

The School Desk story

Bob Burston: 'I remember one day, I went into Windyhaugh. They used to have their assembly immediately after lunch. So I went up this one lunchtime to do the assembly and I walked into the classroom and over the far side of the classroom there's a little lad wagging his finger at me, beckoning me to come. So I moved in quietly, into the classroom, and crossed the classroom to where Nigel was sitting at his desk. He then put his finger across his lips and he then opened the lid of his desk.

Across the bottom of his desk was lying the most beautiful salmon. Nigel had other things on his mind besides eating his school lunch, and he'd managed to fish this beautiful fish out of the water. And he whispered to me, "Shhh, don't tell Mrs Hedley." Mrs Hedley was the head teacher there, well, the only teacher. She was just a wonderful person, was Pat Hedley.'