

**Schools
in
Oswestry
and the
surrounding
area**

Albert Road Board School Oswestry

Erected in 1880 with a Master's House. Changed its name to **Public Elementary School, Albert Road, Oswestry** c1905, all the staff remained the same, according to the Trade Directories.

Headteachers

Alexander Nelson (1880-1892) & (1895-1905>)

Early Life and Education

Alexander was born in Blackburn, Lancashire in 1845. The eldest son of William Nelson, a marble cutter, formerly boatman and his wife Jane nee Booth. He had a sister and a brother, Rebecca born 4th June 1848 and William b1850. The family moved from Blackburn to Manchester c1848 and on the 1851 Census they are living in 2 Faulkner St., Manchester, Lancashire, where the father is a marble cutter.

Certified School Master

Career

On the 1871 Census Alexander is lodging with the Hughes family in Oswestry and gives his occupation as school teacher. In the Trade Directories and Parish Magazines he is shown as the Master in the **British School** for this year until at least 1877. By the 1881 Census he is the Headmaster at **Albert Road Board School** and is living in the School House, where he remains until 1892. On the 1901 Census he is living in 44 York St., Oswestry and describes himself as a Certified Schoolmaster. Trade Directories show him as the Headmaster of **Albert Road Board School** 1895-1900 and the **Public Elementary School** in 1905. On the 1911 Census he is living in 42 York St., Oswestry and is now retired.

Personal Life

On 28th October 1875 he married Jane Morgan in Oswestry. She was born 1846 in Frome, Somerset. The couple had no children. Alexander died on 23rd January 1917 in 44 York St., Oswestry and was survived by his wife Jane.

British School Arthur Street Oswestry

Built in 1851 by subscription and a grant from The School Society, the upper room was for the girls and the lower room for the boys. Thomas Savin presented a donation of £5 5s and promised an annual subscription of the same amount.* This was a Non-Conformist School, the site is now occupied by the library staff car park.

*Source BCA 28th January 1863

Headteachers

Richard Orton (1851>)

Early Life and Education

Richard was born in Jarratt Lane, Wellington, Shropshire and baptised in All Saints Church, Wellington, Shropshire on 1st January 1826. The son of Isaac Orton, Cooper Journeyman and his wife Esther nee Sutton. He had 4 siblings Esther Elizabeth b1812, William James b1814, Charles Henry b1818 and John b1821.

Career

On the 1841 Census Richard is living with his parents in Horninglow St., Burton-Upon-Trent, Staffordshire and is following in his father's occupation as a Cooper Journeyman. On the 1851 Census he is living in Beatrice St., Oswestry and shows his occupation as Teacher at the British School. By the 1861 Census he has left teaching and is a Brewer's Clerk, living in 19 Shacklewell Lane, Hackney. Between the 1871 and 1891 Census he has returned to Horninglow St., Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire, living at No 90, occupation Brewer's Storekeeper.

Personal Life

In 1850 he married Sophia Susan Constable in Witham, Essex. She was born in 1829 in Geneva, Switzerland (British Subject). The couple had 7 children, Adelaide Elizabeth b1859, Emma S b1861, Fanny Sophia b1863, Ellen b1866, Charles William John b1867, Caroline Elizabeth b1869 and Richard Randall b1875. Richard died in 1897 in Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire, shortly after the death of his son, Richard Randall, earlier in the same year. He was survived by his wife, Sofia Susan.

John Farmer (<1856>)

Trade Directories show his residence as Coney Green, Oswestry.

Robert Owen (<1863-1868)

Early Life and Education

Robert was born in and baptised on 6th January 1822 in Llangwn, Montgomeryshire, Wales. The son of Thomas Owen, Farmer and his wife Alice nee Molyneux. He had 3 siblings William b1819, Jane b1824 and Ellis, who is shown as a brother and Executor in his Will.

Personal Life

Robert died on 15th February 1868 in Oswestry.

Alexander Nelson (<1871>)

Early Life and Education

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Certified School Master

Career

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Personal Life

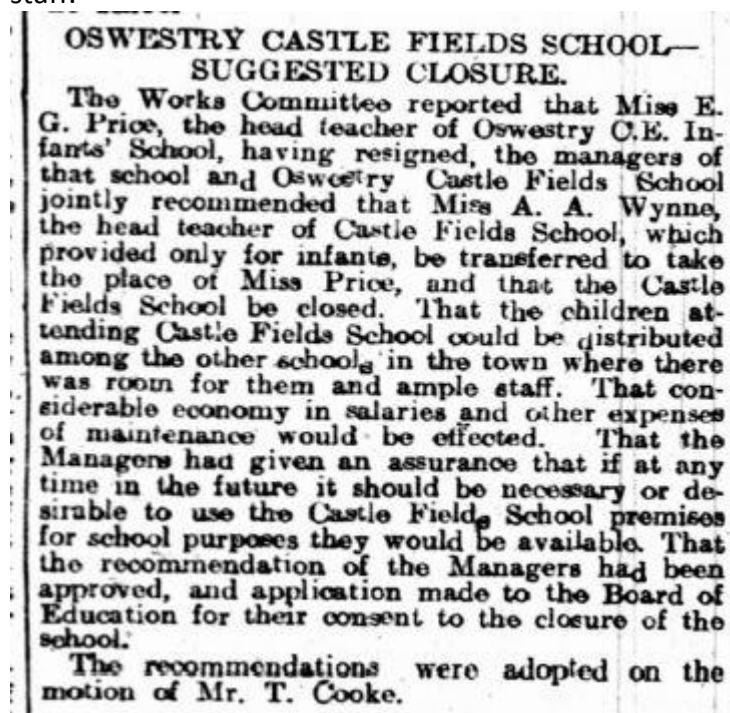
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Castle Fields School (Church of England Ragged School)

North Castle Street

Oswestry

Originally housed in an upper room of a building at the rear of The Golden Lion, Upper Church Street, Oswestry this was the first **Ragged School** for the town and opened in 1870. The school was maintained wholly by (then) the Hon. Mrs. Kenyon. A more suitable building in North Castle Street was erected in 1872 for 123 pupils and enlarged in 1889 for 170 children. The school provided only for infants. It closed in 1922 and the children were distributed among other schools in the town where there was room for them and ample staff.



BCA 12 July 1922

Headteachers

Richard Owen (1872-1891>)

Early Life and Education

Richard was born in 1842 in Llandinam, Montgomeryshire, Wales.

Career

On the 1871 Census Richard is a visitor in the Clergy House, Kirkleatham, Yorkshire, occupation Schoolmaster. On the 1881 Census he is lodging with Mary Jones, widow, in Castle St., Oswestry, occupation Schoolmaster.

Mrs Minna Edith Vidgen Jenks nee Glasscodine (<1895-1896>)

Early Life and Education

Minna was born in and baptised on 5th May 1861 in Knockin, Shropshire. The daughter of **Henry Glasscodine**, Schoolmaster and his wife Louisa nee Vidgen. She had 5 siblings James Henry Y b1851, John Portman b1854, Grace Jane b1855, George William b1857 and Susannah Louisa Ann b1858. On the 1861 Census the family are living in the School House, Knockin, Shropshire where **Henry** is the Schoolmaster. On the 1871 Census the family have moved to Brook St., Oswestry, where **Henry** is an Auctioneer's Clerk.

Career

On the 1881 Census Minna is lodging with the Twiname family in Ennerdale, Cumberland, occupation Schoolmistress. On the 1891 Census Minna is a visitor in the Stone House, Upper Pool, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, Wales, occupation Elementary School Teacher, from Trade Directories she was shown to be the Infants' Mistress at the **National School, Oswestry**. On her marriage in 1892 she gives her address as Park Avenue, Oswestry. Between c1891-1896 Minna appears to have lived in Oswestry, but by the 1901 Census she is living in the School House, Norbury where she is the Schoolmistress. On the 1911 Census she is still in Norbury, Bishops Castle, but now living in Quarry Cottage, occupation Head Teacher (County Council)

Personal Life

On 17th July 1892 Minna travelled from Liverpool, Lancashire to Montreal, Canada. On 25th July 1892 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada she married Francis John Jenks. He was born in Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shropshire on 13th July 1852. The couple had 2 sons, Lawrence F b1895 and Jack C V b1896. Minna died in 1939 in Loughborough, Nottinghamshire.

Miss Edith Lillian Turner (<1900-1905>)

Early Life and Education

Edith was born in 1877 in Oswestry, Shropshire, the daughter of Exuperius Turner, General Commission Agent and his wife Elizabeth nee Lewis. She had siblings Clara L b1857, Georgina M b1859, Emily Jane b1863, Trevor M b1866, Exiena May b1869, Lucy Maud b1874. On the 1881 Census the widowed mother is running a lodging house in Beatrice Street, Oswestry, next door to the Crown Inn and Trevor is a Pupil Teacher. On the 1891 Census the address is now 78 Beatrice Street, Oswestry, still next door to the Crown Inn, both Emily and Exiena are Assistant Schoolmistresses and the mother is no longer taking in lodgers. The family appear to have moved between Denbighshire, Wales and Oswestry, Shropshire between c1857 and c1874.

Career

1901 Census Edith is living in 70 Beatrice Street, Oswestry, next door to the Crown Inn, with her widowed mother and older sister Lucy, who is a School Teacher, Edith gives her occupation as Headmistress of a School. The change of house number could be down to a renumbering of the street as it is clearly 70 on the record and still next door to the Crown Inn.

Miss Alice Anne Wynne (<1909-1922)

Early Life and Education

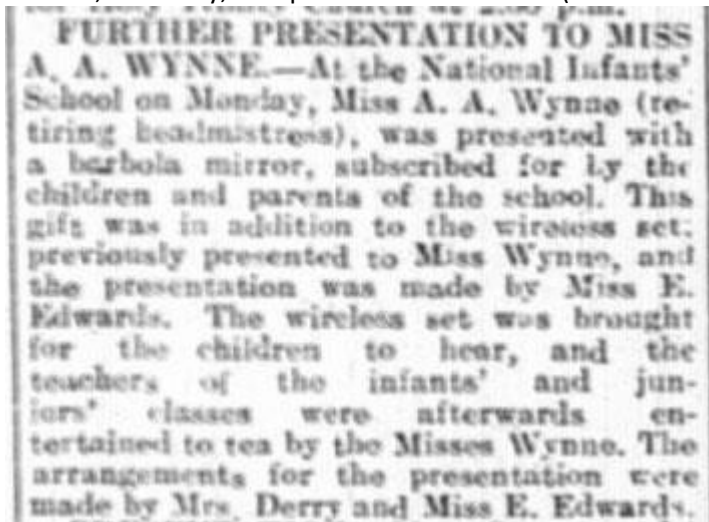
Alice was born on 18th November 1875 in Norton in Hales, Market Drayton, Shropshire, the daughter of **John Wynne**, Schoolmaster and his wife Ann nee Lewis. She had 4 siblings Katharine b1873, Mary Jane b1874, Lucy b1878 and John Andrew b1886. 1881 Census the father is running **Park Avenue School** where the family are living. They appear to have spent some time c1878 in Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, Wales.

Career

1891 Census Alice is a Pupil Teacher, living with her family in 59 Park Avenue, Oswestry.

1901 Census Alice is now a Schoolmistress Certificated, teaching at Morda School and still living with her family in Park Avenue.

1911 Census Alice is now an Elementary School Teacher working for the County Council, still with her parents in Park Avenue. Alice was appointed as Headteacher of the **National School (Infants)** following the resignation of **Miss Edith Gwladys Price** and the closure of **Castle Fields School**. She remained at there until her retirement in 1936. On the 1939 Register Alice is living in 59 Park Avenue, Oswestry, Shropshire and is a Retired (School Mistress).



BCA 1st April 1936 p14/2

Personal Life

Alice took an active part in parochial work and was an active worker at Oswestry Parish Church. She also helped in other good movements, one of them being the Cocoa Rooms at the Memorial Hall. She was also in charge of the Infants' Sunday School and the C of E Sunday School. Alice died on 30th August 1946 in 59 Park Avenue, Oswestry, Shropshire.

