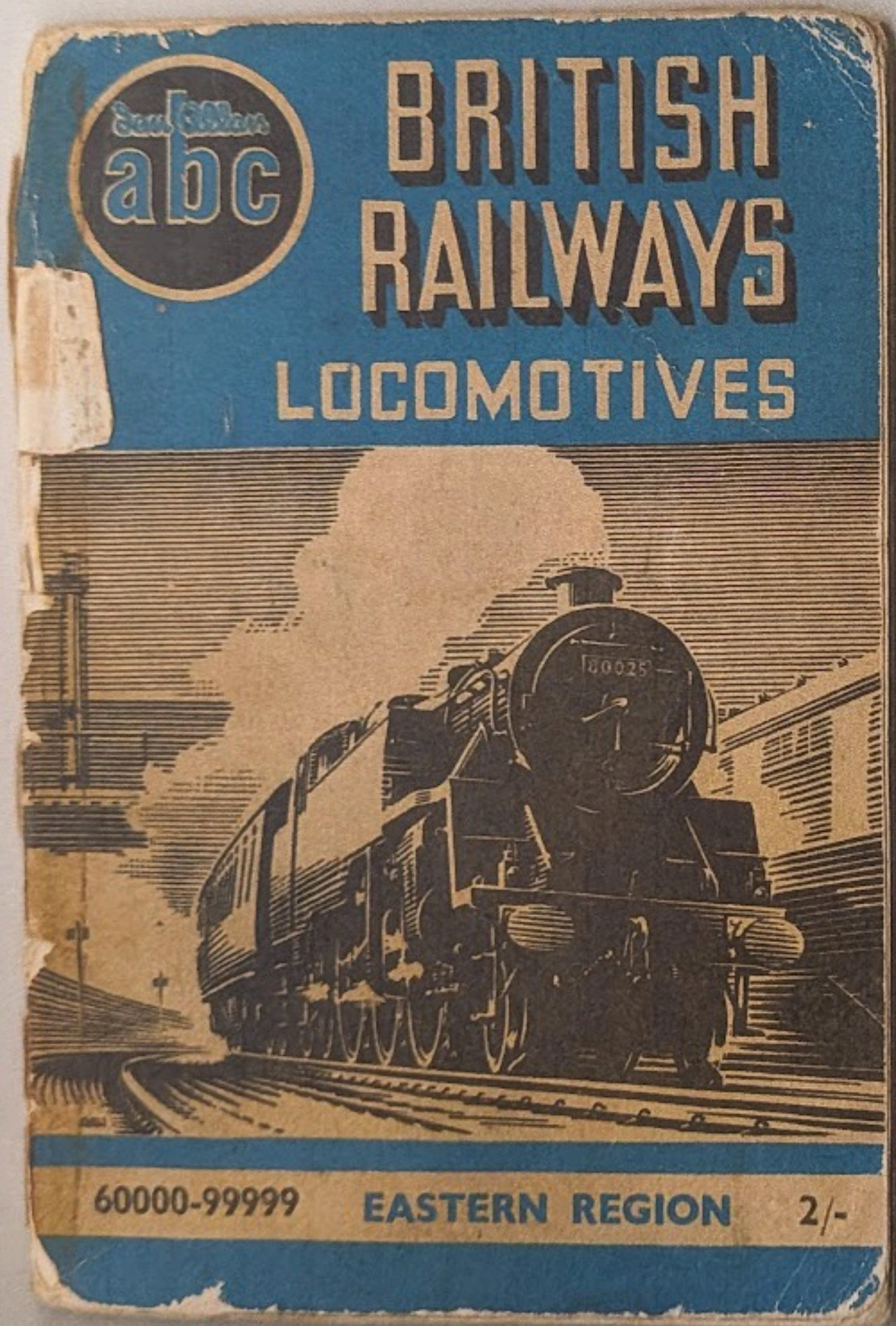
THREE TEAMS—FOUR CUPS



Photo "Cambridge Daily News"
The three St. Andrew's teams which between them won the Jeeps Cup, the Histon and District League Cup, the Histon Challenge Cup and the Youth League (Division 2) Cup. With them is Mr. W. A. Knights, the "father" of the Club.



IAN ALLAN ABC BOOKS FROM 1951/2





Histon Road view looking south, 1963. Below: The same view in 2020.



Richmond Road School.



