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My name is Roger Dainton and I was at Huish from 1957 to 1961, in Tone House. I was taught History by Mr Wickenden, who wrote the seminal (?) History of Taunton of which I have a signed copy - still browse it occasionally. Latin gave me Mr (Nat) Allen who said I was responsible for the decline of the Roman Empire due to my inability to master that language. "Froggy" Trevett taught French - a dear man, often taken advantage of by the class unfortunately. I had, (usually unpleasant) encounters with Mr Rutt involving application of the cane. And of course there was Mr Junker for PT! Looking through your pictures of the buildings brings back memories - it all looked so much bigger then. The assembly Hall looked much smaller! I was disappointed to find they had been demolished as I was quite fond of them in a way. Does anyone know how old they were? Were they built as a school or a Barracks? The view from the street in my time was blocked by a board fence, (to prevent outsiders looking in?), not wire mesh as shown.

My memories although mostly pleasant do not put schooldays as "the best time of my life" as some feel, possibly as I am an introvert (I know that now). While the school was probably typical for it's era I remember a lot of bullying went on. And the one way corridors! The challenge was to get to the next class going the wrong way, without getting caught by the Hall Monitors!

The other members of my class I remember are Leonard Veale, Martin Waters, Mounter (1st name forgotten), Davidge (also 1st name forgotten) Other names come to me sometimes but not while I am doing this.

I emigrated to Canada in 1966, and currently live in New Brunswick, where, as I write, we are expecting 40cm of snow (Feb 2014). I will be visiting the UK in March of this year to see the members of my family who are still vertical (C'est la vie!).

In conclusion I would like to thank the Webmaster, and whoever set up this site. So many web sites are poorly designed and hard to use. This is easy to use and encourages browsing. Thanks!

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