

Dear Chris,

On arriving back in England to retire in Plymouth South Devon after working as a technical director in South East Asia I found your web site by chance it was a nice surprise as I was one of those boys who waited at the bottom of Schools Hill for the bus home to Bolshav Road I was a pupil at Heselley Hill Grammar School from 1958 to 1964 (my name is John Tennant). I can always remember if I was a bit late to catch the bus home due to after school activities and the lads were on the bus from Broadway School they used to shout out "look out here come the Banana Heads". And Schools Hill stands out in my mind as it was the start of the only real accident with a car my grandfather had (see newspaper cutting). My grandfather owned his own engineering company in Stockport then moved to Reddish and took over Ferneville on the main road near Reddish Station employing over a 100 people after I had left school my younger brother went to HEGS and was involved with the Heselley Tramway and we made lots of parts for him at my grandfathers factory on saturday mornings working with my father and brother and we had a good time doing it. I can remember going on a saturday morning to Manchester to buy my school uniform and how good it felt to put it on for the first time and the next day saturday I went to church in it at Catley Congregation Church after the service we took my grandfather home for my grandfather to see me in my uniform and he said to me come into the lounge and sit down I remember him saying to me be proud of your school and respect yourself and other people and when you are wearing your school uniform people may not know you but they will know what school you attend so dont let yourself down or your school. I had another nice surprise when I visited my mother I was telling her about your HEGS web site and she said to me I have still got your last school blazer its in the spare room wardrobe I went and found it and she said why dont you try it on and see if it still fits you I did and it still fitted and I had that same feeling of pride as I did when I put my first blazer on I put my hand in my pocket and found my school tie and the spare blazer badges if you would like one as a souvenir I would be glad to send it to you I wore the blazer when I went to my wifes sisters wedding and had some nice comments about it. I know it was HEGS that gave me the good foundation that allowed me to achieve the things I have in my life i.e. doing the opening of Euro Disney and the Winter Olympics of 1992 and the Barcelona Olympics of 1992 and Tyre in Bosnia Croatia working with the U.N when the war was on and 24yrs in French Guyenne and various other big projects all over the world finishing in South East Asia, and if it is possible could you add me to your list of where are they now and can you remember the name of the School Hymn if you could let me know this if you know it or could you find it out for me.

Yours Sincerely



John Tennant