PHILLIPS, and P. M. ROBERTS.
FORMER SCHOOL-MISTRESS'S DEATH.—The death occurred at 59, Park Avenue on Friday, of Miss Alice Anne Wynne, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Wynne. Miss Wynne was 70 years of age. She was born at Market Drayton, her father being a schoolmaster, and she lived in Oswestry most of her life. She was formerly the infant mistress at Morda School, and later at Castle Fields School, until it was transferred to the new Infants' School. Up to the time of her retirement in 1936, Miss Wynne was the headmistress of Oswestry C. of E. School. Highly esteemed by all who knew her, Miss Wynne took an active part in parochial work, and was an active worker at Oswestry Parish Church. She also helped in other good movements, one of them being the cocoa rooms at the Memorial Hall. She was also in charge of the infants' Sunday School and the C. of E. Sunday School. She leaves three sisters, Miss M. J. Wynne, Oswestry; Mrs. H. Phillips, Birkenhead, and Mrs. W. Evans, Kinnerley. The funeral took place yesterday (Tuesday).

BCA 4 September 1946

FUNERAL OF MISS A A WYNNE, OSWESTRY.

The funeral of Miss Alice Anne Wynne, of 59, Park Avenue, Oswestry, an account of whose death was reported in last week's "Advertiser", took place at the Borough Cemetery, on Tuesday week, preceded by a service at the Parish Church, which was choral, taken by the Rev. W. Morgan Williams, and assisted by the Rev. J Breese and the Rev. O J D Edwards, of Hunningham. The hymns "The King of Love my Shepherd is" and "Loving Shepherd" were sung, and the Nunc Dimittis was chanted. Mr. J Tilley was the organist.

The mourners were: Miss M J Wynne, Mrs. Phillips, Birkenhead, Mrs. L Evans, Kinnerley (sisters), Mr. and Mrs. C W Phillips, Bromborough, Miss M Phillips, Birkenhead, Mrs. G B Hatch, Birkenhead, Mr. J Evans, Kinnerley (nephews and nieces), Mr D J Lewis, Salop Road, Mrs. Percy Jones, Salop Road (cousins), Mr. R Jones, Trederwen Farm, Llandrinio, Miss M Jones, Portland House, Llandrinio, Mrs. Wigley, Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. F G Davis, Kenilworth, Gobowen, Miss Crewe and Miss Kitchen, Hanmer (friends), Mrs. Peter Edwards and Rev. O J D Edwards, Hunningham, Mrs. W E Hughes, Vyrnwy Road.

The bearers were: Messrs W E Hughes, Vyrnwy Road, J Bebbington, Cae Glas, Charles Lewis, Morda, Trevor Jones, Park Avenue.

Among others present were: Mr. J A G Whittaker, Vicar's warden; Mr. E E Lloyd Jones, vice-chairman, St Oswald's Parochial Church Council, Mr. W S Jackson, representing National School managers; Mrs. Swann and Miss Edwards, C. of E. Infants' School, Oswestry; Miss Taylor, Spring Bank, representing Sunday Schools; Councillor J H Davies, 21 Park Avenue, Mr. H Hackett, representing Shropshire Teachers' Association, Mr. H Flux, Park View, Mount Road, Mrs. Morgan Williams, The Old Vicarage, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Derry, Stewart Road, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Marjorie, Trederwen, Llandrinio, Miss Griffiths, Lloran House, Mr A England, Welsh Walls, Mrs. Alf Mann, Arundel Road, Miss Evelyn Edwards, Park Avenue, Miss G Williams, Oswald Road, E. and Grace Taylor, Arundel Road, Mrs. G Davies, Victoria Street, Mrs. and Miss Edwards, Spring Bank, Miss H Hancox, Park Avenue, Mrs. Buchanan, Glenside, Mr. and Mrs. Compton, Park Drive, Mr. E Roberts, Rose Cottage, Broomhall, Mrs. Bebbington, Cae Glas, Mrs. A G Davies, The Cross, Mrs. Biggs, Morda, Mrs. Robertson, Brogyntyn Lodge, Mrs. A E Clarke, Park Avenue, Mrs. Roberts, Cottage Homes, Arundel Road, Mrs. John Breese, Victoria Road, Mrs. Wynn, Park Avenue, S Roberts, Park Avenue, Misses M and E Williams, King Street, G Jones, Willow St., Mrs. O Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. A N Richards, Park Avenue, Cyril Bennett, Park Avenue, Miss D Jones, Albert Road, Mrs. Bert Hughes, Mrs. W Tilling, Miss P Tilling, Miss Edwards, Mrs. R C Hughes, Jennings Road, Charles R B Watson, Brvnhafod Road, Miss Gwen Jones, Upper Brook St., Mrs. Pughe Jones, Hampton Road, Mrs. T B Henshaw, Miss Dixon, Salop Road, Mrs. E Williams, Salop

Road, Mrs. Roberts, Beatrice St., Miss M Groves, Brook St., Mrs. R Morris, Castle St., Mrs. J A G Whittaker, Weston Avenue, Mrs. Arthur Jones, Church Terrace, Miss G B Davies and Mrs. A E Scott, Park Avenue, Mrs. Pond, Castle St., Miss Lewis, Park Avenue, Mrs. Evans, Lorne House, Miss Dudleston, Prince St., Mrs. Wright, Lorne St., Miss Roberts, Miss B Jones, Mrs. A Cawley, Park Avenue, Mrs. Manford, Penylan Lane, Mrs. L Mills, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Holgate, Mrs. Owen, Park Avenue

Wreaths were received as follows: Mary and Lucy; Katie and family; Cuthbert, Lil and family; Winnie, Rosie, Elsie and John; David; Amy; The Vicar and Mrs. Stockley; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, Vyrnwy Road; Mrs. A E Clarke, 43, Park Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Owen, Park Avenue; Mrs. Swann, Victoria Road; Miss Gwen Jones, Brook St.; The Staff of Oswestry C. of E. School; Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bennett; Parochial Church Council, Oswestry Parish Church; Mr. and Mrs. Pughe Jones and Miss Griffiths; All at Trederwen, Arddleen, Miss Eva Edwards; Mrs. Brown and Vida; Mr. and Mrs. E L Derry; Oswestry and Ellesmere N.U.T. Committee; Teachers and scholars of Parish Church Sunday School; Mr. and Mrs. Al England and Dorothy; Congregation of St. Nicholas Church; Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Kathleen; Pamela, 14, Welsh Walls; Mr F G Davis and family, Gobowen; Mrs. Haycock, Park Avenue; Doreen and Norah Jeffreys, West Kirby; B Davies and B E Scott, Park Avenue; Mr. and Mrs. Pond and family, Castle St.; Mr. and Mrs. Bebbington and Margaret; Charlie Lewis and Horace, Sweeney; Mrs. Mann and all at Arundel Road; Ken and John, Park Avenue; Mrs. and Miss Ollerhead, Park Avenue; Jim Bottomley, Park Avenue; From Nos. 46, 48, 50, Park Avenue, neighbours; Mr. and Mrs. Wigley and family, Buckland; M Jones, Portland House, Llandrinio; Mr. and Mrs. D R Davies; Mrs. Hancocks and family, 61, Park Avenue; From all at the Coffee Rooms.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs David Davies and Sons, Upper Church St., Oswestry.

At Oswestry Parish Church on Sunday, the Vicar, the Rev. G S Stockley, paid tribute to the memory of Miss Wynne and spoke in praise of her work in Oswestry.

Ebenezer Primitive Methodist Chapel & Schoolroom
Castle Street/Chapel Street
Oswestry

The Primitive Methodists first met in Oswestry in a building in Oakhurst Road, but this soon became too small. A site at the corner of Castle Street and Chapel Street was bought and a chapel, called Ebenezer, erected in 1840. Land for a graveyard was also bought. A schoolroom on adjoining land was built in 1868. In 1890 more land was bought and a new schoolroom was erected, which opened in 1891. In 1898 the chapel and the schoolroom of 1868 were demolished and a new chapel built.

Source www.users.waitrose.com/~coxfamily/oswesp1.htm

Fitzalan Comprehensive School

Opened in 1979, 1st and 2nd year pupils were based in the **Boys High School** buildings, the 3rd and 4th year pupils in the **Girls High School** buildings. The 5th year pupils in the **National School** buildings and boarders in the annexe at Oakhurst. Closed in 1988 merging with **Croeswylan Comprehensive School** to form **The Marches School**.

Source: From The Study 1977

Headteachers

Miss Pat E Gilbert (1979-July 1988)

Early Life and Education

Pat trained as a pharmacist at Manchester University.

Career

Without any teaching training she was accepted for her first post as a chemistry and biology teacher at a grammar school in Altrincham, Cheshire. In 1960 she moved to Nigeria for 18 months, instructing guides officers. After a brief spell at a grammar school in Stockport, she went to Hong Kong for 4 years as Deputy Head of a Comprehensive Secondary School for the children of service personnel. Back in Britain she was Deputy Head in Devon, before moving to Oswestry in 1972 as Headmistress of **Oswestry Girls High School**.

Personal Life

She was an officer in the girl guides movement.

Source: BCA 27th July 1988

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May 2018

Holy Trinity Church School
Trinity Church
Castle Fields
Castle Street
Oswestry

The school was built in 1871 for 327 mixed pupils and closed in 1938, the pupils being transferred to the newly opened **Woodside Primary School**. The site is now occupied by modern flats.

Headteachers

Samuel Raybould (1881-1921)

Early Life and Education

Samuel was born in 1860 in Netherton, Worcestershire. It is not known who his parents were; he was brought up by his grandparents Samuel Raybould, a letter carrier/postman /brewer's agent and his wife Pheobe. On the 1861 census the family are living in Sweet Turf, Dudley, Worcestershire, Samuel is 6 months old. On the 1871 census they have moved to 53 High Street, Netherton, Dudley, Worcestershire.

Career

On the 1881 census, Samuel is still with his grandparents in Netherton and gives his occupation as Schoolmaster. It must have been shortly after the census that he took up the post of Headteacher of **Holy Trinity Church School** as he is shown in 1881 Trade Directories as the Master. On the 1891 census he is living in Prospect Place, Whittington Road, Oswestry, Shropshire and gives his occupation as Elementary Schoolmaster. On the 1901 census he has moved to 92 Castle Street, Oswestry, Shropshire, giving his occupation as Schoolmaster. His 14 year old daughter, Emily has an occupation, Monitress. This was someone who worked alongside a Teacher, the equivalent of a modern day Teaching Assistant. On the 1911 census they have moved again to Parkdale, Oakhurst Road, Oswestry, Shropshire, both Samuel and his daughter Emily are Elementary School Teachers. Samuel retired in December 1921.

Personal Life

Samuel married Mary Ann Winbow on 20th December 1885 in Dudley, Staffordshire. She was born in 1862 in Dudley, Staffordshire. The couple had 1 daughter, Emily, born in 1888. On the 15th February 1910, Samuel was initiated as a Freemason in the Fitzalan Lodge, Oswestry, Shropshire. Samuel died on 24th September 1924 in Parkdale, Oakhurst Road, Oswestry, Shropshire and was survived by his wife, Mary Ann.

AN OSWESTRY SCHOOLMASTER.



THE LATE MR. S. RAYBOULD.

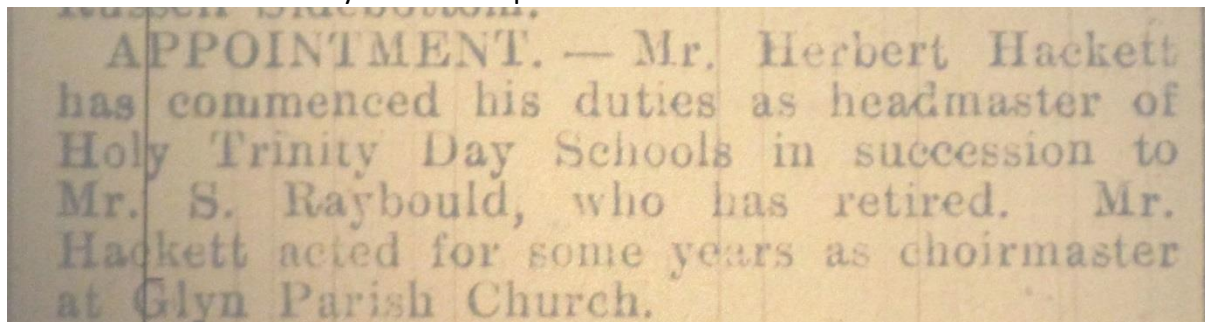
Herbert Hackett (1922-1938)

Early Life and Education

Herbert was born on 11th November 1888 in St Martins, Shropshire, the son of Edward Hackett, Railway Porter and his wife Mary nee Roberts. He had 3 siblings Harry Wakeman born 20th March 1887, Nesta Maude born 19th February 1891 and Edward Stanley Evan born 8th October 1894. On the 1891 Census the family are living in 6 Llwynycil, Denbighshire, Wales. About 1894 the family had moved to Shifnal, Shropshire, presumably with the father's work on the Railway. On the 1901 Census they are living in Station House, Maentwrog, Festinog, Merionethshire, Wales, where the father is the Railway Station Master. On the 16th December 1901, Herbert was enrolled at Acrefair Board School, Cefn Mawr, Denbighshire, Wales, his residence given as Acrefair. This may well be when the family moved to Harwood House and the father, Edward was appointed as the Railway Station Master there. His previous school is shown as Maentwrog National. His birth year on enrolment is incorrectly stated as 1889.

