

Names of School Teachers

ADAMS Mr Jack – Chapters 103, 118

I had Mr **ADAMS** for PE in third and fourth year. However, I do not really recall him although others do. He features in the same photo as Mr **RATHBONE** and Mr **NORRIS** in the 1973 school magazine.

ALDERTON Mrs – Chapter 118

I am not entirely sure who she was but it seems, based on the Upper School section of the 1975 school magazine, that she may have been a careers teacher with Mr **WILLIMENT**.

AMES Mr – Chapter 118

Teacher at Hewett, he taught me social economics throughout years 4 and 5. From my reports, it seems he thought I would have got a higher grade but he was concerned that I had “*some difficulty in writing a detailed essay*”. I remember Mr **AMES** fairly well. He was my form tutor in fourth year. In his reports in that capacity, he noted that I was part of the basketball team, a table tennis club and had been made a Middle School steward. He had been a pupil at Hewett, before it became a comprehensive. He still held some sports records when I was there. From memory, one of them was for 100m but that was broken by a boy in my class, Timothy **FISHER**. Based on a post on Facebook, it appears that he also taught PE and social studies. It seems that his first name was Paul, the subjects he taught included geography and that he died suddenly in 1995 aged only 48. I also came across a school newsletter from October 1976 which noted that Mr **AMES** had become Head of Humanities. This newsletter noted that he had been a pupil at the Hewett Grammar School. Later, by the nineties, I believe he was head of Lower School. I think Mr **AMES** also features in the video “*A Hewett Day*” where he is seen (25.17) chairing an inter-disciplinary humanities group meeting.

BARKER Mrs – Chapters 103, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s who taught me art in my third year. She was also my form tutor in sixth form.

BARTHOLOMEW Miss D F – Chapter 118

Long-time headmistress at Norwich High School who was retiring at the 1975 prizegiving. She had become headmistress in 1954.

BAXTER Mr – Chapter 118

One of Alan’s teachers at Earlham, possibly for English.

BENNETT Mr – Chapter 118

Taught Alan at Earlham School.

BRITAIN Mr – Chapter 118

I believe this was a teacher at Hewett. He had a team in the five-a-side competition in 1977. I don’t believe he ever taught me.

BURNS Mr – Chapter 118

Apparently, Mike **BURNS** was a geography teacher as well as being head of Upper School. I don’t think he ever taught me and I only knew him in his capacity as head. I fear I do not recall him clearly.

CATCHPOLE Mrs – Chapter 118

One of Liz’s teachers at Earlham School.

CATT Mr – Chapters 103, 118

Mr **CATT** taught me maths in my third year. However, I do not recall him clearly. He is, however, well-remembered by other pupils. I understand his first name was Dick and that he was involved in the launch of **CINEMA CITY** in **NORWICH** in 1978. I recall doing some volunteer shifts there and these may well have been arranged through him.

CHAPLIN Mr – Chapter 118

Taught me chemistry at Hewett including at S level and possibly at O level. Based on a Facebook post, I think Mr **CHAPLIN'S** first name might have been Brian.

CHEESEMAN Mr G – Chapters 103, 114, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s. He taught me French in my third year. His first name was Geoff. His wife also taught needlework at the school although they later divorced. A number of ex-students remember them. He is one of the teachers I remember most clearly from school. I was scared of him initially but less so as I got to know him and progressed through the school. He took us on various trips to France. In the sixth form, I and other students helped him run bars for school events. I also remember groups of us visiting his house on one or more occasions.

CHEESEMAN Mrs – Chapter 118

Taught needlework at Hewett. Married to French teacher, Mr **CHEESEMAN**.

DAVIDSON Mr D – Chapter 118

Took over from Mr **WILLIMENT** as head of careers at Hewett.

EDWARDS Mr – Chapter 118

Taught Alan French at Earlham School.

ELSON Fred – Chapter 118

I believe he was the headteacher at Earlham School in the late seventies.

GARRETT Miss – Chapter 118

Taught my sister Liz in primary school. For some reason, mum was not impressed with her.

GILMORE C A – Chapter 118

C A **GILMORE** taught me O level chemistry. I am not entirely sure who this was. I do not recall him or her.

GREER Mrs – Chapter 118

I saw Mrs **GREER** about helping with a maths scheme. I assume she was a maths teacher but I do not recall her and I don't think she taught me.

HALL Mr – Chapter 118

Biology teacher at Hewett School.

HAYHOE Mrs J – Chapter 118

Mrs **HAYHOE** taught at Hewett. I assume she taught English although I do not recall her and I do not believe she ever taught me. She is remembered by some contributors on the Hewett Facebook group. She had two daughters in the school, Alysoun and Rachel. Alysoun was in my year and was deputy head girl at the time I was deputy head boy.

HEAVER Mr – Chapter 118

Physics teacher at the Hewett who taught me A level and S level physics. Based on recollections on Facebook, I think it is probably Sean **HEAVER** that I am remembering. He was relatively young with what might be called a dishevelled appearance. Others recall a purple jacket covered in chalk dust.

