

**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 he is shown as the Master in the **British School** for this year. 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.

Beech Grove C of E Junior School

Beech Grove

Oswestry

Junior State School for pupils aged 7-11 years.

Opened September 1973, after the closure of the **National School**. Closed July 2009, merged with **Oswestry Infant School** to form **Holy Trinity C of E Primary School and Nursery**.

Source BCA 19th September 1973
www.oswestrygenealogy.org.uk

Headteachers

David Ieuan Martin- Jones (1973-1976)

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

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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 BCA 12th October 1983
Ancestry Family Trees

Bob Jones

Kim Stanley

Mrs Linda Shepherd (<August 2003)

John Demmerling (September 2003 – August 2007)

Nicholas Turner (September 2007 – August 2009)

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

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

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

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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.

Croeswylan School

Opened September 1979 following the introduction of the Comprehensive Education System. Taking pupils from the former **Oswestry Girls Modern School**

Derwen Training College

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

Gobowen Primary
Gobowen
Oswestry

Headteachers

Eddie Jones (1960s)

Source: Colin Cole (1960s)

Holy Trinity
Castle Street

The school was built in 1871 for 327 mixed pupils.

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

Mainstream State School for pupils aged 3-11 years. Changed its name from **Holy Trinity C of E School 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

Mrs Pam Edwards (1st April 2017-)

Source: (Image) BCA 25th April 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.

Holy Trinity Primary School on Middleton Road officially changed its status on April 1 and became part of St Chad's Multi Academy Trust within

The Church of England's Central Education Trust.

Headteacher Pam Edwards said the next half-term will see a number of changes, starting with a new name as Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy and Nursery.

There will also be a new

website launching on May 1, with a new email (admin@holytrinitycepa.co.uk) due to go live yesterday following the Easter break, and new signage at the school.

In a letter to parents, Mrs Edwards also said the school will be introducing a new

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.

Compiled by Anne Harrison
May 2017

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 (Acting) (May 2013 – December 2013)

Pam Edwards (January 2014 – 31st March 2017)

Source: BCA 25th April 2017

Compiled by Anne Harrison
May 2017

Kinnerley Church of England Controlled Primary School
School Road
Kinnerley
Oswestry

Headteachers

Ralph Teggin (1960s)

Source: Colin Cole (1960s)

Knockin

Headteachers

Henry Glasscodine (<1861>)

Early Life and Education

Henry was born in 1824 in Bath, Somerset.

Middleton Road School
(See Oswestry Infant School)

Morda CE Primary School
Morda
Oswestry
SY10 9NR

Headteachers

William Henry Worrall (<1884-1891>)

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 his 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 1912 and was survived by his wife Frances.

Frederick George Davis (<1894-1911>)

Early Life and Education

Frederick was born in 24 February 1867 in Merivale Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire the son of George Davis, builder and his wife Emma. He was baptised in Holy Cross and St Giles', Shrewsbury on 3rd March 1867. He had 1 brother, George born 16th February 1866. On the 1881 Census Frederick is a scholar and is boarding with the blacksmith, Joseph Cartwright and his family in 94 North Street, Shrewsbury.

Career

On the 1891 Census Frederick is boarding with Mrs Jane Guy, widow in Queen Street, Shrewsbury and gives his occupation as Schoolmaster, but is not known where he was teaching. On his marriage in 1894 Frederick gives his occupation as Schoolmaster and address as Morda, Oswestry, therefore, I think we can safely assume that he is the Headteacher at **Morda Primary** School. On the 1901 and 1911 Census Frederick is the Elementary Schoolmaster in **Morda Primary School**. On the 1939 Register Frederick is living in Kenilworth, Gobowen and is a school teacher retired.

Personal Life

Frederick married Alice Anne Lidster on 27th March 1894 in All Saints, Shrewsbury, she was born in 1862 in Linton, Nottinghamshire. The couple had 5 children Guy Lidster b1895, Geoffrey b1897, **Joyce** b1898, Robert Lidster b1900 and Alison b1903. Frederick died on 3rd March 1954 in Kenilworth, Gobowen.

Morton School

Headteachers

John Ellison (<1901-1911>)

Early Life and Education

Born 1860 in Dufton, Westmorland

Career

On the 1901 and 1911 Census he is the Schoolmaster at **Morton School**.

Personal Life

He married Elizabeth A ?. The couple had 4 children Douglas C b1890, Percy J b1891, **Kate B** b1898 and Robert b1898

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**. 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 **National School** premises are a Private Commercial School, with the Head of the Household being Edward Wynne Snr, a former Excise Officer. His son, Edward Wynne Jnr is the National Schoolmaster. 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 c1970, the pupils transferred to the newly built **Beech Grove C of E Junior School**. Initially the premises were used to accommodate

the 6th Forms of the **Boys & Girls High Schools** and part of the premises was 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

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William Henry Worrall (<1895-1909>)

Early Life and Education

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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.

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

Source BCA 12th October 1983
Ancestry Family Trees

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)

Source: A D Finch F35 Oswestry Local Collection
Compiled by Anne Harrison & Helen Hudson Jan 2017

North Shropshire College

Headteachers

McCloughlin

Oswestry Boys High School

The 6th Form occupied the old **National School** premises, after its closure as a primary school.

Headteachers

Mr Jammett (<6th August 1930>)

Alfred John Horby Exton (September 1956-3rd January 1974)

Early Life and Education

Alfred was born on 27th December 1916 in Spalding, Lincolnshire, the eldest son of Alfred J Exton, a farm labourer and his wife Florrie Lizzie nee Ouzman. He had 1 brother, Alan de Cressy b1918. He was educated at Calday Grange Grammar School, Wirral and Pembroke College, Oxford, where in 1938 he completed an honours degree in history and gained his MA.

Career

After Oxford he served in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the war years of 1940 to 1946. For some time he was with Wavell's Forces in Greece, where he was captured and was then held in Germany as a prisoner of war for 4 years. He assisted with the organisation of the hospital in the prison camp. Alfred returned from Germany to teach in the Wirral. He spent some time as senior history master at Park High School, Birkenhead, Cheshire, before returning to his old school, Calday Grange Grammar School, as head of the

history department and careers master. While in Calday as careers master he was the originator of the school careers conventions which became a popular and useful careers activity in schools throughout the country. From Calday he came to the headship at **Oswestry Boys High School**.

