

PRACTICE PROFILE: ROGER A. JOYCE

"10 YEARS OF PRACTICE"

The evolution of a small provincial Practice

The question of starting in Practice must exercise the minds of many a student emerging from School or Architecture. Roger Joyce's is a story of a Practice which happened by chance, and following a fortunate introduction.

Working out of a C17th Tithe barn in a lovely part of the Wye Valley are the sole Principal, Roger Joyce, Trainee Technician Stephen Hawkins, Secretary Catherine Gladish and Kate Joyce, Book Keeper for the Practice.

Working with Historic Buildings is always a rewarding experience, and even before gaining Part III, Roger was involved in the restoration of a mediaeval Hall House, near his native Rochester, for a friend's mother. Even though the Practice deals with a fair proportion of new buildings among its (currently) fifty or so commissions a year, there is a definite leaning towards a vernacular style, and a firm commitment to Conservation.

A stint in the County Architect's office, a good few years in a growing provincial Practice gave a good, solid grounding, so invaluable to the young Practitioner eventually "going it alone".

Close involvement with a local Amenity Society has sometimes brought Roger into situations of conflict with applicants or their agents, but also into the vanguard of the Conservation movement, both locally and sometimes in a Regional sense.

Ten years ago, an introduction was made to Anthony Swain's Practice in Canterbury, and after three years working closely with Anthony (although the partnership which they had both hoped for did not materialise), Roger gained confidence in working with Historic Buildings. A growing personal workload eventually made it essential to concentrate on his own clients.

And so a Practice was born. This is the point when the inevitable crossroads is reached, (and many a newly qualified Architect will recognise the dilemma): back-bedroom private job image, or legitimate, professional and solid Practice. The spare room was soon outgrown, and acquisition of a print machine and photocopier (and at the same time increased family commitments), and occasional help on the drawing board brought the newest important decision. Work from home, or set up a "proper office". The family decided that working from home suited everyone, and few clients seemed to

mind it, so an extension was added to the house, with the Practice's first office, living room and — nursery!

"I am sure that the importance of deciding on what kind of image your office will portray cannot be overstated" says Roger. "Working from home inevitably attracts the smaller domestic clients, but I am constantly surprised that occasionally, we get quite big commercial enquiries, and institutions such as PSA, KCC and the Canterbury and Southwark Diocese, don't object". The important thing seems to be consistency in the service you give, and in the quality of advice you are able to offer. Almost every one of the 300 or so jobs which have come in have been by word of mouth, or personal recommendation. "Working from home makes you much more accessible to clients, and the answer machine, and separate home line was an essential component in deciding to do it this way".

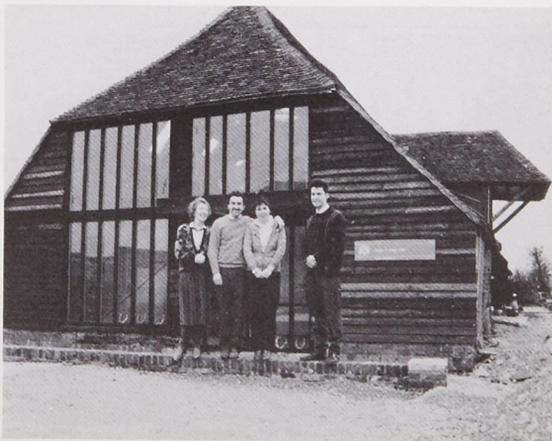
Practical experience is valuable, and we did a lot of the work on the office ourselves, and also acted as main contractors. You get to learn a lot more about how the Industry works. We've also developed a little, and this teaches you about the problems of raising finance (and paying it off!)."

Acquisition of Stowting Court Barn in April 1987 is probably the realization of

Roger and his wife Kate's private dream. To acquire something Historic, preferably Listed and in need of total rehabilitation, in a lovely position. "We thought it may have been an old, neglected Georgian or Tudor house" says Kate, "but I don't think either of us had thought of anything quite like a huge barn".

All their acquired experience, and more, has obviously gone into the first stage of restoration and conversion, and although there is still years of work before them, there is a definite character to the home and office which is being created. Visitors get "the tour" accompanied by an enthusiasm which is a characteristic of the Practice to Conservation work. The enthusiasm for the current workload is no less evident — among projects in hand are an extension to a Manor house, two barn conversions, formation of a Housing Association in Sheppey expressly to convert redundant buildings into homes for the homeless, and a whole batch of adaptations under the KCC "Welfare for Handicapped Persons" programme, a Primary School extension, and a private housing development. On site are two or three private houses, a Research Establishment, the conversion of an old Victorian School to houses and a small private hotel.

"I am very happy with the stage we've reached after 10 years, and I'm looking forward to the next 10. I've just been asked to join the Committee of the Kent Building Preservation Trust, and I hope to start a degree course in Conservation at the A A this year".



The Head Master. (P. E. BOND - FR. ST. MR. ST.)
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SANDGATE C.E. SCHOOLS
cordially invite you to the:-
ANNUAL PRESENTATION OF PRIZES
and

EXHIBITION OF SCHOLARS' WORK
which will be held on:-

MONDAY JULY 25th 1938
at 3pm.

PRIZES will be presented by:-
ALDERMAN STAINER, J.P. Chairman of
Folkestone Education Committee.

The School will be open from 2-3pm for parents
to walk round.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD

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PRESENTATIONS TO SANDGATE
SCHOLARS.

GUINEA BANKING ACCOUNTS FOR
TWO BOYS.



"Folkestone Herald"]

[Photo.

T. MOORE.

(Twelve years' perfect attendance.)



"Folkestone Herald"]

[Photo.

D. PRIOR.

(Eleven years' perfect attendance.)

An interesting event took place at the Sandgate Schools on Monday afternoon. In the presence of the whole school, and members of the Folkestone Education Committee, two boys, T. Moore and D. Prior, were presented with bank books, each credited with £1 1s., in recognition of their perfect attendance for many years at the school. The former made a perfect attendance for no less than 12 years.

A SOUVENIR OF JULY 16th, 1900.

With the Compliments and kindest
regards of the Head Master.



LADY SASSOON.

[Photo by Lambert Weston & Son].

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ELLEN FINNIS.

"Never Absent, Never Late," for Nine Years.

(Photo by Jacob, Sandgate)

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Mr. A. H. ULLYETT, F.R.G.S., A.C.P., HEAD MASTER.

SANDGATE SCHOOLS.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDALS BY
LADY SASSOON.

A LOCAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
RECORD BREAKER.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

These schools have this year a very remarkable record for attendance. For many years (ever since the present headmaster, Mr. A. H. Ulyett, has been in command) it has been the custom to present every scholar who attends school one whole year without being once absent or late, with a medal, and any scholar who gains seven of these medals, receives a gold one. This year eight of the children have won this coveted medal, and, more remarkable still, three gained their eighth medal, and one her ninth. This latter is a wonderful record. The girl who won it—Ellen Finnis—has attended school for nine years without being absent, or even one minute late, once during that time. The distribution this year took place on Monday morning, the ceremony being very kindly performed by Lady Sassoon, wife of the Borough Member. The ceremony is always considered one of the "red-letter" events of the year, and a large number of the scholars' parents were present, as well as many other friends of the schools, including the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Innis, Mrs. General Francis, Mrs. Chubb, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. O'Reilly, Mrs. R. B. Jehner, Miss Fynmore, Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, Mr. J. J. Temple, etc.

Lady Sassoon was met at the school gates by the Vicar and Mr. Ulyett, and also a "guard of honour," consisting of nine boys and nine girls, attired in fancy costumes. The latter strewed flowers in front of Lady Sassoon as she passed between their ranks, and her ladyship graciously accepted a handsome bouquet from one of the girls. On being conducted to a raised platform, her ladyship was saluted by the children, and received a very warm welcome. The proceedings commenced by the children giving a short musical entertainment, consisting of a pianoforte solo, by Daisy Ulyett, a vocal duet and chorus, "The Pilot," by Ethel Whiting and John Hollands, and another duet and chorus, "The Boatman's Welcome Home," by John Hollands and W. Burvill.

Mr. A. H. ULLYETT then made a short speech. He first of all, on behalf of the children, cordially thanked Lady Sassoon for so kindly consenting to come among them and present the medals. He assured her the children greatly appreciated the high honour; they would never forget it; they would remember the event as long as they lived. The occasion was a very unique one. They were very proud of the large number of medals gained that year. When he first became master of the school, 15 years ago, he commenced giving the medals. The first year three won it; that day 190 had won it. They were very proud of their "Roll of Honour," (Mr. Ulyett drew attention to the latter, which is always hung up in a prominent position in the School). Mr. Ulyett also drew Lady Sassoon's attention to the happy nature of the schools (the walls of which are hung with hundreds of pictures, including photographs of many groups of school children—remembrance of many happy days—old scholars and medallists who have since started on the "road of life" on their own account, many being in very good positions). They tried to make the school as much like home as possible, and so doing they wished to impress upon the children that they should also behave at home as they did at school. He assured Lady Sassoon that the present occasion was no ordinary one; it was a very unique one. One of the girls had not been absent once for nine years, about 3,600 attendances.

THE LATE MR. MORRIS OF ENCOMBE.—We notice that during the past few days a granite tablet has been placed over the entrance to the Girls' National School, Sandgate, in memory of the above gentleman, who was the founder of the schools. We also understand that a subscription is being raised towards obtaining a large photo of Mr. Morris, which it is proposed to place in one of the public buildings of the town. It is to be hoped that a hearty response will be made to the appeal, as the late gentleman was a great benefactor to Sandgate.

21 June 1884.

THE PICTURE OF THE LATE MR. MORRIS.—An excellent portrait in a handsome frame has been placed by the inhabitants in the reading room. The picture bears the following inscription:—"James Morris, Esq., D.L., of Encombe, Governor of the Bank of England, 1847; a beneficent friend of Sandgate, died May 9th, 1882, aged 88."

17 April 1886

Double event marks end of school term

A DOUBLE event will mark the end of the summer term at Sandgate primary school. Miss Winifred White, who has been headmistress for the past 17 years, retires, and the school celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Miss White's last major job has been to contact former pupils and to find out what she can about the history of the school.

The present school buildings were put up in 1866 and given to the parish by James Morris.

At that time Sandgate was a small village separated from Folkestone and Hythe by belts of countryside.

Although Sandgate itself has changed the school remains very much the same.

There have been no additional classrooms built.

The only differences are in brighter decorations, a canteen and better toilet facilities.

In 1866 the school was designed with two separate departments for boys and

girls, with two houses for the head teachers.

James Morris provided that the income from the James Morris Dwelling, now standing empty in Sandgate High



MISS WINIFRED WHITE
Headmistress for 17 years

Street, should be used for repairs to the school.

The first headmaster was Mr. Glanfield.

For many years his son was a popular local journalist, writing in the Folkestone Herald, under the name of Felix.

"At one time there were up to 300 pupils in the school," said Miss White.

"We took children from five to 15 years.

"At one stage they had to pay a penny to fourpence a week to attend.

"There was a school at Sandgate before this one was built.

"That was in Castle Road where the Sea Cadets now have their headquarters."

It was in the 1880s that the Ullyett family began their long connection with the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ullyett took charge of both the boys' and girls' sections.

They were helped by their daughter Miss Daisy Ullyett, who also taught in the school.

When Mr. Ullyett retired in 1922 the family had served the school for nearly 40 years.

At that time very few Sandgate children went to grammar schools.

The coastguard cottages were fully occupied and children came from there and from Shorncliffe Camp to attend the school.

At the beginning of the second world war the number of children was again increased when evacuees from Lewisham were granted part-time use of the buildings.

Safely

But by June, 1940, the Lewisham and Sandgate children were safely evacuated to South Wales.

It was at this time that the big change came in education and in the life of the school.

Sandgate became a primary school and the older pupils were drafted to secondary schools such as Morehall and Harcourt.

The number of pupils fell rapidly from the peak total of 300 to the present day 111.

Space once again was less restricted.

Miss White joined the school in 1949. Previously she had taught at Morehall Secondary School.

To celebrate the school's centenary she has invited old pupils and parents to attend a service at Sandgate Parish Church today.

Afterwards guests will be asked back to the school where an exhibition of its history has been arranged.

"I have been in touch with several pupils who were at the school in 1889," said Miss White.

"Most of them are now in their 80s, but I hope some will be able to attend."

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Sandgate Schools.

COME AND SPEND AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

THE
FOURTH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT

Distribution of Prizes

Will take place in the above Schools on

Thursday, July 25th, 1889.

Programme.

Song	...	"When the Brain is full."
Song	...	"Boys in a School."
Song	...	"Cherry Ripe."
Dialogue by DAISY ULLYETT and BETTIE PRIOR	...	"The Sick Doll."
Song	...	"With a glad refrain."
Song	...	"A Laughing Song."

"When the Cat's away the Dice will play."

Song	...	"The Hazel Dell"
Recitation by M. LANGRIDGE	...	"Cassabianca."
Song	...	"Yes, of course we all will gather."
Recitation by A. COLES	...	"The Quack Doctor."
Song	...	"A Sneezing Song."

"THE EXAMINATION DAY."

Duet	...	"No Hypocrite am I."
Song	...	"A Crying Song."
Song	...	"The Clouds that gather round us"

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES BY MRS. WAKEFIELD.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN."

The Chair will be taken by the Vicar at 8 p.m.

Reserved Seats, 2s.; Front Seats, 1s.; Second Seats, 6d.;
Back Seats, 3d.

Swain, Printer.

SANDGATE BOYS' SCHOOL.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

LIST OF BOYS OF WHOM WE ARE VERY PROUD.

BRONZE MEDALLISTS.

(Awarded for obtaining the highest Marks throughout the year.)

1886.	Herbert Whiting.
1887.	Herbert Whiting.
1888.	A. Osborne.
1889.	William Hobbs.

MEDALLISTS.

(Awarded for attending School throughout the year without staying away once.)

The Figures denote the number of Medals each has obtained, thus showing the number of years each has attended without once staying away.

E. Southon	4	J. Brissenden	1
R. Fryer	4	T. Mills	1
W. Hall	3	B. Caudell	1
J. Taylor	3	F. C. Abery	1
G. Russell	3	P. B. Abery	1
H. Whiting	2	A. Coles	1
A. McLachlan	2	A. Peerless	1
H. Watchers	2	J. Pain	1
T. Taylor	1	A. Charlton	1
F. Jennings	1	A. Whiting	1
W. Hobbs	1	H. Russell	1

The following Boys were not late once during the whole of last year.

A. Coles.	E. Southon.	J. Pain.
W. Hall.	G. Russell.	T. Taylor
R. Fryer.	J. Taylor	F. Jennings.

A. H. ULLYETT, F.S.Sc., Head Master.

SANDGATE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following Girls were not absent once during the whole of last year.

A. Taylor.	M. Mills.
M. Caudell.	L. Brown.
T. Mills.	

E. LEE, Head Mistress.

OFFERTORIES 1886.—£392 9s. 7d.

As against £315 0s. 2d. in 1885.