HISTON ROAD, CAMBRIDGE

runs across the bottom right of the picture, the yard close by bearing its name. The old GER loco shed is further back and to the left, with the station building to its right. On the far side are the holding sidings, and the former GNR engine shed is at top right. Note the location of the station, on the very edge of the city. (Cambridge Record Office).



CAMBRIDGE STATION AND 31A SHED 1950





THE ROYAL LOCO 'ROYAL SOVEREIGN'



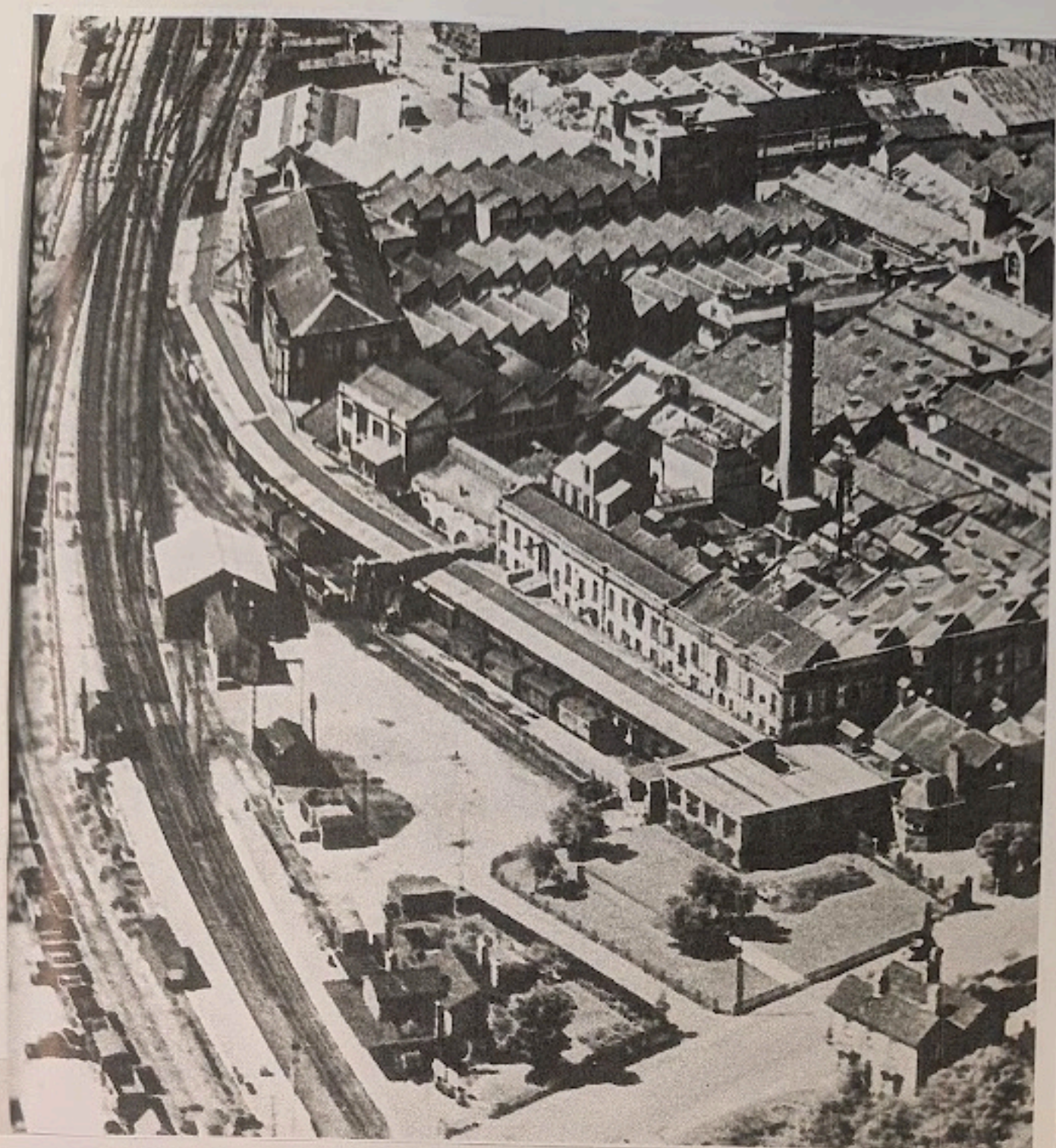
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Casing**



