

## My Great Uncle

Below is a photograph of my great uncle, Thomas Anson Hughes, aged 10. The photograph was taken in the year 1913.



This photograph shows his medals and prizes for swimming. Thomas won every race he entered while he was in St. Gregory's School. Two of his medals were for Life Saving, other prizes that he won were a tea-set, a watch and chain, clocks and penknives.

The boys in the swimming team were in St. Gregory's Senior School. To be in the team you had to be over the age of 10 and you had to be able to swim five lengths of the pool at Longton Baths.

In this photograph of the swimming team in the centre sits the parish priest,



Dr. Edward Godwin. To the right of him is the head teacher, Mr. Cummins. To the left of him is the swimming teacher, Mr. Coppinger. My great uncle had left the school some years before this photograph was taken in 1917.

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