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy	57	1	11
Church Expenses	74	2	3
Organ and Choir Fund	30	15	3
Clergy Fund	35	19	9
National Schools	56	11	2
Easter Offerings	26	0	8
Foreign Missions	14	3	2
Church Improvement Fund	30	12	3
Church of England Temperance Society	6	16	0
Rescue and Preventive Work	50	7	2
Sandgate Dispensary	4	10	0
S. Andrew's Convalescent Home	4	10	0
Home of Nazareth	1	0	0
	£392	9	7

GENERAL SUMMARY of CHURCH INCOME, &c.

FOR 1886.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Seat Rents (including			Taxes on Seat Rents		
arrears)	200	0	and Offertories ...	5	0
Clergy Fund	35	19	Curate's Stipend ...	50	0
Easter Offerings	26	0	Mr. Glanfield (pound-		
Fees... ..	4	0	age)	5	0
			Net Income of Vicar	175	19
				3	
	£265	19	9	£265	19
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JULY, 1865.

Sandgate Daily and Sunday National Schools,

FOR

BOYS, GIRLS, AND INFANTS:

IN WHICH THE CHILDREN OF THE INHABITANTS OF SANDGATE AND THE IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURHOOD
ARE EDUCATED IN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH.

ACTING COMMITTEE.

REV. J. D'ARCY PRESTON.
MRS. PRESTON.
MISS LUCY PAPILLON.

GUSTAVUS GIDLEY, ESQ., M.D.
J. W. HOWARD, ESQ.
MR. W. M. JENNER.

The following statement of accounts, connected with the Sandgate National Schools, is presented to the Subscribers, with sincere thanks for their support.

Since the publication of the last Report, the time of receiving the Government Capitation Grant, and of the visit of Her Majesty's Inspector, has been changed from March to Midsummer: which circumstance will account for the double subscriptions of one or two of the annual contributors being mentioned in the accompanying List; and the next Report will embrace the receipts and expenditure for a period of twelve months, commencing July 1st, 1865.

Through the benevolence of an inhabitant (JAMES MORRIS, Esq.), New School Buildings are being erected at a considerable outlay, and entirely at his own cost: but the necessary current expenses of maintaining the education of the children will remain the same as before; and the Committee therefore rely upon a continuation of the same liberality that has been hitherto evinced, to enable them to meet these demands.

During the Autumn of last year a Bazaar was held for the benefit of the Schools: the particulars relating to which are contained on the adjoining page.

The remainder of the sum collected by the Bazaar will be retained to defray the expenses of preparing the Ground for the New School Buildings.

The average number of boys in the National School during the past year, was 41; of Girls, 35; that of Children in the Infant Schools, 80.

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FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING
SANDGATE HIGH STREET, FOLKESTONE



An interesting development opportunity, situated in a prominent position at the end of Sandgate High Street, and within easy reach of all amenities.

The property, formerly a Church of England Primary School has planning consent for the conversion to four dwellings. It is constructed of Kentish Ragstone under a tiled roof and there are pleasant gardens with the property and parking area to the rear.

The accommodation comprises :

Entrance

Lobby

Room

via Gothic Arch to :

about 8'3 x 7'0 leading to :

about 17'10 x 42'6, partially separated from adjoining room by an open doorway 5'6 wide with access to :

about 17'0 x 7'0 with exit facing Castle Road.

about 36'0 x 13'10

Room

Room

Fron Sandgate Hill via Gothic Arch doorway :

about 7'5 x 6'10 leading to :

about 17'10 x 42'0

about 17'9 x 43'

ENTRANCE

Lobby

Room

Room

CONT/..



ENTRANCE

Lobby

From Castle Road via flight of steps.
about 6'3 x 13'10

Further Lobby

with new toilet facilities.

Room

about 14'0 x 18'0

BASEMENT

Useful storage areas beneath the rear
of the building.

OUTSIDE

Ample space exists for vehicle parking
with entrance from Lister Way. The land
facing Sandgate Hill is laid to lawn with
gardens, and the whole is surrounded by
a new Ragstone wall built at the same time
as the conversion works to the Antiques Centre
were carried out.

Rateable Value

For the School and Premises £680

Services

All main services are available

Viewing

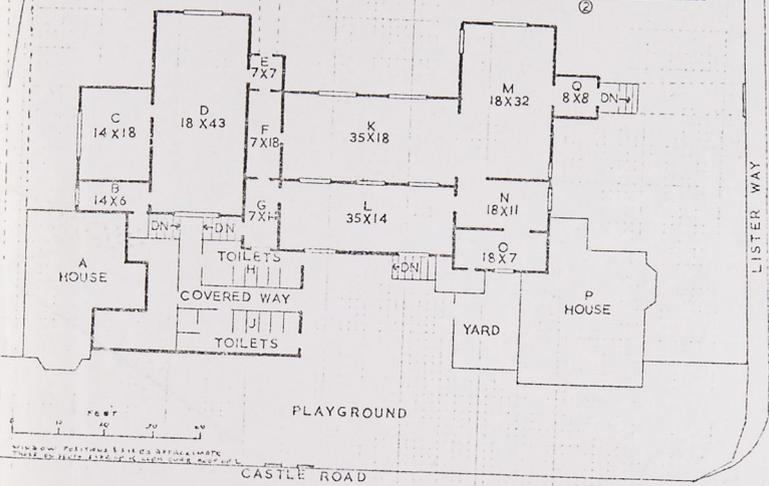
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NOTES ON THE HISTORY
OF
SANDGATE SCHOOL

SANDGATE HIGH STREET

SANDGATE SOCIETY
SKETCH PLAN
SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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LISTER WAY

CASTLE ROAD

turn over.

Sandgate School

(NOTES BY MRS. CHAPLIN)

1814 School opened in Chapel Street (now Wilberforce Rd) supported by subscriptions of the inhabitants and donations of visitors

1820 Moved to two rented buildings in the High Street "to the west of the Castle near Mariella Lodgings". One school for infants the other "The Male and Female National School".

1844 The two buildings were sold by their owners. The Lord of Radnor gave land adjoining the Castle. The Council of Education gave a grant of £240. The National Society " " " " £150. The Diocesan Committee " " " " £150 80

Private subscriptions amounted to £1,100. The School moved to its third home in 1846 (The Sea Cadets Head quarters now stands on this side)

1866. The Lord of Radnor again gave land for a larger building, in exchange for the plot he had given in 1844. "The Luckeline Chronicle" reported at the time "The schools are the munificent gift of James Morris Esq".

It was financially sponsored by the National Society; The Diocesan Education Committee and the Parish Church (after 1888 when Sandgate became an ecclesiastical parish.)

In 1945 when the children returned from Wales

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it became Sandgate church of England (Continued) primary school having the vicar, a nominee of the Parochial Church Council, and four other managers appointed by the K. L. C. as its trustees.

John Gough. 1814 - 1886

1. He was born in a cottage "to the rear of the Castle near Martello cottages".
2. Went to school in Folkestone costing 10d a week, but many Folkestone children came to Sandgate for 1d a week (there was a school in Sandgate)
3. He left school at 10 to become a juvenile teacher of two classes.
4. When only 12 his parents paid £10 to a family emigrating to America to take him as an apprentice.
5. The "pub" he mentions was probably "the Duke of York" (now the Dolphin Café) where the ~~Marine Buildings~~ ^{Marine Buildings} were demolished the rear wall of the café had traces of advertising material on it, clearly showing that it had once been a "pub".

The open space by Stadel's was once the site of a wine shop owned by Richard Jenner (the brother of William Jenner the chemist) until his death in 1899. The Jenner papers prove this.

The 1866 Sandgate School

1. When other schools in Folkestone were improved by lowering the ceilings to make them warmer the D. & C. were unwilling to do this in Sandgate as it would have resulted in blocking the windows which are very high, and obstructing the light.
2. The Kentish porous ragstone lends to dampness and the building needs much heating.
(These comments were made by Miss White, Head mistress until 1966)

No. 2.

1912.

SANDGATE

PARISH GAZETTE.



PRICE TWOPENCE.

Our Schools.

The Managers have agreed to the request of the Board of Education that several important alterations should be carried out in our Schools. The large room of the Infants' Department is to be divided into two by a glass movable partition, so that room can be made for Standard I. The two small Class-rooms of the Senior Department are to have the two galleries taken away, the floor levelled, and the wall separating them removed, so that one larger room can be provided for Standard IV. Fresh offices have also to be built. All this will entail considerable expense, and this has to be borne entirely by the Managers.

For the purpose of defraying this expense the whole of the offertory on Whitsunday will be for the Schools. The Vicar, Churchwardens, and School Managers most earnestly ask for a most liberal offertory on this Sunday, as the alterations will cost nearly £100. Donations are also asked and will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by Lieut.-Col. Fynmore, or by either of the Churchwardens.

Celebration of Empire Day at Sandgate Schools.

This is a day which is held in high estimation among the scholars of our School. It falls this year most appropriately—the Friday before Whitsunday. It is intended to celebrate it on this occasion in grand style. At the time of going to press the programme has not been completed, but we believe the celebration will commence in the morning at 10-30, and will take place at the back of the schools, within view of all those who wish to see it. It is expected that over 200 children will be dressed in character, and very pretty we are sure they will look. A platform is to be erected on which Britannia, surrounded by her Court, will take her place. Near the platform will stand on guard many soldiers and sailors, and there will be present representatives from India, Canada, Australia, S. Africa, and many other parts of Greater Britain. Yes, the sight will be well worth seeing, and Mrs. Master has most kindly and generously sent Mr. Ullyett £2 to be distributed as prizes among those who will be the most appropriately dressed. Songs relating to our great Empire will be sung by the children, and processions will take place during the singing. The Celebration will last quite an hour, and will be free to all those who may desire to see it. We cordially invite all friends of the School to be present; there will be room for all. Full particulars will be placed on the School notice board as soon as the programme is completed. The children will have a holiday in the afternoon and also Whit-Monday and Whit-Tuesday.

Donations.

The Churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following sums that have been received since Easter:—

Flowers for the Church (per the Vicar),	5/-
Church Expenses (J. Brumfit, Esq.),	£1.
Parish Room	10/-

SANDGATE SCHOOLS.

Historical Notes.

The earliest phase of education in connection with Sandgate is dated 26th February, 1623, when Lieutenant Stephen Gybbes complained that Richard Harris, the under-porter of Sandgate Castle, "detained a room in the Castle from him, and persisted in keeping scholars in the Lodge," and apparently this he did without authority, and moreover without licence, as required in those days.

The celebrated philanthropist, William Wilberforce, writing in 1812, from Sandgate, that in this place he "found much to regret—hot and cold baths, library, billiard tables, ponies, donkeys, everything but a church or chapel, or anything of the kind, though it is a sort of preserve of the Archbishop's, there is not even a Sunday School. We are trying to get something of the kind set on foot." Later on we find that Wilberforce was again at Sandgate "labouring by schools and other institutions to relieve the want and ignorance around him." "The adult school," wrote a friend, staying at this time in his family, to Mr. Arthur Young, "is established here, a room and teachers provided, and all will be left in good train. Wilberforce went himself, read them extracts from Pole's History of Adult Schools, and made them a little speech."

In a Guide to Hythe, Sandgate, and Folkestone, published by Tiffen, of Hythe, dated 1816, we read that "A school on Dr. Bell's system is established here; supported by the subscriptions of the inhabitants and donations of the visitors." Moreover, it mentions that the Wesleyans had recently opened a chapel in Sandgate, no doubt following on the activity of Wilberforce. An old inhabitant who died in 1896, aged 93, stated that he went first to the school at Madam Gough's, and then to a school in Chapel Street, kept by a man named Butcher, who was the first schoolmaster in Sandgate, and this is confirmed by the following extract from the Autobiography of J. B. Gough, the Temperance lecturer:—"My mother's character was cast in a gentler mould. For the long space of twenty years she had occupied the then prominent position of schoolmistress in the village, and frequently planted the first principles of knowledge in the minds of children, whose parents had, years before, been benefitted by her early instructions. There was a free school in the village, but my father possessed too much independence to allow him to send me to a charity school, and though he could ill afford it, paid a weekly sum for my instruction at the seminary of Mr. Davis, of Folkestone." Gough was only seventeen when his mother died in 1834, so that this carries us back to about the date 1812, when Wilberforce deplored the want of education, and probably the school kept by Butcher was started about 1814; doubtless it was in Chapel Street, in the parish of Cheriton, as the register of that parish has the baptism of Henry Butcher's children. Later on the school is traditionally stated to have been on the west side of Sandgate Castle, either on the site of 27, High Street, in the parish of Cheriton, or Martello Cottages, in Folkestone parish.

See appeal of 1846 - from the two buildings - was one of them 27 High St and the other "Martello Cottages".

A meeting was held in the Guildhall, Folkestone, in June, 1815, being the anniversary of the Folkestone Union Charity School on the Lancastrian plan, when the committee reported that 140 boys and 30 girls had been educated on the above principle, by the benevolent subscriptions and donations of the last year. This would appear to be a rival to the school in Sandgate on Dr. Bell's system, but was supported also by Wilberforce and the Earl of Darley, residents of Sandgate. It is doubtful if this school lasted for many years, as an old inhabitant of Folkestone relates "that there was no school in Folkestone in the olden days where a lad could attend under 10d. per week. And so it came to pass that many of us Folkestone lads had to walk to Sandgate for the purpose of Education. There we paid a penny per week." In "Watering Places," published in 1833, it is stated that the National School is at Sandgate, its proper designation being "The United School of Folkestone and Sandgate," probably therefore the Lancaster and Bell systems amalgamated, and the schools became affiliated to the National Society.

In 1844, owing to the buildings then used as National Schools being sold by the parties under whom they were respectively held, and immediate possession being required, the Earl of Radnor was pleased to grant the site, now occupied by the Territorials, and known for many years as the Artillery Rooms. Grants were obtained from the following:—Privy Council Committee, £275; National Society, £180; Diocesan Board, £80; Cholmondeley Trustees, £50; and from Collections in Church, Subscriptions from Residents, Friends, and Visitors, total about £1100. The architect was Edward Gotto, of Rochester. Here the school was carried on for just over twenty years.

The present Schools were built at the sole cost of James Morris, Esq., of Encombe, from designs by P. Hardwick, architect to the Bank of England, and were opened by a concert on the 1st June, 1866, and on the 2nd September following the Sunday School assembled for the first time, and on the next day for the purposes of the National School. H.M. Inspector, in his report, stated that "the School is now transferred to new and excellent buildings erected at the sole cost of a gentleman connected with the parish. They are very commodious, and in respect of beauty stand without a rival in the district." The Earl of Radnor conveyed the site in exchange, by deed, 27th December, 1866. The fabric is vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being. The management of the School, and all funds connected therewith, were, under a scheme dated 2nd January, 1872, entrusted to a committee of Managers.