Career

On the 1911 Census, Herbert is living with his family in Harwood House, Acrefair, Denbighshire, Wales, where his father is the Railway Station Master; Herbert gives his occupation as Teacher. On the 9th April 1916, Herbert joined the Royal Garrison Artillery, 202nd Siege Battery, 121st Heavy Battery, Service Number 155713, as a Gunner/Signaller. At the time of joining up he was living in Bodarfryn Glyn, Ruabon, Denbighshire, Wales and working as a Head Schoolmaster for Denbighshire Education Authority in Ruthin. His height is given as five feet, seven and a quarter inches and chest measurement as thirty-five inches. During his service his wife and daughter were living in Winterbourne, Stansty, Denbighshire, Wales. Between 28th August 1918 and February 1919, Herbert was suffering from dysentery and was a patient in the 30th General Hospital, France, 2nd Western General, Lily Lane, Moston, Dysentery Convalescent Hospital, Barton-on-Sea, New Milton, Hampshire and the War Hospital, Chester. His total service was 23 months, of which 9 months was spent in France. In 1922 Herbert was appointed as Headteacher at **Holy Trinity Church School** where he remained until its closure in 1938. He then, as Head and together with his pupils moved to the newly opened **Woodside Primary School**. On the 1939 Register, Herbert is living in Sefton, 47 Ferrers Road, Oswestry, Shropshire and gives his occupation as Headmaster of Elementary School and part-time A.R.P. work.



Personal Life

On 11th August 1914 Herbert married Anne or Annie Humphreys in Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales. She was born on 1st February 1888. The couple had 1 daughter, Pearl born on 12th September 1917. Herbert died 29th October 1974 in Sefton, 47 Ferrers Road, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Source: Image BCA 11th January 1922
 Image BCA 1st October 1924

Compiled by Anne Harrison & Helen Hudson

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School and Nursery

**Middleton Road,
Oswestry
SY11 2LF**

Mainstream State School for pupils aged 3-11 years. Opened September 2009 formed from the merger of **Beech Grove C of E Junior School** and **Oswestry Infant School**. Renamed **Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy and Nursery** on 1st April 2017 when it changed its status and became part of St Chad's Multi Academy Trust within The Church of England's Central Education Trust.

Headteachers

Nicholas Turner (September – April 2013)

Early life and education

Born in 1959

Music BA Hons Nottingham University
University of London, Institute of Education PGCE Primary Education
Canterbury Cathedral Choir School

Career

Worked in London for 20 years as a Class Teacher, eventually becoming the Headteacher of Pinner Wood School (September 2006 – August 2007) before moving to Oswestry in 2007 to take up the Headteacher post at **Beech Grove C of E Junior School** (September 2007 – August 2009).

Personal Life

Spouse Sue

Jane Quinn formerly Oulton (Acting) (May 2013 – December 2013)

Career

Appointed Co-Ordinator for Creative Arts at **Beech Grove C of E Junior School** April 1991

Pam Edwards (January 2014 – 31st March 2017)

Holy Trinity Primary School becomes an academy

A PRIMARY school in Oswestry has become the latest in the region to convert to academy status.

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The Church of England's Central Education Trust.

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logo to the uniform, but this will be phased in as new pupils join and when uniform is replaced.

The changes will also be marked with a Celebration Day on May 26 when the Bishop of Lichfield will be visiting the school.

Source: BCA 25th April 2017

Beech Grove C of E Junior School Log Book – September 1988 (by kind permission of **Rod Dickson Principal Holy Trinity C of E Academy & Nursery**)

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May 2017

Revised October 2018

Holy Trinity C of E Academy and Nursery
Middleton Road
Oswestry
SY12 2LF

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Headteachers

Mrs Pam Edwards (1st April 2017-)

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Rod Dickson (1st January 2018-)



■ Pupils from Holy Trinity Primary School Skye Pritchard (commended 2D artwork), Luke Eynon (commended 3D artwork) and Lauren Doodson (second prize, 2D artwork) with Rod Dickson, the school principal SW18618C

(Image) BCA 26th June 2018

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Holy Trinity Infants' School
(See Holy Trinity Church School)

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Knockin National School

Knockin

Oswestry

Building started in 1832, the school was a gift from the Earl of Bradford to the parishes of Knockin, Kinnerley and Molverley and opened in 1834. It was built to accommodate 44 boys and 34 girls, supported by subscriptions and a small charge from each scholar. The income was about £60 per annum. It is situated on the Shrewsbury side of the village, just before the beginning of the Avenue standing between two cottages. The cottage on the left of the school building was formally the caretaker's cottage and a laundry. The other one may have been the head teacher's house. The school had just one large classroom, approximately 35 foot by 18 foot with a wooden floor and a very high ceiling. There were two large windows, set high in the wall, so that little children could not look outside. The front porch acted as the cloakroom and there was a small playground in the front. To the rear were another cloakroom and a small kitchen which had been added at a later date. The toilets were down the garden with a separate path to the boys and girls toilets. The school was originally built to accommodate 78 and in 1856 it was unofficially registered to take 60 children. By 1885 the average attendance was 50. Numbers then dropped considerably with only 32 pupils registered in 1895. The sharp drop in numbers coincided with a fall in the population of Knockin. Pupils remained at the school to the age of 14 as there were no local secondary schools. In 1902 a Board of Managers was formed under the 1902 Education Act. In June 1911 the authorities reduced the number of places at the school from 79 to 59, but the average attendance was below that figure. In December 1912 a screen was provided to divide the one large classroom. In 1918 the school was closed due to an epidemic of influenza. In 1922 the average attendance fell to 29.4 pupils and the closure of the school was minuted. In 1926 the average attendance was 33 with 37 children registered. By 1934 the average attendance was up to 44. In March 1953 the Education Authority wanted to close the school for economic reasons and the pupils would have transferred to **Kinnerley Village School**. It was suggested that the school be run as an Infants School only. In 1955 the numbers had again dropped, with only 38 pupils on the register. In 1965 there was again talk of closure. During the period July 1968 to December 1969, when the school was without a permanent Head, the decision was made to send the pupils to **Maesbury School**. In January 1970 pupil numbers were down to just 21 on the register and in 1971 it was decided that the school would continue until the new school at Kinnerley was completed. Heather Parrish, my source for most of the above research, was the oldest pupil at the school, when it finally closed its doors in December 1974. The building was converted into a family home and the pupils were transferred to the newly built **Kinnerley Church of England Controlled Primary School**.

Source: Documents Concerning the Parish of Knockin (FN64)
Knockin A Brief History – Heather Parrish (FN64)

Headteachers

Alban (Meredith) Barnaby (<1844-1851>)

Early Life and Education

Alban was born in 1816 in Montford, Shropshire, the son of James Barnaby, Farmer later Schoolmaster and his wife Elizabeth nee Meredith. He was baptised in Montford, Shropshire on 8th September 1816. He had 4 siblings William Wylde b1815, Ann b1820 d1820, John Easom b1821, James b1824, James Easom b1826

Career

On his marriage in 1844 Alban gives his residence as Knockin and his occupation as Schoolmaster. On the 1851 Census Alban is living in **Knockin School** and gives his occupation as Schoolmaster. His wife Ann is the Schoolmistress. They appear to have 4 scholars boarding with them in the school premises.

On the 1860 US Census Alban is a School Teacher living with his brother John E in Brady's Bend Township, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, USA.

During the American Civil War Alban fought for the Union Army. He enlisted on 19th August 1861 in Clarion County as a Musician with Company E, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry. He was promoted to Hospital Steward on 1st November 1863 and served until 4th March 1864, see 15 heavy engagements. His time served gave him citizenship and a land grant from the government for his service. Prior to joining up Alban was an Oil Refiner, Physician and Farmer with a half share with his brother John who qualified in 1866. While he was in the Army his brother John looked after his oil refining business and farm.

In 1869 Alban told his brother William that he intended to give up his profession to concentrate on his oil refining business and farm. On the 1880 US Census Alban is a Physician living in Washington, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, USA. Alban was awarded an Army Pension on the grounds of invalidity on 13th September 1883; this was transferred to a widow's pension for Rebecca on 17th July 1890.

Personal Life

Alban married Ann Griffiths on 4th May 1844 in Kinnerley, Shropshire, she was born in 1803 in Knockin, Shropshire, they had no children. Ann died on 19th May 1860 or 1864; she is buried in Brady's Bend, Armstrong, Pennsylvania, USA. He married Rebecca Margret Hulings, she was born in 1826 in Pennsylvania, USA, they had 1 daughter Sarah E b1866. Alban is buried in the US Army Cemetery, Wattersonville, Cowansville, PA, USA.

Source: Senhouse Family Tree

Mr and Mrs Toone (<1856>)

Henry Glasscodine (<1861>)

Early Life and Education

Henry was born in 1823 in 9 Lampard's Buildings, Walcot, Somerset, the son of Henry Glasscodine, Lath Maker and his wife Grace nee Portman. He was baptised on 21st

December 1823 in St Swithin's, Walcot, Somerset. He had 4 siblings Charlotte b1818, Susanna b1825, Sarah b1829 and John b1831.

Career

On the 1851 Census, Henry is the Schoolmaster in the National School in Tenterden, Kent. On the 1861 Census he is the Schoolmaster and living in the School House, Knockin, Shropshire. By the 1871 Census, Henry has given up teaching and is an Auctioneer's Clerk, living in Brook Street, Oswestry, Shropshire. On the 1881 Census, Henry is working for the Borough as a Finance Clerk and living in 1 Avenham, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Personal Life

On 30th March 1850 he married Louisa Vidgen in St Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent. She was born in 1825 in New Romney, Kent. They had 6 children James Henry b1851, John Portman b1853, Grace Jane b1854, George William born 7th August 1856, Susannah Louisa Ann b1858 and **Minna E V** b1861. Henry died in 1889 in Oswestry, Shropshire.

John George Newey (<1871>)

Early Life and Education

John was born in 1846 in Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, the son of John Cooper Newey, Pork Butcher and his wife Hannah Maria nee Wicker, although he was baptised on 16th April 1846 in Portsea, Hampshire. After his parents' marriage on 18th July 1844 in St Mary's Church, Portsea, Hampshire, his parents settled in his father's birthplace, Wolverhampton. His mother was born in Portsea, Hampshire. He had 6 siblings James b1847, Anne Ruth b1850, William b1857, Sarah A b1857 Fanny Rose b1864, Ellen Maria. On the 1851 Census the family are living in Bath Row, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

Certified Schoolmaster

Career

On the 1861 Census John is an Apprentice Japanner, living with his Grandmother Rose Hannah Newey in 8 Melbourne Street, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire. On his marriage in 1868 he is living in Ablow Place, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and gives his occupation as Gilder. On the 1871 Census he is living in the School House, Knockin, Shropshire and gives his occupation as Schoolmaster and his wife, Ann Eliza is the Schoolmistress. By the 1881 Census John and his family have moved to Landford, Wiltshire, where John is a Certified Schoolmaster and Ann Eliza an Assistant Teacher. They appear to have moved from Knockin c1873, then to Coldridge, Devon until c1867, then to Langford, Wiltshire. By the 1891 Census John, now an Insurance Agent is living in 3 Ashford Terrace, Ashford, Fordingbridge, Hampshire. Between the 1901 and 1911 Census John is the Certified Schoolmaster at No Man's Land School for Boys & Girls in Redlynch, Wiltshire, working for Wiltshire County Council. His wife Anne Eliza is an Uncertified Schoolmistress Art and in 1901 his daughter Clara L is a Music Teacher.

Personal Life

John married Ann Eliza Besley on 25th December 1868 in St Paul's Church, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, she was born in 1842 in Tiverton, Devon. The couple had 7 children Rupert John Besley b1870, Emily K b1872, Clara L b1875, Frederick J b1876, Julia b1868, William H b1881 and Florence b1885. John died in 1932 in Bridport, Dorset.