Personal Life

The wide extent of his interests and influence within the county can be measured from the number of committees on which he served. His interest in the youth of the county led him to serve on the County Youth Committee, the North Shropshire Youth Committee (on which he was one of the longest serving members) and the Oswestry and District Youth Employment Committee. He was the first president of the Shropshire Head Teachers' Federation and a former president and secretary of the North Shropshire Head Teachers' Association. He also spent a number of years as a member and chairman of the Shropshire Joint Four. He took a special interest in his work on the North Shropshire Library Committee, the National Savings Committee, the Road Safety Committee and the committee of the League of Friends of the **Derwen Training College**.

In 1954 he married Katherine C Hughes in Cheshire, she was born in 1922 in Chester, Cheshire. The couple had 3 daughters Katharine Elizabeth b1957, Sarah J b1960 and Felicity A b1962. Alfred died on 3rd January 1974, at home Oak House, Morda Close, Oswestry, Shropshire. He was survived by his wife, Katherine.

Sources	BCA 6 th January 1974 BCA 30 th January 1974 www.ancestry.co.uk www.findmypast.co.uk
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**Oswestry Boys Modern School
Beechfield & Morda Road
Oswestry**

Headteachers

Ron Powell (<1963-1974)

Mr Lovell (1975>)

Teachers (<1963-1967>)

Bill Borders (English)

Mr Thomas (English)

Peter Jones (RE)

Fred Wilson (General)

Gwilym Roberts (History)

Percy Prythech (Maths)

Joe Hopkins (Maths)

Ted Fardoe (Geography)

Mrs Hammond (General)

Dick "Dixie" Jones (Music)

Philip Morris (Rural Science)

Hugh "Filer" Roberts (Metalwork)

Jim "Jock" Manley (Technical Drawing)

Jock Gidelstone (Science)

"Zooney" Roberts (General Science)

Harry Perry (Woodwork)

John Britton (Woodwork)

Mr Gibson (PE)

John Cleaton (PE)

John Tanswell (Art)

Mr Rastell (Biology)

Secretary (<1963-1967>)

Mrs Humphries

Caretakers (<1963-1967>)

Mr Packam

Mr Holmes

Dinner Lady (<1963-1967>)

Mrs Jean Jones

Source: 1963-1967 Peter Morris (Pupil)

Oswestry Girls High School

The 6th Form occupied the old **National School** premises, after its closure as a primary school in 1979.

Oswestry Girls Secondary Modern School
Albert Road & Beechfield
Oswestry

Closed 13/07/1979 and became part of **Croeswylan School**.

Headteachers

Kate Blenkarn Ellison (April 1931-17/07/1958)

Early Life and Education

Born 1898 in Morton, Shropshire, the daughter of John Ellison, the Schoolmaster at **Morton School** and his wife Elizabeth A. Siblings Douglas C b1890, Percy J b1891 and Robert b1898.

Career

In 1938 Kate, visited New York, sailing out of Southampton on the Queen Mary on 3rd August, giving her occupation as Teacher.

Personal Life

Died 20/05/1967

Winifred Percival (09/09/1958-31/08/1973)

Doreen Tharby (05/09/1973-31/12/1976)

Beryl Copp (Acting) (06/01/1977-20/07/1979)

**Extracts from Log Book of Girls Modern School
Sept 1950 – July 1979**

13/09/1950 The **Oswestry Secondary Modern Girls School** reopened with 253 girls on roll. This number included the girls transferred from the country schools as follows –

Maesbury County
Nantmawr County
Selatyn C of E
Kinnerley C of E
Melverley County
Llanymynech C of E
Morda C of E
Pant Glas C of E
Porthywaen C of E
Knockin C of E
West Felton C of E

together with the usual transfers from **Woodside Junior School** and **Oswestry C of E School**. Today the whole building which hitherto housed boys in addition to girls has been taken over by the girls only as the **Oswestry Modern Girls School**. Miss Lilian H Fox was appointed to take up duties here today as a member of the permanent staff.

Miss Dorothy M Isles was appointed to take up duties here today as a member of the permanent staff.

Miss Cass has been appointed here for 3 days a week for Domestic Science and Mrs Hayward for 2 days a week for Needlework.

The staffing is now as follows –

Miss Hewett	Form VII
Mrs Lewis	Form VI
Miss Williams	Form V
Miss Fox	Form IV
Miss Isles	Form III

(Mrs Vosper)

	Miss Davies	Form II
	Mrs Pritchard	Form I
	Miss Bate	Domestic Science
	Miss Cass	“ “
	Mrs Hayward	Needlework
29/09/1950	Miss O Davies terminated her appointment as temporary teacher.	
02/10/1950	Mrs Ennis Mary Wynn Evans took up her duties as a permanent member of staff.	
02/11/1950	Miss E M Breeze took up her duties today as a permanent member of staff.	
13/11/1950	Mrs B H Close took temporary duty.	
01/12/1950	Mrs B H Close finished temporary duty.	
29/01/1951	Closure of school – no fuel.	
20/07/1951	School closed today for Educational Outing to Festival of Britain.	
08/01/1952	Mrs P Pugh took up duties here.	
08/02/1952	Forms VII & VIII were taken to the Guildhall this morning to hear the Mayor read the Proclamation of the accession to the throne of Queen Elizabeth II.	
15/02/1952	The whole school here at 1.35pm to attend the Parish Church for a short service – Funeral day of King George VI.	
29/05/1953	A service was taken this morning by the Vicar of Oswestry, Rev A R Vincent, prior to the Coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II on Tues, June 3 rd 1953. The Testaments were also given out to the girls by the Vicar. School closes this afternoon until Wed June 3 rd (Coronation Period).	
16/06/1954	Mrs E M Dawson came here this afternoon to take temporary duty.	
14/09/1954	School reopened – 326 on roll.	
	Miss S M Baker took up her duties as Needlework Specialist.	
22/11/1954	170 girls present out of 329. Flu epidemic.	
26/11/1954	134 girls present A.M. 133 P.M.	
21/12/1954	Mrs Valentine (nee Miss Breeze) leaves.	
26/04/1955	A clerical assistant has been appointed here from today.	
	Mrs E Roberts to Welsh Walls, Oswestry.	
02/05/1955	Miss Wynne Jones takes up her duties as permanent member of the staff – PT and Country Dancing Specialist.	
13/09/1955	School reopened with 337 on roll.	
	Miss N Cass, Miss D M Isles and Miss S M Baker terminated their appointments here at the end of July.	
	Miss M A Peate and Mrs H B Rowley have started here today as Needlework Teachers, Miss J Harris as Domestic Science Teacher and Miss H M Humphreys as General Subjects teacher.	
29/11/1955	W Evans, Education Advisor visited this morning to see Miss Humphreys the probationary teacher.	
05/12/1955	Miss Humphreys absent severe cold.	
06/12/1955	“ “ returned	
20/12/1955	Miss P Pugh terminates her appointment as assistant member of staff.	
10/01/1956	Mrs Croft came here today to take temporary duty (Science).	
26/01/1956	Miss Humphreys is visiting Houghton Hall Special School today.	
08/03/1956	Mrs Lewis and Miss Humphreys are attending a Choral Meeting at Ellesmere Modern School today. The School Choir, consisting of 36 girls is also attending.	