There is a romantic story in connection with the first Sandgate Schoolmaster, published in the "Folkestone Express," 1890, under the heading of "A Folkestone Dick Whittington." According to this, a wealthy London merchant, on a visit to Folkestone, wanting an office boy, applied to the Harvey Grammar School. "Young Butcher" was sent, and proved sharp, industrious, upright, and a general favourite with all. In course of time, and quite in the old romantic way, he won the heart of his master's daughter, and braving her father's first feelings of anger, he eventually married her, succeeded

** Jas Morris at one time Governor of the Bank*

** Copy of scheme attached - see contract. S.W. Morris*

to the business, and took his master's name." The Post Office Directory for 1845 gives Henry and Lucy Butcher as Master and Mistress of the National School, Folkestone, and Henry Butcher also as Head-master of the Harvey Grammar School. The two must have been identical, as the dates agree. Henry Butcher was appointed to the Grammar School in January, 1820, and died 21st March, 1845, aged 69. Three lancet windows were placed in the chancel of the Parish Church of Folkestone to the memory of Henry and Lucy Butcher, and their daughter Mary Ann, by Stephen Harlowe, Esq., the so-called "Folkestone Dick Whittington."

The succeeding Head Masters were Thomas Valey, 1820-29?; Thomas Collar, 1829-44; Edwin Rider, 1844-54; William Glanfield, 1854-84; Arnold H. Ulyett, 1884.

RECORDER.

The Parish Room.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1912.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Men's Club—Rent	15	0	0
" " Steward	20	0	0
" " Donation	0	3	6
Girls' Friendly Society	0	7	0
Druids' Juvenile Benefit Society	0	5	0
Inspector Weights and Measures	0	10	0
Jumble Sale (per Miss Milne)	0	5	0
Annual Subscriptions—			
Lilla, Countess of Chichester	3	3	0
T. C. Kirk, Esq.	0	10	0
Mr. T. Keeler	0	5	0
Cheques (per Churchwardens)	22	13	6

£63 2 0

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Due to Hon. Sec., March 31st, 1911	4	13	4
Rent of Premises	34	0	0
Rates and Taxes	7	12	10
Compensation Insurance	0	5	0
Gas A/c	1	0	10
Fuel	1	0	7
Steward	13	0	0
Repairs (Mr. W. H. Burden)	0	16	8
Cleaning Materials	0	11	4
Sundries	0	1	8

£63 2 0

G. LEDGER, Hon. Sec.,
May 7th, 1912.

APREAL

1846?

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4 Colchester Reference Library
copy supplied by them 18/1/1973

Sandgate Infant, and Sunday & Daily Male & Female National Schools.

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85

In the course of the last year, the two Buildings which had been occupied by the Infant and Male & Female National Schools were sold by the Parties under whom they were respectively held.

Immediate possession was required of the Infant School Room, and after a short suspension of business, a temporary Wooden Building was erected, sufficient to meet the exigency during the summer months, but quite inadequate to resist the inclemency of Winter.

Time was given by the Purchaser of the very close and insufficient Rooms occupied by the Male and Female Sunday and Daily Schools, to procure accommodation on payment of a Rent of £15 per Annum.

These circumstances having been submitted to the consideration of the Earl of Radnor, his Lordship was pleased to grant, in freehold, to the Minister of Sandgate and his successors, a most convenient and valuable site, 80 feet in front, and 157 in depth, adjoining the Castle for the erection of three School-rooms, residen-

1/5 1959 - See locdts plot measures 88 ft x 152 ft
& Building measures 75 ft E/W & 80 ft N/S. (See plan attached)

The Committee of Council on Education, to whom the case was also represented, made a grant of £275, on condition of three School rooms, each 30 ft by 20 with suitable residences &c being erected within one year and an half, according to a plan agreed to by their Architect, and on the further condition that all the accounts, as well of receipt as of expenditure, should be submitted to, and approved by their Inspector, and the due execution of the work certified for by their Architect.

The National Society likewise granted £180, and it is expected, that further aid to the amount of £80, will be obtained from the Diocesan Society.

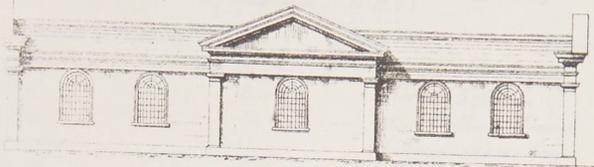
And the Minister of Sandgate has undertaken to raise and be responsible for whatever additional funds may be required to complete the work, which it is estimated will cost including the enclosure of the Premises & fittings

of 1100 ← up £1100

He therefore, begs to submit the case to your favorable consideration, and to request that, if you are disposed to help the good work, you will kindly notify the amount of your subscription to the Rev. R. G. Greene, Minister, the Rev. William Green, Undercliff, Curate, M. Collar, Chapel Clerk, and Collector of School Subscriptions to the Master at the National School House, or add your name to the Visitors List at the Library.

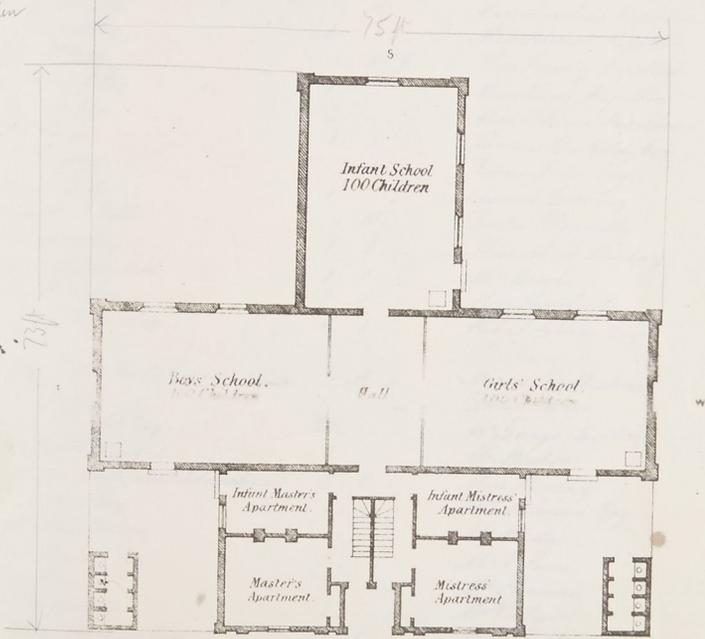
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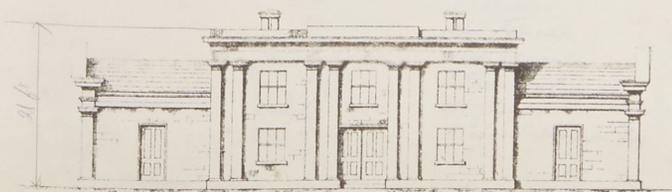
SOUTH ELEVATION

Assume scale $1/16" = 1'$
then



GROUND PLAN with Rooms over the Dwellings.

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NORTH ELEVATION.

Drawn by S. S. S. in the Prison

Edward Gotto, Arch^t
Dover & Rochester.

Grants & Subscriptions already notified.

Public Grants.

Privy Council Committee	£75	
National Society	180	
Diocesan Board	80	
Collections	535	+ 100 Voluntary Tithes £50
M. sermons 10 th August 1855	£30. 5. 1	
25 th May 1856	25. 12. 6	
	35-1-4	
	94-1-11	39. 0. 7

Friends & Visitors.

H. Dickenson Esq	£ 5
H. S. Drame Esq	2
J. M. White Esq	1
Robert France Esq	10
R. L. C. Brown Esq	5
Capt. H. Hope	1
H. Kibell Esq	10
J. Macnab Esq	1
Capt. Whisk	10. 6
Blount Esq	1
R. Pryor Esq	2
Mrs Davis	1
M ^{rs} Whiting	5
Miss J. Gibbs	1
Miss M. A. Gibbs	10
J. Brazorez Esq	1. 1
Rev. E. Bickersteth	1. 1
J. W. Lush Esq	1. 1
Samuel. Aston Esq	1. 1
Anonymous (Per Post.)	10
J. Wilson Esq	1
Joseph Wright Esq	25
M ^{rs} Joseph Wright	1
Friends to Scriptural Education	2. 2
J. Thornton Esq	1
M ^{rs} . Miss Wilson	1
John Rogers Esq	1
Lady Foley	2
M ^{rs} Stephenson	1. 1
William Harding Esq	1. 1
M ^{rs} Curtis	1
M ^{rs} . Money Higram	1
John Deacon Esq	5
Miss Dudes	5
A friend	20
Rev. J. H. Gurney	5
Lady J. Inge Esq	1
M ^{rs} . Miss Brads	1
W ^m . Asbell Esq	5
J. Bonlet Esq	1
Friend of Rev. W. Green	10
M ^{rs} Leonard	10

Residents.

Humble J. D. Bligh	£ 20
Rev. R. G. Greene	20
Rev. William Green	5
Edward Harris Esq	10
Ralph Brockman Esq	5
Miss Papillon	5
Miss Caroline Papillon	10
Miss Harriet Papillon	5
Miss Fanny Papillon	5
Miss Lucy Papillon	5
Miss Octavia Papillon	5
Thomas De. Keloy Esq	10
James Foster Esq	25
Edward Goffe Esq	5
Doctor Donnelly	20
Miss M. A. Purday	1
M ^{rs} Brooks	2
Miss Hambrook	1
Robert Polman Esq	5
Misses Gurdlestone	5
Doctor George	2
M ^{rs} George (Taylors)	1
M ^{rs} Kneton	2
Miss Purday	1
J. J. Holman Esq	5
M ^{rs} Pledge	1
M ^{rs} T. Lewis	1
M ^{rs} Harman	1
M ^{rs} Vallyer	5
M ^{rs} J. Eastes	1
M ^{rs} Town	10
M ^{rs} John Eastes	1
M ^{rs} Lewis	10
M ^{rs} H. Lewis	10
M ^{rs} Foxman	2. 0
M ^{rs} Foxman	2. 0
Miss Edwards	1
E. Thomson Esq	10. 10
M ^{rs} Taylor	5
Richard Hermon Esq	2

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Grant from the Cholmondeley Trustees £ 50 0 0
 Collection at Sermon, 9th August, 1846..... 35 1 4

RESIDENTS. 205-12-6

FRIENDS and VISITORS. 22-10-0

Mrs. Foster, Esq. (2d. Donation) .. £ 25 0 0
 B. Tyssen, Esq. 5 0 0
 Mr. T. Collar 1 0 0
 Mrs. Somerfield 1 0 0

Honble. Mrs. Kennedy £ 1 0 0
 J. Macnabb, Esq. (2d. Donation) .. 5 0 0
 Mrs. Somes 1 10 0
 Miss Kennedy 1 0 0
 Marquis Conyngham 10 0 0
 Miss Clark 0 10 0
 Mrs. Tilbury 0 10 0
 W. D. Crewdson, Esq. 1 0 0
 Miss Crewdson 1 0 0
 M. White Esq (2d. Donation) .. 1 0 0

R. Leah, Esq. £ 1 1 0
 E. T. Watts, Esq. 1 0 0
 Mrs. and Miss F. Janson 1 0 0
 Mrs. Stagg 2 0 0
 Miss Stagg 0 10 0
 Sir George Larpeut 2 0 0
 Mrs. Cruikshank 0 10 0
 Lady S. Grimstead 1 0 0
 Mr. Z. Purday 1 1 0
 Miss Whiting 0 5 0

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SUMMARY.

Public Grants £ 585 0 0 ✓
 Collections at Sermons 94 1 11 ✓
 Subscriptions from Residents 234 17 6 - 6237-12-6?
 " " " Friends and Visitors .. 153 11 6 ✓
 £ 1067 10 11

120-14-6
 153-11-6

94-1-11
 234-17-6
 153-11-6

Publics Contribution £ 482-10-11

ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The Rev. R. G. GREENE, Treasurer.

Dr.		Cr.
To Grants, Collections, and Subscriptions, as above	£1067 10 11	By Contractor's Account
Balance due to Treasurer	38 17 10	Architect's do.
		Bills for Stoves, Grates, &c.
		Do. Blinds, Locks, &c.
		Stamps and Printing
		Law Expenses on Assignment of Ground
		£1106 8 9
EXAMINED	£1106 8 9	
EDWARD CLARK.		

The accounts for the building of the Handgate National Schools having been at length closed, they are submitted for the inspection of those who have so kindly and liberally contributed to the work.

In addition to the balance of £ 38 17 10 due to the Treasurer, a sum of about £ 10 will be required to meet the expenses of papering the apartments, and improving the stores for the winter.

Contributions for these purposes will be thankfully received by The Rev. R. G. GREENE, Treasurer; The Rev. W. GREEN, Curate; EDWARD CLARK, Esq., Treasurer of the School Fund; or by Mr. COLLAR, Collector.

Plan of Quilt
 Originally taken
 from Secretary's

Narrative to Mrs. Greenwell and Committee of Sandgate Society.
 From: Mrs. L. Rene-Martin (Grobstein), 22.12.72.

EXCERPT FROM THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF J.B.GOUGH
 Printed in America, 1869

1853: I spent five days in my native village from Sept. 28th - Oct 3rd
 we went from Ramsgate to Folkestone by rail taking an omnibus at
 the station there, for Sandgate, a mile and half distant....

We chatted of old times, and old people, till we arrived at the 'New
 Inn' - it was the 'New Inn' when I was a boy, where we took rooms. Strolled
 out again along the same long ~~xx~~ straight street, the same names on the
 shop-fronts - Jemmy Bugg the cobbler, George, the barber; - Reynolds the
 baker; - Saunders, the shoe-maker; the Fleur-de-Lis kept by Flisher, as of
 old; - Draynor the fishmonger. I might have left but a week ago (Note: he
 actually left in 1829) for all the change in the main street. 'There's the
 castle!' how my heart leaped. Our house is just round the corner; but there
 is a change here; what is it? Ah, I see now -- the village green, where
the fairs were held, is gone, and there is a large National school in
front of 'our house' not so picturesque, but more practical yet I should have
liked to see again, the green where I had so often played 'cutters' or
'all the birds in the air'.

Note: The New Inn may have stood next to Hallett's, where the open space
 now is. Someone may remember. He also speaks of an inn near his house
 the 'Matello Tower' in the tap room of which I had often spoken a piece'.
 This is quite likely the pub at the back of the Norfolk Hotel facing the
 castle, Martello cottage and Terrace.

EXCERPT From Encyclopaedia Britannica (1944) under EDUCATION

Establishment of State Aid - In 1832 the Whig Government place on the
 estimates a sum of £ 20,000 for public education, thus initiating the system
 of the annual grant voted by parliament. The funds thus granted were to be
 confined to the erection of school buildings, and to be administered only
 through the National and the British and Foreign School Societies. In 1839
 Lord Melbourne's Government, by means of an order in council established
 a Committee of Council on education, and the sum voted by Parliament was
 increased to £ 39,000. In view of the limited resources placed at
 their disposal by parliament, the Committee of Council were at first
 compelled to confine their assistance to capital grants in aid of the provision
 of school buildings, but in the distribution of the money three important
 conditions were at once imposed. In the first place, the continuing right
 of inspection was required in all cases; secondly, promoters were obliged
 to conform to a fixed standard of structural efficiency; thirdly, the
building must be settled upon trusts permanently securing it to the
education of poor children.