**B17 East Anglian
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**The Elusive B17
Blickling**



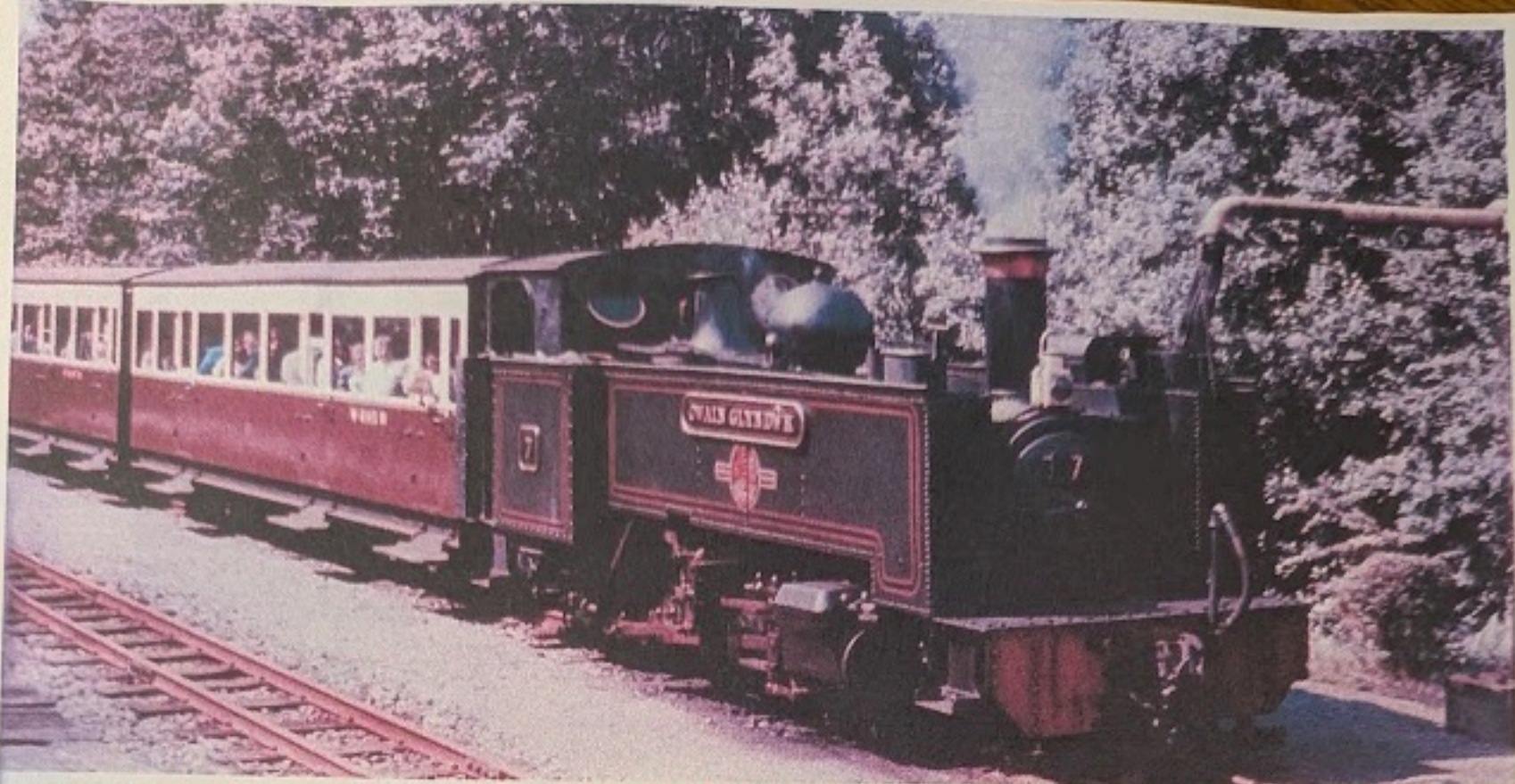
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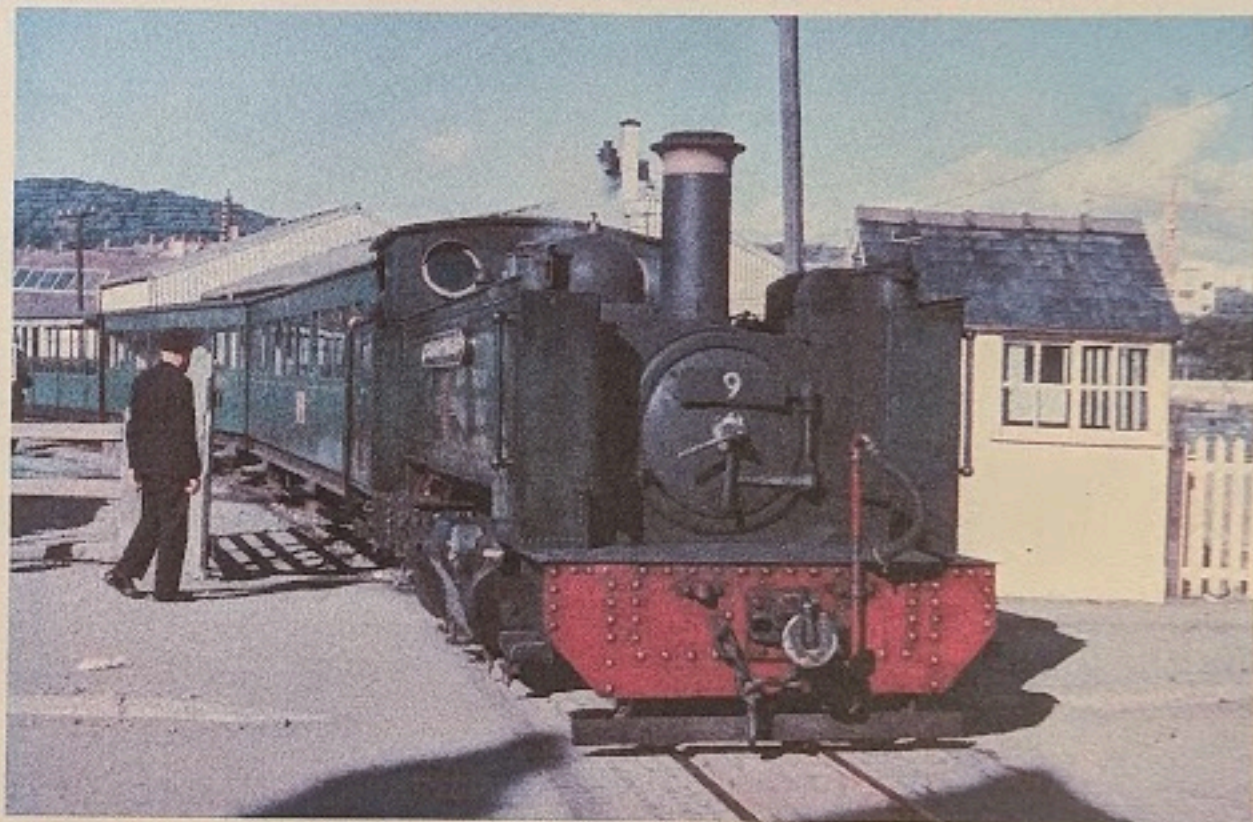
HISTORY 7