- 28/03/1956 Mrs Pryce-Jones terminates her appointment as assistant mistress in the above school.
- 07/04/1956 Mrs Lloyd-Jones has taken up her appointment here today as Assistant Mistress.
- 16/07/1956 Miss Elizabeth Humphreys came here today on School Practice. (Liverpool College).
- 25/07/1956 Mrs J Vosper terminates her appointment as Assistant Mistress. She had been an assistant for nine years.
- 11/09/1956 Mrs H B Rowley and Miss A Peate finish here as part-time teachers of Needlework. School reopened today with 349 on roll.
Four newly appointed members of staff were – Miss G J Roberts – History
Miss C A Moore – Art
Miss S Mates – General
Miss L Morris – Needlework
- 03/10/1956 Miss G J Roberts sent home this morning on account of the sudden death of her father.
- 18/03/1957 Mrs Lewis and Mrs M Evans are attending a Choral Meeting at Shrewsbury Music Hall this afternoon. The School Choir (38 Girls) which is taking part, is also attending.
- 09/05/1957 A party of 38 girls accompanied by Mrs Lewis and Mrs M Evans journeyed to Newtown this afternoon for the County Music Festival – much enjoyed Conductor Sir John Barbirolli.
- 15/05/1957 Nine girls accompanied by Miss W Jones and Mrs M Evans have gone to the West Midland Show at Shrewsbury. The girls are dancing a Welsh Dance called “Dawns Blodau Nantgarw”.
- 18/07/1957 Miss Wyn Jones terminates her appointment here as P.E. Mistress. To **St Martins Modern School**.
- 10/09/1957 Miss Elizabeth Elaine Roberts took up her appointment here this morning as P.E. Mistress.
- 27/09/1957 Miss J Harris terminates appointment. New appointment in Comprehensive School, Birmingham.
- 01/10/1957 Miss E P Davies takes up duty on permanent staff as Domestic Science Mistress.
- 27/11/1957 Mrs Humphreys Evans leaves school today at 11am to attend funeral of grandmother at Mold in the afternoon.
- 04/03/1958 Mr Cooper, H.M.I. visited the school this morning from 9.45-12.00: he saw Miss Mates, Miss G Roberts and Mrs M Evans at work.
- 17/07/1958 This afternoon I terminate my appointment as Headmistress of this school since April 1931.

Kate Blenkarn Ellison

- 09/09/1958 I, **Winifred Percival** take up my duties as headmistress of the school which has been transferred from Albert Road to the buildings at Beechfield vacated by the **Boys Modern School**. The Domestic Science Centre consisting of 2 housecraft & 2 needlework rooms will continue at Albert Road.
The school opened with 357 on roll & 14 assistant mistresses. Miss Harrod replacing Miss Moore as art mistress, & Miss Gwyther having been appointed as an additional science mistress.
There are 10 forms, 3 in each of the 1st & 2nd years and 2 in each of the 3rd & 4th years, & the timetable is arranged on a 6-day basis to allow sufficient time for the practical subjects.
- 25/03/1959 Miss Davies terminated her appointment as Housecraft mistress.

04/04/1959 Mrs Powell is filling the vacancy for Housecraft mistress caused by Miss Davies' resignation, until Miss Charles takes up her appointment in September.

30/04/1959 The choir & Mrs Lewis & Mrs M Evans went to Meole Brace School in the morning to take part in the County Choral Festival.

14/05/1959 In the afternoon a party of 40 girls accompanied by Mrs Lewis & Mrs M Evans attended the Music Festival in Newtown.

17/07/1959 Mrs Lewis retired after being on the staff for nearly eleven years, & a presentation was made to her.

08/09/1959 The school reopened with 385 on roll, & 3 new members of staff, Miss Foulkes-Jones, Mrs Lee & Miss Charles.

18/11/1959 A party of girls accompanied by Mrs M Evans & Miss Roberts went to a performance given by the Ballet Rambert in Shrewsbury.

09/03/1960 A party of girls accompanied by Miss Hewett & Mrs M Evans attended a performance of "David Copperfield" given by the Argyle Theatre at the **Girls High School**.

31/03/1960 Next Sunday, a party of 26 girls & 6 staff leave for a holiday in Belgium, Luxembourg & Germany.

05/05/1960 The school was closed to celebrate the wedding of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret.

12/05/1960 A party of 40 girls, accompanied by Mrs M Evans & Miss Foulkes Jones, attended the Music Festival in Newtown in the afternoon.

21/07/1960 Mrs Cross terminated her appointment as needlework mistress.

06/09/1960 The school reopened with 383 on roll, & one new member of staff, Mrs Cate, who replaces Mrs Cross for needlework.

14/09/1960 Work began on the construction of four new tennis courts.

15/11/1960 I was absent in the morning for the removal of my household effects.

09/12/1960 Miss Mates was absent in the afternoon to attend her aunt's funeral.

23/02/1961 In the afternoon, 39 girls and Mrs M Evans & Miss Mates went to Shrewsbury to see a performance of "Die Fledermaus".

28/03/1961 Miss Charles terminated her duties as housecraft mistress.

18/04/1961 Miss Menna Evans took up her duties as home economics mistress.
Mr Baynes replaced Mr Brown as groundsman.

24/04/1961 Mrs M Evans was absent all day in order to take part in the collection of census forms.

18/05/1961 In the morning, Mrs M Evans took the choir to sing at the County Music Festival in Ellesmere.

19/07/1961 Miss Gwyther & Mrs Lee terminated their employment.

05/09/1961 The school reopened with 380 on roll & 3 new members of staff, Mrs Humphreys, Miss Barnfield & Mrs Pryce Jones.