.... Among the first acts of the Committee of Council was the promulgation
 of a set of model trust deeds. The necessary conditions were the permanent
 appropriation of the site to purposes of education, and the permanent right
 of Government inspection; a conscience clause was not obligatory, and indeed
 was only offered in the limited form of exemption from instruction in
 formularies an attendance at Sunday school or public worship. Special
facilities for the conveyance of land for school purposes were afforded to
limited owners by the School Sites Act of 1841 and subsequent years. The
landed gentry responded with great public spirit to the call thus made upon
their generosity by the State, with the result that the vast majority of

of rural, and many urban, parishes were freely endowed with sites for elementary schools.

We can conclude from these excerpts that the National School referred to by John Gough was the forerunner of the James Morris endowment, which no doubt provided a more elaborate and decorative building as his gift to Sandgate in 1866. It is also obvious that the School stands on the former site of the Village Green, where fairs were held, and Gough describes these vividly in earlier passages of his book. I assume that any land not owned by Lords of the Manor such as Radnor and Darnley etc. belonged to the Diocese of Canterbury. The village green, however, might be considered nonetheless as public land and given over for a purpose beneficial to the public.

SEARCHED

I had once heard that the village green was somewhere near the wallflower beds triangle by Lister Way, but it always puzzled me that it occupied so small an area. Now we know. No doubt further proof can be found in old maps and records, and I'm sure that ^hDavies at the Reference Library in Folkestone will as usual be most co-operative.

IMPORTANT: I think the Sandgate Society should ask the Land Agents of the Diocese of Canterbury for permission to inspect the Conveyance of Land from the purpose of a village green, to the purpose of an elementary school.

SANDGATE SCHOOL

NOTE OF RESULTS OF RESEARCH AT FOLKESTONE PUBLIC LIBRARY

18th & 19th, January, 1973.

Before the Ordnance Survey's first large scale map of 1872 there ~~are~~ no maps of a comprehensive and reasonably accurate nature.

The Blackwell Report of 21.2.1855 to the General Board of Health contains a map showing that there were no buildings on the land between the eastern edge of the Morris Dwellings site and Lister Way. ~~and back~~

The index to the Fynmore Albums contains no reference to any Village Green.

J.B.Gough, Temperance lecturer, born 22.8.1817
died 18.2.1886.

Mr. Davis showed me a photograph of the Gough cottage. This is said to have stood on the north side of Castle Road and to have been marked by a tablet, now lost.

In the René-Martin memo of 22.12.72, first extract, Gough is writing of 1853. The school then was in the buildings now occupied by the Sea Scouts as H.M.S. Invicta. In this position the school could reasonably be said to be "in front" of Gough's house. The land to the east of the castle appears from maps seen to have been built over by the 1850s. I was unable to find any explanation of Gough's remark "the village green, where the fairs were held, is gone". The ~~only~~ area in that part of the village likely to have been used for such a purpose would seem to be the land between the Morris Dwellings and the Morris School of 1866.

Attention is drawn to the pencilled calculations on the Appeal of 1846 which show that of a total cost for the building of the 1844 school on the Invicta site of £1067, £482 was contributed by the Public. The Earl of Radnor conveyed the 1866 site in exchange for the Invicta site. On the Invicta site stood this twenty year old building which had cost over £1000. It looks as if there was no building on the Morris Schools site. It might be suggested therefore that the citizenry of Sandgate had and have a moral claim to some part of the present site and buildings, as, if they were re-possessed by Lord Radnor or sold by the Church, the citizens contribution of £482 (in 1844) would not have been re-paid to them.

l. J.

Designs on our town

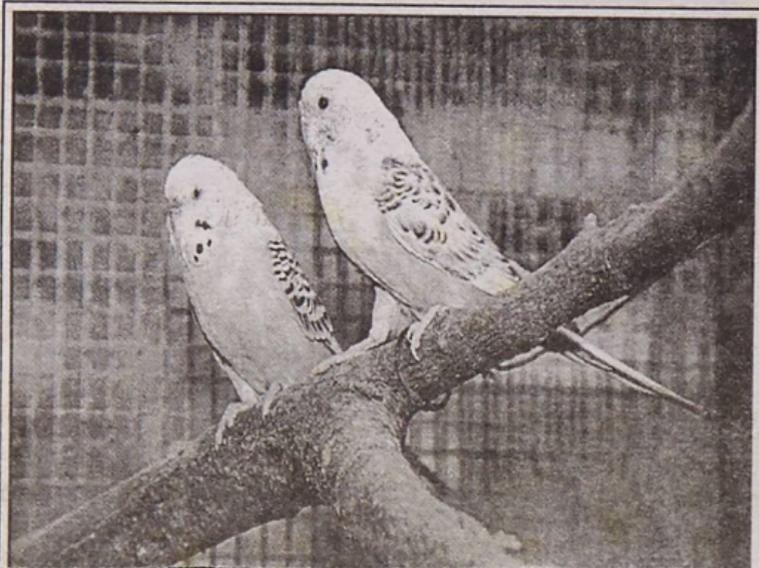
We find out about favourite buildings

By CLARE TAPP

THIS week is officially urban design week and celebrates the importance of urban design and its role in sustaining towns and cities.

The Herald took to the streets and asked people on the streets of Folkestone what their favourite buildings are and why?

ANDREW SIBLEY, 30, a parcel deliverer to Folkestone loves the modern looks of the SAGA building in Sandgate. "It is nice to see new buildings being designed that look nice and fit into their environ-



UNIQUE: Mersudin Bucan



Giraffe's body talk

CHILDREN from Sandgate primary school listened to the fascinating facts of how the body works at the Life Education centre workshops visiting schools across Shepway.

Funded by Romney Marsh Folkestone and Channel Rotary clubs, Harold the Giraffe talked to the pupils of years two, four and six about themselves and how to keep their body's in healthy shape.

The visits on Monday and Tuesday last week are the first to be held at the school where Ruth Price encouraged the youngsters to think more about how they treat themselves in a bid to educate against the use of drugs and other substances at an early age.

Deputy Head Jenny Reeves said: "It was an exciting experience and we got a lot out of it. The children learnt lots about themselves."



BODY CONSCIOUS: Harold the Giraffe encourages children to keep healthy



MIKE BENNETT'S *Notebook*

Horse and owner beat the odds



The unlikely combination of an unfancied outsider,

trained by a punter and a 42-year-old jockey, won a prestigious trophy at the stately home of East

Fitzwilliam Cup, which for generations occupied a plinth at stately homes in Kent. Now has pride of place in the lounge of a family in Ashford - for the first time in four years.

The winning owner of the horse was at the Fitzwilliam Cup Point meeting at Ashford, just north of Canterbury, where he rarely finds a home for his horses.

The determination of a punter, who a year ago he would never see again, the trophy came to rest on the front seat of his car.

Mister Spectator, an old gelding trained by Peter Hickman at Northiam and



'FANTASTIC DAY': Paddy Hughes with the Fitzwilliam Cup his horse, ridden by Peter Hickman, won at Cottingham 13/7690E/00

ridden by her 42-year-old veteran jockey husband Peter.

The owner is Paddy Hughes, 73, the operator of a minibus fleet family business from his home in Kingsnorth Road.

This time last year he was desperately ill in a London hospital

but a triple bypass and his fighting spirit saw him make a recovery and he was able to join family and friends to cheer the horse they know simply as George home.

Starting as an unfancied outsider the odds tumbled as Kent people's money backed their favourite with the bookies and they were rewarded as it led from start to finish over the three miles and 18 fences.

Bought four years ago for £2,300 it was the first horse ever owned by the lifelong follower of racing. In 1997 it won the cup and performed well in a series of maiden races.

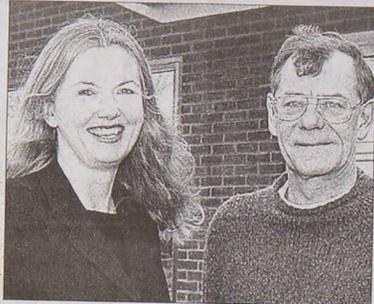
But both animal and owner have been sidelined for long periods ever since with the horse out of racing for two years with injury.

Both have made a dramatic comeback this year and few owners could have been prouder than

opportunities



SANDGATE - A SCHOOL SUCCESS STORY



LEFT: Head teacher Helen Tait with chairman of governors Richard Murrells
7/7700E/00

RIGHT: Play time at Sandgate Primary School
32/7700E/00



STORY TIME: Year R pupils with teacher Jenny Reeves

35/7700E/00

Vacancy cause



BLOOMIN' MARVELLOUS: Grower Daisy Gordon measures her flower tower with gardening helper Grace Langley

Daisy grows the giant sunflower of Marten Road

STANDING at over 12 feet tall Daisy's sunflower is definitely King of the land or should we say Marten road, Folkestone.

Four-year old Daisy was surprised by her measurements when the last flower out of four on the stem grew to a new breathtaking height towering well above the garden fence.

The pupil from Sandgate Primary school is delighted with her first bloom which was planted in the garden at Easter this year.

Mother Becky Farbrace said: "It just

went mad. The flower was from any ordinary pack of seeds but the minute Daisy planted it in the garden it kept growing and growing. She is very proud of it."

The youngster is said to inherit her green fingered talent from gardening mentor Laura Farbrace, Daisy's grandmother.

● If anyone has a sunflower which towers more than Daisy's record of 12 feet contact the *Herald* at the usual address and telephone number.



BOOK LOVERS: Children from Sandgate primary school dress up as their favourite book characters. Teacher Frances East joins in the fun

Transports of book delights

CHILDREN from Sandgate primary school enjoyed a week dedicated to reading.

The event kicked off last Monday when children chose books with a transport theme and read them as part of their daily reading hour.

Pupils of all ages joined in the event aimed at improving skills, encouraging interest in books.

Miriam Veenhuizen four, and Sophie Stone eight, created vehicles with recycled material. Miriam won the infant award with her flying saucer and Sophie scooped the junior plaque with her J.C.B construction.

Event organiser, teacher Frances East said: "Once again the week was a hit with the children. They really benefited from the variety of books on display. It only encourages children to read more."

The pupils could browse and buy books from the school's book fair before choosing a favourite book character to dress up as.

Noddy, a pilot and Father Christmas were among the various characters when children and staff dressed up as characters who drive.



THIS week we fly over Cheriton.

Running across the foreground from left to right is Cheriton High Street.

Coming off from the top are Somerset Road, left, and Ashley Avenue, right.

Leading off towards the bottom of the shot are Broomfield Road, left, and Park Road, right.

If you would like a 12x8in copy of this photo, send a cheque, made out to Simon Burchett, for £12.50, with name and address and reference number above, to:
C h a n n e l
Photography, 2
Hampden Mews,

Primary school is on the up

SANDGATE Primary School has been praised for making "remarkable progress" by Ofsted inspectors.

The school, which has recently been enlarged, now provides for 420 children dispersed between 14 classes.

Inspectors noted the three new classrooms and extension to the front of the school which was completed this month.

But what really impressed them was the improved standards of teaching and the teaching teams' determination to succeed.

The praise was readily received by the school's teachers who had worked hard to improve the school's position after it was graded in 1998 as "special measures" for failing to meet the high standards its children deserved.

Last week the inspectors decided that Sandgate no longer needed to be in "special measures".

Richard Murrells, chairman of the

By SARAH HALL

school's governors since 1998, said: "This shows what can be achieved by everybody working in partnership with our community and I would like to thank KCC for their considerable help and support too.

"All of our staff have worked extremely hard and have demonstrated their dedication.

"I pay special tribute to Helen Tait for her high standard of professional leadership, her commitment to teaching excellence and for her sense of fun for children's learning.

"Our journey to raise standards does not end here. "We can and will build on this success with confidence."

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Pupils dressed to thrill

CHILDREN wore astronaut, policeman and tank driver outfits at Sandgate Primary School on Friday.

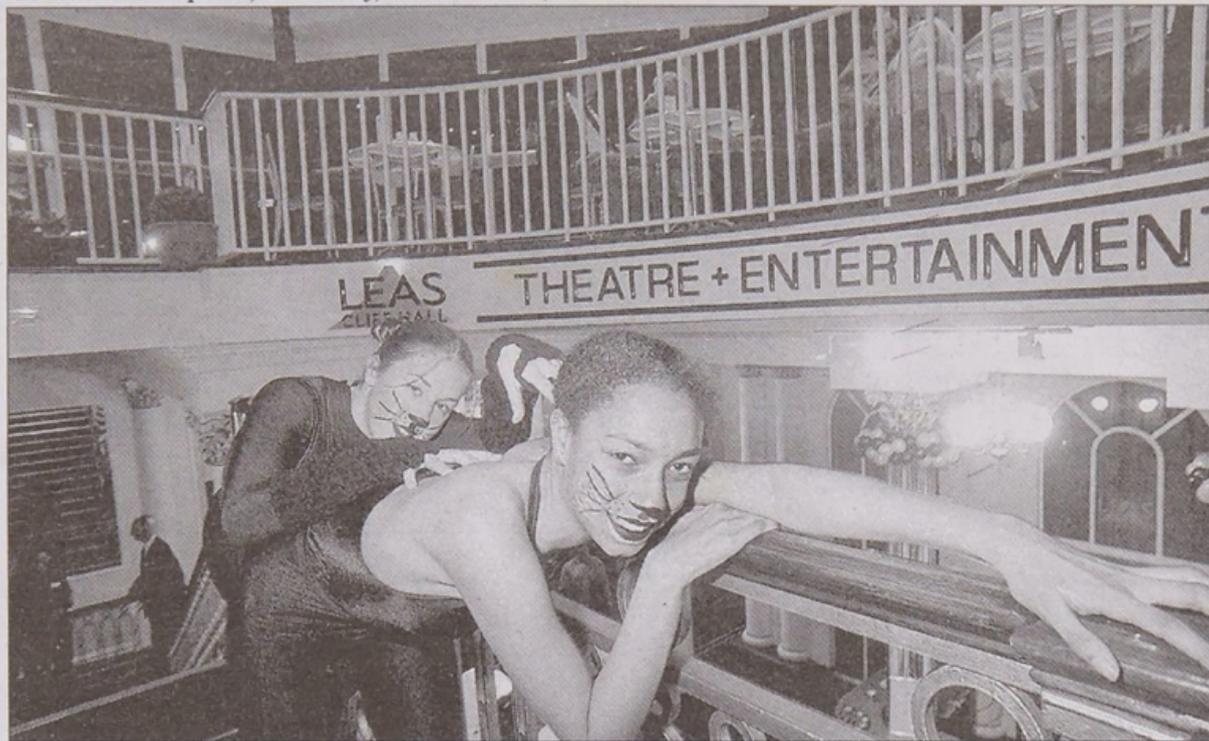
The dressing-up day revolved around the annual Book Week's theme of transport.

Literacy co-ordinator Francis East organised the week's activities, which included youngsters making models of their favourite modes of transport like tanks and spaceships.

She then joined more than 350 children in dressing up and turned up in a fetching Noddy outfit, a costume that was a favourite along with tractor-driving Bob the Builder.

