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BEXHILL SCHOOLS

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Introduction

With the development of Bexhill at the end of the 19th century many small team schools were opened in the newly-built private houses, together with the direction of purpose-built premises for the larger schools.

As you will see from the street map, they were too numerous for us to detail them all but we have mentioned all those we know of under street headings and illustrated as many as we can buy photographs and artefacts. We have selected for in detail and particulars of others may be found in the folders. If you attended all know anything about any of the schools and would like to add to our information, please leave details with the custodian at the desk. Questionnaire forms on the schools are available.

With the promotion of the town as a healthy holiday and residential resort, and with the opening of the West Station, many schools sprang up at the west end of the town. A large number of children were boarders, as their parents were overseas at various outposts of the Empire, and this contributed to the town's colonial links. There is no doubt that the schools greatly contributed to the prosperity of the town – parents visiting used the hotels, rented accommodation for their furloughs and retired here, employing in the local solicitors and estate agents. School is needed to employ domestic staff, laundries, food suppliers, builders and decorators, show suppliers and repairers.

After the Second World War, there was a rapid decline in the number of schools due to three facts –

1. The first was that many did not return after the evacuation during the war:
2. The second was the loss of the Empire which meant that parents, previously working in the colonies, returned to England and he was no longer the requirement for so many boarding schools.
3. The third was Butler's Education Act of 1944. The new education system consisted of three different types of secondary school: grammar schools, secondary technical schools and secondary modern schools

In the 1960s, with their large playing fields, many schools "sold out" to developers at short notice and children were urgently transferred to the remaining private schools.

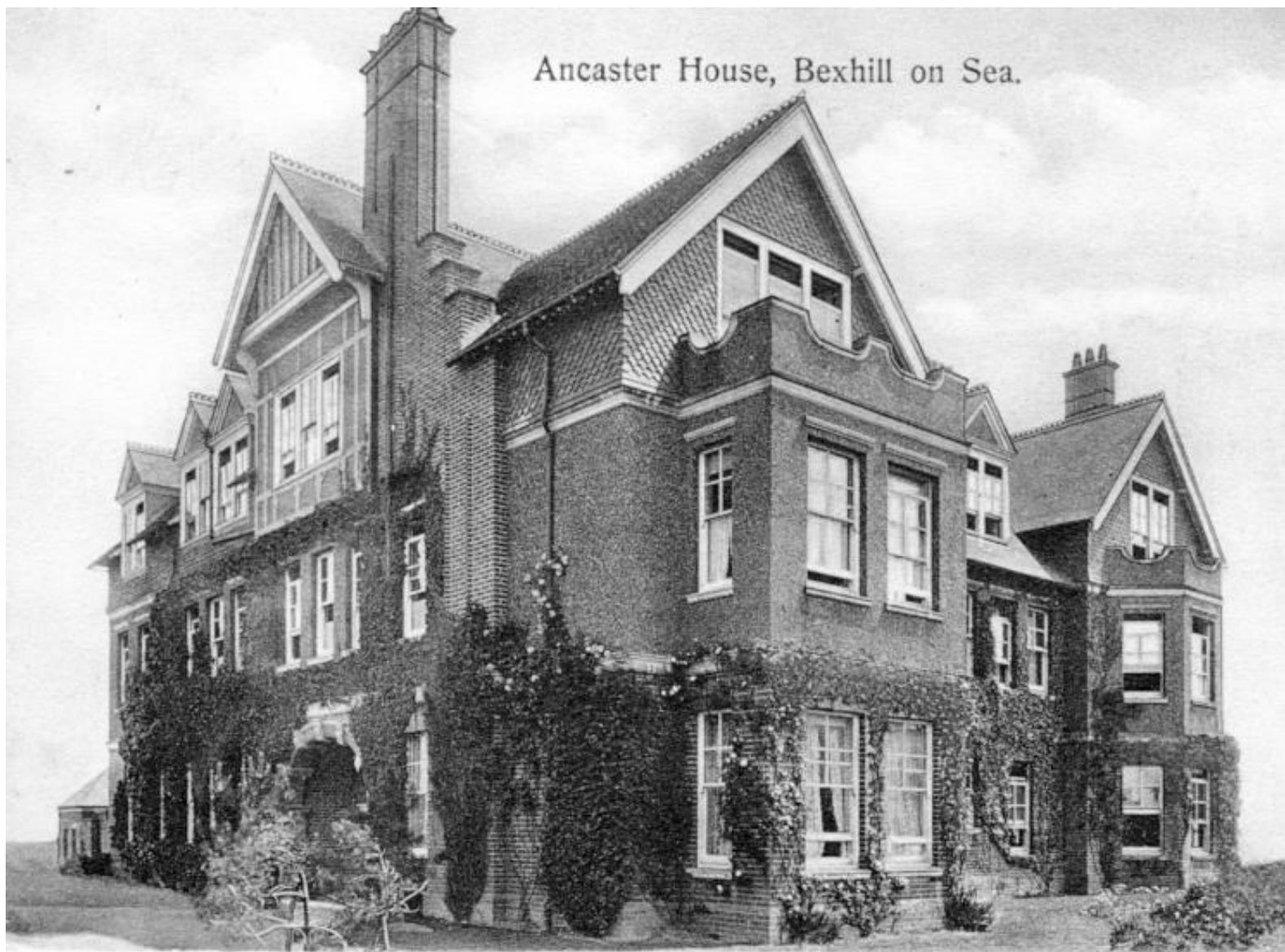
The closing of private schools is an on-going situation with the recent closure of Bedgebury and various other private schools but with the increase in numbers of the retired population it looks as if the prosperity town is reliant on residents and care homes.

