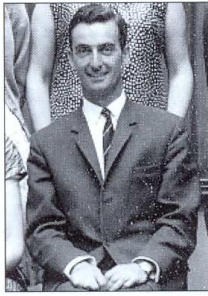
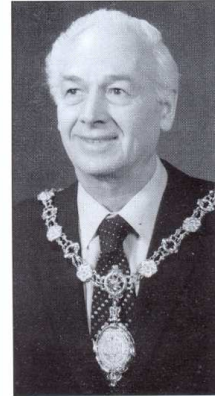


## A Selection Of Junior School Headteachers



**Mr Stanley Brian Hall** came to Gladstone Road from Yarm where he had been one of the youngest headteachers in the country having been appointed at the age of 29. He was full of energy and never did anything but at full speed. He expected both the staff and children to perform at a similar pace. His enthusiasm was infectious. He was very keen on sport and under his guidance and that of his deputy, Bert Weale, the school soccer team had several successes in the local leagues during the 1960's. He instigated the school visits to London which proved so popular over the years. His itineraries were so packed that they often included up to six different visits in one day. He left in 1970 to take up a headteacher post in Lincoln where he still lives in retirement often acting as a guide to visitors to the Cathedral.

**Mr H. R. Bedford**, headmaster from 1970 to 1980, brought a series of changes to the school. By 1970 the Junior department was full to capacity with 500 pupils. Consequently there was an urgent need for expansion in order to accommodate and cater for the children. Outside toilets were demolished and two pre-fabricated classrooms were hoisted into the lower playground and cloakrooms were adapted to accommodate modern toilets and washbasins with hot and cold water. Modern technology saw the advent of television as a teaching aid, which necessitated the major task of raising funds to provide a television set for every classroom. Thanks to special money raising efforts this goal was achieved in three years. Mr Bedford will also be remembered for the introduction of French to the primary school timetable and the resulting exchange visits made between Gladstone Road and St. Brieuc which were the highlight of many a child's life during the 1970's. On his retirement Mr Bedford became Mayor of Scarborough.



**Mr David R. Grimwood**, headmaster from 1980 to 1997, led the school through the closing years of its first century into the start of its second. A keen sportsman and disciple of all things physical, he encouraged the children to participate in a variety of exciting outdoor pursuits hitherto unknown to them. A believer in the importance of individual research and study he broadened the children's mental horizons with the introduction of the annual project affectionately known as 'The Personal Topic'. Mr Grimwood will also be remembered for his enthusiastic approach to the teaching of mathematics and the love of figures which he inculcated in the pupils he taught.

**Mr Brian Robinson** joined the school in 1997 and has the task of leading it forward into the Millennium, coping with the many changes which education has seen and no doubt will see in the future. An enthusiastic workaholic Mr Robinson has continued to uphold the fine traditions of his predecessors. A keen sportsman, he has introduced a variety of different sporting activities into the curriculum making full use of the local facilities and extending these opportunities to children in all year groups. Realising the importance of extending a child's horizons he has continued to maintain the tradition of residential visits to field centres, deciding to include the children in Year 3. He has also led a Year 6 visit to Paris. Mr Robinson has been responsible for the setting up of the Green Room where children with special educational needs are able to work without disruption and, by the introduction of a fine I.C.T. suite with computers networked throughout the school, he has prepared staff and pupils for the advent of the 21st century with all its modern technology.