FANCY THAT: Children at Sandgate Primary School in their costumes

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of attracting West End shows to the venue, were opposed by

ABOVE:
Cat





CHRISTMAS CHARITY: Pupils from Sandgate Primary School display some of the parcels

Charity begins in shoeboxes

PUPILS at Sandgate Primary School have responded to an appeal to fill shoe boxes with Christmas gifts.

The shoeboxes were part of Operation Christmas Child which takes the gifts to eastern block countries and parts of the former Soviet Union.

Pupils from all years of the school took home a letter to their parents before half-term asking

them to help fill shoeboxes with toys, clothes and a letter to give to a child in a less privileged part of the world.

Pupils managed to fill 120 boxes and filled in a sticker on the box saying who it would suit best, for example a boy under 10 years or a girl aged between two and four.

The parcels will be flown to the poorer countries in time for Christmas.

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Teamwork and Mrs Tait to the rescue

REMEMBERING the names of more than 400 children is quite a task, but the head teacher of Sandgate Primary School seems to do it with ease.

Helen Tait believes it is her duty to know each and every one of her pupils. And not only to know their names, but their interests and aspirations, too.

Mrs Tait, 44, who has a five-year-old son, said: "Unless you know your children, you don't know your school."

"They are all individuals and I don't just know their names, I also know what is special to each of them."

Mrs Tait refuses to take all the credit for the school's new-found status, even though other staff and governors believe it is down to her. She said: "I am a firm believer in teamwork; this is not a one-woman show."

However, Mrs Tait's energy and enthusiasm are infectious and since she has taken over staff morale has improved and the school has taken on a whole new ethos.

Mrs Tait said: "One of the

TWO years ago Sandgate Primary was identified by Ofsted as a failing school and was put into special measures. The head resigned and the school was thrown into chaos. But almost 12 months ago new head Helen Tait took over and the changes have been rapid. Ofsted has now given a glowing report and Mrs Tait says her aim is to make Sandgate one of the best primaries in the country.

JANE BARLOW visited to discover how she intends to achieve this.

main problems identified by Ofsted two years ago was that there was a lack of leadership. This is not the case now, but leadership isn't just down to a school's head teacher.

"Here we work as a team, which is essential for a successful school. We have sailed out of special measures as everyone in the team has played their part. This includes the staff, governors, learning support assistants, caretakers, administration staff, parents and, most importantly, the pupils."

Teamwork is not only evident in the staff room, it is found in the classrooms, too. In one reception class, pupils are given a marble if they do

something good. The marbles are put in a pot and once this is full children in the class get to choose a treat, such as extra play time or even ice-cream.

Mrs Tait said: "This gives the children an incentive to work together as a team and at the end they all benefit."

She said bringing the school's standards up had not been a "quick fix". Meetings had been held every week to discuss the school's "vision".

"We want to be a school offering children every opportunity to succeed. Ambition and expectations here are high. We are committed to achieving our aims. But most importantly we



want this to be a place where children are happy."

The school's new reputation is spreading fast. Applications for children to start in September have far outweighed the number of places, with requests coming from across Folkestone and from villages on the outskirts of Shepway.

By June, this year, schools all over the country have been told they should have a "high achievers co-ordinator" to help pupils who are doing well to do even better. Sandgate Primary has had one since last April.

This is the job of June Kreiselmeier. She said: "We identify children with special abilities and differentiate their lessons to give them extra challenges."

A £350,000 extension has provided three new classrooms and a play area.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate said displays of school work in both the new and the older classrooms was "superb" and in some cases "stunning".

Mrs Tait's daily battle to make her school stand apart continues, as she is not one to rest on her laurels. She said: "There is no stopping us now."

At the same time she also has the everyday school issues to deal with, such as the latest craze for Pokémon cards. Pupils were caught with them while the *Express* was visiting, and Mrs Tait was seen to make a mental note that this was something which needed attending to as soon as our tour had finished.



Special measures school gets a glowing report

SANDGATE Primary School has received a glowing OFSTED report and has been taken off special measures.

The report concluded that the school had improved dramatically in almost every area since its last inspection when special measures were introduced in 1998.

It stated: "In almost all respects Sandgate Primary is now a good school." It praised the Headteacher, Mrs Helen Tait, who took over last Easter, for turning the school around.

"The headteacher has led and managed the school, since her appointment a year ago, with energy, ability and determination," it said. "She and the

governors have a clear vision for the school. She tackled a situation in which staff were not working well as a team and the confidence of parents needed to be re-established."

It went on to say the ethos of the school is now strong, the teachers now work together, the curriculum has improved and attainment has risen.

Headteacher Helen Tait said she was delighted with the report. "It really has been a team effort. Teachers, pupils and governors have all played their part," she said.

She added: "This is an ambitious school which wants the best for its pupils."

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PUPILS STEP OUT OF PAGES AS FAVOURITE CHARACTERS



TORY TIME: Children and staff of Sandgate Primary School who dressed up during a book week

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MASKED MOGGIE: Holly Clark, as a cat, adjusts her splendid hat

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School's book week story of imagination

CHILDREN and teachers dressed as characters from their favourite books during a book week held at Sandgate Primary School. Teacher Frances East, who arranged the programme, dressed as Winnie the Pooh. Among the children's choices were Alice in Wonderland, the Mad Hatter, Robin Hood and

Pictures: Paul Dennis

witches. The pupils were also given talks by visitors to the school. They included Christine Heald, junior librarian at Folkestone library, writer Barbara Cooling who read Romany stories, and Kentish

Express reporter Jane Barlow who gave a talk about being a journalist.

There was a technology competition, in which pupils designed and made bookmarks and bookends, and a book fair run by the Travelling Book Company. Books worth more than £1,000 were sold during the week, which entitled Sandgate Primary to £550 worth of books for the school.

SHOPPING PROBLEM No 1

"I hate it, she always makes me go with her."

Matthew Smith, Canterbury.



SO BEWITCHING: Sasha Russell has a spell as Meg the Witch

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SPACE WARRIOR: George Chandler as a Star Wars character

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Schools affect the lives of almost half the population of the Folkestone and Hythe Parliamentary Constituency, be they pupils, parents or teachers. Fantastic amounts of money are being spent to keep up with the persistent demands for more classroom spaces and to prepare the area for comprehensive education in a few years' time. All this means that local schools are embarking on a period of change possibly unprecedented in their history. This week we take a look at some of these changes.

School scene changes

By Ron Green

WITH the slight hysteria which breaks out at the end of each academic year, more than 1,000 Folkestone schoolchildren started their summer vacation this week in the knowledge that for them school will never again be quite the same.

For they are caught up in the most decisive change to sweep local schools since the introduction of the Education Act over 100 years ago.

And when the autumn term starts they will pioneer the area into a brave new world of co-education.

Clinically this means that for the first time in Folkestone boys and girls of secondary school age will be taught together in the same classrooms.

But more emotionally it means the death of two secondary schools which have been centres of learning for two generations.

Disappear

Although it has been said that Morehall boys and Harcourt girls' secondary schools are amalgamating they will, in fact, disappear from the educational map for all time.

At a cost of £32,000, the Harcourt school is being especially adapted into the town's first co-educational school, to be called Pent Valley.

Swept along by this wind of change are some younger children who previously attended Harcourt primary school.

They will return to a new primary school, which is being established on the ground floor of the old More-

hall school in Chart Road, established more than 60 years.

Meanwhile, at Park Farm, work has already started on enlarging Hillside boys' secondary school which — at a final cost of £470,000 — will form the town's second co-educational complex in a year's time.

These costly improvements are not only aimed at coping with the constantly rising numbers of pupils, which will spiral when the school leaving age rises to 16.

They are also designed to smoothen the transition to comprehensive education, unlikely before 1978.

Wonderful

Then the Hillside complex — where most money is being spent — will become a senior school, Harcourt a middle school and Morehall a lower school.

While schools are improved and new ones opened, Morehall boys' secondary school disappears.

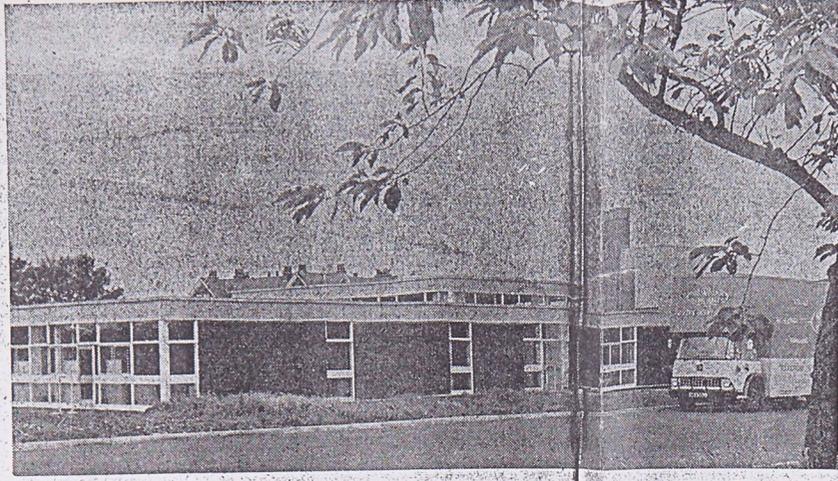
The headmaster, Mr. David Davies, who joined the school in 1938, found time amid the chaos of closing down to talk about the school.

"It was a happy school with a wonderful feeling between staff and boys — it was a good school," he said — and gave three illustrations to support his assessment.

FIRST, the tendency for staff to remain at the school for several years — whereas a rapid turnover of staff can indicate that all is not well within a school.

SECOND, the attitude of old boys towards their teachers, a combination of respect and friendliness.

AND THIRD, members of the public complimenting the school — such as a woman who took the trouble to tell



After a long wait, Sandgate primary school has at last got a new home. The £111,000 building in Coombe Road, Folkestone, pictured above, was being equipped this week in readiness for occupation in September.

Mr. Davies of the Morehall boys seen helping an old lady, and the couple so impressed by the enthusiasm of the boys for cricket that they took, free of charge, a party of 10 to Lords.

Since rejoining Morehall after the war Mr. Davies has helped steer over 3,700 pupils through the school.

"Boys don't change much," he said. "They still get up to the same tricks — and I hope they continue to do so.

"Two things have altered, though. They have more freedom now both in school and out.

"And they are much better dressed now than they were in 1938, which reflects on today's society."

When Mr. Davies returned to the school after the war, the school leaving age was 14, shortly to be raised to 15.

The Senior Schools' Certificate, the forerunner of today's G.C.E., was introduced, and a handful of boys stayed on to study for it.

This number has steadily increased to an average of between 15 and 20 boys who studied for O level exams.

Squeeze

The school's greatest problem was that of space.

The original pre-war building was extended, but remained insufficient.

Workshops were built on part of the playing field — but even so, with 370 boys on the register, it was still a squeeze.

After being deputy headmaster for 14 years, Mr. Davies was appointed head for the last three years of the school's life.

"I liked Folkestone. I liked the school and I liked the people I was working with so I saw no reason to leave," he said.

Not bad for a teacher who came to Folkestone 34 years ago with the intention of moving on within five years.

Tributes to staff at Alkham

ALKHAM primary school closed down last Friday. And shortly after the children filed out, their parents walked in — to pay tribute to the staff.

Some parents at the ceremony had themselves been pupils at the school.

One was Mr. George Kirby, chairman of the Parent-Teacher Association, who presented gifts to Mrs. Olive Harvey, acting headmistress, who has been at the school for 20 years, and teachers Mrs. D. Gordon and Mrs. B. Skelton.

Mrs. E. Allen, caretaker, Mrs. M. Champion, mid-day supervisor, Mrs. B. Preston, dinner-break supervisor, and school secretary, Mrs. Tolputt, also received gifts.

In September, children from the village will attend the new Capel primary school.

Centenary at Lympne

LYMPNE Primary School held centenary revels this year to celebrate the erection of the school building in 1872.

The original school building has undergone extensive internal alterations during the years, and additional mobile classrooms in the school playground house the growing number of pupils.

The anniversary was marked by an exhibition depicting the school's history



DAVID DAY It was a happy school and its close health the village.

There was also cheese and wine party for parents and villagers, and tinner's Day entertainment for the children.

Southlads change

THE first school in the district to go comprehensive will be Southlads at New Romney, which has been run on a co-educational basis for many years.

In preparation for a new £235,000 building has gone up in St. Paul Road, linked to the original school by a subway beneath the main road.

The school's 80 pupils will start regular at the new premises in September.

Romney surplus

THE old primary school in Church Lane, New Romney, may be surplus to the requirements of Kent Education Committee within the next year or so, New Romney Town Council has been told.

First chance to take over the property will probably go to the church authorities.

But the council is to pursue the possibility of either buying or leasing the land in front of the school as an off-street car park.

Conversion at Capel

PLANS to convert the old primary school at Capel into a residential centre for rural studies are to be considered by Kent Education Committee.

Groups of senior children from secondary schools all over Kent would be able to go to the centre for up to a week.

Laboratories — as well as dormitories — would be provided at the school.

Pupils' studies would take place in the farming areas of Elham Valley and Romney Marsh.

16 schools to be redecorated

PUPILS at 12 primary and four secondary schools in the Folkestone area and Elham area will turn to brighter schools.

Over £13,300 is to be spent on giving the buildings a face lift. For most of the wall

be their first substantial lick of paint in four years because of a financial clamp down.

Stirling Minnis, George Spurger, St. Peter's, Muddella, Lympne; All Souls' Christ Church, Seabrook, Selindge, Selsted, Harcourt and

A seat of learning for over 100 years

INADEQUATE for contemporary teaching requirements, and now sadly silent after more than a century as a seat of learning, Sandgate's old primary school remains a striking structure in an area of such architectural merit that it is soon to become the subject of a conservation order.

When school starts again in September, pupils move to a new building, and for the first time since 1814 the village of Sandgate will be without a school of its own.

With its Gothic spire and gables, Kentish ragstone walls and well-tended garden, the old building at the bottom of Sandgate Hill is unique in this area, if not in the country.

For there cannot be many schools which can boast that they were planned by the man who designed the Bank of England.

In 1866 Sandgate, which once had better school facilities than Folkestone, had grown so extensively that its existing school was inadequate.

ORNAMENT

The Earl of Radnor gave land for a new school — and the project, thought to have cost about £6,000, was solely financed by James Morris, director of the Bank of England for 53 years, who lived at Encombe.

Mr. Morris engaged Philip Charles Hardwick, architect to the Bank of England, to design the building.

A grand opening concert was held, and the Folkestone Chronicle was moved to comment on the buildings: "They are an ornament to the pretty village of Sandgate and will stand as a lasting monument of the liberality of the noble donor.

It appears that the school may have been for its day, a progressive one.

For instead of using corporal punishment as a deterrent

to truancy the school offered an incentive bonus.

Weekly school fees were fourpence for boys and girls, three pence for infants and, according to the rules in 1875, regular attenders received a rebate at the end of the year.

The school celebrated its centenary in 1966 — when plans were already being made for a replacement to be built.