Maria Ellis nee Fox (<1881-1891>)

Early life and Education

Maria was born on 20th June 1835 in Bath, Somerset, the daughter of Samuel Fox, a Schoolmaster and his wife Jane, a Schoolmistress. She had 7 siblings Jane born 31st August 1825, Samuel born 25th April 1827, Thomas born 9th November 1828, Sarah born 14th May 1831, Frances b1836, Joseph b1837, Charles b1839. On the 1851 Census the family are living in 3 Lower Park Row, Bristol, Gloucestershire, where the father is a Scripture Reader and the mother a Schoolmistress.

Career

On the 1861 Census, Maria is living with her brother Samuel, the Curate of St Paul's, Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales and his family in 11 Hill Street, Newport, Monmouthshire, Wales and gives her occupation as Teacher or Governess. Maria was baptised on 17th July 1863 in Holy Trinity, Bath, Somerset, giving her residence as 37 New King Street, Bath, Somerset and her occupation, Teacher. On the 1871 Census the family are living in 8 King Street, Llanover, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales, where they are running a Grocery business. Between the 1881 and 1891 Census Maria is living in the School House, Knockin and gives her occupation as Teacher (Schoolmistress). On the 1901 Census Maria is living in Leaton Heath, Shropshire and is no longer working. On the 1911 Census Maria, now widowed, is a Small Holder in Leaton, Bomere Heath, Shropshire, residing with her is her older unmarried sister, Sarah and Maria's children Selina, Reginald, Herbert and Agnes.

Personal Life

Maria married James Andrew Ellis on 24th November 1863 in St Michael the Archangel on the Mount, Bristol, Gloucestershire. He was born in 1836 in Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, Wales. The couple had 6 children Frances Selina Fox b1865, Charles J H b1866, James Ernest H b1868, Samuel Herbert H b1869, Reginald Hamilton b1871 and Agnes May H b1875. Maria died in 1926 in Atcham, Shropshire.

Mrs Carolyn Forsyth (<1895>)

Miss Charlotte Mary Scott (<1901-July 1913)

Early Life and Education

Charlotte was born in 1868 in Holywell, Flintshire, Wales, the daughter of Thomas Scott, Coachman & Domestic Servant and his wife Elizabeth. She had 6 siblings Thomas b1858, Mary b1858 d1862, William b1860, Ann b1863, Elizabeth b1863 and Walter b1870. Between 1871 and 1881 the family are living in Glyn Abbot Lodge, Bagillt Road, Holywell, Flintshire, Wales.

Career

In 1891 Charlotte is an Assistant Schoolmistress lodging with the Griffiths family in Tryddyn, Flintshire, Wales. On the 1901 Census she is the Schoolmistress in Knockin, living in the School House. On the night of the 1911 Census Charlotte is away visiting her sister Elizabeth, her family and her mother in 76 Barrington Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, Lancashire. On the Census she gives her occupation as Head Schoolmistress – County Council

Miss Sparrow (July 1913-6th August 1917)

Career

Resigned due to the ill health of her mother.

Miss Record (1918-1918)

Career

Never took up her appointment because of an accident.

Miss M E Jones (February 1919-December 1923)

Miss Clark (January-August 1924)

Career

Miss Clark was asked to refrain from the use of too much corporal punishment for minor errors. She was asked to resign.

Miss Brewster (August 1924-1927)

Career

Miss Brewster resigned due to her engagement.

Miss Sandells (September 1928-1938)

Career

Previously a Supply Teacher, before being appointed as Headmistress.

Miss Malthouse (1938-1939)

Olive Richards (1939-1939)

Career

In October 1939 she withdrew her application.

Miss Viney (October 1939-July 1968)

Career

Miss Viney was forced to resign following a car accident and family illness.

Supply Teachers (July 1968-December 1969)

Miss Joyce Evans (January 1970-December 1974)

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National School Welsh Walls Oswestry

Built in 1841 by local builder, James Vaughan of Beatrice Street, to plans (available in Shropshire Archives) drawn by the local pioneer Thomas Penson Jnr of Willow Street, on land that belonged to Colonel Gatacre. The property is built in gothic style, constructed of loosely coursed limestone, most likely from a local quarry, with dressed quoins and surrounds to windows and doors along with decorative finials and chimney stacks and contained a residence for the headmaster, but as further teaching accommodation as required it was later converted into classrooms. The last of the masters to reside upon the premises was **James Feather**. The cost of the school being defrayed by public subscription, grants of £38 from the council of education, £200 from the National Society and £700 from the funds of St. Oswald's Sunday School. It was created a Church of England School in 1872 and re-named **Oswestry Trinity Church School**, but continued to be known as the **National School**. During the restoration of St Oswald's Parish Church, 1872-1874 the Church Services were conducted in the School Chapel. The school opened in 1841 and first catered for 220 boys, 180 girls and 150 infants, with integral accommodation for the Headmaster. On the 1851 Census the accommodation is occupied by **Edward Wynne Jnr** and his parents. His father **Edward Wynne Snr** is running a **Private School** in **Black Gates**. In around 1932 Kempthorne House was constructed to the north of the main school to form further classrooms and facilities for pupils. On Monday 5th November 1951 the Infants Department moved to the newly opened **Oswestry Infant School**, leaving more space for the Juniors. When the school closed in 1973, the pupils transferred to the newly built **Beech Grove C of E Junior School**. Initially the premises were used for the 5th years form base and some teaching rooms for the **Boys & Girls High Schools**. Needlework was also transferred across to one of the rooms. As more pupils wished to take O and A level Food the adjoining room was taken over for cookery and a demonstration/teaching room. Later a second practical cookery room was built to accommodate the larger groups and numbers wishing to take Food and Nutrition. Around 1974 Recreational Activities were introduced on Wednesday afternoons, with survival cookery for the 6th Form boys and a new Music/Drama studio was created. In 1979 when reorganisation to Comprehensive Schools took place, this facility was transferred to **North Shropshire College** and **Fitzalan Comprehensive School** 5th year pupils were based here. Part of the premises continued to be used by **Fitzalan Comprehensive School** as overflow accommodation up to at least 1987. During 1986/87 some of **Woodside Primary School** pupils also used the premises after the arson attack which destroyed virtually the whole school, while the new school was being built. The premise lay empty before it was purchased in 1993 by the current owners and opened as The Walls Restaurant in December 1993, this closed in December 2015 due to the owners' retirement. They plan to convert the building into housing as at August 2016.

Headteachers

Edward Wynne Jnr (<1851>)

Early Life and Education

Baptised in Newtown, Montgomeryshire, Wales on 9th March 1828. The eldest son of Edward Wynne, an Excise Officer and his wife Elizabeth nee Arnold. He had 2 brothers, Walter William b1830 and Richard b1832. On the 1841 Census the family are living in Eastbourne, Sussex, where the father is an Excise Officer.

Career

On the 1851 Census Edward Jnr is the National Schoolmaster in Oswestry. By the 1861 Census he is no longer teaching and has joined the ministry as the Curate in Walcot, Somerset. It is believed about this time he was appointed Vicar of the new Parish of St Paul's, Haggerston, Middlesex. Moving onto to become Vicar of Hatcham, Deptford, London by the 1871 Census and Forest Gate, West Ham, Essex by the 1891 Census.

Personal Life

On 3rd September 1862 he married Agnes Mary Lea in St Paul's, Haggerston, Middlesex. She was born on 27th September 1842 in Everton Street, Everton, Liverpool, Lancashire. The couple had 1 son, Edward Horace b1864 in 17 Delamere Street, Haggerston, Middlesex. Edward Jnr died before 1901 and was survived by his wife Agnes Mary.

Samuel Shepley Lees (c1854-c1857)

Early Life and Education

Born on 8th February 1828 in Dukinfield, Cheshire, son of William Harrison (a/k/a Harry) Lees, a spinner and his wife Mary nee Shepley. He was christened on 2nd March 1828 in United Brethren or Moravian, Dukinfield, Cheshire. He had 5 siblings Sarah June 1823, Margaret 20th July 1825, Elizabeth 16th April 1830, William 21st October 1832 and Ann 23rd October 1833. On the 1841 Census the family are living in Oxford Road, Stockport, Cheshire.

National Schoolmaster Certificated

Career

On the 1851 Census, Samuel is a visitor in Northumberland Street, Toxteth Park, Lancashire, where his occupation is given as School Master. On the 1861 Census, although married, his family are not with him and Samuel is a boarder in Wargrave, Newton-in-Makerfield, Lancashire, where his occupation is given as National Schoolmaster Certificated. His wife and 3 children are resident with his father in Dukinfield, Cheshire. It is likely that shortly after the census his family joined him in Wargrave. On the 1871 Census, Samuel has left teaching and the family are living in Windle, Lancashire where his occupation is given as Music Seller, Carver & Gilder. On the 1881 Census, the family are living in Great George Street, Salford, Lancashire where Samuel is now a Brewery Manager. On the 1891 Census, the family are living in Lord Street, Broughton, Lancashire and Samuel is a Shipper's Book Keeper. The 1911 Census shows Samuel living in 16 Eltham Street, Levenshulme, Manchester, where he is a Retired Book Keeper.

Personal Life

On 29th December 1852 he married Mary Oldham in St John's, Dukinfield, Cheshire. She was born 1829 in Stalybridge, Cheshire. The couple had 10 children, Hannah Oldham b1854, Samuel Oldham b1856, Ada b1857, Mary O b1862, James Oldham b1864, Margaret A b1866, Bertha Oldham b1870 and William Shepley b1874. plus 2 unknown, who died before 1911. Samuel died in 1914.

James Feather (1859-1891)

Early Life and Education

Born on 6th March 1824 in Haworth, Yorkshire the eldest child of John Feather, a butcher and his wife Ann nee Barraclough. He was baptised on 2nd April 1824 in St Michael & All Angels, Haworth, Yorkshire. He had 8 siblings Amelia b1825, Mary b1829, Edwin b1831, Amos John b1832, Ann b1833, William b1833, John b1837, George b1839. On the 1841 Census the family are living in Haworth, Yorkshire, where John describes himself as a manufacturer. Three of the children appear to have died Mary, Amos John and Ann, as they are not on the Census.

Career

On the 1851 Census James is the National Schoolmaster in Bungay, Suffolk, where it would appear he stayed until c1859. Between the 1861 Census and the 1891 Census he is the National Schoolmaster in Oswestry.

Personal Life

On 16th August 1854 he married Mary Townend in St Peter's Cathedral, Bradford, Yorkshire. She was born 1821 in Cullingworth, Yorkshire. The couple had 4 children, Walter T b1855, Clara T b1857, Edith T b1859 and Laura T b1861. Laura died in 1877. James died on 13th August 1896 in Oswestry and was survived by his wife Mary.

Alexander Nelson (1892-1895)

Early Life and Education

Alexander was born in Blackburn, Lancashire in 1845. The eldest son of William Nelson, a marble cutter, formerly boatman and his wife Jane nee Booth. He had a sister and a brother, Rebecca born 4th June 1848 and William b1850. The family moved from Blackburn to Manchester c1848 and on the 1851 Census they are living in 2 Faulkner St., Manchester, Lancashire, where the father is a marble cutter.

Certified School Master

Career

On the 1871 Census Alexander is lodging with the Hughes family in Oswestry and gives his occupation as school teacher. In the Trade Directories and Parish Magazines he is shown as the Master in the **British School** for this year until at least 1877. By the 1881 Census he is the Headmaster at **Albert Road Board School** and is living in the School House, where he remains until 1892. Between 1892 and 1895, it is believed that he was the Headmaster at the **National School**. On the 1901 Census he is living in 44 York St., Oswestry and describes himself as a Certified Schoolmaster. Trade Directories show him as the Headmaster of **Albert Road Board School** 1895-1900 and the **Public Elementary School** in 1905. On the 1911 Census he is living in 42 York St., Oswestry and is now retired.

Personal Life

On 28th October 1875 he married Jane Morgan in Oswestry. She was born 1846 in Frome, Somerset. The couple had no children. Alexander died on 23rd January 1917 in 44 York St., Oswestry and was survived by his wife Jane.

William Henry Worrall (<1895-1909>)

Early Life and Education

Christened in All Saints, Runcorn, Cheshire on 24th July 1859. The eldest son of Samuel Worrall, a coachman and his wife Mary. He had a sister and a brother, Annie Maria b1861 and Samuel b1863. On the 1861 Census the family are living in Bridgewater St., Runcorn, Cheshire, where the father is a coachman. On the 1871 Census the family are still in Runcorn, but have moved to the High St., the father is now a horseman.