14/12/1961 Mrs Lambert was appointed to the post of school clerical assistant to replace Mrs Roberts who is retiring at the end of the term.

09/01/1962 The school reopened with 363 on roll.
Mrs Roberts is carrying out the duties of secretary until Mrs Lambert takes up her appointment on Feb 1st.

22/02/1962 In the afternoon a party of 40 girls accompanied by Mrs M Evans and Mrs Davies attended a performance of "Carmen" in Shrewsbury.

19/03/1962 Mrs Millington joined the staff in place of Miss Harrod who has left to be married.

24/05/1962 Mrs M Evans absent removing.

27/06/1962 Mrs M Evans & Mrs P Jones took a party to "Swan Lake" ballet in Shrewsbury.

04/09/1962 The school reopened with 372 on roll & one new member of staff, Mrs Brown, who has replaced Mrs Evison (Miss Barnfield).
Mrs Millington is now on the permanent staff.
Miss Evans is still absent, being in hospital, & her work has been taken over by Miss Warner.

24/01/1963 The water mains being frozen, the school will close until next Monday.

25/01/1963 School closed.

19/02/1963 Mr Roberts H.M.I. spent the day in school inspecting the music.

27/02/1963 Three H.M.I.'s, Mr Cooper, Miss Marsh & Mr Comber arrived to carry out a general inspection of the school.

05/04/1963 Mrs Davies terminated her appointment.

30/04/1963 Mrs Humphreys has taken on the history for this term.
Miss M Evans is still absent. Her work is being taken by Mrs Thomas.

01/05/1963 In the afternoon, Mrs M Evans & Miss Roberts took a party of girls to the music festival in Newtown.

08/05/1963 In the morning, the school choir took part in the County Choral Festival at St Martins.

15/05/1963 Mrs M Evans attended a C.S.E. music meeting at Meole Brace.

14/06/1963 The school was closed for the day as all the staff attended C.S.E. meetings in Shrewsbury.

26/06/1963 Mrs Millington absent, moving house. (to new rectory in West Felton).

10/07/1963 The choir, with Mrs M Evans, spent the day at a music meeting led by Mr Peter Davies, County Advisor for Music in Montgomeryshire, at the **Boys Modern School**.

03/09/1963 The school reopened with 351 on roll, & one new member of staff, Mrs Horton, who has replaced Mrs Davies for history.

09/09/1963 Miss M Evans absent, ill.

10/09/1963 Mrs Apperley came to take Miss Evans' classes.

23/09/1963 Miss M Evans has sent in her resignation for the end of term for health reasons.
Miss Evans returned to school.

24/09/1963 Miss Evans absent. It seems unlikely that she will be returning.

26/09/1963 Mr Bowen was recommended for appointment as caretaker at Albert Rd to replace Mr Evans who is due to retire on Oct 10th.

30/09/1963 Mrs Brown absent in the morning, moving house.
Mrs Apperley has come to help out part time with Miss Evans' work.

15/10/1963 Mrs Roberts is sharing the housecraft teaching with Mrs Apperley for the rest of the term.
Miss Derricott has been recommended for appointment as housecraft mistress to replace Miss Evans next term.

17/10/1963 Miss Mates absent on account of the death of her aunt.

10/12/1963 In the afternoon we held a Carol Service in the Oswald Road Presbyterian Church.

07/01/1964 Miss D Dorricott took up her duties as housecraft mistress in place of Miss Evans.

23/01/1964 Mrs M Evans attended a C.S.E. music meeting at Meole Brace.

29/01/1964 Mrs Lloyd Jones absent, her father having died.

14/03/1964 In the afternoon, Miss Schroder Crough Mr Wateridge of **St Martins School** to listen to some of the music.

05/05/1964 In the morning, the school choir took part in the County Choral Festival at Belvidere School in Shrewsbury.

08/06/1964 I received news that Gillian Thompson, a first year girl, had died suddenly at week-end.

10/06/1964 Miss Roberts & Miss Mates attended the funeral of Gillian Thompson at Whittington in the afternoon.

22/06/1964 The school was closed for the day so that the staff could attend C.S.E. meetings in Shrewsbury.

01/09/1964 The school reopened with 364 on roll.
Three girls are staying for a fifth year & taking the Certificate of Secondary Education examination
(Pamela Beddow, Mary Howes & Janet Ward)
Mrs Apperley & Mrs Sharp have joined the staff in a part time capacity.

12/10/1964 Mr Stephens, Advisor for Music called in this afternoon.

26/10/1964 Mrs M Evans absent – husband ill.

27/10/1964 In the morning, the school went to the Granada Cinema to see the film of Sir Winston Churchill's life "The Finest Hour".
Mrs Evans returned in the afternoon.

28/10/1964 Mrs Evans absent.

29/10/1964 Mrs Evans returned.

30/10/1964 Mrs Evans absent in the morning.

28/01/1965 In the afternoon I accompanied a party of girls chosen from all forms to a memorial service for Sir Winston Churchill (died Jan 24th) held in the Parish Church.

17/03/1965 In the morning, the school choir, accompanied by Mrs M Evans, took part in a choral meeting in **St Martins School**.

13/05/1965 In the afternoon, Mrs M Evans and Mrs Poynton (formerly Miss Roberts) took a party of girls to the music festival at Newtown.

01/06/1965 The school choir went to Harlescott Grange School in the morning to take part in the County Choral Festival.

11/06/1965 The school had a holiday today to mark 750th anniversary of Magna Carta.

22/06/1965 Doreen Potter selected to represent the County in the intermediate high jump competition at the All-England sports to be held at Watford of July 16th & 17th.

07/09/1965 Mrs Laycock has joined the staff for this term.
Mrs Mavis Evans & Mrs Poynton have sent in their resignations for the end of October.

28/10/1965 Mrs Humphreys went to Cambridge with the county swimming team.

01/11/1965 Mrs Waites took up her duties as mistress for physical education in place of Mrs Poynton who has resigned.
As Miss Capell, who has been appointed to teach music in place of Mrs M Evans (resigned) is unable to take up her appointment until January, Mrs Sharp & Mrs Evison are sharing the work for the rest of this term.

10/01/1966 Miss Capell began her duties as music mistress.

28/03/1966 In the morning, Mr Henry, the new Chief Education Officer, visited the school.

05/04/1966 Miss Copp from Rochester was offered the post of deputy head but asked for her decision to be delayed until after April 29th. This was agreed to by the governors.