MACHIN Mr – Chapter 118

Mr **MACHIN** taught me both English language and literature at Hewett. I do quite clearly remember him as do others on Facebook. I confess I was quite scared of him! His report comments were always “*interesting*”. In my fourth year spring report, he commented that I responded well but that I was better orally than on paper. In the summer of that year, he commented that my effort had been variable but I had “*developed a sufficient sense of urgency towards the end of O level preparation.*”

MACRO Mr – Chapter 118

Taught me German in my fourth and fifth years and also coordinated general studies in sixth form. In addition, I believe he was a very good runner and possibly cyclist also. I have vague memories of discussing a possible cycling holiday in Europe with him and of him running the **CAISTER** to **HAPPISBURGH** walk with a small group of students. At the school sports day in June 1976, I noted that Mr **MACRO** was beaten in the steeplechase by my friend John **DURRANT**.

MARNEY Mr – Chapter 118

Teacher at Hewett featured with school football team.

MEIGH Mrs – Chapter 118

I was taught budget cooking by Mrs Meigh. I don't recall her but she is remembered as a home economics teacher by some on Facebook.

MIDGELEY Mr – Chapter 118

Taught Alan physics at Earlham School.

MILLS D J – Chapters 103, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s who taught me physics in my second, fourth and fifth years. I do not recall him/her.

NOBBS Mr Jack – Chapter 118

Jack **NOBBS** taught economics at Hewett but I think he also had a senior role in Upper School which appears to have been related to promoting further education. It was in this latter capacity that I mainly interacted with him. He edited the school's anniversary brochure that covered 1970-1982. In that, he is given the title JP, so presumably he was a magistrate. Also, in that brochure, Dr **ROY** noted that he had been on the staff of the Hewett Technical School and he described him as a distinguished author. I have encountered a few school economics textbooks by Jack **NOBBS** and wonder if this is the same person. Intriguingly, David **OTTAWAY**, in a post on Facebook, thought he might have been the author of a paperback novel about teenage love. Sadly, I have not yet identified that book!

NORMAN Miss Janice – Chapter 118

Miss Janice **NORMAN** was one of two deputy heads at Hewett and I recall her more in that role than as my politics teacher. I confess I had forgotten that she had taught me politics. She features in the video “*A Hewett Day*” in two places. In one (12.55) she is one of two guests in the school flat. In the other, she is seen (25.45) in a personal interview discussing her daughter's sixth form choices with one parent. Many former pupils recalled her on Facebook and noted that she was known as “*Nippy*” **NORMAN**. She features in the 1977 photo of a German exchange which also features Mr **MACRO**. I am not entirely sure what subject she taught/had taught. She went on to be Head at Heartsease in

1982 at the age of 44. Before teaching at Hewett, she had taught at Wymondham College. Born in **NORWICH**, she went to university in **LONDON** to study history and obtained her teaching qualification in **SOUTHAMPTON**. As a former member of Hewett staff who was going on to be a head elsewhere, she contributed a piece to the anniversary brochure produced in 1982. She noted that she had come to Hewett Grammar School as senior mistress in 1968, at a time when the amalgamation of the three schools was being planned. Highlights of her time at Hewett included her association with the sixth form; highlights in music, sport and drama; participation in school journeys and, above all, the atmosphere of warmth, friendship and consideration created by both staff and pupils.

NORRIS Mr J – Chapters 103, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School who may have written the Upper School section of the magazine in 1972. He edited that magazine and later, in years four and five, taught me Latin. From a post on Facebook, it seems he also taught English literature.

NORTON Mr Howard – Chapters 103, 114, 118

Head of Hewett Middle School in the 1970s including when I was there. He countersigned my end-of-year report in my third year but I do not recall him. I think this was probably the Mr **NORTON** who asked me to represent the school on the TV quiz show “*Question Five*”. He was at Hewett for 11 years before becoming head of Costessey High School. In the school’s anniversary brochure produced in 1982, he contributed a piece in his role as head of Costessey High School. He noted that prior to coming to Hewett, he had had four years of comprehensive experience in Oxfordshire.

PIGNEY Mrs – Chapter 118

One of Liz’s teachers at primary school.

POUNTIN Mr – Chapter 118

Taught Alan maths at Earlham School.

POYNER Mr H – Chapters 103, 114, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s who taught me physics in my third year and in sixth form. He was my form tutor in fifth year. He sadly died in March 2023. He went to university in **BIRMINGHAM** and may have previously taught in **NEWARK**. Former pupils recalled that he was a good shot with a board rubber and that he had pithy sayings, such as “*If it moves, it’s biology. If it smells, it’s chemistry. If it doesn’t work, it’s physics*”. This quote is widely available online with some sources attributing it to Magnus **PYKE** along with the addition “*if you don’t understand it, it’s maths*”.