Despite mobile classrooms, conditions were still cramped to such an extent that children who stayed for school lunches had to

eat the meals on their desks.

This week the job of moving into a brand new, purpose-built school in Cooling Lane, Folkestone, was going on.

The Vicar of Sandgate, the Rev. Alan Gibson, comments in the current parish magazine:

"Though its removal from the village will cause difficulty to families who live in Sandgate, the benefits of many modern amenities and an adjoining playing field should, outweigh the disadvantages."

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THE NEW SANDGATE SCHOOL

Regards

Kenn Bailey

Olde Sandgate.

After a long, useful and independent career under the ægis of our Church, Sandgate Schools became State-controlled on the 17th August. For a few years now, Sandgate has not had a completely self-contained educational system ; but at one time Sandgate Schools were the only Elementary Schools in their neighbourhood ; and boys from Folkestone would come to Sandgate for their education. A report in the " Folkestone Herald " of 17th January, 1903, noted a conversation with an eighty-two years-old sailor of Folkestone. " There was no School in Folkestone in the olden days where a lad could attend under tenpence per week. And so it came about that many of us Folkestone lads walked to Sandgate for the purpose of education. There we paid a penny per week. Yes, summer and winter, rain or fine, we trudged to and fro along the Lower Road ; and we took our dinners with us . . . "

Tiffen's Guide to this neighbourhood published in 1816 states—" A school on Dr. Bell's system is established here (Sandgate) supported by the subscriptions of the inhabitants and the donations of visitors." This school was in Chapel Street (now Wilberforce Road) and apparently dated back to 1814. The master at that time was one, Henry Butcher. I do not know what the premises were like at this period, but they were no longer available in 1844, when Lord Radnor gave a piece of land beside the Castle. There a building was erected (now used by the Sea Cadets) at a cost of £1,100. Towards this cost, grants of £585 were received from charitable organisations, but the

- Sept. 4 Jonathan Spencer, son of Wing-Commander Herbert Mead Culham and Kathleen Bridevak Harwood of 1, Chichester Road, Sandgate.
- 18 Elizabeth Malone, daughter of Dennis Percy and Stella Phyllis Lead of 2, York Villas, Sandgate Hill.

Burials :

- Sept. 16 Alice Caldicott of the Studio, Castle Road, aged 74 years (Hawkinge).
- 16 William Charles Packham of 9, Morris Dwellings, aged 84 years (Hawkinge).
- 17 Major Ughtred Shuttleworth Holden of West Grove, Wellington Place, aged 60 years (St. Martin's, Cheriton).

SEVEN DUTIES

One hears quite a lot about the duties of the clergy, and quite rightly. But what are the duties of those who are Church people by virtue of their Baptism and Confirmation? Here is a list compiled by the Convocation of Canterbury:—

1. To go to Church at least once on Sunday.
2. To receive Holy Communion regularly, and especially at Christmas, Easter and Whitsun.
3. To be regular in private prayer.
4. To read the Bible regularly, and seek to understand better the faith and teaching of the Church.
5. To follow the examples of Christ in everyday life and to witness bravely to their faith by word and deed.
6. To give personal service to the Church, their neighbours and the community.
7. To support the Church systematically at home and overseas according to their financial means.

balance was raised by public subscriptions. As originally built the exterior at any rate had a more pleasant appearance than is the case now. The architect was Edward Grotto, and the scheme for the schools was initiated by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Greene), his curate the Rev. William Green, and the treasurer of the School Fund, Mr. Edward Clark. The first headmaster was Mr. Edwin Rider, also an artist of some merit, as may be noted by an engraving of a former Vicar, the Rev. S. J. Gambier (1848-52) now in the Sandgate Reading Room. Mr. Rider held this post until 1854, when he was succeeded by Mr. William Glanfield.

A Guide book of 1847 adds this information about the Schools. "It contains about 110 boys and 60 girls, and the manner in which it is conducted reflects great credit on the master and mistress. Its proper designation is the United School of Folkestone and Sandgate." It is uncertain when Folkestone provided a suitable school for its children, but the school roll increased so much as to necessitate a larger building. So in 1866, Mr. James Morris of Encombe built the present schools entirely at his own expense; a benefaction commemorated by a tablet over the North door. In the following year the School Inspector's report made this comment, "They are very commodious and in respect of beauty stand without a rival in the district."

Mr. William Glanfield continued as headmaster until 1887, when he was succeeded by Mr. Arnold Henry Ullyett, F.R.G.S., who held the post until 1922. During his headmastership many scholarships were won by the pupils, also prizes. Mr. Ullyett's enthusiasm for knowledge and his readiness to learn of new scientific achievements were a very important factor in the success of the school and of his pupils.

Under his regime a feature of the school life was the celebration of May Day and Empire Day, as of other festivals, with appropriate carnival and processions; in which the old Castle sometimes played its part. The proceedings were enlivened by a band, very often from the Gordon Boys' Orphanage at Dover; and of course, a tea and old English sports. It is a pity that our dull prosaic life cannot be brightened by celebrations of a similar nature nowadays.

Recorder II.

educated at the C.M.S. School in Srinagar, Kashmir, and becoming a Christian he determined to translate the whole Bible into his own language ; a life's work.

Facts and Figures : In 1947, the national expenditure on Alcoholic beverages was £678 millions ; on Tobacco, £690 millions ; Gambling, £850 millions. In the same year, missionary societies receipts were approximately £3 millions ; and the available income for one big society (Church Missionary Society) with world-wide connections was only £538,549.

St. John Ervine, author and playwright, speaking recently of our national outlook said—" Our illiterate ancestors, who spent Sunday morning in Church listening to the parson reading fine prose from the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, were better employed than our contemporaries, who debauch their minds with the execrable English of the Sunday Press—such minds, that is to say, as are left after the cinemas have finished with them."

One result of the various nationalisation measures of our Welfare State has been to limit the number of voluntary causes to which subscriptions and bequests can be made ; hospitals especially. The need now is to make known as widely as possible how gratefully the Church will receive gifts and bequests.

Old Testament history repeated. Dr. Weizmann, President of the new State of Israel, recently invited the two Chief Rabbis of Israel " to assume the office of the Jewish prophets of old, freely and openly criticizing the Government and the President whenever this is necessary."

The Oberammegau Passion Play, which was last performed in 1934 is being revived in 1950. The Play is the fulfilment of a vow made in 1633, for deliverance from a plague which decimated the population of this village in the Bavarian Alps. Since that date the Passion Play has been performed every ten years unless prevented by circumstances, e.g. Nazi opposition and the war.

The close association of the School with the parish church has, I hope, been of mutual benefit. We have had two outstanding Churchwardens who were also Headmasters - Mr. Arnold Ulyett and Mr. Edward Neale - who are remembered with affection by many Sandgate citizens, and whose faith and principles contributed much to help form the characters of so many children.

It would be true to say that all our Church Schools have changed greatly and broadened in religious outlook in the past quarter-century. Our local School, since the western extension of Folkestone and the building of the Golden Valley estate, now draws about two-thirds of its children from outside the original village area, and homes of various religious denominations are represented.

The old School, though still a pleasure to the eye with its Gothic spire and small garden, becomes uncomfortably congested for "Assembly", and meals have had to be eaten off the desks. In spite of this recent overcrowding, it has remained a very happy School - thanks to the two Headmistresses, Miss W. P. White and Miss J. Dexter, who have had to cope with these problems. Miss Dexter has been Headmistress since 1966.

Let us all give thanks for what our School has managed to achieve. The old cedar tree in the garden provides a symbol of what it has tried to do for the local community.

The tree points upward - witnessing to the need for the young to respect authority, both as pupil and citizen, - God being the Highest Authority of all.

One of the tree's branches points to houses on the land-side - representing the homes of the nation, and indicating that an ultimate aim of education is to make happy homes.

A branch from the opposite side of the tree points seaward - to distant lands - a gesture encouraging our boys and girls to be adventurous and to travel. The Sandgate in Australia represents one example to village life taken with affection to a distant land.

Another branch points at the School-building itself, where the Adventure of Growing-up begins. I am sorry that the old tree cannot, for reasons of age, accompany the children when they go to their splendid new building near the top of Sandgate Hill next term, but I hope that these

simple principles will always continue to be recognised at Sandgate County Primary School - which we will support with affection and prayer.

ALAN H. GIBSON.

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THE HISTORY OF SANDGATE SCHOOL

by the Vicar

Notes and press-cuttings in the Scrap-Book of the late Lt. Col. R. J. Fynmore (Reference Dept. Folkestone Public Library) enable us to trace the origin of Sandgate National School and to follow its successive movements to larger and better premises.

The original foundation was in 1814, when a School was opened in Chapel Street (now Wilberforce Road) "supported by the subscriptions of the inhabitants and donations of the visitors". Perhaps this was the time to which an aged Folkestonian referred when he told Colonel Fynmore: "There was no school in Folkestone in the olden days where a lad could attend under tenpence a week. So, many of us lads had to walk to Sandgate for education - there we paid a penny a week". From this one supposes that the Harvey Grammar School was in the "tenpence a week" class!

The first schoolmaster at the Chapel Street School was Mr. Henry Butcher, who left in 1820 to become Headmaster of the Harvey Grammar School. Some time after that, the School moved to its second location - two rented buildings "on the west side of the Castle near Martello Cottages". It had become "The Infant and Male & Female National Schools", and was run on the Bell system.

Folkestone, it seems, had started a National School, on the Lancastrian system, which by 1833 had removed to Sandgate. A "Guide to Watering Places" published in that year states: "The United School is at Sandgate, its proper designation being 'The United School of Folkestone and Sandgate'.

This fact is of particular interest in the history of primary education within the the Borough of Folkestone. Taken in conjunction with the reminiscence of Col. Fynmore's aged informant that "many of us lads had to walk to Sandgate for

education", it would justify the present Sandgate County Primary School in claiming to be - next to the Harvey Grammar School - the senior surviving educational establishment in the Borough!

The headmasters in this second period were Mr. Thomas Valyer (1820-1829) and Mr. Thomas Collar (1829 - 1844). An accommodation crisis came in 1844 when the two rented buildings were sold by their owners, and the purchasers required immediate possession.

Sandgate Chapel was not yet a parish church, but its Minister, the Rev. R. G. Greene, launched an effective fund-raising appeal on behalf of the School. From his Subscription Prospectus we learn that "after a short suspension of business, a temporary wooden building was erected, sufficient to meet the exigency during the summer months, but quite inadequate to resist the inclemency of winter".

1845
The Earl of Radnor had come to the rescue with a gift of land: "in freehold, to the Minister of Sandgate and his successors, a most convenient site . . . adjoining the Castle, for the erection of three school rooms, residences, etc." This was the site on which the Sea Cadets Headquarters now stands. Grants for the building were made by the Council for Education (£275), the National Society (£180), and the Diocesan Committee (£80). Mr. Greene had undertaken to raise the remainder - estimated at £1,100 by private subscription from local support, and he achieved this by 1846, when the School was able to move to its third location beside the Castle. Mr. Edwin Rider was headmaster from 1844 to 1854. The present Sea Cadets building is the old School, which later became a Drill Hall for the Sandgate Volunteers. It was designed by Edward Gotto, of Rochester.

As the population of Sandgate increased, following the development of the Coastguard Service and the arrival of the railway, larger premises were needed. This time it was Mr. James Morris of Encombe, a former governor of the Bank of England, who - with the help of the Earl of Radnor - provided the School with a better home - the fourth since its foundation - in 1866.

The Earl of Radnor provided the new site, at the foot of Sandgate Hill, and Mr. Morris engaged a distinguished London architect, Philip Charles Hardwick, to design the building in Kentish ragstone, with its Gothic spire and gables.

It was opened in September 1866, with general acclamation. H. M. Inspector of Schools, after a visit in 1867, reported that the buildings "are very commodious, and in respect of beauty, stand without rival in the district". The Folkestone Chronicle commented: "They are an ornament to the pretty village of Sandgate, and will stand as a lasting monument of the liberality of the noble donor". The headmaster from 1854 to 1884 was Mr. William Glandfield

The Education Act of 1870, establishing a national system of elementary schools, led to designation of the Sandgate National School as a Church of England School, as it had been - and continued to be, financially sponsored by the National Society, the Diocesan Education Committee, and the Parish Church - Sandgate becoming an ecclesiastical parish in 1888. Reference to the accounts of St. Paul's Church shows that regular sums of money were devoted to its maintenance from the church fund.

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1856
Mr. Glandfield was succeeded by Mr. Arnold Ulyett and Mrs. Ulyett as "co-heads" of the respective boys and girls departments in 1884, and Mr. Ulyett served until 1922, when he was succeeded by Mr. E. G. Neale. Mr. Neale in 1940 had the sad task of organising the "Exodus" of Sandgate school children to the Wye Valley area of South Wales, where he and Mrs. Neale looked after them during the War Emergency.

Re-organisation of schools followed the end of the War, and when the children returned to Sandgate the school was reconstituted as Sandgate Church of England (Controlled) Primary School, the Kent Education Committee becoming the controlling authority for finance and administration, and the School Management Committee having the Vicar and a nominee of the Parochial Church Council as Foundation Managers, with four other Managers appointed by the Local Education Authority.

Head teachers in succession to Mr. Neale were Mr. R. Roberts, Mr. Bond, Miss Woods and Miss W. P. White - who retired in 1966, after organising a memorable Centenary Festival.

Miss J. Dexter succeeded Miss White in 1966 and was soon faced with the problem of overcrowding. The School "catchment area" extended to west Folkestone and the new Golden Valley estate. The Borough Council cleared the adjoining site of the old Morris Dwellings so that the K. C. C. could provide four "caravan classrooms" as temporary

relief, until a new School could be built.

It had become Diocesan policy not to continue to provide Church Primary Schools, as the cost was beyond financial means. It was, therefore, recognised that when the K. C. C. could replace the old Sandgate C. of E. School with a new and larger County Primary School, the old School must permanently close.

Looking back to the establishment of Sandgate's first School in Chapel Street in 1814, and to its migrations to better premises in the course of 158 years, we should all be thankful for its splendid progress from some back-street classrooms to the finely-planned new building which has just been completed in Coolinge Lane, and will be designated Sandgate County Primary School.

Though its removal from the village will cause difficulty to families who live in Sandgate, the benefits of many modern amenities, and an adjoining playing-field, should outweigh the disadvantages.

Continuity will be provided by the fact that the children of the old School - except for those leaving this term - will help their present Headmistress and most of the staff to "move-in" to their new building, as soon as the summer term ends. They will go to the new building to start the next term in September, and there will be an Official Opening Ceremony in October.

A. H. G.

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HOLY BAPTISM: 4 June Vivienne Joanne Pinch

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Brief History by Linda René-Martin

In 1813, the first schooling for children and adults in Sandgate was started on the initiative of William Wilberforce, a frequent visitor to Sandgate at that period.

Later, two rented buildings 'on the west side of the Castle near Martello Cottages' housed the Infant and Male and Female National Schools, run on Dr Bell's system.