STAR PUPILS

<i>School</i>	<i>Pupil</i>
Ancaster House	A pupil from the Tate family (Tate & Lyle sugar)
Augusta Victoria College	Princess Herzelaide Bettina von Ribbentrop Himmler's God-daughter
Beehive	Brenda Garvin – authoress of school stories c1910 Nicola Pagett (actress)
Caledonia the	Rosalind, Agatha Christie's daughter
Deutsches Paedagogium (Whindown, West Down Road)	Kaiser's nephew
Effingham House	Harveys sherry family Cockburn's port family
Harewood	David Hare (playwright) Reginald Maudling (former Conservative MP)
Mayfield	Ann Keiller (Keiller's marmalade)
Normandale	Sir Philip Ledger (musician)
St Francis	Julie Christie (actress) Jennifer Partridge (pianist & accompanist)
St Hilary's	Verily Anderson (authoress – books about her local life, mainly at Henley Down, and children's books).
St Ives	Isolda Duncan who married Peter Ustinov
Trinity House	Annabelle Lee (became a TV star)
Winsomely House	One of the daughters of Prince Michael of Romania
School in Hastings Road	Jack & Claude Hulbert (English actors)

ANCASTER HOUSE CENTENARY

1906-2006



Ancaster House, Penland Road.

ANCASTER HOUSE, CHARTERS TOWERS and CHARTERS/ANCASTER

In 1898, the Rev F. Burrows purchased nearly 4 acres of land at the top of Upper Dorset Road (now Penland Road), built Ancaster House on the corner adjoining Hastings Road and moved his "Gentleman's College" from St Leonards so that there would be space for playing fields.

The Bexhill-on-Sea Observer, dated 18th June 1898 reported this as follows: -

"ANCASTER HOUSE SCHOOL"

"The Rev Frank R Burrows, M. A., Oxon, is having a new school erected on high ground of Hastings-Road, Bexhill, at a spot opposite Nazareth House. He is moving his preparatory school for young gentleman from Ancaster House, St Leonard's, with reluctance; but he was unable to secure sufficient land at St Leonards for a playground, and thought Bexhill on the whole more desirable, it having been brought so much to the front of late years as a bracing health resort."

"On Saturday morning, in beautiful weather, the foundation stone of the new Ancaster House at Bexhill was laid."

Sea bathing was considered a healthy activity in the early days but swimming mainly took place at Egerton Baths and the Irene Carlsbach Swimming Trophy was competed for with great enthusiasm. Competitors were judged in swimming, life saving and diving. Only two girls in the house were unable to swim, but one could do a few strokes by herself!

In 1906, owing to his ill-health, it became a girls' boarding school run by his wife and elder daughter, Francis, her youngest daughter, Isabel, also teaching at the school.

In 1917, Ancaster Gate was open for the younger pupils be housed in a building that previously housed Ebor School.

Over the years adjacent properties were purchased and new buildings were constructed.

In 1986 the school merged with Charters Towers, another long established girls' school from Hastings Road. It became Charters/Ancaster, at that time still housed in the Ancaster House buildings.