VALE OF RHEIDOL NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY



STEAM ON THE RHEIDOL LINE

The 1ft 11½in gauge Vale of Rheidol Railway from Aberystwyth to Devil's Bridge passed into British Railways ownership via the Cambrian and Great Western, being promoted as its only narrow gauge line; after 1968 it was also its only steam-operated service. In 1989 it was sold into private ownership but these photographs are from its time as part of the nationalised system.



TOP: VoR motive power was a trio of powerful-looking 2-6-2Ts. No.7 *Owain Glyndŵr* (one of two provided by the GWR in 1923) is taking water at Aberffraw when the line was run by the Western Region which painted the carriages in its chocolate and cream revival livery. (Pendragon Collection)

MIDDLE: No.9 *Prince of Wales* negotiates the level crossing outside Aberystwyth before the line was diverted in 1968 to run into the main line station. From 1963 the London Midland Region became responsible for the Vale of Rheidol and so Western carriage colours had to go, replaced by a Cambrian-style bronze green livery. (M. Potton)



BOTTOM: No.9 had been one of two such locomotives built for the line's opening in 1902 and is seen in the former Carmarthen platforms at Aberystwyth on 27th August 1968. That year BR decked its three VoR engines in its new standard rail blue livery with arrow symbol, the only steam locomotives to carry that colour – a controversial and not entirely happy alliance! (Dr. M. H. Yardley)

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HIGH SEASON AT DEVIL'S BRIDGE

Devil's Bridge station, terminus of the Vale of Rheidol line from Aberystwyth, on 25th July 1972. With a train from Aberystwyth having arrived, 2-6-2T No.7 *Owain Glyndŵr* can depart on the run back down the valley.
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