In 1839, under Lord Melbourne's Government, a Committee of Council on Education was established. In view of the limited resources placed at their disposal by Parliament, the Committee had to confine their aid to capital grants towards the provision of school buildings. Among the first acts of the Committee was the promulgation of a set of model trust deeds ensuring the permanent appropriation of the site to purposes of education... Special facilities for the conveyance of land, not exceeding 1 acre, were afforded to the owners by the School Sites Act of 1841. The purpose was 'the education of poor persons in religious and useful knowledge' but after 1870, religion was no longer a compulsory subject.

The landed gentry responded with great public spirit to the call upon their generosity by the State, with the result that the vast majority of rural and many urban parishes were freely endowed with sites for National Schools (National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Church of England).

In 1845 a National School was built on Castle Green, Sandgate, and according to the Memoirs of John Gough the famous temperance orator who was born in Sandgate in 1817, this was the village green where fairs were held and where the children played. The 1841 Act permitted the Lord of the Manor to convey waste or commonland for the purposes of the education of the poor, and this Lord Radnor did. The school, a dignified low 2-storey building was designed by E.Gotto of Rochester, and built at a cost of £ 1,100 of which £ 585 was by public grant, and the rest raised by subscription.

In 1866, the school being too small for the fast growing population of Sandgate, the Earl of Radnor deeded new land in exchange (as laid out by the 1841 Act). The present fine building to hold 350 children, was the outright gift of James Morris of Encombe, a Governor of the Bank of England, who had no children of his own, but had the interests of Sandgate children at heart. The school was built at his sole cost of over £ 6000 and the architect was the eminent Philip Charles HARDWICK (1822-92). A school's inspector of the time said that for beauty the school had no rival in the district. The Folkestone Chronicle commented that the buildings 'were an ornament to the pretty village of Sandgate, and will stand as a lasting monument of the liberality of the noble donor'.

The School Buildings now stand in a Conservation Area of Sandgate, with a Grade II listing. Though the land and buildings were vested in the Ecclesiastical authorities as trustees, in the Parish, the school cannot be said to be an ecclesiastical charity.

The Education Act of 1870, the most important educational development of the century, for the first time empowered the Government itself to provide educational facilities. It was also the beginning of the controversial 'dual' system of two types of grant-aided elementary schools, one provided through the churches and voluntary bodies, and the other by the State through School Boards. The Sandgate National School became known as a Church of England School, financed jointly by the National Society, the Parish, and the Diocesan Education Committee which received Central Government Funds.

HARDWICK superintended the design and execution of Lincoln's Inn Hall, London. He is also mentioned frequently in Eastlake's History of the Gothic Revival

8 July 1893, the CHARITY COMMISSION issued a Circular in the Matter of Sandgate National Schools by deed created 23rd day of Dec 1844.

... to be forever appropriated and used as and for a school for the instruction of children and adults or children only of the labouring and manufacturing, and other poorer classes in the District of Sandgate and for no other purpose shall be vested in and held by the Minister and Churchwardens of the Consolidated Chapelry of Sandgate, and their successors upon trust. Order dated 2 Jan 1872.

In 1944, the Ministry of Education became the controlling authority for finance and administration, and the school became known as Sandgate Church of England (Controlled) Primary School.

The school drew pupils from the new Golden Valley Estate and from West Folkestone, and the classrooms overflowed into four 'caravan classrooms' temporarily set up on the site of another James Morris endowment -- the former James Morris dwellings. The Kent County Council replaced the old Sandgate C of E School, with a County Primary School. Originally sited on unstable ground in Golden Valley, £ 50,000 was wasted in reinforcing foundations that could never hold, and the school had to move to a new site, in Coolinge Lane opened in October 1972.

The fact that the school moved to large and more modern premises and vacated the original building, does not mean that the original building has been divested of its purpose -- it can still be used for an educational purpose in the broad contemporary sense, and can still play a living role in the life of the community, to which it was dedicated.

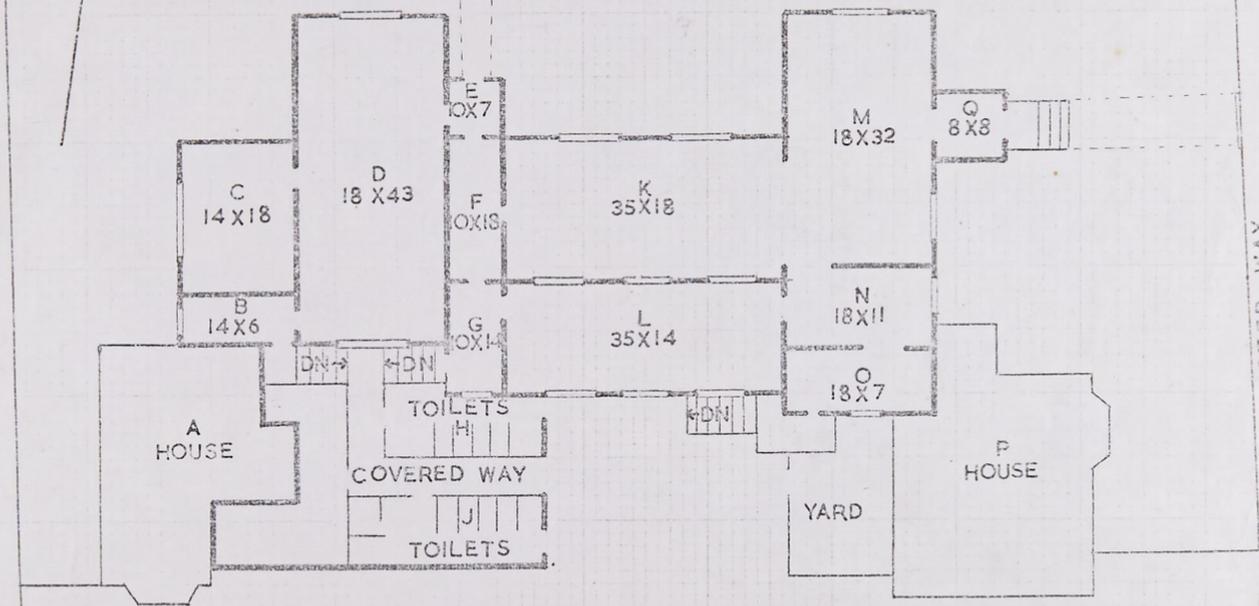
Tablet on wall of School, over front porch

These schools were erected in the year 1866 by James Morris Esq of Encombe who died in May 1882 aged 88

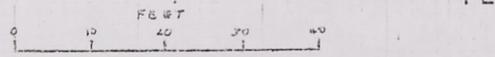
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Sandgate Primary School

Our School History

At Sandgate we are a progressive and forward thinking School, which seeks to ever raise standards. However we are also proud of our history, and our tradition as one of the first 'Community Schools' in England. We hope you find our history outlined below interesting!

1812 William Wilberforce, a well-known philanthropist and famous for the abolition of the "slave trade", retired as a Yorkshire MP and became a frequent summer long visitor to Sandgate. He lobbied that the "village" should have a school (and church).

1814 Our history began. Wilberforce persuaded the War Department to provide space in existing premises "close to Sandgate Castle". Records suggest two locations, and both were used. First, premises in Chapel Street now known as Wilberforce Road, second rented buildings "on the west side of the Castle near Martello Cottages".

Children were taught under "Dr Bell's system" for 1d a week. At this time, Sandgate was in transition from being a boat building community (including many ships for the Navy) to one supporting the Army (at Shorncliffe), "tourism" for the gentry (like Wilberforce), fishing, and smuggling (therefore Coastguards/ Customs too!)

The first School Master was Henry Butcher who left in 1820 to become Head Master of the Harvey Grammar School.

1833 By 1833 the School was also covering Folkestone. A 'Guide to Watering Places' published that year states "the United School is at Sandgate, its proper name being the United School of Folkestone and Sandgate". Taken in conjunction with the recorded reminiscence of informants to the historical records of Lt. Col. R.J. Fynmore that "many of us lads had to walk to Sandgate for education", suggests that after the Harvey Grammar School, Sandgate is the oldest surviving educational establishment in the Shepway area.

The Head Masters in this period were Thomas Valyer (1820 – 1829) and Thomas Collar (1829 – 1844).

1844 A crisis loomed: the landlords of the rented accommodation sold the premises and the new owners required possession. Sandgate Chapel was not yet a Parish Church but its Minister, the Rev. R.G. Greene, launched a successful fund-raising appeal which led to temporary wooden accommodation being erected.

Edwin Rider was appointed Head Master from 1844 and served until 1854. This coincided with Sandgate becoming an ecclesiastical parish, and St Paul's Church regularly provided funds for the School.

1845 Sandgate's population was rising to 1500, particularly in trades supporting Shorncliffe Camp. A new purpose built school was provided to replace the existing one. This accommodated 44 boys, 40 girls and 70 infants. The building was on common land (part of the old village green) deeded by Lord Radnor of the de Bouverie family. The building was funded partly under the School Sites Act of 1841 "to provide education for poor persons, in religious and useful knowledge". Thus, the School became known as the "National School". The building still exists today in Castle Street, known as T/S Invicta, the Sea Cadets HQ. It cost £1100, of which £515 was raised by local people. It was designed by Edward Gotto of Rochester.

1850 Until the mid 19th Century, Sandgate and its School suffered many set backs because public health was unorganised and disease was widespread. A Government Report described Sandgate as "destitute in sanitary condition". Following the opening of St Paul's Church (1849), the Church of England became more influential over the affairs of the School. The curate the Rev. S. S Gambier, also became chairman of Sandgate's Local Board of Health. The Government was so impressed with the action taken that Sandgate was promoted as a model village of what could be done. A Whitehall Report (1852) said " the same public spirit which achieved these blessings may be relied upon to complete the very little which is yet to be done". Although there were setbacks (1854 cholera outbreak with 46 deaths) the community and its school continued to develop and the role of the Church as community leader was reinforced.

The Head Master from 1854 (to 1884) was William Glandfield.

1866 A new more spacious National School, designed in neo-Gothic style by Phillip Hardwick was built at the foot of Sandgate Hill. It provided for 350 children, had a playground and adjoining houses for the Head Master and Head Mistress. The cost of the building (£6000), on land deeded by Lord Radnor, was meet by a sole benefactor James Morris, a wealthy Governor of the Bank of England and noted local philanthropist. The building, which was renowned for its beauty, still exists having been converted to private dwellings in the 1980's. In 1867 the Government's Inspector of Schools reported that the new buildings were "very commodious and in respect of beauty stand without rival in the district". The Folkestone Chronicle commented "they are an ornament to the pretty village of Sandgate, and will stand as a lasting monument of the liberality of the noble donor".

After the 1870 Education Act, which led to schooling for all children, the School remained Church of England, serving the local population which was still increasing above 2000. For some years the School had the best attendance record in England. In 1884 a notable Head Master was appointed, Arnold Ulyett, who was a leader in scientific education. He was co-Head, with his wife covering the girls. They stayed at the School until 1922.

- 1893 This was the year of the Land-slide Disaster in Sandgate. Two hundred homes were damaged including seventy deemed uninhabitable. The school premises were unaffected but many pupils were made homeless. This was also an important year for the future of the School. Based on earlier legislation (1844 and 1872) the Charity Commission issued a "Circular" in the matter of Sandgate National School saying that "it be forever" a school for the instruction of children and adults or children only of the labouring and manufacturing and other poorer classes in the District of Sandgate.....
- 1900 By the end of the 19th Century, Sandgate and its School has been influenced by a number of famous families/individuals – the Bligh's (Lord Darnley) of Belle Vue/Enbrook (now SAGA estate), Gough (famous temperance orator in America), Wilberforce, Dawkin's and Morris (of the Encombe Estate), and the Morris heirs the Misses Reilly, the Fynmoore's, the de Bouverie family (Lord Radnor), the Sasson family (providing two local MP's), as well as the various and famous Lord Wardens of the Cinque Ports (of which Folkestone, Sandgate and Hythe were a "corporate limb")
- It is not known whether H.G. Wells (resident at Spade House between 1898 and 1910) and his famous regular visitors had any influence over the School.
- 1922 Mr and Mrs Neale were appointed joint Head Teachers in 1922. We know they were succeeded by a Mr R Roberts but we are not certain about the date. We know he was in post between 1930-34 because one of our former pupils, Clement Walter Bishopp (now living in Northumberland), has recently shared his recollections with us!
- 1930 Clement also mentions two other teachers. First, a Mr Boaks who was also the church organist. He taught handicraft and Clement remembers learning about book binding. (He bound a year's issues of Meccano Magazine!) The other teacher was a Miss Holt who lived in a house next door to the School. She taught English, and Clement recalls her teaching him "joined up writing". Clement's family were the first occupants of 11 Chichester Road, which together with Endbrook Road has just been built (1931) by a builder called Joe Clarke who was also a Councillor on the Urban District Council. Clement's father was Chief Ward Master at the

old Endbrook House when it was used for disabled servicemen. He recalls gaining a scholarship to the Harvey Grammar School and walking everyday through what is now the Golden Valley. At that time it was farmland, mainly used for cattle grazing.

1940 Following the outbreak of Second World War, when Sandgate was at the forefront of "home defences", the School was evacuated, with its teachers, to the Wye Valley area of Wales. Mr and Mrs Neale reappear in the records of this and perhaps they came out of retirement to help?

1944 The School returned from Wales and the Morris buildings reopened. Finance and administration transferred to Kent County Council and the School was renamed Sandgate Church of England Primary School. Through governorship, the Church still played a major role in school life. The buildings had suffered some war damage and dilapidation. Four "caravan classrooms" were progressively placed on the site, partly to overcome damaged space, but also to meet the need for more school places in the post-war "baby boom" years of the late 1940's/1950's.

Head Teachers succeeding Mr R Roberts were Mr Bond, Miss Woods and Miss W.P. White who retired in 1966 after celebrating the centenary of the 'Morris Building'.

Miss J Dexter succeeded Miss White, and inherited the overcrowding problem which was worsened by the School's catchment area being extended to West Folkestone and the new Golden Valley estate.

1970 KCC began building work for an alternative school in the Golden Valley. Despite attempts to reinforce the foundation works, the ground proved too unstable and the site was abandoned, after spending £50,000!

1972 A new School was finally opened in October 1972 on our present site in Coolinge Lane (the boundary of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Sandgate established in 1854). The School, which had ten classes to accommodate up to 300 children, ceased to be a Church of England school and was renamed Sandgate County Primary School. It was intended to serve Sandgate (up to the boundary with Seabrook), together with the area known as Folkestone West and the Golden Valley area falling between Sandgate and Cheriton.

Miss Dexter was still Head Teacher when the School moved. Her successors included Ian Gordon and Rob Newell.

A "temporary" mobile classroom was soon added so that the School could accommodate up to 330 children.

