

1950s page

Admissions class of 1958.

Marian Buckmaster nee Field says, "I cannot remember whether I started in 58 or 59, but if it was 58 then I am one of the children in the photo! I can remember the lady at the piano though, Mrs Lodge. She reprimanded me on my first day or near to it, as a girl called Brenda Snelgrove was prancing around in her dance class outfit with a Bo-peep crook wrapped in ribbon, which I promptly pulled and it all came unraveled! For that misdemeanour I had to stand behind the piano and miss the singing class. Some other pupils at Little Ealing whom I remember were, Maria Dobbs, Anne Hetherington, Keith Skip, Jonny Sangster, Kevin Swan, Ian Wathen, Anthony Perkins, and the late Alan Belson, who told wonderful stories to the class and always had me laughing."



Christmas party 1955.

And we think today's canteen is busy...

Chris Hazell says, "I attended Little Ealing Primary School from about 1950 - 55. I lived at 11 Bramley Rd - not far away. I remember the huge pile of coke that fed the boiler. My favourite teacher was Mr Hopper, who had a green Rover car."

At weekends my friends and I used the playgrounds, and I am afraid we climbed all over the roofs that linked the buildings. I moved on to Walpole Grammar School, then into Buckinghamshire, and now live and work in Cornwall. I am trying to remember some names from that time - Charlie Croft/Malcolm Churchhouse/ David Lund are all that come to mind."

Christmas party 1958. Nice hats!

Val Smith, nee Hobbs, of Cedar Grove says, "You have made my afternoon! I even found myself in one of the photographs at the grand old age of 5! My, how the years



have flown by. I was in Miss Wilkinson's class for four years, the best and kindest teacher in the world. We all loved her so much. I would love to meet up with everyone after all these years - it would be such fun."

Ron McGuren says, "I attended Little Ealing School from 1959 to 1962 when I moved back up north to Manchester. I had some good friends in the class and I also remember the small sweet shop near the gates. It was the only school I felt happy in after moving around the country."

Barbara Evans says "I attended L.E.P.School during the years of 1949 - about 54. I never missed a day unless really necessary. I remember a little sweet shop where we used to buy licorice pipes etc. My brother also attended and then carried on the the Secondary Modern - John Evans. Seemed like we walked for miles to get to school. We lived at Conningsby Road. Happy, happy times."

Class of 1953

(? Not sure which pic this is.)

Peter Gill writes:

**"Top, left to right...Peter Harrington, ?, Peter Gill, Brian Humphries,. Angela Rixon,?, Christine Gillette,Christine Reeves
NEXT LINE...Sandra Gates, ?, Barbara Dyckoff, Pam Smith, ?, MISS SMITH, Peter Daniels,David Rattray,Peter Baillie,Edward Spooner, David Hill**

NEXT ROW Alan Brainsby, ?, Paul Lucas, Paul Hooper, Hugh Rodway, David Simpson, Maureen Bull, Christine Maynard, Maureen Lansdown, Helen Boyd, Janice Mullins, Pat Lynch
NEXT ROW Brian William, Cristopher Lovegrove, Linda Halstead, Carol Bryant, ?, Stephen Guy. Not bad after 53 years?? 6 names I can't recall!"

Class of 1958



Mrs Beecham's rounders team 1956:

(courtesy of Margaret Marlin)

Back row left to right – Irene Webber, Gillian Denton, Miss Beecham, Linda Cooke, Mary Armstrong.

Front row left to right – Doris Wilson, Margaret Wicks, Margaret Parr, Jennifer Moffatt, Diane Bemmer

Mrs Beecham's netball team 1956

(courtesy of Margaret Marlin)

Back row left to right - Linda Cooke, Miss Beecham, Valerie Brown

Front row left to right – Jennifer Moffatt, Margaret Wicks, Doris Wilson, Mary Armstrong, Margaret Parr



This class photo from 1957 was sent in by Steve Craik.

Back row left to right: 2nd - David Slater, 4th David Stringer, 5th Ray Finn, 8th Roger Phillips

Middle row: 2nd Leslie Slap, 7th Steve Craik

Front row: 7th Katherine Beaty.

Here's another of Steve's photos from 1959:

Back left to right: 11th John Ransom

Middle row: 5th David Elliot, 9th Roger Phillips

Front: 3rd Katherine Beaty, 6th Billy Barton, 7th David Slater, 8th Steve Craik.



Steve writes: I attended Little Ealing Primary School from 1955 - 1961.

On my first day at school at the age of 5, my mother took me to the school gate and said "Now you know the way, you can make your own way to and from school.". This wasn't unusual, as there were never any parents at the gates or in the playground to bring or collect their children from school and certainly no cars to ferry us to and from home.

My memories are mixed - we never had any homework to do and we didn't have to wear a uniform, but then we also had no school trips at all, we only had outside toilets and we used to get punished by the teachers with the odd smack of the hand or they'd sometimes use a carpet slipper!

The passage of the year was marked by the latest 'crazes' of the time - marbles, flicking cigarette cards and of course, conker fighting contests in the autumn.

I remember school dinners in the canteen. They were usually things like egg and cheese flan, liver and onions and lumpy mashed potatoes, but the puddings were OK. Nobody had packed lunches. They either had the school dinner or went home for lunch. It cost 5 shillings (25p) a week for school dinners the whole time I was there.

When school ended each day, there were no after-school activities and the playground would empty in minutes with children rushing out screaming and shouting. We would dash home through the streets and the network of alleys (our highways) which are now gated and full of rubbish.

Yes, Little Ealing Primary School in the 1950s was very different from today, but just as much, perhaps more fun!

Clive Cronin says:

I attended LEP from 1955 and went on to Ealing Mead Secondary Modern. I lived in Chandos Avenue. My sister Karen also attended LEP. Great years. Does any one remember Zulfichar Gose, our form master at Ealing Mead?

[Photo of event in school hall from Pat Day nee Giles 1953-55](#) (click on text to view)

[Class photos](#) circa 1958 from Christine Briggs, nee Tobutt.

Brenda Tompkins says:

I attended Little Ealing School between 1952 and 1957 and lived at 62 Bramley Road.

I have 4 newspaper cuttings when the National Savings Movement came into being.

The first shows some pupils in the school hall when Sir Harold Parkinson was vice chairman of the National Savings Movement who came to talk and encourage children to save.

Another cutting shows two photos in the Coronation Year; one showing a poster issued by the NSM and the other shows a poster that Miss Stone designed, showing a sketch on how savings have grown. In 1953 it totalled £4,939-5s-4d. The article states that Little Ealing Infants' School was top of the country in the schools savings group for the fourth successive year.

The third photo shows a picture of Miss Stone 'on "Savings Day", which is the name by which they distinguish Tuesday, when the children bring their money and their cards to Miss Stone'.

Finally there is a collective photo in the school hall when 'Miss Stone invited parents and children to the annual savings rally that marks the end of each savings year and publicly acknowledges their contribution to the schools success.'

Thanks to Pat Day (was Giles) for this photo. It appeared in the local newspaper somewhere around 1953 to 1955. She is not sure of the event but it seems to be a concert of some sort as the parents are there too.

