

## Photographs of Walton Lodge circa 1885

On the following pages, Images 1 to 4 are enlargements taken from the pages of a publication (see Images 5 and 6) which evidently dates from the late 19th century.

Note: In Image 6 it is possible to see that someone has handwritten "Walton Lodge School 1884" in the page margin. However, a more accurate date would appear to be 1885, based on the information concerning the topmost of the two photographs (also displayed as Image 3 below) supplied by John Northmore, a pupil at the school in 1885, contained in the document "Official School Photograph 1885"<sup>1</sup>.

- 1 A view of Walton Lodge on the right of the photograph and Bushbury on the left.
- 1a *A comparison between Walton Lodge in 1885 and 1963.*
- 2 Group of pupils.  
Based on identifications obtained from the document "Official School Photograph 1885" (see footnote 1 below), the boys in this photograph would appear to be:  
Back row, L-R: A Bevil-Browne – J S Arkwright – S S Skinner – H J (?) Mason  
Front row, L-R: G Stanton – F D Murray – W G Branston – T J M More – R H Benson
- 3 Official school photograph.  
A full list of the population of this photograph is given in the document "Official School Photograph 1885".
- 4 Official school photograph.  
Those with an eye for detail will notice that the master fourth from left on the top row (Rev F W Hodgson) has acquired a bowler hat which he was not wearing in the previous photograph.
- 5 Original page displaying Images 1 and 2.
- 6 Original page displaying Images 3 and 4.

With grateful thanks to Jane Lilly for providing the scans of the original documents.

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<sup>1</sup> Available on the 'Walton Lodge and OWLS' page of <https://laurencevlatham.wordpress.com>.

**Image 1**



**Image 1a**



*A comparison between these two images from 1885 and 1963 respectively reveals that at some point in the intervening years the area in front of Walton Lodge was landscaped to lower the level of the lawn and to include stone steps, planted areas and retaining walls.*

*It is also worth noting that in 1885 there was a covered walkway between Walton Lodge and Bushbury. The latter was apparently known at that time as 'New House', as can be seen from this extract from the booklet "A Short History of Walton Lodge and the Old Walton Lodge Society"<sup>2</sup>, published in 1952:*

*'As the School increased in numbers and repute, other nearby houses were taken over, until there were four in all; the Lodge, Brasted, New House, which was joined to Walton Lodge by a long "glass" corridor, and the next house on the sea side... (Between 1894 and 1922) Brasted and the other un-named house ceased to be part of the School, which continued with just the Lodge and New House and another house, Castle House, which appears to have been used almost entirely as a sanatorium.'*

<sup>2</sup> Available on the 'Walton Lodge and OWLS' page of <https://laurencevlatham.wordpress.com>.

*On the final page of the printed booklet an addendum has been incorporated (by typewriter) which includes the following information:*

'Since this booklet was printed, the School has regained possession of Bushbury, the large house adjoining Walton Lodge which originally and up till 1900 formed part of the School.'

Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6

