

Richard Barrand's recollections

Form picture of Form 5 Modern 1944/5.



My good friend Alan Stables has come up with all the names and some background details of the individuals. He has a much better memory than me.

The names. from left to right.

1.Philip May, 2. John Brennan, 3.Donald Mobbs, 4. Kenneth Powell, 5. John Britton, 6.Alan Stables, 7.Simon Perry, 8. Brian Jackson, 9. Alan Pear, 10. Richard Barrand, 11.Austin Twigg, 12. Otto Zilzer, 13. Alan Haydock, 14. Stanley Harrison, 15. Philip Levesley.

These are his biographical notes and the comments all refer to his connection except where I have added a bit which I hope I have made clear.

Philip May. Form Vice Captain 4A. A keen Methodist at Victoria Hall.

John Brennan. The best scholar, when not larking about in lesson times. (R.B.I can confirm this as I was often being beaten by him in Form

position at Annual Exams - and he was always near the top few. Became School Teacher and I met up with him socially post 1948)

Don Mobbs. Probably came to HSGS post School Cert. from another school. (R.B. This was something that was done in those days as there were Intermediate Schools which only did up to School Cert. Greystones and Marlcliffe were two. My brother Roger, who is 18 years younger than me, did this and also Peter Keenan, in my time.)

Ken Powell. Also new this year. Witty and a bit of a rebel.

John Charles Stanley Britton. Musician, close friend for some years. Officiated at Alan's wedding on St. George's Organ 1954. Played piano duets on the school Grand Piano. Years later he was head of music as a teacher at HSGS

Alan Stables. Went to Sheffield University B.A. went into Public Librarianship, Barnsley 1951. Chelmsford 1957. Montgomeryshire 1964 and Norfolk 1967. Retired 1988. Now lives in Sheringham.

Simon Perry, Jewish boy - as with many others (see RB later notes to follow about HSGS during the war) Alan thinks he was post school cert but I am not sure as he played the saxophone and he and I played a bit of Jazz together also on the School Grand in the Hall.

Brian Jackson. Close friend of Alan Haydock and shared musical tastes with him leaning more to Grand Opera.

Alan Pear - pronounced Peer. Friend of **John Brennan.** Did his National Service as a Bevin Boy - "pressing a switch by a track down a mine rather than digging coal" he told them.

Richard Barrand. Left after School Cert to work in Education Dept of Town Hall but hated it, so persuaded my mother to let me go back to school as I wanted to be an Architect. (Did not know my parents could not afford for me to go to Uni). One of the teachers (Mr Bolton, if I remember) got me a job as a management trainee with a local firm and I left again in October 1945 in the early days of being in the 6th. Went in Army 1946 and served in Germany.

Robert Austin Twigg. Cheerful soul but cannot remember any details

Otto Zilzer. with his parents and younger brother Ernst (who also came to HSGS) left Austria before War. Lived in Scotland initially then came to HSGS in second year. Later naturalised British changed name to Hardy. Sheffield Uni. with Alan, became teacher Died c. 1999-2000. (RB. also a

good athlete/runner as I ran against him on School Sports day held near end of war)

Alan Haydock. Close friend for many years. Best Man at wedding. Became a journalist after Durham Uni. Sergeant in Education Corps for National Service. Joined BBC and became a producer in Radio 4 Art/Music Division. Great Film goer and died 1999/2000. Sadly missed by Alan.

Stan Harrison. another good man, typical "son of Sheffield". Last heard of as Primary School Teacher. No recent news.

Phil Levesley. Striking red hair. Sheffield Uni with Alan 1947-1950 specialising in French. Had a Commercial career in Sheffield I think. Died c 2005.

Alan goes on to say that he hopes his comments are not boring and that they may trigger other memories - they certainly have for me. He will be happy to provide any other comments if required. He is less physically fit than he could wish but things could be worse. He has been pleased to have written at this length and also pleased to have had his HSGS spirit re-kindled.

RB.