

A. J. Wentworth b.a.

UK TV sitcom : 1982 : dir. Michael Mills : Thames : 6 x 30 min
prod: Michael Mills : scr: Basil Boothroyd : dir.ph.:

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Arthur Lowe; Harry Andrews

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Halliwell's Television Companion review:

“Arthur Lowe’s last role as the tetchy, absent-minded schoolmaster created by the "Punch" writer H F Ellis. Gentle and amusing, but after years of Captain Mainwaring he didn’t quite manage the cringeing to the headmaster also required of the character. Writer: Basil Boothroyd.”

[no listing in "History of Television", "How Sweet It Was", "Television's Greatest Hits" or "25 Years of ITV - 1955-1980"]

No further information currently available. See subject index under **SCHOOL** for state (usually mixed-sex) schools, or under **BOARDING SCHOOL / PUBLIC SCHOOL** as the case may be, and under **SITCOMS AND SOAPS**. Note that school-based dramas, films and TV series are still included in the archive, even where the action is focused entirely on staffroom intrigue. I regard the schoolteacher as a vassal state of childhood. However, the index will identify such titles, where children are mere livestock heard lowing in the background.

Arthur Lowe (1915-82) was cast quite successfully as Micawber in the Thames serialisation of "**David Copperfield**", and played a very diffident head of College House in "**if....**". As for series writer Basil Boothroyd, one wonders if he was any relation to Betty Boothroyd MP, later to become Speaker of the house.