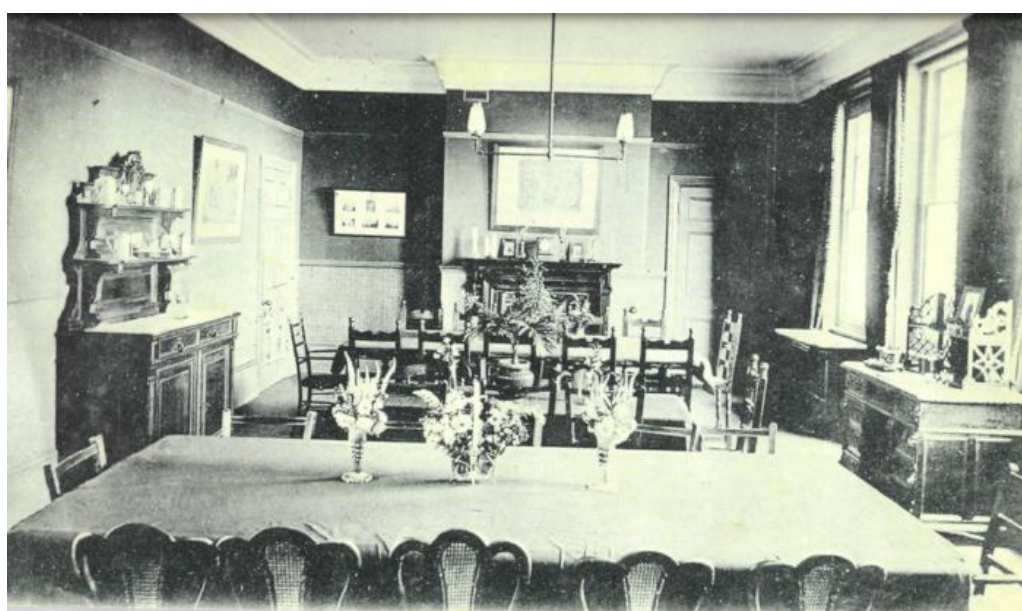
In 1988, they became a member of the Girls Public Day School Trust, who closed the school in 1995. Subsequently, the buildings (apart from the swimming pool purchased by Battle Abbey) were demolished but the new building for Bexhill College was erected on the site.

In 1996, Charters/Ancaster rose from the ashes, purchasing Woodsgate Place, in Gunter's Lane, now exists as a co-educational bursary and junior School.

At the beginning of July, 2006, they celebrated the Centenary of the founding of Ancaster House Girls' school with a weekend of pageants and musical gala festival at St Peter's Church, which the original school had attended. On the Sunday, a garden party for the older girls was held, with entertainment by the present pupils. It is much to his credit that in spite of his turbulent history one of Bexhill's original schools still exists, albeit in a different form.



Left - Ancaster House - The mini-skirts, worn by the girls, suggest a date sometime in the 1970s.



Above is a view of the school's dining room.



Left - Playing fields opposite Ancaster House with Ancaster Gate (junior school in Hastings Road) in the background.

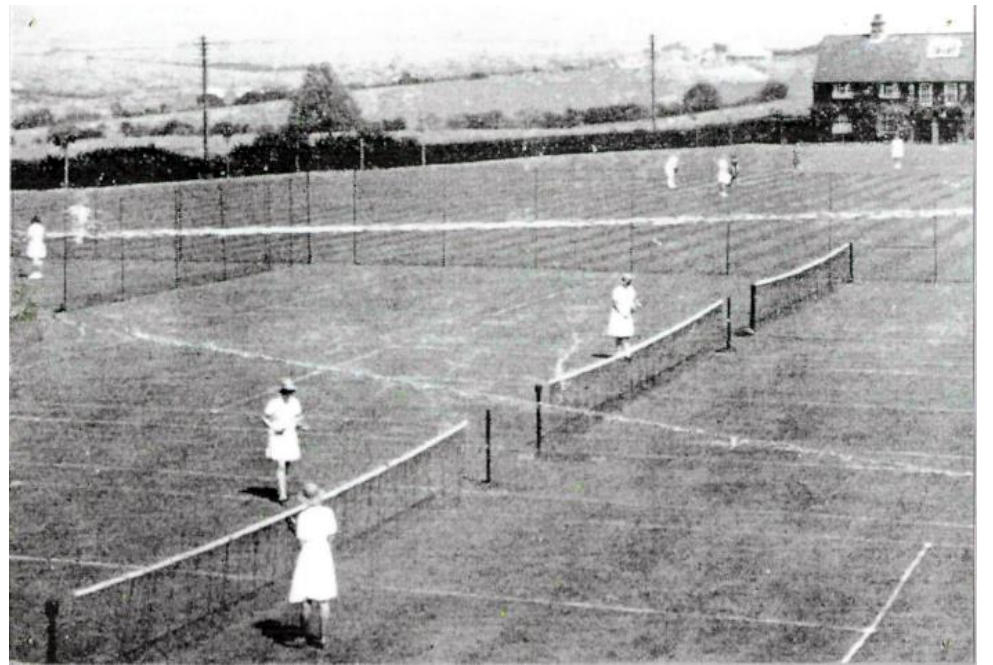


Right - Ancaster House "Crocodile" leaving St. Michael's Church, Glassenbury Drive

ANCASTER GATE, previously EBOR HOUSE.