Certified Master Teacher

Career

On the 1881 Census, William is a Schoolmaster in Dudley, Worcestershire. By c1884 he is the Elementary Schoolmaster at **Morda CE Primary School**, where his wife, Frances is an Assistant. According to the Trade Directories c1895 he is a Certified Master Teacher at the **National School**, by the 1911 Census he has retired and is living in 90 Park Avenue, Oswestry.

Personal Life

In 1879 he married Frances Cropper. She was born 29th January 1860 in Liverpool, Lancashire. The couple had 5 children, Samuel b1880, Sarah Jane b1884, Arthur Blandford b1886, Florence Lilian b1895 and William Norman b1899. It would appear that Sarah Jane and Florence Lilian died young, as they do not appear on any census. William died in 15th March 1912 in 92 Park Avenue, Oswestry and was survived by his wife Frances.

James Gregson (<1911-6th August 1930)

Early Life and Education

Baptised in St John's, Preston, Lancashire on 29th May 1870. The son of George Gregson, a Coach Body Maker and his wife Jane nee Bannister. He had 8 siblings, John b1863, Ann b1865, Ellen b1873, Lucy or Elizabeth b1876, Mary b1878, John b1880, William 1883 and George Edward b1885. Before he is one year old, the family have moved to Wellington, Shropshire, but by c1873 they are living in Northwich, Cheshire and c1876 are back in Wellington, Shropshire, where they remain until c1884. The moves would appear to be connected with George's occupation as a Coach Body Maker, until c1884 when the family move to Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales, where George purchases a Tobacconist's Shop in 26 York Street and on the 1891 Census, James is a Student at a Training College.

Career

On his marriage in 1894 his occupation is School Master, but it is not known where. In 1897 he was appointed Headmaster of Gresford School, Denbighshire, Wales, where he remained until 1911. On the 1901 Census he was living in the Boys School House, Gresford. On the 1911 Census he is living in Edward Street, Oswestry and shows his occupation as Head Teacher (County Council).

Personal Life

On 24th July 1894 he married Margaret Ellen Clarke in St Peter & St Paul's, Kettering, Northamptonshire. She was born in 1871 in Kettering, Northamptonshire. The couple had 1 son, James Clarke b1896. Soon after he came to Oswestry, James was appointed Hon. Secretary of the Old Oswestry United Football Club and he was a keen football supporter. On his retirement James left Oswestry and went to live in Liverpool, where he remained until the death of his wife in January 1952. He then went to live with his only surviving son Jim, in West Derby until his death. James died on 17th January 1956 in Gresford, It is not known why he was in Gresford at the time of his death, as his death registration is in Liverpool.

Source Death Notice: BCA 25/01/1956

Miss M Cuttand (Headmistress of the Girls Department) (<6th August 1930-1945>)

Miss A Wynne (Headmistress of the Infants Department) (<6th August 1930>)

Miss M Jones (Headmistress of the Infants Department (<1951)

Career

Miss Jones took over as head of **Oswestry Infant School** on its opening on Monday 5th November 1951.

David Ieuan Martin- Jones (<1953>)

Early Life and Education

David was born on 21st August 1914 in Swansea, Glamorgan, Wales. The only child of Benjamin Jones and his wife, Gladys Hannah nee Davies. He was educated at Harwarden Grammar School and graduated from the University of Wales (Bangor).

Career

He taught at Walthamstow, Harwarden, Penygroes and Porthmadog Secondary Schools before accepting the Headship at Ewelme C of E Junior School in Oxfordshire. In 1953 he took over the Headship at the **National School** and on its closure the Headship of the newly opened **Beech Grove C of E Junior School** until his retirement in 1976.

Personal Life

Over a period of years he conducted divine services at numerous parish churches in the areas where he taught and at one time studied for ordination. Latterly, however his duties as headmaster precluded his continuing with that work. After his retirement his charitable work included the Rotary Club and the Newspaper for the Blind.

On 6th July 1939 he married Enid Evans in London. She was born on 18th February 1915 in Linwood Road, Birkenhead, Cheshire. The couple had 4 children.

David died on 2nd October 1983 in Broadgreen Hospital, Liverpool, Merseyside and was survived by his wife, Enid.

Source: Oswestry Through the Ages – John Pryce-Jones (F64)
BCA 12th October 1983
Ancestry Family Trees
A D Finch – Oswestry Local Collection (F34)

Teachers

Mrs Thomas (<1960-1963>)

Mrs Maisie Evans (<1958-1963>) (Infants)

Miss Ruth Pierce (<1958-1963>) (Juniors)

Sam Clews (<1958-1963>) (Juniors)

Colin Cole (September 1956-July 1965) (Special Needs)

Charles Birch (<1958-1963>) (Juniors)

William Charles Herbert Kynaston (January 1955-c1970/71) (Juniors)

Early Life and Education

Herbert as he was known was born in Oswestry on 26th July 1921.

Career

Before WW2 he worked for a firm of solicitors and during the war was a voluntary paratrooper. Before joining the **National School** in 1955 he previously taught in the Shrewsbury area.

Personal Life

Herbert married Avis M Nicholls in Oswestry in 1950. He died on 3rd February 1973 in the Royal Salop Infirmary.

Mrs Eileen Bawden (<1958-1963>) (Juniors)

Dinner Ladies (<1960-1963>)

Mrs Revill

Mrs Dorothy Richards

Mrs Donner

Mrs Austin

Source: 1956-1965 Colin Cole (Teacher)
1958-1962 Jayne Kynaston (Pupil and daughter of Herbert Kynaston)
1960-1963 Peter Morris (Pupil)
OGHS 1963-1979 Barbara D Gull (Teacher)
OGHS June Braddick (Parry) (Pupil 1953-1958)
From The Study 1974, 1977

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Photograph from Dianne James of Class of 1945 – her father Clive James is on the middle row 4th from left with the glasses, he was born in 1935 and looks to be between 8 and 10 years old.

Oswestry C. E. Infants School
(See National School Welsh Walls)

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Oswestry Girls High School
Upper Brook Street
Oswestry

Opened on 26th July 1912 for 140 pupils, having previously occupied premises in **Bellan House, Church Street**. Initially the school was divided into 7 forms, pupils varying from 11 to 18 years. The tuition fees per term were £2-13-4p (payable in advance). The cost of construction was £6000. Messrs Appleyard and Quiggin of Liverpool designed the building and T. G. Huxley of Malpas, Cheshire carried out the construction. The outer walls were faced with red Ruabon brick and grey terracotta trimmings with grey slates used to complete the roof with its several tall chimneys. The ground floor consisted of a large central hall with 3 windows facing the entrance gates. On either side were rooms with bay windows. Altogether there were 5 classrooms, Teachers Common Rooms, Cookery Room, Pupils Toilets and cloakrooms. The wide staircases at either end of the building led to the upper floor which consisted of a Library and Music Room, Laboratory with Conservatory, Art Room and one other Classroom. The entire building was heated by hot water and radiators with electricity for lighting. Outside, the entrance to the school was paved with what was called a 'carriageway', with grass areas on each side. At the rear of the building there was a hard surfaced playground, grass tennis court and an open playing field. In 1922 the number of pupils had risen to over 200. The school was divided into 4 'Houses'. Each 'House' bore the name of the earliest School Governors; Venables, Barnes, Beresford and Boughey. Between 1939 and 1953 the number of pupils increased yet again and more rooms were required. During WWII Oakhurst was requisitioned and taken over by Coventry Climax. The works was in the Crosville Depot and the clerical staff at Oakhurst, given back the name of the original house Mount Zion. The whole house was partitioned off into offices and there was a large canteen there. After the war Coventry Climax moved back to Coventry and the house was empty for 2 years. In 1948 **Miss Craig** and Salop Education Committee decided the premises would make suitable boarding accommodation and Oakhurst boarding house was established, over the years extensions were added for Home Economics and the 6th Form. Oakhurst continued to be a boarding annexe for **Fitzalan and Croeswylan Comprehensive Schools** into the 1970s. The gates to the school bore the inscription of 'The Oswestry Girls High School' and at the start of the war the inscription had to be chiselled out in order that the invading forces could not identify where they were. During **Miss Craig's** headship the number of pupils increased to 500. It was during her time that get togethers of old girls, 6th formers and any members of staff who wanted to attend were encouraged and to this end mattresses that were stored under the stage in the main hall were used for them to stay overnight. These mattresses were originally used during the war when members of staff were needed to do night watches. Under **Miss Wright** this venture only lasted for 1 year. In the 1950s overcrowding got very serious, 6th form lessons were often taken in the clinic a short way further down Upper Brook Street, then 26 Upper Brook Street took the place of the clinic and later demountable classrooms were erected in its grounds. The two High Schools took over the old **National School** premises, after its closure as a primary school in 1973. It was used as a base for the 5th years and some teaching rooms. Needlework was transferred to one of the rooms. An adjoining room was taken over for cookery and later a second practical cookery room was built. The school closed in 1979, merging with **Oswestry Boys High School** and the **National School** buildings to create

Fitzalan Comprehensive School. By 2002 the building had transferred to **North Shropshire College.** In 2004 the site was bought by Morbury Homes who converted the buildings into 2/3/4 bedroom town houses.

Headteachers

Miss Lucretia Mickleburgh (1908-December 1931)



Early Life and Education

Lucretia was born in 1871 in Church Bank House, Town Ditch, Montgomery, Montgomeryshire, Wales, the daughter of William Mickleburgh, Land Agent and his wife Rose Damaris nee Wood. She had 3 siblings Rose Isabel b1873, William b1875 and Charles George b1877. On the 1871 and 1881 Census the family are living in Church Bank House, Town Ditch, Montgomery, Montgomeryshire, Wales.

Certificated in Theology, Latin, Mathematics, Chemistry, English Language, Literature, History and Parisian French, Queen's College, Harley Street, London

Career

On the 1891 Census **Lucretia** is visiting Camilla Crowdace, a Lady Residential Queens College in 1 Lyon Cottage, Frensham, Surrey and gives her occupation as School Daily Teacher. On the 1901 and 1911 Census the cousins, **Emily Williams** and **Lucretia** and Lucretia's sister Rose Isabel are Schoolmistresses living in **Bellan House, Church Street, Oswestry**, with 14 boarders and 3 General Servants. In 1911 her widowed mother is the Head of the household.

Personal Life

On **Emily's** retirement from **Bellan House** in 1920, **Lucretia** together with **Emily Williams** and her sister Rose Isabel moved into Kildoon, Welsh Walls, Oswestry. Lucretia died on 5th September 1965, her residence at the time of her death was Flat 4, Wingthorpe,* Oswestry, Shropshire.

*Wingthorpe was a boarding house for **Bellan House**

Source: Anne Evans

OSWESTRY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL.

Four Mistresses Leave.

Ald. T. Ward Green presided at a Governors' meeting at the Girls' High School on Friday afternoon, when there were present: Mrs. Drew, Mrs. W. Perks, Mrs. Walker, Miss Parry, the Hon. Mrs. O. F. Jackson, and Councillor J. Barlow, with Miss Mickleburgh, the headmistress, and the clerk, Mr. T. Pryce Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. K. Minshall and Major W. Felton.

Accounts recommended for payment by the Finance Committee amounted to £1,010 0s. 9d., and these were passed, the Clerk stating that included in the accounts were the teachers' salaries, and £103 9s. in rates.

The list of pupils, which was passed, showed that there were 156 fee-paying scholars in the School, 78 free places, and five minor scholars, making a total of 239.

Miss Mickleburgh said that Miss Davies, of Llanelly, who was one of the leading head mistresses in Wales, but was now retired had consented to give an address on Speech Day.

Mrs. Drew was asked to present the prizes, and this she consented to do.

Miss Mickleburgh reported that certain repairs were necessary to the Hall of the School, and it was decided that these should be carried out.

The Headmistress reported that four of her mistresses were leaving her. Miss Hampson, the science mistress, who had returned to the School this year after being absent through illness, had decided to give up teaching for some time. She would be a very great loss to the School. She had never had a failure in her subject in any examination while she had been at the School. Miss Sowby, the senior English mistress had obtained a post at Brigg, in Lincolnshire, where she would be near her home. Miss Jones, the second mistress for German and French, had obtained a senior post at Barshill, Coventry, and Miss Hall, the second mathematics mistress, had obtained a post as senior mistress at the Haberdashers' School, Atcham, Surrey.

Three mistresses, continued Miss Mickleburgh, she had already appointed in their stead. Miss Martin, who was an M.A. honours, at Somerville, Oxford, who had received training in teaching at Oxford, and was coming to the School from Selby High School, Yorks., would teach English; Miss Mason, an M.Sc. honours, of Birmingham University, who received training in teaching at Birmingham University, and who was coming from Smethwick High School, would teach science; Miss Walker, who was a B.A. honours from Somerville, Oxford, and who had received her training in teaching at Oxford, would teach German and French.