25/04/1966 Mrs Waites absent for the day moving house.

11/07/1966 In the evening, at Albert Road, a presentation was made to Miss Hewett who retires at the end of this week after serving on the staff for 34 years.

15/07/1966 Miss Hewett terminates her appointment as deputy headmistress.

06/09/1966 The school reopened with 368 on roll, of these, 31 are in the fifth form.

- Miss B A Copp** took up her duties as deputy headmistress.
- 20/10/1966 In the evening, interviews were held to appoint a caretaker to replace Mr Roberts who is due to retire on Nov 5th. Mr Owen was recommended for appointment.
- 21/12/1966 Miss Bate absent owing to death of her mother.
Mrs Millington absent owing to the death of her daughter.
- 18/01/1967 The school was closed to enable staff to attend County C.S.E. meetings in Shrewsbury.
- 13/03/1967 Mrs Vosper began teaching in place of Mrs Horton who is on maternity leave.
- 17/03/1967 The school was closed for the day on account of the visit of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, to Shropshire.
- 22/03/1967 Mrs Cater left.
- 22/05/1967 Last Saturday, **Miss Ellison**, former headmistress of the school, died.
- 17/07/1967 In the evening, the school gave a concert, including a performance of "Trial by Jury" in the **Boys Modern School**.
- 21/07/1967 Mrs Laycock & Mrs Derry left.
- 05/09/1967 New members of staff are Miss S Thomas (needlework) Mrs C Richards (art & craft) & Mrs B O'Connor (music).
20 girls are staying for a 5th year.
- 10/11/1967 This week, the attendance has been affected by foot & mouth disease in the district.
- 20/12/1967 Mrs Conde left.
- 08/01/1968 Mrs Lockwood took up her duties.
- 01/03/1968 The school was closed for the day so that staff could attend C.S.E. meetings.
- 29/04/1968 School reopened.
During the Easter Holidays, Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Pryce Jones & Miss Mates took a party of 28 girls for a week's holiday in London.
- 19/07/1968 Mrs Dawson retired today.

During the summer holidays, Miss Goddard was appointed as needlework mistress to replace Mrs Dawson & Mrs Apperley has replaced Mrs Lockwood who has been appointed County Home Economics Adviser. Mrs Dickenson & Mrs Roberts have joined the staff as part-time teachers, in addition to Mrs Vosper.
- 02/04/1969 Today, Miss Bate retired after teaching in the school for 24 years.
Tomorrow, a party of 27 girls accompanied by Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Pryce Jones, Miss Mates & Miss Foulkes Jones are going to Paris for a week.
- 21/04/1969 Miss Huggan took up her duties as home economics mistress in place of Miss Bate.
- 19/05/1969 In the afternoon, Mrs Brown went for an interview to Harlescott Girls Modern School.
- 12/06/1969 Mr White, County Music Advisor brought a small group of musicians from the County Orchestra to give a concert to 2nd & 3rd form girls.
- 01/07/1969 The girls watched the ceremony of the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales at Caernarvon Castle, on television.
- 11.07/1969 Carol Lewis of 2B is representing the County at the All-England Schools Athletic Championships at Motopoint Park. She is running in the junior 800 metres race.
- 18/07/1969 Today, the following members of staff leave – Miss Mates, Mrs Apperley, Miss Thomas & Miss Goddard.
- 03/09/1969 10 of last year's Form 5 have gone to the **Girls High School** to continue their education.
The new members of staff are – Mrs Jones & Miss Ffoulks (needlework) & Miss Lewis (home economics).

- Mrs Mavis Evans has returned to teach for 3 days per week, Mrs P Roberts & Mrs J Dickinson are teaching 1 day per week and Mrs Vosper is now full time.
- 27/11/1969 In the morning, the school was closed, as the majority of staff, in support of their Union's pay claim, withdrew their services for the half day.
- 28/11/1969 School closed until Dec 2nd for occasional holidays.
- 06/03/1970 Two of our girls went to Peterborough to take part in the National Cross-Country Championships & Mrs Waites accompanied the County team.
- 25/03/1970 At midnight, a party of 27 girls accompanied by Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Pryce Jones, Mrs Lloyd Jones, Mrs Waites and Miss Foulkes Jones set off for a holiday in Breging.
- 08/05/1970 In the morning, Mrs O'Connor & Mrs M Evans took a party of 40 girls to the music festival in Newtown.
- 15/06/1970 Three of our girls who took part in the County Sports last Saturday have been chosen for the County team.
- 18/06/1970 In the afternoon, a dancing team gave a display at the District Hospital Fete.
- 06/07/1970 In the afternoon, Miss Foulkes Jones, five girls and I attended the funeral service in Maesbury of Gillian Lloyd, one of our former pupils who was killed in a road accident.
- 23/07/1970 Mrs Richards leaves today. She will be replaced by Mrs M Evans, & Mrs Davies will replace Mrs M Evans, part-time.
- (Miss Lewis married during holiday, now Mrs Williams)
- 23/11/1970 School was closed for an occasional holiday.
- 04/12/1970 I was absent on account of the death of my sister.
- 17/12/1970 In the afternoon we held our Carol Service in Holy Trinity Church.
- 21/01/1971 The classrooms in the Medway block cannot be used while the old boiler is being replaced & the heating system converted from coke to oil.
- 28/01/1971 The art room cannot be used as the boiler has to be replaced.
- 18/02/1971 In the afternoon, Julie Morris, a former pupil, gave a talk to a group of senior girls on her career as a Queen Alexandra's nurse.
- 05/03/1971 Mrs Waites went to Keswick with the County Cross Country team. Carol Lewis from our school is one of the team.
- 24/03/1971 In the afternoon, Mrs O'Connor and 50 girls went to the **Boys Modern School** to hear a recital by David Munro & group of players using early woodwind instruments.
- 31/03/1971 **Miss Copp** absent owing to the death of her father.
In the evening the school gave a concert in the **Boys Modern School**.
- 31/04/1971? School reopened.
Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Pryce Jones, Miss Ffoulkes and a party of 33 girls are returning today from Bruges where they have been spending a holiday.
- 10/05/1971 In the morning, Mr Campbell, Mrs Patrick & I interviewed 3 candidates for the post of mistress for physical education & Miss K Richardson was recommended for appointment.
- 14/05/1971 In the morning, Mrs O'Connor & Mrs M Evans took a party of 40 girls to the music festival in Newtown.
- 27/05/1971 Mrs Horton & Mrs Pryce Jones took a party of senior girls to Birmingham to see the exhibition of costumes; jewellery etc used in the B.B.C. television plays based on the wives of Henry VIII.
- 07/09/1971 School reopened with 359 girls on roll. Altogether, 43 girls are staying on for a fifth year, some of these forming a non – C.S.E. group.
Miss K Richardson has joined the staff as P.E. mistress.

