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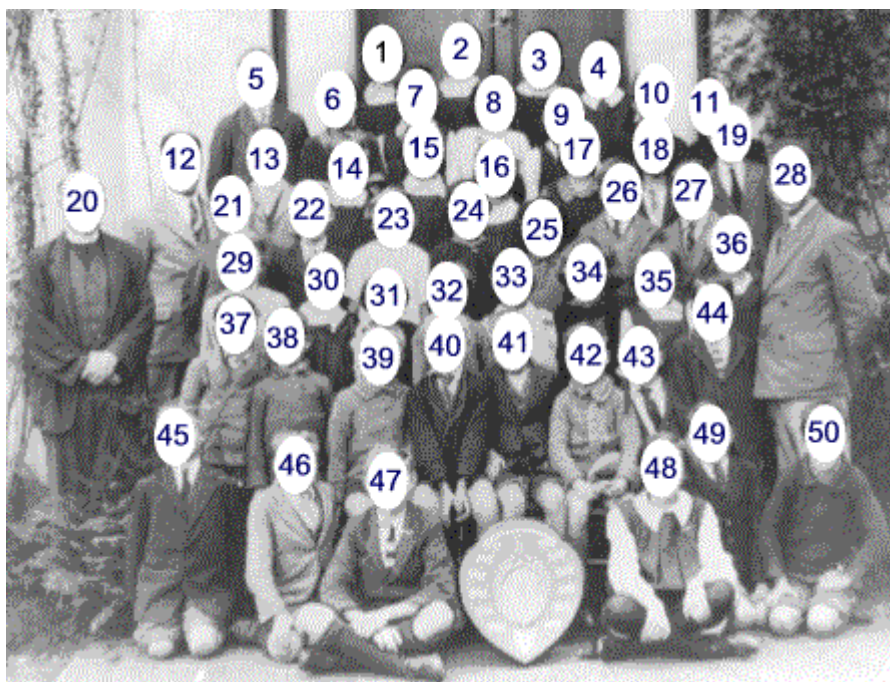
St Helen's School c 1928

This is Haigh House group rather than the whole school.

Other Houses were Stephenson, Rhodes and Nelson

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1f	Nellie Pratt	26m	? Latchford
2f	Doris Archer	27m	? Arnold
3f	Amy Sparrow	28m	Mr Beckwith
4f	Olive Bracey	29f	Lorna Rowe
5m	Gerald Rowe	30f	
6f	Ilene Saunders	31f	
7f	Shiella Wright	32f	
8f	? Dickerson	33f	? Slough
9f	Nora Wilkinson	34f	Doris Arnold
10m	Mick Seabrook	35f	Amy Brooks
11m	? Dixon	36f	
12m	Mr Housdon	37m	Peter Harding
13m	? Collins (brother of Wally)	38m	
14f		39m	R (Bob) Cunningham
15f	? Brooks (sister of Amy)	40m	Bill Parsons
16f	Violet Cobb	41m	Francis Crawley
17f	May Archer	42m	
18f	Mary Hayes	43m	Lou Lake
19m	Claude Tilbury	44m	William James Wright or Walter (Wally) Collins
20m	Rector Baird-Smith	45m	Reg Beech
21m	Leslie Hunt	46m	Bill Humphrey
22m	Alec Izzard	47m	Reg Jowett
23f	Kathleen Munt	48f	Margaret Allson
24f	Gadys Kerrison	49m	David Beadle

Feedback

Regarding the names given in the key diagram, numbers 14 & 31 cannot be Edie and Ellen (Nellie) Hunt, as these ladies would have been in their 20's in 1928 (see their graves near the Brewhouse Hill gate of the churchyard), but I think No. 14 is Elsie Hunt, niece of the above sisters. Elsie (my cousin) says that she was in Haig house. I don't think No. 9 is Kathleen Ellingham (my sister), as Kath says she clearly remembers being in Stephenson house. The picture seems to have been taken against the new senior school, which was for 11 to 14 year olds, and as Elsie Hunt was not 11 until 1929, it is probably later than 1928. I didn't think the new school was opened until 1930.

I was at St.Helens during the war, in Nelson house. We didn't have much sport, all the male teachers were called up, except the headmaster, and Mr Fooks who came with the evacuees from Argyle school at Kings Cross, but we did win the tug of war one year, and Nelson house shared a cake which someone had donated!

Regards, Bill Ellingham

Enjoyed looking at Haigh House photo. No 23f is Kathleen Munt. I noticed you have spelt Stephenson House incorrectly. I think you will find it should be spelt like this after Robert Stephenson (steam engine inventor)
from Vida Field

I am sure that no 44m is my late father William James Wright who would have been 8 at the time. He attended the school to at least 1934 (I have some of his school reports). He would have been known as Jim or Billy. His mother always called him Will. Would whoever owns the photo let me have a print? I would of course pay them for it.

I see that Sheila Wright is thought to be in the photo. She is the same family and was born in 1915, making her 13 at the time. I would like to know what became of her. She married in 1937 to a Dennis Pawley, but I think she passed on in the late 1980s. Does anyone know? I think her nephew Peter Wright may still live at The Folly. My father went to school with Lorna Rowe who still lives in the village.

Kind regards

Hi, we have been looking at your website for Wheathampstead this afternoon and my mum - formally Mary Elizabeth Hunt attended St Helens School from 1936 to 1944 but noticed her brother (my uncle Les Hunt) in your 1928 picture.

You have 14F and 31F down as E Hunt. To update you, we believe that 14F is my mum's aunt - Edie Hunt and as she was the oldest it makes sense she is further near the back. 31F we think must be my mum's other aunt - Edie's sister Ellen Hunt. Ellen was always known as 'Nell'.

I hope that helps, if you do have any later school photos that would be fantastic to see.

Kind regards, Jackie & Mary,