BCA 10 July 1929

Miss Hilda Mary Craig (1932-1953)

Early Life and Education

Hilda was born on 6th October 1896 in Birmingham, Warwickshire, the daughter of James Craig, Clerk to Surveyors & Valuers and his wife Hannah Florence nee Pound. She had 4 siblings Jessie Florence b1887, Agnes I b1888, Arthur b1891 and Unknown born before 1911. On the 1901-1911 Census the family are living in 62 Cavendish Road, Birmingham, Warwickshire.

Career

On the 1939 Register, Hilda is living in 7 Edward Street, Oswestry and gives her occupation as Headmistress of the Girls High School.

Personal Life

Hilda died on 25th February 1983 in West Barton, Thorverton, Exeter, Devon.

Miss Irene Wright (September 1953-1972)

Miss Pat E Gilbert (1972-1979)

Early Life and Education

Pat trained as a pharmacist at Manchester University.

Career

Without any teaching training she was accepted for her first post as a chemistry and biology teacher at a grammar school in Altrincham, Cheshire. In 1960 she moved to Nigeria for 18 months, instructing guides officers. After a brief spell at a grammar school in Stockport, she went to Hong Kong for 4 years as Deputy Head of a Comprehensive Secondary School for the children of service personnel. Back in Britain she was Deputy Head in Devon, before moving to Oswestry in 1972 as Headmistress of **Oswestry Girls High School**.

Personal Life

She was an officer in the girl guides movement.



Globe-trotting head

A LIFETIME of teaching, which started almost by accident and went on to span the world, concludes at the end of this summer when Miss Pat Gilbert, headmistress of Fitzalan School, retires.

Miss Gilbert first trained as a pharmacist at Manchester University and while working as a shop manager stayed with the family of a Methodist minister.

Their son had an open day at his school but, because of pressure of work, the parents were unable to go.

Miss Gilbert offered to accompany him and the sight of the children's work up on the walls inspired her to take up teaching.

Without any teacher training she was accepted for her first post as a chemistry and biology teacher at a girls grammar school in Altrincham, Cheshire. Her lack of training was compensated by her experience in youth work as an officer in the girl guides movement.

From there she moved to Africa in 1960 where she spent 18 months in Nigeria instructing guides officers. Living conditions were basic and much of her time was spent out in the bush.

After a brief spell back in Britain, at a girls grammar school

in Stockport, she went off to Hong Kong for four years as Deputy Head of a Comprehensive Secondary School for the children of service personnel.

Back in Britain again she was a deputy head in Devon before moving to Oswestry in 1972 as headmistress of the Girls High School. In her 16 years in the town Miss Gilbert has seen generations of children pass through her doors. She has enjoyed living here and finds the people very friendly.

Her time at Oswestry also witnessed the school's reorganisation to comprehensive education in 1979, which she found both challenging and satisfying.

She believes that now, with falling rolls, one school for the town is the right way to go. Her only fear is that the promised buildings will not be provided.

"Everybody must fight for the new school buildings", she said.

Miss Gilbert approves of the government's new core curriculum, believing that breadth of education is important and that specialisation at an early stage should be avoided. The curriculum already followed at Fitzalan is similar to the government proposals.

The new GCSE is also favoured by Miss Gilbert because the pupils are more involved with the work.

"The emphasis is on skills and less on learning facts", she said.

"It's what leads to the exam that's important; GCSE allows new methods of teaching".

Talking about her pupils, she believes most of them are very appreciative of what the school does and that the majority of them behave themselves.

"There is too much in the press and media on children who misbehave and not enough on the good children". She considered the children of today were no different from those of the past.

What does worry Miss Gilbert, however, is the number of parents

who come to her and say they cannot control their children.

These problems, she believes, could be avoided if parents did more, in terms of outings and activities, with their adolescent children. Today she sees a tendency for the parents to do their own thing and leave the children to get on by themselves.

Looking forward to her retirement, Miss Gilbert said that she plans to be a lady of leisure for six months and will then pursue her favourite pastime of travelling and visit all her friends, in Britain and abroad.

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Memories of the old Girls' School

I ENJOYED the piece in last week's paper about Oswestry Girls' High School and recognised a couple of the members of staff mentioned.

Miss Craig would have been headmistress at the time the play was produced. OGHS only ever had four headmistresses in all the time it existed.

Miss Lucretia Mickleburgh was the school's founder and first headmistress. She retired in December 1931 and was succeeded by Miss H.M. Craig who served as headmistress until 1953.

Miss I. Wright then became headmistress and continued until 1972 when Miss Pat Gilbert became headmistress.

Miss Gilbert took the school through the comprehensive reorganisation in 1979, becoming head of one of the two new comprehensive schools, Fitzalan School, which was based upon the old high school sites and the national school site in Welsh Walls.

She continued as head of Fitzalan School until the second reorganisation in 1989 when the two comprehensive schools, Croeswylan School and Fitzalan School, merged to become the Marches School, under the headship of Alan Cooper.

The programme also made mention of Mr. Bridger and the choir. Mr. Bridger, better known as Mr. Harry Moore-Bridger, is still fondly remembered by many in the town and his son Chris still lives in Oswestry, singing every Sunday with St Oswald's Church choir and various other groups.

Mr. Moore-Bridger was



appointed to the school staff by Miss Mickleburgh and under his leadership the school choir established quite a reputation in the area, having several successes at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. He was awarded an MBE in the 1963 New Year's Honours List.

Pam Willing,
Oswestry Family
& Local History Group

SHARP-EYED readers of last week's *Bygones* will have noticed that in the Girls' High School production of *Romeo and Juliet*, the part of Tybalt was played by Rosemary Leach.

Rosemary who was born at Much Wenlock in 1935, went on to become one of the most distinguished actresses of the mid-20th century, enjoying a prolific career in stage, film and television.

One of her most memorable performances was as Laurie Lee's

indomitable mother in the BBC's 1972 production of *Cider with Rosie*.

She won an Olivier Award for best actress in a new play for her performance as Helene Hanff in *84 Charing Cross Road*. (Hanff, an anglophile Jewish book collector from New York, was played in the film version by Ann Bancroft.) In the star-studded film *A Room With a View* she played Mrs Honeychurch alongside Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Simon Callow and Helena Bonham-Carter. *Archers* devotees will remember her as Nigel Pargetter's Aunt Ellen.

The Girls' High School never produced a comparable celebrity, although if you catch one of the frequent repeats of *Shirley Valentine* you will see Shirley's obnoxious daughter played by Diane Whitley, an OGHS girl of the 1970s.

Lawrence Garner,
Oswestry

Source: The Rilstonian, 6th July 1920
From The Study – 1972, 1973, 1974
Miss I Wright
Irene Thomas (Harding) September 2001 – 90 years Anniversary of the Official Opening
June Braddick (Parry) (Pupil 1953-1958)
Barbara D Gull

June Chilton
Peggy Gibbons (Teacher)
Betty Lawson (Pupil) (Mother-in-Law Mrs T Lawson Matron at Oakhurst
1940s-1960s)
Shropshire Star 15th July 2004
BCA 10th July, 1929, 28th December 2005, 6th December 2016

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May 2018

Oswestry Trinity Church School
(See National School, Welsh Walls)

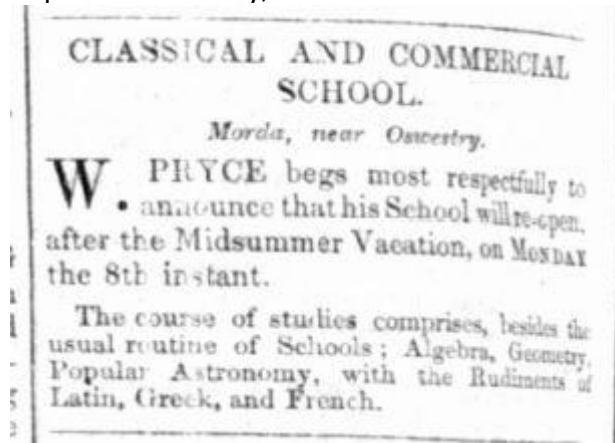
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The course of studies comprises, besides the usual routine of Schools; Algebra, Geometry, Popular Astronomy, with the Rudiments of Latin, Greek and French.



Oswestry Advertiser & Railway Guide July 1850

Headteacher

William Bowyer Pryce (<1850-1852>)

Early Life and Education

William was born 5th May 1809 in Oswestry, the son of John Pryce and his wife Sarah nee Boyer. He had 4 siblings John born 26th September 1812 d1814. Thomas 15th February 1815, Catherine 2nd February 1817 and Walter born 6th October 1819.

Career

On Thomas Hollins' baptism 30th September 1832 in St Oswald's Church, Oswestry, William is shown as a Printer and the family are living in Beatrice Street. On the 1841 Census the family are living in Coney Green, Oswestry where William is a Schoolmaster. Shortly after the Census the family moved to Liverpool, Lancashire where in the 1843 Kellys Directory, William is a Teacher in 34 Walnut Street, Liverpool, Lancashire. The family remained there until at least 1845, before moving back to Shropshire, where their daughter Sarah was born in 1850. On the 1851 Census the family are living in 7 Morda where William describes himself as a Teacher of English. On the 1861 Census, William is no longer in education and has returned to his previous occupation, the family are living in 174 Salop Road, Oswestry and William is a Printer's Foreman. On the 1871 Census they have moved to 233 and William is a Letterpress Printer and in 1881 still in Salop Road, but now 139 and William is a Compositor Printer.

Personal Life

William married Sarah Hollins on 21st November 1831 in St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, she was born on 28th December 1809 in Shrewsbury, Shropshire. The couple had 8 children Thomas Hollins b1833, Mary Hollins born 23rd May 1835, Elizabeth b1840, William Bowyer b1841, Edward Hawkins b1843, Rose Alice b1845, Sarah b1850 and Emma Maria born July 1853. William died in 1889 and was buried on 4th June 1889 in Oswestry, Shropshire.

Source: BCA July 1850, p52
Compiled by Sophie Arthur
August 2018

Ragged School Upper Church Street Oswestry

Originally housed in an upper room of a building at the rear of The Golden Lion, Upper Church Street, Oswestry this was the first **Ragged School** for the town and opened in 1870. The school was maintained wholly by (then) the Hon. Mrs. Kenyon. A more suitable building in North Castle Street was erected in 1872.

Headteachers

Richard Owen (1870-1872)

Early Life and Education

Richard was born in 1842 in Llandinam, Montgomeryshire, Wales.

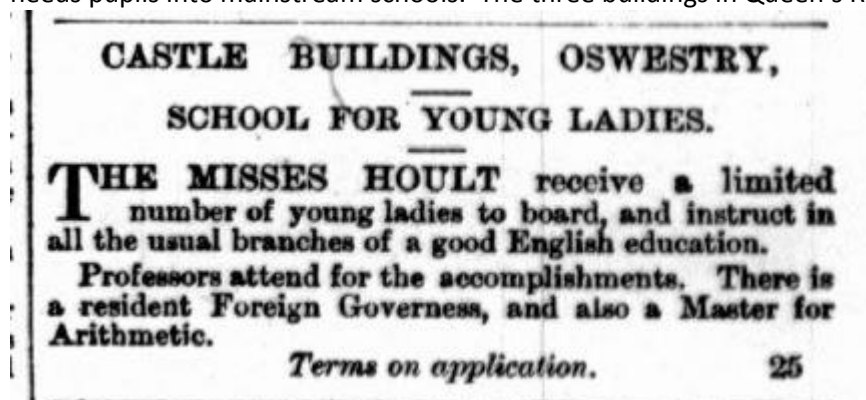
Career

On the 1871 Census Richard is a visitor in the Clergy House, Kirkleatham, Yorkshire, occupation Schoolmaster. On the 1881 Census he is lodging with Mary Jones, widow, in Castle St., Oswestry, occupation Schoolmaster.

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September 2018

Queen's Park School Queens Road Oswestry

Opened in 1812 or possibly as early as 1803 in **Castle Buildings, Willow Street**, also known as **The College**, the premises in Queen's Park were purpose built in 1895. The school's name changed in 1912. In 1948 the proprietorship passed to Mr and Mrs R Jackson of Maesbury. In 1989 it became a centre for dyslexics and closed in 1998, due to the Labour Government's Policy to integrate special needs pupils into mainstream schools. The three buildings in Queen's Road were put up for sale.