*Ancaster House, Penland Road.
(Rear view from playing fields)*



*Ancaster House playing field – the cottages in
the distance were used as staff accommodation.*



*Rev. F. Burrows who founded the original
boys' school and built Ancaster House.*

STAR PUPILS

A member of the Tate family (Tate & Lyle)
&
Sachi Parker, daughter of the American film
star Shirley MacLaine.



Charters Ancaster.

In 1996, Ancaster House merged with
Charters Towers to become Charters Ancaster
and the photograph on the left shows the two
uniforms

ANCASTER COTTAGES

The photograph below shows “Ancaster Cottages” that were built in 1920, to provide accommodation for the school staff. They were built at the far end of the playing fields, backing onto Green Ascent.



Ancaster Gate, previously Ebor House.

CHARTERS TOWERS SITE

The buildings comprising Charters Towers, in Hastings road, have housed various schools over the years.

St Hilary's (Girls) adjacent to the unmade-up lane bordering Southlands Court Care Home, was purchased by Charters Towers and used as House 1 (for juniors) and staffrooms, while St Bernard's (Girls), constructed in 1898-99, was used as House 2.

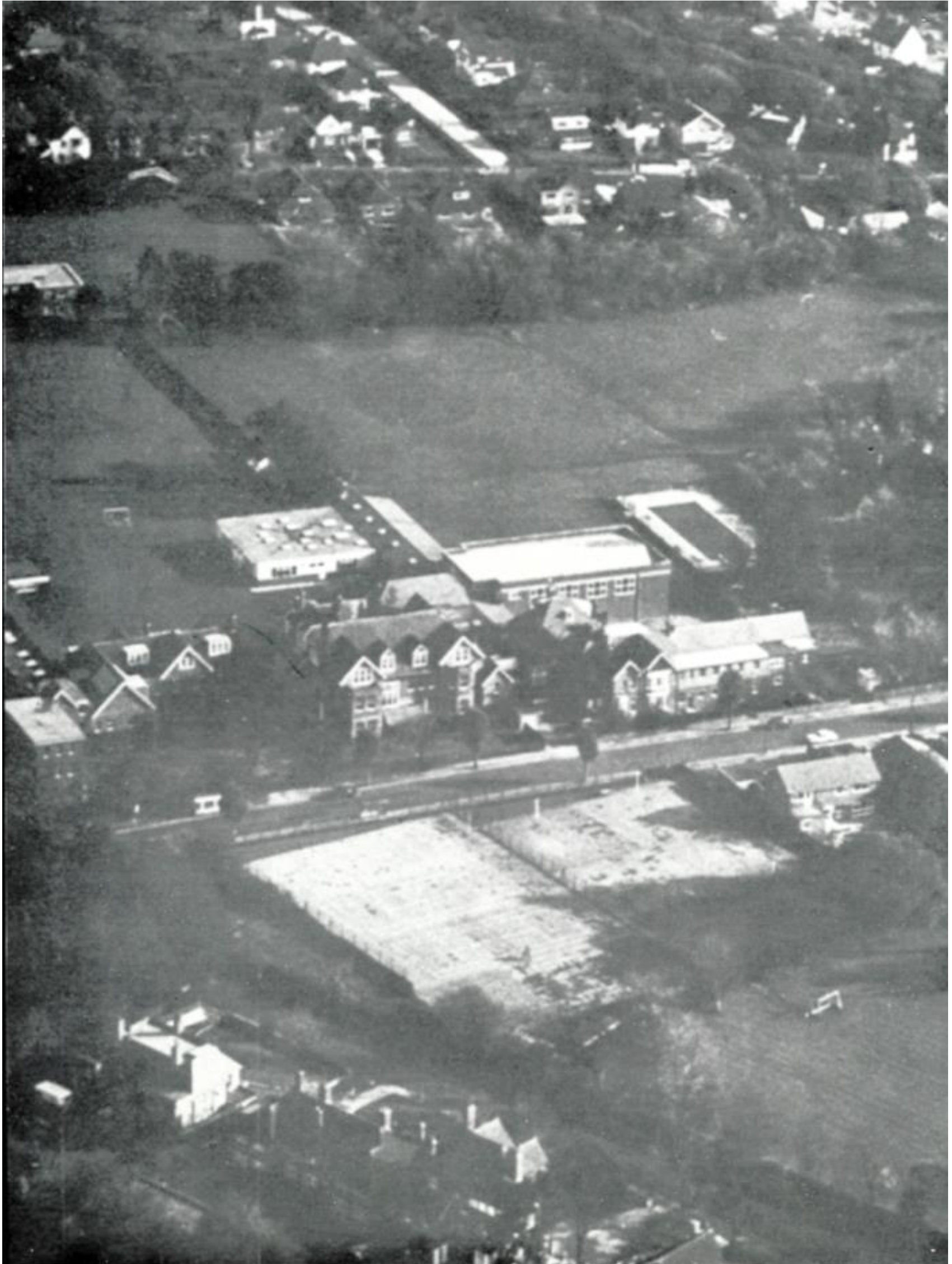
Beyond this was Holmwood College (Boys), the first private school to be built in the area, founded by the Rev Owen Burbridge in 1885 in Station Road (now London Road) and moved to Hastings Road in 1887.