The additional accommodation in the form of a 5th form unit which was promised for us early this term has not been provided. This has made things very difficult for us as we were relying on the buildings to accommodate the enlarged 5th form. Now we are obliged to send forms to Albert Rd for non-domestic subjects & members of staff have to travel between the two departments in the middle of the morning.

03/12/1971 In the evening we held a rummage sale at Albert Rd to raise funds for grocery parcels for old people.

17/12/1971 In the morning, we held a carol service in the Parish Church.

24/01/1972 Mrs Waites absent owing to the death of her mother-in-law.

28/01/1972 Mrs Waites returned.

11/02/1972 Because of power cuts due to the miners' strike, variations in timetable will have to be made until the crisis is over.

06/03/1972 In the morning, Mrs O'Connor & Mrs M Evans took a party of 40 girls to the Music Festival in Newtown.

24/03/1972 School closed for the Easter holiday.
During the holiday, 40 girls and 5 members of staff are going to Krattigen, Switzerland, for a holiday.

18/05/1972 Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Horton, Mrs M Evans & Miss Ffoulkes took a party of 70 girls from the fourth & fifth forms to the West Midland Show.

07/06/1972 Mrs Davies attended the Lord Mayor's banquet in London.

21/06/1972 In the afternoon Mrs Waites took a party of 4th year girls pony-trekking near Glyn Ceiriog.

11/07/1972 Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Lloyd Jones & Mrs M Evans took the 3rd year girls to Coventry & Warwick Castle.

06/09/1972 School reopened with 370 girls on roll. 52 girls are staying on for a fifth year. Mrs Morris has joined the staff as needlework mistress in place of Miss Ffoulkes & Mrs Conde as an additional member of staff. Mrs Davies, Mrs Roberts & Mrs Dickinson are continuing on a part time basis.

31/10/1972 Mrs Horton, left today. Her work will be taken by Mrs Davies. Mrs Roberts will be teaching for 3 days per week and Mrs A Humphreys for 1 day per week.

20/11/1972 The school had a day's holiday to celebrate the Queen's Silver Wedding.

04/12/1972 The school was closed for a day's holiday.

20/12/1972 In the morning we held a Carol Service in the Parish Church.
Mrs Morris, needlework mistress, finished today.

09/01/1973 School reopened & Miss Harris took up her duties as needlework mistress.

30/01/1973 Miss Richardson & Mrs Waites & a party of girls left for a ski-ing holiday in Austria.

08/02/1973 The ski-ing party returns home today.

09/03/1973 Mrs Waites absent, moving house.

13/03/1973 Governors' Meeting. I notified the governors' of my intention to retire at the end of the summer term.

28/03/1973 In the afternoon, **Miss Copp** & Mrs Goodyer went to the Shirehall for a meeting on Value Added Tax.

13/04/1973 Interviews were held in school for the appointment of my successor & **Miss D Tharby** was the successful applicant.
Mrs O'Connor left.
School closed for the Easter holiday, during which time a party of girls & staff are going to Spain for a holiday.

01/05/1973 School reopened.
Mrs Hughes has replaced Mrs O'Connor for this term.

27/06/1973 Mrs Davies & Mrs M Evans took the 5th year girls to Ludlow.

- 03/07/1973 In the afternoon, Mr Campbell, Mrs Turner, Mrs Patrick & **Miss Tharby** were present for interviews for vacant teaching posts & the following appointments were made
Miss C Jenkins for physical education
Mrs P Brabin for art & craft
Mrs M Baber for English
Mrs C Hughes for English
- 04/07/1973 Mrs Wynn Evans, Mrs M Evans, Mrs Williams & Mrs Waites took a party to the Eisteddfod in Llangollen.
- 06/07/1973 In the afternoon, Mrs M Evans took a party of girls to Shrewsbury to see the dance drama "The New Spring".
- 15/07/1973 Mrs M Evans to a party of girls to an orchestral concert in Shrewsbury.
- 26/07/1973 Mrs Vosper & Miss Richardson leave today.
It being my last day before my retirement, Mr Campbell attended our final assembly. As Mrs Braben has withdrawn from the art & craft post, arrangements have been made to interview Miss Bridges on Aug 3rd.
The school closed for the summer holidays.
- 03/08/1973 The interview with Miss Bridges this morning was attended by Mr Campbell, **Miss Tharby** & Mrs Davies, County Advisor, & it was recommended that she be appointed to the post of mistress for art & craft.
I now terminate my appointment as headmistress of the school.

Winifred Percival

31.8.73

- 05/09/1973 I, **Doreen Tharby**, take up my duties as headmistress of the school.
- 11/09/1973 School reopened with 413 girls on roll.
Mrs Baker joined the staff and will teach English. Miss C Jenkins has replaced Miss Richardson as Physical Education mistress. Miss Bridges has not yet taken up her duties as art & craft mistress. Will not report until 22nd Oct. Mrs A Humphries is taking over her timetable until she takes up her appointment.
- 18/09/1973 Mrs Williams informed me that she is pregnant & will be leaving us. Possibly at the end of November.
- 21/09/1973 The Vicar, Rev Boulton called requesting girls to augment the Choir for the Television Songs of Praise programme. Recording will be made Fri, 26 Oct.
- 24/09/1973 Miss Harris informed me she was handing in her resignation to take effect from Dec. Is not sure she wants to continue as a teacher.
- 26/09/1973 I attended a meeting regarding celebration for Royal Charter.
Held staff meeting to discuss recommendations for reorganisation.
- 01/10/1973 Mrs Millington absent – removal.
- 03/10/1973 In the afternoon I visited Shirehall to see Mr Cates and be introduced to various members of administration staff. (Mr Boyers C.E.O.)
- 22/10/1973 Mrs Conde & Mrs Evans absent for examinations.
- 23/10/1973 Mrs Waites absent for examinations.
- 14/11/1973 School closed for wedding of Princess Anne.
- 16/11/1973 Interviews for Home Economics teaching posts.
Mrs Pullen, needlework was appointed to commence after Easter 1974. The Home Economics vacancy was not filled.
- 19/12/1973 Card Service 2.30pm at Oswestry Church – Whole school attended.
- 14/01/1974 School reopened 6 days later than usual owing to the four day closure imposed by the Education Committee due to the Fuel Economy.
Mrs Williams and Miss Harris having left at the end of last term, Mrs Leggatt and Mrs Osborne took over for one term.