- 1998 Another two mobile classrooms were added, and in the summer of 1999, a further one was installed, following agreement that the School needed to provide up to 420 places.
- 1999 Under new national legislation the School became a "community school" (which is how it began!) and was renamed simply Sandgate Primary School. At long last work began on a new permanent building extension and other improvements.
- During this year, Helen Tait joined the School as Head Teacher, having previously been Head Teacher at Tenterden Primary School.
- 2000 A new three classroom block was completed in January, replacing two of the temporary mobile classrooms and creating space in the 1972 building to develop Library/IT Suite facilities. The front of the 1972 building was modernised and extended on completion of a scheme in March.
- 2001/2002 The Government's Department for Education and Skills granted the School an Achievement Award for making substantial progress in raising the standard of education. Thanks to the generosity and fund raising efforts of the School's Parent Teacher Association, the IT Suite was completed, along with other improvements to the internal layout of the School to make it more suitable for Education in the 21st Century! Further changes are planned for 2002.

Many of our younger children will still be in full-time education when we celebrate with our community, the School's Bicentenary!

Richard Murrells
Chair of Governors
1998 to date

(Revised September 2002)

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Linda Rene-Martin (Sandgate Society)
St Paul's Church (particularly the Reverend Gibson's Parish Magazines of 1972)
The vigilant clerks of the 19th Century who recorded the School's early history!
Clement Walter Bishopp, Alnwick, Northumberland (Pupil 1930-1934)

SANDGATE SCHOOLS.

Grand May-day Celebration, MONDAY, MAY 2ND, 1892.

Weather permitting, the Children attending the above Schools intend keeping May-day in the good old-fashioned style.

- 14 Boys dressed in green tunics, will represent Robin Hood and his Merry Men, including Friar Tuck, Little John, &c.
 - 12 Girls, dressed in white, and wearing wreaths of pink and white roses, will be the May Queen's Maids of Honour.
 - 4 Boys, dressed in crimson tunics, will act as the May Queen's Body Guard.
- In addition there will be garland bearers (dressed in white and wearing wreaths of pink roses), standard bearers, may-pole bearers, &c.

PROGRAMME.

1 p.m. ELECTION OF MAY QUEEN by the Boys.

Public Coronation of the May Queen by Friar Tuck in front of the Schools.

Song by the Boys, "Hurrah, hurrah, for our May Queen."
Song by the Girls, "May is here."
Song by the Infants, "May-day."

May-pole Dance by the Infants.

1.30 p.m. March of the Children through Sandgate in the following order:—

Boys right hand side of the road
Girls left " " "

The centre of the street will be occupied by the May Queen, drawn in her carriage by two of Robin Hood's Merry Men,



preceded by the garland bearers and Robin Hood and his Merry Men, and surrounded by her Maids of Honour and Body Guard; the Infants bringing up the rear.

Between the Gough Soldiers' Home and Messrs. H. & G. Simonds a halt will be made, when the following will be given:—

Song by the Boys, "Let the lusty shout."
Song by the Girls, "Come, gentle May."
Song by the Infants, "Come lassies and lads."

May-pole Dance by Robin Hoods Men and the May Queen's Maids of Honour.

Another performance will be given on the sea front near the Coastguard Station.

Song by the Boys, "Happy Land, thy lengthening story."
Song by the Girls, "Cuckoo."
Map-pole Dance by the Infants.

A return march will then be made to the Schools, when the Boys and Girls will sing, and Robin Hood's Merry Men and the May Queen's Maids of Honour will give a May-pole Dance in front of the Schools.

Afterwards the children will on their own account engage in May-pole Dances, Archery, and various other old May-day amusements.

4.30 p.m.

TEA FOR THE CHILDREN.

5 p.m. Old English Sports—Racing, Jumping, Leaping, &c., till dusk.

The whole will conclude with a MAGIC LANTERN DISPLAY of special and appropriate slides, obtained for the occasion from London.

Only those connected with the Schools will be allowed in the Schools and grounds on May 2nd, unless special permission has been given beforehand.

The Schools will be decorated for the occasion with flags, garlands, &c.

SANDGATE SCHOOLS.

Historical Notes.

The earliest phase of education in connection with Sandgate is dated 26th February, 1623, when Lieutenant Stephen Gybbes complained that Richard Harris, the under-porter of Sandgate Castle, "detained a room in the Castle from him, and persisted in keeping *scholars* in the Lodge," and apparently this he did without authority, and moreover without licence, as required in those days.

The celebrated philanthropist, William Wilberforce, writing in 1812, from Sandgate, that in this place he "found much to regret—hot and cold baths, library, billiard tables, ponies, donkeys, everything but a church or chapel, or anything of the kind, though it is a sort of preserve of the Archbishop's, there is not even a Sunday School. We are trying to get something of the kind set on foot." Later on we find that Wilberforce was again at Sandgate "labouring by schools and other institutions to relieve the want and ignorance around him." "The adult school," wrote a friend, staying at this time in his family, to Mr. Arthur Young, "is established here, a room and teachers provided, and all will be left in good train. Wilberforce went himself, read them extracts from Pole's History of Adult Schools, and made them a little speech."

In a Guide to Hythe, Sandgate, and Folkestone, published by Tiffen, of Hythe, dated 1816, we read that "A school on Dr. Bell's system is established here; supported by the subscriptions of the inhabitants and donations of the visitors." Moreover, it mentions that the Wesleyans had recently opened a chapel in Sandgate, no doubt following on the activity of Wilberforce. An old inhabitant who died in 1896, aged 93, stated that he went first to the school at Madam Gough's, and then to a school in Chapel Street, kept by a man named Butcher, who was the *first schoolmaster* in Sandgate, and this is confirmed by the following extract from the Autobiography of J. B. Gough, the Temperance lecturer:—"My mother's character was cast in a gentler mould. For the long space of twenty years she had occupied the then prominent position of schoolmistress in the village, and frequently planted the first principles of knowledge in the minds of children, whose parents had, years before, been benefitted by her early instructions. There was a *free school in the village*, but my father possessed too much independence to allow him to send me to a charity school, and though he could ill afford it, paid a weekly sum for my instruction at the seminary of Mr. Davis, of Folkestone." Gough was only seventeen when his mother died in 1834, so that this carries us back to about the date 1812, when Wilberforce deplored the want of education, and probably the school kept by Butcher was started about 1814; doubtless it was in Chapel Street, in the parish of Cheriton, as the register of that parish has the baptism of Henry Butcher's children. Later on the school is traditionally stated to have been on the west side of Sandgate Castle, either on the site of 27, High Street, in the parish of Cheriton, or Martello Cottages, in Folkestone parish.

A meeting was held in the Guildhall, Folkestone, in June, 1815, being the anniversary of the Folkestone Union Charity School on the Lancastrian plan, when the committee reported that 140 boys and 30 girls had been educated on the above principle, by the benevolent subscriptions and donations of the last year. This would appear to be a rival to the school in Sandgate on Dr. Bell's system, but was supported also by Wilberforce and the Earl of Darnley, residents of Sandgate. It is doubtful if this school lasted for many years, as an old inhabitant of Folkestone relates "that there was no school in Folkestone in the olden days where a lad could attend under 10d. per week. And so it came to pass that many of us Folkestone lads had to walk to Sandgate for the purpose of Education. There we paid a penny per week." In "Watering Places," published in 1833, it is stated that the National School is at Sandgate, its proper designation being "The United School of Folkestone and Sandgate," probably therefore the Lancaster and Bell systems amalgamated, and the schools became affiliated to the National Society.

In 1844, owing to the buildings then used as National Schools being sold by the parties under whom they were respectively held, and immediate possession being required, the Earl of Radnor was pleased to grant the site, now occupied by the Territorials, and known for many years as the Artillery Rooms. Grants were obtained from the following:—Privy Council Committee, £275; National Society, £180; Diocesan Board, £80; Cholmondeley Trustees, £50; and from Collections in Church, Subscriptions from Residents, Friends, and Visitors, total about £1100. The architect was Edward Gotto, of Rochester. Here the school was carried on for just over twenty years.

The present Schools were built at the sole cost of James Morris, Esq., of Encombe, from designs by P. Hardwick, architect to the Bank of England, and were opened by a concert on the 1st June, 1866, and on the 2nd September following the Sunday School assembled for the first time, and on the next day for the purposes of the National School. H.M. Inspector, in his report, stated that "the School is now transferred to new and excellent buildings erected at the sole cost of a gentleman connected with the parish. They are very commodious, and in respect of beauty stand without a rival in the district." The Earl of Radnor conveyed the site in exchange, by deed, 27th December, 1866. The fabric is vested in the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being. The management of the School, and all funds connected therewith, were, under a scheme dated 2nd January, 1872, entrusted to a committee of Managers.

There is a romantic story in connection with the first Sandgate Schoolmaster, published in the "Folkestone Express," 1890, under the heading of "A Folkestone Dick Whittington." According to this, a wealthy London merchant, on a visit to Folkestone, wanting an office boy, applied to the Harvey Grammar School. "Young Butcher was sent, and proved sharp, industrious, upright, and a general favourite with all. In course of time, and quite in the old romantic way, he won the heart of his master's daughter, and braving her father's first feelings of anger, he eventually married her, succeeded

to the business, and took his master's name." The Post Office Directory for 1845 gives Henry and Lucy Butcher as Master and Mistress of the National School, Folkestone, and Henry Butcher also as Head-master of the Harvey Grammar School. The two must have been identical, as the dates agree. Henry Butcher was appointed to the Grammar School in January, 1820, and died 21st March, 1845, aged 69. Three lancet windows were placed in the chancel of the Parish Church of Folkestone to the memory of Henry and Lucy Butcher, and their daughter Mary Ann, by Stephen Harlowe, Esq., the so-called "Folkestone Dick Whittington."

The succeeding Head Masters were Thomas Valyer, 1820-29?; Thomas Collar, 1829-44; Edwin Rider, 1844-54; William Glanfield, 1854-84; Arnold H. Ulyett, 1884.

RECORDER.

The Parish Room.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31ST, 1912.

<i>Receipts.</i>			£	s.	d.
Men's Club—Rent	...	...	15	0	0
" " Steward	...	...	20	0	0
" " Donation	...	...	0	3	6
Girls' Friendly Society	...	...	0	7	0
Druids' Juvenile Benefit Society	...	...	0	5	0
Inspector Weights and Measures	...	...	0	10	0
Jumble Sale (per Miss Milne)	...	...	0	5	0
Annual Subscriptions—					
Lilla, Countess of Chichester	...	...	3	3	0
T. C. Kirk, Esq.	...	...	0	10	0
Mr. T. Keeler	...	...	0	5	0
Cheques (per Churchwardens)	...	...	22	13	6
			<u>£63</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Expenditure.</i>			£	s.	d.
Due to Hon. Sec., March 31st, 1911	...	...	4	13	1
Rent of Premises	...	...	34	0	0
Rates and Taxes	...	...	7	12	10
Compensation Insurance	...	...	0	5	0
Gas A/c	...	...	1	0	10
Fuel	...	...	1	0	7
Steward	...	...	13	0	0
Repairs (Mr. W. H. Burden)	...	...	0	16	8
Cleaning Materials	...	...	0	11	4
Sundries	...	...	0	1	8
			<u>£63</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

G. LEDGER. Hon. Sec.,
May 7th, 1912.

Notes.

With the exception of a few copies which were reserved for the making up of sets in future, the first number of "The Gazette" was sold out in a very short time.

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The Editor desires to thank those who interested themselves in securing this excellent result, and hopes that the present number may as speedily find its way into the homes of those who are really concerned in the progress of Church work.

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Enquiries or suggestions addressed to the Editor of the "Sandgate Parish Gazette," c/o Mr. Couchman, Printer, Sandgate, will receive careful attention, and will be dealt with either directly, or through the pages of the "Gazette."

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An interesting paper will be found in the present issue of the "Gazette," dealing with the Sandgate Schools. It is from the pen of a well-known local antiquary, who probably knows as much about the history of the town as any man living, and in future numbers we may be able to draw further on his treasures of knowledge.

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There are others also in the town who can contribute interesting facts and incidents to the pages which it is hoped may be set apart for local history. Extracts from old books, wills, trust deeds, or even personal recollections of the "old days," will be very welcome to the Editor, who will do his best to chronicle anything likely to be of use to the future historian of the town.

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The Rev. Thos. Harrison wishes to thank all who so kindly contributed to the parochial offering on the first Sunday after Easter, and also for all the friendly help and co-operation in many things during his residence in the parish.

Church of England Men's Society.

President of Local Branch, The Vicar; Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. H. Couchman.

Members are requested to note that the Annual Meeting of the Folkestone and District Federation will be held in the Sandgate Parish Room on Wednesday, June 12th, at 8 p.m.

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Sandgate C. of E. Primary
School

Centenary
Service
1866—1966

St. Paul's Church, Sandgate
Wednesday, 13th July, 1966
at 7 p.m.

Order of Service

Introduction to Service - - - - - The Vicar

First Lesson - - - - - Day by Day
Read by an Infant.

Congregation and Children (all standing):

Vicar: O Lord Open Thou Our Lips.

Response: And our mouth shall show forth Thy Praise.

Vicar: Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet.

Response: And a light unto my path.

Vicar: The Lord's Name be Praised.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of
the same.

Hymn No. 1 - - - - - Praise The Lord ye Heavens Adore Him

Prayer - - - - - The Vicar

The Lord's Prayer

Second Lesson - - - - - Jesus and the Children. Mark 9.
Read by pupils of Junior II.

Hymn No. 2 - - - - - The Wise May Bring Their Learning

Third Lesson - - - - - The Two Builders. St. Matthew 1-7.
Read by pupils of Junior I.

No. 1.

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens adore Him
Praise him, angels, in the height
Sun and moon, rejoice before him;
Praise Him, all ye stars and light;
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws, which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

No. 2.

The wise may bring their learning
The rich may bring their wealth
And some may bring their greatness
And some their strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures
To offer to the king;
We have no wealth or learning -
What shall we children bring?

We'll bring the many duties
We have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please him,
At home, at school, at play;
And better are these treasures
To offer to our King
Than richest gifts without them:
Yet these a child may bring.

No. 3.

Fight the good fight, with all thy might
Christ in thy strength and Christ thy right
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, upon thy Guide
Lean, and his mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near,
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

No. 4.

We build our school on thee O Lord
To thee we bring our common need
The loving heart, the helpful word,
The tender thought, the kindly deed.

We work together in thy sight,
We live together in thy love,
Guide thou our faltering step aright
And lift our thoughts to heaven above.

Hold thou each hand to keep it just,
Touch thou our lips and make them sure,
If thou art with us Lord we must
Be faithful friends and comrades sure.

Address - - - - - The Vicar
The Rev. A. Gibson.

Hymn No. 3 - - - - - Fight The Good Fight

Fourth Lesson - - - - - Where Shall Wisdom Be Found?
God Be In My Head And In My Understanding
Read by past pupils of the school.

Prayers - - - - - The Vicar

Followed by this prayer in which all join:

Dear Lord Jesus, Son of God,
Friend of little children,
Be my friend.
Take my hands and let them work for Thee;
Take my feet and make them swift to run upon Thy errands
Take my tongue and make all my words kind and loving
Take my heart and make it Thy Throne
Take me altogether and make me glad to be Thy Friend. Amen.

School Hymn - - - - - We build our school on Thee O Lord

Blessing - - - - - The Vicar

Organist: *David Elliott*
(past pupil of the school)