Salop & Montgomeryshire Post 16 March 1881

Headteachers

Misses Jane, Helen and Catherine Houlton (<1900-1920>)

Early Life and Education

Jane and Helen were born in Wolverley, Worcestershire, Jane in 1847 and Helen in 1843, Catherine was born in 1855 in Conover, Shropshire, the daughters of John Houlton, farmer and his wife Ann. They had 9 siblings John Winnall b1839, Ann b1840, Alice b1841, Felicia b1845, William b1848, Mary Louisa b1850, Sarah b1851, Harry Edward b1856, Jessie b1857. On the 1851 Census the family are farming Low Farm, Wolverley, Worcestershire and Jane is living with her cousin, Henry Crane, farmer in Grey Green Farm, Kidderminster, Worcestershire. On the 1861 and 1871 Census the family are farming in Conover Green, Conover, Shropshire.

Career

On the 1871 Census, Helen is living with her parents and describes herself as a Governess. Jane is a Governess for Annie Bowen, living in Nordley, Alverley, Shropshire. On the 1881 Census all three sisters describe themselves as Governesses, with 1 French Teacher, 14 female boarders and 2 general servants. On the 1891 Census the sisters are Principals of a School with 2 Governesses, 8 female boarders, 1 cook and 1 housemaid. On the 1901 Census Helen and Catherine are running **The College** as Secondary School Mistresses with 3 Assistant Teachers, 18 female pupils, 1 cook and 1 housemaid. On the 1911 Census Helen and Catherine are now in Partnership with **Helen Weyermann** and **Bessie Montgomery Porter**, with 1 Assistant Mistress, 8 pupils, 1 cook and 1 housemaid.

Personal Life

Helen died on 9th April 1931 in Fordrough, Church Stretton, Shropshire. Jane died in 1901 and Catherine died in 1939, both in Oswestry, Shropshire.

Helen Weyermann (<1911-1937>)

Early Life and Education

Helen was born on 10th March 1875 in Switzerland. She spoke 4 languages and was a gifted pianist.

Career

On the 1901 Census Helen is an Assistant Teacher at **The College**.

Personal Life

On the 1939 Register Helen is a Retired School Mistress living in The Pines, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire, Wales, also with her acting as housekeeper is **Bessie M Griffiths**. Helen died in 1969 in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Bessie Montgomery Porter (1902-1935)

Early Life and Education

Bessie was born on 26th September 1877 in Wells, Somerset, the daughter of Charles Porter, Accountant to a Wine and Spirit Retailer and his wife Lucy Jane nee Brabham. She had 2 siblings Alice Lucy b1871 and Frederick C b1875. On the 1881 Census the family are living in 13 Market Place, Wells, Somerset, Charles Porter is a widower living with his widowed mother, wine and spirit retailer and an unmarried sister.

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Register Entry concerning: **GRIFFITHS, BESSIE MONTGOMERY.** (nee **PORTER**). (*hwo*)

Date of Registration: **1st July, 1919.** Register Number: **26683.**

Professional Address: **Maesgeoy, Howey,**

LLANDRINDOD WELLS.

Attainments:

**University of Cambridge Teachers' Certificate, Class II.
Cambridge Senior Local Honours Examination.
Cambridge Higher Local Examination.**

Training in Teaching: **Cambridge Teachers' Training College.**

Experience:

Assistant Mistress -	
Girls' Grammar School, Ilminster.	1898.
Queen's Park School, Oswestry.	1898-1901.
Joint Principal -	
Queen's Park School, Oswestry.	1902-1921.

Career

Assistant Mistress Girls' Grammar School Ilminster 1898. Assistant Teacher at **The College** 1898-1901.

Personal Life

Bessie married John Griffiths in 1921 in Oswestry, Shropshire. On the 1939 Register Bessie is widowed, living in The Pines, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire and acting as housekeeper for **Helen Weyermann**. Bessie died in 1948 in The Pines, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells, Radnorshire, Wales and was buried on 21st January 1948 in Llanfihangel Helygen, Radnorshire, Wales.

Miss Ruth Mabel Norman (1937-1948)

Early Life and Education

Ruth was born on 6th June 1908 in Montacute, Somerset, the daughter of George Reed Norman, Farmer and his wife Lucy Mabel nee Norman. She had 1 sibling Christopher John b1910. On the 1911 Census the family are living in Abbey Farm, Montacute, Somerset.

Redland High School, Bristol, Training Department
National Froebel Union Higher Certificate

Career

Assistant Mistress: **Queen's Park School** 1930-1933, Woodlands School, Ballinger Grange, Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire 1933-1935 and **Queen's Park School** 1935-1937. On the 1939 Register Ruth is residing in **Queen's Park School** and gives her occupation as Principal of School, with 6 teachers, 2 domestic servants and 4 pupils.

Personal Life

Ruth married Percy E Dibble in 1948; Ruth died in 1985, both events were registered in Taunton, Somerset.

Miss M Mosscrop (1948-1949)

Career

Prior to her appointment **Miss Mosscrop** was headmistress of a school in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. She taught at Wentworth School during the war, when the school was removed from Bournemouth to Llandysilio Hall.

Miss E McDonald (Acting) (March-August 1948)

Miss Flint (1948-1949)

J A Davies (1949-1961>)

Early Life and Education

MSc. A.R.I.C.

Mrs B M Hill (1949-1961>)

Peter Glynne Thomas (21st April 1952-1989)

Early Life and Education

Peter was born in Liverpool, Lancashire and attended Ellesmere College.

Career

Peter came from a top management post in industry.

TWENTY YEARS HEADMASTER OF A GIRLS' SCHOOL

MR PETER GLYNNE THOMAS, headmaster and principle of Queen's Park School, Oswestry, celebrates his 20th anniversary this term. He said: "I suppose at the start I must have been one of the first headmasters of girls' schools. Nowadays they are less uncommon."

Mr Thomas came from a top management post in industry, where one of his chief responsibilities was training, to take control of the school on April 21, 1952, and moved in full-time in the following March. He said: "I really came into it as I had been helping family friends with the administration

when I was given the opportunity to take it over. I had always been interested in administration and organisation and with the backing of a first-class senior mistress, Mrs Mather, and teaching staff I feel the school has made considerable progress." Mr Thomas, a Liverpudlian by birth, had already Shropshire connections as an old boy of Ellesmere College.

Queen's Park School, founded in 1820, now has a total of 134 pupils, 78 of them day girls and 56 boarders. It is steadily expanding. During this term Mr Thomas plans to convert a former small flat for residential domestic staff in the classroom block into an administration block, with headmaster's study, senior mistress' room and school office. His present study on the ground floor of the residential block will become a commonroom-cum-classroom for the girls.

Mr Thomas commented: "These days we find domestic staff prefer to live at home, even if they have to turn out in time to be here for breakfast, so this small flat will make a very useful self-contained unit for administration purposes. It will offer a greater measure of privacy without cutting us off from the school."

BCA 17th May 1972 p4/6

SCHOOL SET TO CLOSE

THE oldest girls' school in the country will be closing its doors at the end of the summer term.

Queen's Park School, Queens Road, Oswestry, has been a centre for dyslexics since 1989 but was founded in the 1840s as a girls school.

The 52 pupils, who come from from all over the country, will now have to find alternative schools. The 23

members of staff will be made redundant.

Head Mrs Diana Baur said the decision had been forced on the Queens Park Partnership that runs the private school because of financial constraints. It follows the Labour Government's policy to integrate special needs pupils into mainstreams schools.

She said: "It is with much regret that we have been advised by the school

accountants that we will have to close the school at the end of this term.

"The new government policy is to integrate special needs children into maintained schools and local education authorities would appear to be implementing this policy."

The school currently owns and occupies three buildings in Queens Road which will now go on the market for sale.

BCA – 17 June 1998 p5 col 1-3

Source: BCA 3rd March 1948 p4, 7, p8, BCA 24th March 1948 p4, p7, p8,
BCA 15th February 1961, See Queen's Park School Article on our website – Research Resources No.11 page 22
BCA 3rd August 1963 p14 - See Queen's Park School Article on our website – Research Resources No.11 page 24
BCA 17th May 1972 p4/6, June 1998
Kellys Directory 1900, 1917, 1937
Bessie Montgomery Griffiths – Teachers' Registration Council 1919
Ruth Mabel Norman – Teachers' Registration Council 1936

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May 2018

Selattyn School
Selattyn
Oswestry

Source: A History of Selattyn & the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin – Betty Shaw (FT64)

The Hanmer Morris Charity and **Selattyn School**.

There is no record of the first Schoolmaster, nor is it known of any instructions before Charles Morris' bequest. The earliest mentions are –

Headteachers

John Ellis (5th May 1740-December 1747)

Career

As well as the Schoolmaster, John was also the Clerk to the Parish Church.

Personal Life

John died in 1747 in Selattyn and was buried there on 20th December 1747.

Rev Humphrey Humphreys (<3rd April 1749-April 1749)

Career

Humphrey taught 16 poor children for £8 a year more or less.

Personal Life

Humphrey died in April 1749 in Selattyn of smallpox and was buried there on 30th April 1749.

Charles Thomas (<1753>)

Career

Charles received £1 5s 0d a quarter.

John Rogers (<1775)

Early Life and Education

It would appear from Selattyn Parish Records that John may have been the son of John Rogers from St Martins.

Personal Life

Again from Parish Records that he may have died in Selattyn in 1775 and been buried there on 17th December 1775.

Joseph Hitchin (1775>)

Ann Davies (1781>)

Career

Half years and some quarters schooling of 13 children £1 3s 0d.

Their salaries seem a mere pittance, considering that the parish contained in 1753 120 families and in 1809 157 houses, but most of the children received no teaching at all. In 1811 the present **Selattyn C of E School** was built by the Rector George Newton Kynaston

Lloyd under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners, Charles Morris' bequest and two-thirds of Bishop Hanmer's bequest.

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October 2017

**The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital School
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation
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Gobowen
Oswestry**

HISTORICAL FACTSHEET No 21

The Hospital School

Towards the end of the First World War, Agnes Hunt decided to set up a school at the Baschurch Home to cater for the needs of long-stay child patients, so that they would eventually be able to return to school without prejudice to their education. The school was approved by the Board of Education, and the first qualified teacher was appointed in 1918. The school gradually grew in size after the hospital moved to Oswestry, so that by the time

Miss Shipley was appointed Head Mistress in 1927, she had a staff of six other teachers. At that time, 115 children were receiving instruction. Many were suffering from diseases such as tuberculosis and poliomyelitis, which meant that they could be hospitalised for months or even years, and the routine provided by the school played an important part in promoting the children's emotional well-being. When Miss Shipley wished to get married the following year, she had to ask leave of the school managers to do so! This was granted, and she continued in employment as Mrs Keleghan until her retirement in 1952. When the wards were open-sided, as many lessons as possible were held outdoors, with beds lined up to form an impromptu classroom. Different age-groups of children were taught in separate ward classes. In 1961, the local education authority provided funding for a new school building at the rear of the hospital, overlooking the sports field. Groups of children were brought daily to the classroom for subjects such as drama, singing, cookery, and pottery. At that time, there were still around 100 children on the school register. The Special School building was used for over 20 years, until it was refurbished in 1987 as the Peter Pan Nursery for children of hospital staff. Thanks to developments in the treatment of childhood diseases, the majority of children are now unlikely to stay in hospital more than a few weeks or even days. The average number of students on the school register is now ten. To reflect this progress, the hospital school was re-designated as a Teaching Unit in 1992, and today has only one full-time teacher. This in no way demeans the value of the teaching given, but provides new challenges for the teacher and play leaders.

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Headteachers

Miss Cordelia Lloyd (1918-1923)

Early Life and Education

Cordelia was born on 1st June 1891 in Walworth or Lambeth, London, the daughter of John Lloyd, a newspaper compositor and his wife Jane nee Thurley. She had 2 siblings Gladys b1896 and Florence b1907. On 17th January 1898 Cordelia is admitted to the newly opened Cormont Road School, Myatts Fields, Flodden Road, Lambeth, London. On admission the family are living in 29 Crawshay Road, North Brixton, London. The school was renamed Cormont Primary and Secondary Schools in 1951 and closed in 1960. Cordelia then attended Hackford Road Elementary School, London where she studied until 20th September 1902, achieving Standard VII. She then won a scholarship to the Mary Datchelor School, Southwark, London. On the 1901 Census the family are still at 29 Crawshay Road, North Brixton, London.