- 24/01/1974 Mrs Waites & myself out of school pm attending Thanksgiving service in memory of **Mr Exton**, Headmaster of **Boys High School**.
- 22/02/1974 Held interview for Home Economics post at Albert Road. Mrs Pamment was appointed and will take up her duties in Sept.
- 01/04/1974 Interview for post of Modern Languages held at school at 2pm Mrs H Lloyd Jones was appointed to start in Sept.
- 16/05/1974 Mrs Evans absent attending funeral.
- 24/01/1975 Interview for Caretaker held at Albert Rd Mr Rowley appointed. Mrs Waites absent in hospital.
- 12/09/1975 Mrs Hacker absent (who is she?).
- 13/10/1975 Interviews for PE post. Mrs Carter was appointed. Interview for Art & Craft post. Mrs Vesayaporn appointed.
- 26/11/1975 **Mr Lovell**, Head of **Boys Modern** visited school to discuss possibility of linking for options.
- 27/01/1976 Mrs Pat Roberts absent – badly injured her hand – expected to be away from school for some months.
- 11/02/1976 Mrs Fzille absent (first reference to her).
- 18/02/1976 Mrs Waites, Mrs Humphreys, Mrs H Lloyd Jones & myself and 38 girls left at 12am for Austria for 1 week.
- 27/04/1976 School reopened. Mrs Pat Roberts still away due to injuries to her hand.
- 10/05/1976 First meeting of Oswestry Working Party for Reorganisation held at **O.G.H.S.** Mrs Millington, **Miss Copp** & myself attended.
- 18/05/1976 Mrs Jackson visited the school to discuss Part-time teaching post for French.
- 28/05/1976 Mrs Evans and a party of girls left school at 2.30pm to hear La Boheme in Wolverhampton.
- 02/07/1976 Sponsored Walk held at school for Transport Fund – pm.
- 07/09/1976 School reopened. Unfortunately Mrs Goodyer the school secretary had died during the holidays. Mrs B Jones was appointed to take her place.
- 17/09/1976 Mrs Palmer out attending a course. (first reference to Mrs Palmer)
- 18/11/1976 Prize Day was held in the evening. Mrs Phillips was in the chair. Mr Ron Powell presented the prizes.
- 23/11/1976 Princess Anne visited the area in the afternoon to open the Leisure Centre. The school lined the route.
- 10/12/1976 I was absent from school all day attending interview at my “new” school.
- 16/12/1976 Concert involving Boys & Girls from the four Secondary schools held during the evening at the **Boys Modern School**.
- 17/12/1976 Carol Concert held in the Parish Church. School closed for the Xmas Holidays at 2.30pm.
- With great sadness I now terminate my appointment as headmistress of the school and wish it continued success and happiness in the future.

Doreen Tharby

31. 12. 76

- 06/01 1977 I, **Beryl Copp**, take up my duties as Acting Headmistress of the school. There are plans for reorganising Secondary Education in the Oswestry area. The Authorities will appoint a permanent Headmistress when the plans have been passed, or otherwise.
- There are 501 on roll, Mrs Bourne has joined the staff for 4 days a week and Mrs Mary Brown for 1 day a week. Mrs Bourne will teach Maths so that I may have more

time for administration and Mrs Brown will relieve Miss Huggan so that she may act as my deputy.

- 14/01/1977 Mrs Johnson absent (first ref to Mrs J).
- 14/02/1977 Mrs Waites absent with scalded leg.
- 18/02/1977 In the evening Mrs Waites, Mrs Carter and 16 girls went to the French Alps on a skiing holiday.
- 17/03/1977 Miss Huggan & I interviewed Mrs Lewis & Mrs Topham for the post of French part time teacher. Mrs Topham appointed.
- 22/03/1977 Mrs H Lloyd Jones starts maternity leave at end of day.
- 26/04/1977 Mrs Fielle absent to move house.
- 19/05/1977 Interviews for Art Teacher. We have appointed Miss Janice Killen.
- 23/05/1977 Interview for post of Supervisory Assistant. We have appointed Mrs Wildblood.
- 03/06/1977 In the evening, Mrs Humphreys Mrs Pryce Jones & Mrs Hughes plus 25 girls left for a holiday at La Touquet.
- 23/06/1977 Jubilee Mugs were distributed pm.
- 01/07/1977 School closed for all staffs of Secondary Schools in the area to attend a one and a half day conference on "Going Comprehensive".
- 04/07/1977 Rev Edge – vice chairman of the Governors – in school to interview for a temporary art teacher (in place of Mrs Vesayaporn who will be on maternity leave in the Autumn term).
- 14/07/1977 Interview for part time Maths mistress. Mrs Davidson was appointed.
- 05/09/1977 School reopened with 518 on roll.
Miss Killen (Janice) has joined the staff in place of Mrs Millington – retired. Mrs Hogg & Mrs Davidson have joined the staff part time. Mrs Pullen absent for an operation. Mrs Judith Williams is taking her classes. Mrs Vesayaporn is absent (maternity). Mrs Smith is taking her classes.
Mrs Wyn Evans has not returned from Papua due to illness.
- 12/09/1977 **Mr Lovell** (Head designate for the Comp Sch) came to start to look over the site. We were officially informed that the Comprehensive Scheme has been passed by the Sec. of State for Education.
- 26/09/1977 Mrs Wyn Evans returned (from Papua).
- 15/10/1977 Jubilee Concert at the Leisure Centre.
- 18/03/1978 Mrs Waites & Mrs Carter took a party of girls on a skiing holiday to San Georgio, Italy.
- 14/04/1978 Mrs Gorton (Lab assistant & Library assistant) left to go to the **Girls High School**. (replaced by Mrs Jean Price).
- 11/05/1978 At 10pm Mrs H Lloyd Jones, Mrs Carter, Mrs Hughes & Mrs Palmer took 40 girls to Calais for the "day".
- 25/05/1978 At night Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Fjelle, Mrs Jackson and 31 girls left for a holiday in Brittany.
- 12/07/1978 Interviews for a part time Maths teacher. We arranged for Mrs Field to come.
- 11/09/1978 Mrs Davidson absent – to hospital for operation. She is expecting to be absent for the rest of the term. Her place is being taken by Mrs Field.
- 16/01/1979 Interviewed 2 candidates for post of temporary Geography teacher. We recommended Mr Michael Abbott for the post.
- 19/02/1979 Penylan Lane closed for rest of term due to Town Sewerage Works. A "road" made from the **Boys** site to ours.
- 06/04/1979 School Concert took place in the evening at the **Boys School**.

