



Arms of Derby School

Headmasters and Masters of Derby School, England.

List of Headmasters

- ante 1159 Willielmus Barbae **Aprilis**
- 1261-1275 Magister **Nicholas**
- 1275-12nn William **Goodman**
- 1290-1291/92 Robert **Ingram**
- 1291/92-? Magister Domus Scte **Helene**
- 1348-? Sir Peter **Carre**
- 1406-? Rev. Stephan **Belle**
- 1527-? Rev. Henry **Brytlebank**
- 159n-1610 Rev. Richard **Johnson**
- 1610-1627 Rev. Gervase **Hall**
- 1627-164n Mr. **Raynor**
- 164n-1652 Rev. John **Bingham**
- 1652-165n Richard **Brandreth**
- 165n-1664/7 Rev. **Hill**
- 1664/1667-1668 Rev. William **Osborne**
- 1668-167n Robert **Stone**
- 1670-1680 Rev. John **Mathews**
- 1680-1684 Rev. Jasper **Horsington**
- 1684-1697 Rev. Thomas **Cantrell MA** (1649-1698)
- 1697-1772 Rev. Anthony **Blackwall MA** (Cantab.) (1672-1730)

- **1722-c1750** Rev. Josua **Winter**
- **c1750-1761** Rev. George **Almond**
- **1761-1774** Rev. Thomas **Manlove MA (Cantab.)** (1729-1 February 1802)
- **1774-1793** Rev. Anthony **Clarkson or Clarkstone MA (Cantab.)** (1748-1819)
- **1795-1834** Rev. James **Bligh** (16 May 1760-18 August 1834), cousin of **William Bligh** of the *Bounty*
- **1834-1843** Dr William **Fletcher**
- **1843-1858** John **Hudson**
- **1858-1865** Rev. Dr Thomas Humphreys **Leary**
- **1865-1889** Rev. Walter **Clark BD** (1838-April 12, 1889)
- **1889-1896** James R. **Sterndale Bennett MA (Cantab)** (1847-1928)
- **1898-1906** Percy Kitto **Tollit MA (Oxon.)**
- **1906-1909** Rev. A. Ernest **Crawley** (11 July 1867 or 1869-21 October 1924)
- **1909-1931** Rev. Angus Clifton **Knight MA (Oxon.)** (1873-16 April 1931)
- **1931-1942** Thomas John Pinches **York MA (Cantab.)** (1 August 1898-25 May 1970) (previously at **Bedford School**, later Headmaster of the **Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby**, 1942-1964, and President of the Headmasters' Association, 1950)
- **1942-1961** Leslie **Bradley MA (Oxon.)** (1902-2004), previously a Maths master at **King Edward VII School, Sheffield**
- **1961-1979** Norman **Elliott MA (Oxon.)** (died 2012), Maths
- **1979-1989** Brian **Seager Bachelor of Science B.Sc. (Nottingham) (Nottm.)**

Notable masters

First St Helen's House period, 1863-1939

- **Falkner** John Meade, novelist and poet
- **Hewitt** H. Marmaduke (assistant Classical Master, 1867 to 1870), author of *A Manual of Our Mother Tongue*
- Rev. Henry Judge **Hose** (Maths master, 1867-1874), mathematician
- **Lowndes** Jefferson, rower who won the Diamond Challenge Sculls at Henley Royal Regatta five times and the single scull triple crown twice
- **Laffan** Rev. Robert de Courcy (Senior Classical Master, 1880-1884), principal of Cheltenham College, member of the International Olympic Committee

- **Tacchella** Benjamin (Senior Master 1887-1913), author of *The Derby School Register 1570-1901*, published in 1902
- **Philpot** Octavius Clerk, in Holy Orders 1891, Assistant Master
- **Prinach** Chas.W.M. 1891, Assistant Master
- **Carnegie** Chas. E. 1891, Assistant Master
- **Gately** Vincent Humphrey, House Master of Gatelys
- **Fuller** Leslie John, House Master of Fullers
- **Tanner** Arthur Spencer Gosset-Tanner, House Master of Tanners

Overton Hall and Amber Valley period in World War II 1939-1945

Masters included:

Second St. Helen's House period after World War II 1945 - 1966 and at Moorway Lane at Littleover 1966 - 1989

Masters in the last years at St Helen's House (1945-1966) and at Moorway Lane Littleover (1966-1989) included:

- **Allitt** 'Rocky' BSc (Head Physics Dept and bassoon player) (1956-76+)
- **Arnott** 'Snotty' (English, English Literature and drama)
- **Aspinall** 'Rasper' (French)
- **Atkinson** C. Daly (Music and pipe organ builder)
- **Atkinson** J.J. (Latin and Commander of OTC and JTC)
- **Barwell** 'Jed' BA (French, German)
- **Bell** 'Ding-dong' D.R. BSc (Maths)
- **Bishop** W.A. 'Billy' (Chemistry)
- **Bloomer** Billy (Maths)
- **Bostock** Russ (Sports)
- **Bowker** Martin (German / French)
- **Bradley** 'Les' (Headmaster 1942-1960)
- **Brewer** Viv (Music)
- **Brearley** D. MA (Head Geography Dept)
- **Burns** 'Pop' (Maths and chess)
- **Butler** W.O. 'Wob' BA (Geography, Deputy Headmaster from 1960)

- **Clarke** 'Nobby' (English)
- **Coates** 'Percy' (Chemistry)
- **Coe** Mick (Coe 90) (Maths)
- **Collier-James** A. (Art)
- **Coupe** Graham (PE & Geography)
- **D'Arcy** Mrs Joan (History, also Violin player)
- **Davies** G.H. (Latin)
- **Dickenson** D.J. (Physical Education)
- **Eldred** 'Derdle' R.B. BA (English)
- **Elliott** Norman 'Sweat' or "Bog" MA (Maths, Headmaster 1961-1979)
- **Fisher** John 'Running'
- **Foulke** Mike BSc (Chemistry)
- **Fox** Mike (Modern Languages)
- **Geddy** Bill (Woodwork)
- **Gibbons** Miss (? subject)
- **Gillard** MBE 'Lardy' (Maths, Capt. of JTC 1928-1945, Deputy headmaster until 1961)
- **Glister** W.E. (Maths)
- **Greenslade** C.P. 'Thunderguts' MA (Modern Languages)
- **Grime** Rev. (RE, English and Commander of CCF and JTC) House Master
- **Guy** 'Pontius' or 'Pont' BA (Head Latin Dept)
- **Hastings** 'Pris' (Physics)
- **Hayer** Gian (Chemistry)
- **Hodkinson** Harry MA (Chemistry and Religious Instruction)
- **Humphrey** Mark (Art)
- **Irving** Stella Mrs S.L. BA (Modern Languages)
- **Kelsey** Ken (Physics)
- **Kimber** 'Wal' (Junior Modern Languages)
- **Kirton** W Frank MA (Head of English Dept)
- **Lane** 'Bronco' (Chemistry) (1960-1965)
- **Lawson** Martin (Latin & English)
- **Levy** 'Sol' (Modern languages)

- **Lomas** Brian (Physics)
- **Lowes** Mrs J. BSc (Mathematics)
- **Marlowe** Edna (French, German)
- **McElroy** Mark BSc (Chemistry)
- **Melling** C. 'Alf' (Chemistry)
- **Millington** Guy 'Spike' (Biology)
- **Mitchell** Brian? (Geography)
- **Mollison** D.W. BSc (Head Biology Dept)
- **Molson** (Biology)
- **Nazeer** Mrs C. (Modern Languages)
- **Newbold** 'Dave' or 'Neddy' MA (Music)*
- **Newton** John 'Isaac' ATD (Art)
- **Payne** (English Lit)
- **Pettigrew** (Sports)
- **Pickering** Geof (English & Latin)
- **Plank** 'Josh' (RE)
- **Rainbow** Tony (Metalwork)
- **Rayburn** 'Barney' or 'Boris' MA (Head Modern Languages Dept)
- **Reeson** F.E. 'Curly' (English, JTC and CCF, Rowing)
- **Rhodes** 'Alf' (Fizzer) BSc (Maths, Physics and RE)(1950-1965)
- **Richards** Jack BA (Head History Dept)
- **Robson** G.R. BA (English and French)
- **Roebuck** Dr. P.J. (Head Chemistry Dept)
- **Rudge** G.A. BSc (Maths and Economics)
- **Ryder** Tony (Chemistry and Physics)
- **Said** Selim 'Sammy' (PE)
- **Scott** (Maths)
- **Steggals** John (Maths)
- **Summerbell** Bill 'Loopy' BA (History and Latin, JTC and CCF)
- **Tamblin** Doug (Geography and PE)
- **Towers** 'Lofty' (Chemistry and CCF)

- **Waghorne** Ken (German)
- **Walker** 'Crispy' or 'Pongo' (Maths)
- **Wilkinson** Paul (geography, football 'Bands')
- **Whitehall** Tony BSc (Head Maths Dept and pipe organ builder)
- **Wood** Eric 'Loggy' or 'Timber' or 'Splinter' (Head PE Dept)
- **Woods** Alfie (Physics)
- **Yeomans** 'Sid' (Gen Science, Woodwork and Sex Education!)