Career

On the 1911 Census Cordelia is still with her family in 29 Crawshay Road, North Brixton, London and she is a Student (Teaching). *When Cordelia applied for the post at the Hospital School she was on the teaching staff of Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, Surrey and residing in 50 Sudbourne Road, Brixton Hill, London.*

Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Information from the minutes of the Managers of the Baschurch Home Special School, 8th May 1918

Miss Joyce Davis (1923-1927)

Early Life and Education

Joyce was born on 3rd March 1898 in Oswestry, Shropshire, the daughter of **Frederick George Davis**, a Schoolmaster and his wife Alice Anne nee Lidster. She had 4 siblings Guy Lidster b1895, Geoffrey b1897, Robert Lidster b1900 and Alison b1903. On the 1901 and 1911 Census, Joyce is living in Morda School House, where her father is the Elementary Schoolmaster.

Certified Teacher

Career

*Joyce was first appointed at the Hospital School as a certified assistant teacher in 1920. She took over from **Cordelia Lloyd** after an interview with Agnes Hunt. The post was not advertised nationally.*

*Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Information from the minutes of the School Managers*

On the 1939 Register, Joyce is living with her parents and younger sister, Alison in Kenilworth, Gobowen and gives her occupation as Certified Teacher, helping parents.

Personal Life

It is possible that Joyce's younger sister Alison also worked as the hospital as a clerk, as this is her given occupation on the 1939 Register, along with helping parents. Joyce died in February 1996 in Oswestry, Shropshire.

Mrs Ivy Keleghan nee Shipley (1927-1952)

Early Life and Education

Ivy was born on 11th February 1896 in South Shields, Durham, the daughter of William Hetherington Shipley, house painter and his wife Eliza Louisa V nee Boyce. She had 6 siblings Ethel b1879, Agnes b1881, Gertrude b1886, Elsie b1889, Allan b1892, William Arthur b1899. On the 1901 Census the family are living in 24 Hartington Terrace, South Shields, Durham. On the 1911 Census they are living in The Willows, Moor Lane, Whitburn, Nr Sunderland, Durham.

Career

On the 1939 Register, Ivy is living in Fairholme, Penchwintan Road, Bangor, Caernarvonshire, Wales and gives her occupation as Head Teacher.

Personal Life

Ivy married George Henry Keleghan in 1928 in Oswestry, Shropshire. He was born 3rd January 1886 in Meath, Athlone, Ireland. Ivy died in 1970 in Aled, Denbighshire, Wales.

Miss Beatrice Linda Evans (K/A Linda) (September 1952-1957)

Early Life and Education

Linda was born on 7th July 1913 in Walsall Staffordshire, the daughter of Frank Howells Evans, a bridle cutter and his wife Lizzie nee Hall. She had 5 siblings Evelyn Agnes born 21st May 1902, Dorothy May b1904, Lillian Frances b1906, Frank Harvey b1911, Leonard S 7th July 1913.

Career

On the 1939 Register, Linda is living with her widowed mother and sister Evelyn in Rosemary Croft, Wolverhampton Road, Darlaston, Staffordshire and gives her occupation as School Teacher.

Personal Life

Linda died suddenly on 29th May 1957 at the RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, Shropshire. Her funeral service was held in the Goodford Memorial Chapel at the hospital on the 3rd June 1957. The service was taken by the hospital chaplain, with a choir composed of nurses, teachers and members of other departments of the hospital. At the time of her death, Linda's home was at Walsall, but she lived in Lower Studio, Mill Cottage, Dolywern, Pontfadog, Denbighshire, Wales.

*Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Information from 'The Orthopod' 1957 no 6, p 12
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HEAD TEACHER'S DEATH

TAKEN suddenly ill on Tuesday week Miss Linda Evans, headmistress of the Orthopaedic Hospital Special School, died at the hospital on Wednesday.

Miss Evans' home was at Walsall, but she lived at Pontfadog. She was appointed headmistress of the school in September, 1952. She took a great interest in country life and was a member of the Merioneth Parks Planning Committee. She was also keenly interested in the Rambling Club movement.

Miss Evans, who was 44 years of age, is survived by her mother, who lives at Walsall, and a sister and a brother.

At the monthly meeting of the hospital Committee of Management on Thursday, the chairman, Major Keith Needham, spoke of the loss the school and the hospital had sustained by the death of Miss Evans and the members stood in silence as a tribute of respect and sympathy.

Prior to cremation at Wolverhampton, the funeral service took place in the Goodford Memorial Chapel at the hospital on Monday morning. The chaplain to the hospital, the Rev. G. O. Jones, took the service, assisted by the Rev. G. Mortimer Neads, Free Church chaplain. The choir, composed of Miss Evans's fellow teachers, nurses and members of other departments of the hospital, led the singing of "The Lord's my shepherd," with Sister Rowlands, at the organ.

In the congregation were Major Keith Needham, chairman of the Committee of Management. Other members of the committee were Lady Williams Wynn, Mrs. Crampton Pym and Mr. E. Birch Thomas. Also present were the matron, Miss E. Bell, and the director of clinical studies and research, Mr. Robert Roaf. The secretary of the hospital, Mr. H. G. Barrow, was unavoidably prevented from being present. The Oswestry branch of the National Union of Teachers was represented by Mr. A. R. Borders.

Mrs Violet Howard Lee nee Squire (Acting) (30th May 1957-1958)

Early Life and Education

Violet was born on 25th July 1902 in Bersham Road, Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales and baptised in Esclusham, Denbighshire, Wales on 3rd September 1902, the daughter of Horatio Howard Squire, Public Accountant and Registrar of Births and Deaths and his wife Elizabeth Ann nee Jones. She had 2 siblings Hilda Mary born 12th June 1901 and Arthur Howard born 12th November 1906. On the 1911 Census the family are living in Bryn End, Ruabon, Denbighshire, Wales.

Career

Violet was appointed on 28th August 1929 as an Assistant Certified Teacher, at the time of her appointment she was still living in the family home at Bryn End, Ruabon, Denbighshire, Wales. In 1934 she asked the managers' permission to continue working after marriage, which was granted. On the 1939 Register, Violet and her husband are living in her family home, with her younger brother, Arthur as the Head of the household. Violet gives her occupation as a Teacher at Hospital School. Violet retired in 1962.

Personal Life

Violet married John Price F Lee in 1939 in Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales. He was born on 16th September 1897 in Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales and died in 1969 in Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales. The couple had no children. Violet died on 5th February 1988 in Greenacres, Rhosddu, Wrexham, Denbighshire, Wales.

*Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Information from 'The Orthopod' February 1958 no 7, p 9
School Managers Committee Minutes*

Miss Olwen Mary Evans (1958-1977)

Early Life and Education

Olwen was born on 27th or 28th November 1916 to unknown and his wife Mary and went to school in Mountain Ash, Glamorgan, Wales. She had 1 brother John G born 22nd October 1922.

Career

On the 1939 Register Olwen is living in 7 Grove Terrace, Princes Road, St Asaph, Flintshire, Wales, with her widowed mother and younger brother John G. She gives her occupation as Uncertified School Teacher. *Olwen was Deputy Headmistress of the Canadian Hospital Special School, Taplow, Buckinghamshire prior to being appointed as Headmistress of the Hospital School.*

Personal Life

*Olwen was a member of the **Gobeithlu Eglwys Seion Chapel**. Olwen died in November 2000 in Denbighshire North, Clwyd, Wales.*

Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Information from 'The Orthopod' February 1958 no 7, p 9

Mrs M Christine Peacock (1977-1992)

Career

Previously held the post of teacher in charge in the Paediatric Department, Peterborough Hospital.

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Trinity Infants' School
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**Virniew Bank School
Llanymynech
Llwyntidman
Oswestry**

Headteachers

Miss Catherine Elizabeth Roberts (<1871-1901>)

Early Life and Education

Catherine was born in 1843 in Llansaintffraid, Montgomeryshire, Wales, the daughter of Edward Roberts, Farmer and his wife Hannah. She had 10 siblings John b1834, Edward b1835, Mary Hannah b1838, Sarah Lydia b1839, Thomas b1841, Ann b1847, William b1849, James b1851, Martha b1853 and Maria b1853. On the 1851 Census Catherine is a Boarding Pupil in Mrs Sarah Hodgson's Ladies School in Llansaintffraid, Montgomeryshire, Wales. In 1861 Catherine is back with her parents and living on the family farm in Llansaintffraid.

Career

Between 1871 and 1901 Catherine is the Principal of a Ladies School, with 1 Teacher English & Accomplishments or Governess, between 2 to 7 Scholars and 1 Servant Domestic. In 1911 Catherine is retired and living with relatives in Tanat House, Llanyblodwel, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Personal Life

Catherine died in Oswestry, Shropshire in 1927.

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**Walford and North Shropshire College
(See North Shropshire College)**

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NEW SCHOOLS FOR OSWESTRY AREA COUNTY'S BIG DEVELOPMENT PLAN COST ESTIMATED AT £716,450

A development plan for the schools of the Oswestry area, involving the building of sixteen new schools, including three nursery schools, and the remodeling or extension and alteration of a number of existing schools, the estimated capital cost of the whole work being £716,450, was adopted by the Shropshire Education Committee at a special meeting on Wednesday.

The meeting dealt only with the first instalment of the county's plan of educational development, covering the areas of Oswestry, Eilemmer, Moreton and the Weston Rhyon-St. Martins-Goibowen districts, but in the course of the discussion Mr. T. C. Ward, who is the chairman of the County Finance Committee, mentioned that the cost of the educational development scheme over the whole county had been put at £6,000,000, and he wondered where the money was coming from.

The plan proposed that in the Oswestry area, for primary school purposes, new schools should be provided at the following places, the type of school and estimated capital cost being given in brackets: St. Martin (2-class, £8,000); Watlington (4-class, plus nursery class, £17,000); Iretonen (3-class, plus n.c., £15,000); Morda (2-class, plus n.c., £15,000); Oswestry R.C. (2-class, £8,000); Oswestry C.E. junior and infants (one-class, plus n.c., £12,000); Oswestry, two nursery schools, £14,000; Oswestry County, junior and infants (remodel for 300 juniors, £1,500); new infants school for 150-200, £21,000.

For Secondary school purposes, the proposals were that the Oswestry Boys' High School and the Oswestry Girls' High School should each be remodelled as Grammar plus Technical schools, at estimated capital costs of £34,000 and £36,000 respectively, and

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For Secondary Education, the plan proposed a new two-form entry mixed Modern school for 240 children at an estimated cost of £100,000. Schools to be closed in the area are: Brynfarth (children to remodelled primary school at Weston Rhyon, St. Martins, C.E. and Dudleston C.E. (seniors to new secondary school in the area and others to remodelled primary school at Hira Heath).

When the Secondary education provision in Oswestry was being considered in reply to a question as to the future of the Oswestry Technical Institute, Mr. Martin Wilson (County Secretary for Education), said that that report dealt only with primary and secondary education, but the main function of the Oswestry Technical Institute was for further education for people who had exceeded the age for staying at school. With regard to the junior commercial and junior technical classes at the Institute, Mr. Martin Wilson explained that the Institute would no longer cover what was the function of secondary education but would concentrate on technical work for people who had left school. All secondary education would be in the secondary schools and secondary technical work was covered in the Grammar-Technical boys' and girls schools proposed. The secondary part of the Technical Institute's work would henceforth be dissociated from the Institute.

He agreed that the Oswestry schools would be an experiment in separate sex education both in Modern and Grammar-Technical types of schools. In reply to a further question, Mr. Martin Wilson said if there were specialist equipment in a technical institute there might be circumstances in which it might be better to make it available to the technical section of the secondary school, but he did not want that to obscure the principle that secondary education was conducted in the secondary schools. Mayor W. F. F. Aston pointed out that the Education Act stressed the importance of making parents and the public realise that education was of equal value whether received in Grammar, Technical or Modern schools, and he urged the importance of keeping the idea of the Modern school being of equal status to the other. He thought they should have the Modern school as part of the Grammar and Technical school, not only for that reason but also because of the greater ease with which a child could be transferred from one course to another.

Dr. Hamer agreed that schools should be combined wherever possible. Mr. Martin Wilson pointed out that if there were one single combined Modern school as Oswestry, together with the Grammar-Technical schools, it would involve transporting 300 children from the Weston Rhyon-St. Martins-Goibowen area.

Sir Olfry Watman said everybody wanted the new Modern schools looked upon as equal in standard to the others, and as far as possible in staff, buildings, etc., that would be done. But the committee had felt that there was a great value to a rural locality in having a Modern school in its midst and that it would be a mistake from that point of view to concentrate Modern schools into the towns. He pointed out the fact that

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