08/05/1979 North Shropshire Gymnastic championships held in Whitchurch. Yvonne Dyke took the Gold Medal, Jayne Griffiths the silver and Caroline Ryan the Bronze.

25/05/1979 At midnight last night, Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Waites & Mrs Pryce Jones & 26 girls & some boys & a master left for a holiday in Brittany.

13/07/1979 During the afternoon we had our Final Assembly as **Oswestry Girls Modern School**. Those who were retiring – **Miss Copp**, Miss Huggan, Mrs Wyn Evans, Miss Foulkes Jones and Mr Owen were wished a long and happy retirement. That was the end of **Oswestry Girls Modern School**.

16/07/1979-
19/07/1979 Staff & a few pupils were on the site packing and moving.

20/07/1979 This school will be part of the new comprehensive school, **Croeswylan School**. I hereby terminate my appointment as Acting Head of **Oswestry Girls Modern School**.

Beryl Copp
31.8.79

Oswestry Infant School
Middleton Road
Oswestry
SY11 2LF

Designed by J. B. Surman of Birmingham and built by Thomas Lowe of Burton-on-Trent, the school opened on Monday 5th November 1951. Accommodating children who were formerly attending the Infants Department of **National School**, thus leaving more space for the Juniors in the **National School**. **Miss M Jones**, who was head of the infants department of the **National School** will be head of the new school and the staff of the infants department also moved to the new school. The school closed in July 2009, merged with **Beech Grove C of E Junior School** to form **Holy Trinity C of E Primary School and Nursery**.

Headteachers

Miss M Jones (1951-1960>)

Anne Condron (<1982>)

Christopher Bell (1990s)

Teachers (<1957-1960>)

Miss Rothwell

Miss Anne Bowyer (1954-1982)

Mrs Ison

Mrs Rowlands

Mrs Martin

Miss Roberts

Mrs Renshaw

Source: 1957-1960 Peter Morris (Pupil)
BCA 31st October 1951 (Photo)

BCA 28th July 1982 (Photo)

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

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**Our Lady & St Oswald's Catholic Primary
Upper Brook Street
Oswestry**

Built in 1890 for 90 mixed pupils.

Headteachers

Sister Agnes (<1982)

Sister Josephine

Source BCA 28th July 1982 (Photo

**Public Elementary School
Albert Road,
Oswestry**

Previously **Albert Road Board School**, the name was changed c1905.

Headteachers

Alexander Nelson (<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. 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.

Edwin Compton (<1909-1926>)

Early Life and Education

Edwin was born on 16th September 1871 in Poole, Dorset, the son of John Compton, miller and his wife Eliza Matilda nee Stokes. He had 4 brothers, John b1861, Alfred W b1864, Walter b1866 and Arthur Herbert b1868. On the 1881 and 1891 Census the family are living in the High Street, Poole, Dorset.

Career

On the 1891 Census, Edwin is an Engineer's Articled Pupil. On the 1901 Census he is a Schoolmaster, living in Gwevnyeveuin, Maesbury, Shropshire, but it is not known where he was teaching. On the 1911 Census he is living in Castle Cottage, 5 Chapel Street, Oswestry and is the Head Teacher at the **Public Elementary School** and is shown in Trade Directories to still be there, at least until 1926. On the 1939 Register he is living in Corfe Park Drive, Oswestry and gives his occupation as retired Head Teacher.

Personal Life

In 1899 he married Agnes Scammell Ralph in Poole, Dorset. She was born 1875 in Bere Regis, Dorset. The couple had 1 daughter, Agnes Muriel b1908.

Ragged School (C of E) North Castle Street

The school was built in 1872 for 170 mixed pupils and enlarged in 1889.

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. Around 1895/96 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.

Rhyn Park School St Martins

Headteachers

Mrs Anne Keen (Head of the Lower School) (<1982)

Early Life and Education

Anne was born in Manchester into a teaching family and had always wanted to follow the tradition. At school she proved to be very good at home economics, or cookery as it was then called.

Career

Anne taught for 25 years, firstly at **St Martins Secondary Modern School** and for the last 3 years at **Rhyn Park School**, under the comprehensive system.

Personal Life

Anne's husband, Cyril, was a partner in the Oswestry firm Keen's Motorworks. The couple had 1 son, Michael.

Source BCA 21st July 1982 (Photo)

St Martins Secondary Modern School
St Martins

Closed 1979 under the comprehensive system, became **Rhyn Park School**.

**Selattyn C of E School
Glyn Road
Selattyn
Oswestry**

Headteachers

Miss Morgan (1960s)

Source: Colin Cole (1960s)

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital School
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation
Trust
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 at 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
Image BCA 12th June 1957*

BEA 12/6/1957

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.

*Source: Marie Carter (Archives Officer) RJ&AH Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Information from 'Orthopaedic Illustrated' 1978 no 17 p 7*

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West Felton School

Headteachers

Cecil Evans (<6th August 1930>)

Weston Rhyn Primary School
Weston Rhyn
Oswestry

Headteachers

Rex Fowler (1960s)

Source: Colin Cole (1960s)

Woodside Primary School
Gitten Street,
Oswestry
SY11 1DT

Mainstream State School for pupils aged 3-11 years.

Opened c1937. The school, apart from 3 classrooms was completely destroyed in an arson attack in 1986 and had to be completely rebuilt, during the rebuilding, pupils were dispersed around the town, classes being housed in such places as the Memorial Hall and the old **National School** buildings. Those pupils in the **National School** had to spend the playtimes/ lunch breaks in Cae Glas Park. The new school reopened in 1987.

Headteachers

Mr Hackette

Charlie Renshaw (c1960)

Desmond Hughes

Graham Ladley (Acting) (1986) (1987-

Iris Daniel

Personal Life

Mrs Daniel purchased **Llansilin School** and converted it into a private house.

Robert John (Rob) McDevitt

Early Life and Education

Born September 1954.

Source BCA 21st July 1982 (Photo)