RATHBONE Mr Richard Simon – Chapter 118

Maths teacher at the Hewett School. He taught me from my fourth year through to upper sixth. I believe his first name was Richard, and possibly his middle name was Simon, but everyone referred to him as Basil after the actor. Sadly, Mr **RATHBONE** died in October 2022, aged 92. A short death notice was published in the EDP. I particularly remember his beard but he was also well-remembered for his bike.

ROBINSON Mrs J – Chapters 100, 103, 118

My form tutor in years 1 & 2 of high school. I remember her visiting me in 1973 when I had appendicitis. She was also responsible for the performance of “*1066 and All That*” in which I appeared in 1972.

ROY Dr Walter – Chapters 103, 114, 118

Dr Walter **ROY** was headmaster at Hewett throughout my time at the school. In total, he was headmaster of the Hewett Comprehensive School from its formation in 1970 to 1990. He died in July 2012 in **GRAZ** in **AUSTRIA** from where he originated. He returned to **AUSTRIA** in 2007. At the age of 13, fleeing the Nazi regime, he came to England. He worked for British Intelligence during the second world war before training as a teacher. He was a well-known educationalist, a strong advocate for comprehensive education. He wrote the book "*Education Under Attack*". He was the overall head of the school and, to be honest, throughout most of my school life, he was quite a remote figure with whom I had little if any contact. However, I did get to know him a little in the sixth form. I recall specifically being called to see him at that time when I, and some other pupils, had been distributing Anti-Nazi League materials in school! One teacher, in particular, a Conservative councillor had complained. I recall this being an English teacher called Mrs **WHEATLEY**. As far as I recall she never taught me. However, I recall Dr **ROY** being very supportive. He recalled his own background fleeing Nazi oppression in **AUSTRIA** and appeared to encourage us to express our concerns.

SIMPSON Mr Robert D (Bob) – Chapters 103, 118

Teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s. He taught me chemistry in my first year, in at least part of my third year and later in sixth form. His first name was Bob and he was one of my favourite teachers over the time I was at Hewett. He was quite influential in my choice of medicine as a career. There is an excellent clip of him teaching in the video "*A Hewett Day*" (5.52). When I attended the school open day in November 2024, I came across a sign for the Bob **SIMPSON** Laboratories which were presumably named after him.

STANDEVEN Rhoda – Chapter 118

Became headmistress of Norwich High School in 1976.

STEVENSON Mr M – Chapters 103, 118

Mr Mike **STEVENSON** was a PE teacher at Hewett. He taught me PE in my first and second years. I recall being completely terrified of him! He is remembered positively by many former pupils on Facebook. However, there were also some who had similar experiences of him as I did. Apparently, he was a very good badminton player and he may still be involved with Norfolk badminton. There is a photo of him presenting an inter-form cup on Facebook.

TICKLE Ken – Chapters 114, 118

Friend of mum's from **ST PETER'S PARK LANE**. I think he was also a teacher at Earlham School, the school that Alan and Liz attended.

TINGLEY Mr – Chapter 118

One of Liz's teachers at Earlham School.

WATKINS Mr – Chapter 118

Biology teacher at the Hewett. Taught me O level biology in sixth form. I confess I do not remember him very clearly. Apparently, his first name was Len(ny). On Facebook, there is a photo of him from the 50th celebration of the Hewett School in 2008. There is another of him with Mr **CHAPLIN** in 1965. He may have taught in **LIVERPOOL** prior to starting at the Hewett.

WHEATLEY Mrs – Chapters 103, 118

English teacher at the Hewett School who is mentioned for producing the play "*The Skin of Our Teeth*". I don't believe she ever taught me but I think she was a Conservative councillor and she complained about me distributing Anti-Nazi League literature on one occasion.

WILLIMENT Mr Walter – Chapter 118

I do not recall him but it appears he may have been a dedicated careers teacher. He is mentioned in the Upper School section of the 1975 Hewett school magazine where he and Mrs **ALDERTON** are credited with having "*pioneered interesting work experience schemes which have allowed fifth and sixth formers to get to grips with the working world*". In addition, there is a detailed article on Hewett's careers department in the anniversary brochure covering the period from 1970 to 1982. This explains that Walter **WILLIMENT** was head of careers for many years before being succeeded by **D DAVIDSON**.

WILSON Mr – Chapter 118

Taught my sister Tricia chemistry at Norwich High School.

WINTERBOTHAM Mr – Chapter 118

Classics teacher at Hewett who taught me O level Latin in lower sixth. It appears from an October 1976 newsletter posted on Facebook that he only joined the school in late 1976 to teach classics. At that point, he was one of 110 teachers at the school. I recall that he was new and that is why he took over from Mr **NORRIS** as he was there specifically to teach classics, such as Latin.

WREN Mr G A – Chapters 103, 118

PE teacher at the Hewett School in the 1970s. Mr **WREN** was our year tutor in third year and he also coached the basketball team that I was part of. Many other people remember him. There is a photo of him at **NORWICH STATION** with Mr **AMES** in 1974.