Subsequently, Worthingholme took over Holmwood's buildings followed by Wilton House which moved to Catsfield Place in the 1970s.

Having purchased all these buildings, Charters Towers had an extensive frontage onto Hastings Road and had acquired extensive playing fields to the rear. See labelled aerial photograph below which shows the extent and use of the buildings – c1979..



1. Junior House. 2 & 3. Middle School House. 4. 6th Form House. 5. Senior House. 6. Domestic Science Block.
7. Science Block. 8. Art Room. 9. Assembly Hall. 10. Junior & Middle School Classrooms. 11. Music Room.
12. Library, Pottery & Coaching Rooms. 13. Putting Green. 14. Athletic Track. 15. Tennis Courts. 16. Hockey & Rounders pitches.



Aerial View of Charters Towers, Hastings Road.

Empty plot opposite the site of St. Ives and Pendragon, now "The Marlowes" flats on the corner of Elmstead Road.



Charters Towers School Photograph, 1947 (Left-hand side)



Charters Towers School Photograph, 1947 (Right-hand side)



Charters Towers School Photograph, Golden Jubilee 1979 (Left-hand section)



Charters Towers School Photograph, Golden Jubilee 1979 (Middle section)



Charters Towers School Photograph, Golden Jubilee 1979 (Right-hand section)

CHARTERS ANCASTER COLLEGE



Left-hand side



Right-hand side



A school outing to Fishbourne Roman Palace, West Sussex, with Mrs Gleave, in 1970.

Charters Ancaster celebrates centenary



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PAST and present pupils with their families came together for celebrations at Charters Ancaster College this weekend. The school marked the centenary of the founding of Ancaster House in 1906, and its 10th year at its current location in Gunters Lane, with a series of events.

On Saturday evening, a musical gala festival was held at St Peter's church and featured performances from professionals as well as current pupils.

The concert's central theme was the evolution of the school, the story of which was acted out by Duncan Brown, Cathy Brown, Fiona Batey and Alice McKay. They played the parts of the Burrows Family who founded Ancaster House and continued a strong family connection for many decades.

Singers taking part in the gala were Jeehan Alaily, Charlotte Collyer, Michelle Trickett and Emma Stace, with contributions from recent leavers Eden Richards, Mollie Alcott, Jessica Collishaw, Matthew Pope, Matthew Patterson, and Rosalyn Putland. They were accompanied by music provided by Sue Hopkins, Joan Hulbert, Richard Eldridge, and Rachel Firmager.

The festival was produced by Molly Townson, Meg Beckett, and Janet d'Agar, and introduced by the head of Charters Ancaster, Diana Overbury.

On Sunday a garden party was planned for 80-100 old girls, but adverse weather conditions dictated a quick re-think, so lunch and entertainment took place in the sports hall.

After the summer party buffet, parents and visitors were treated to singing by nursery children, country dancing and morris dancing.

There was also a special puppet theatre show - pupils worked during term with science teacher Geoffrey Collins on making the theatre and puppets to provide their own unique entertainment.

Per Thorkildsen, chairman of the board of directors, said: "There have been many comments from old girls and parents that it has been fantastic. It has been great, and lovely to see how we are carrying on the ethos of the old school with us into the new."



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AUGUSTA VICTORIA COLLEGE



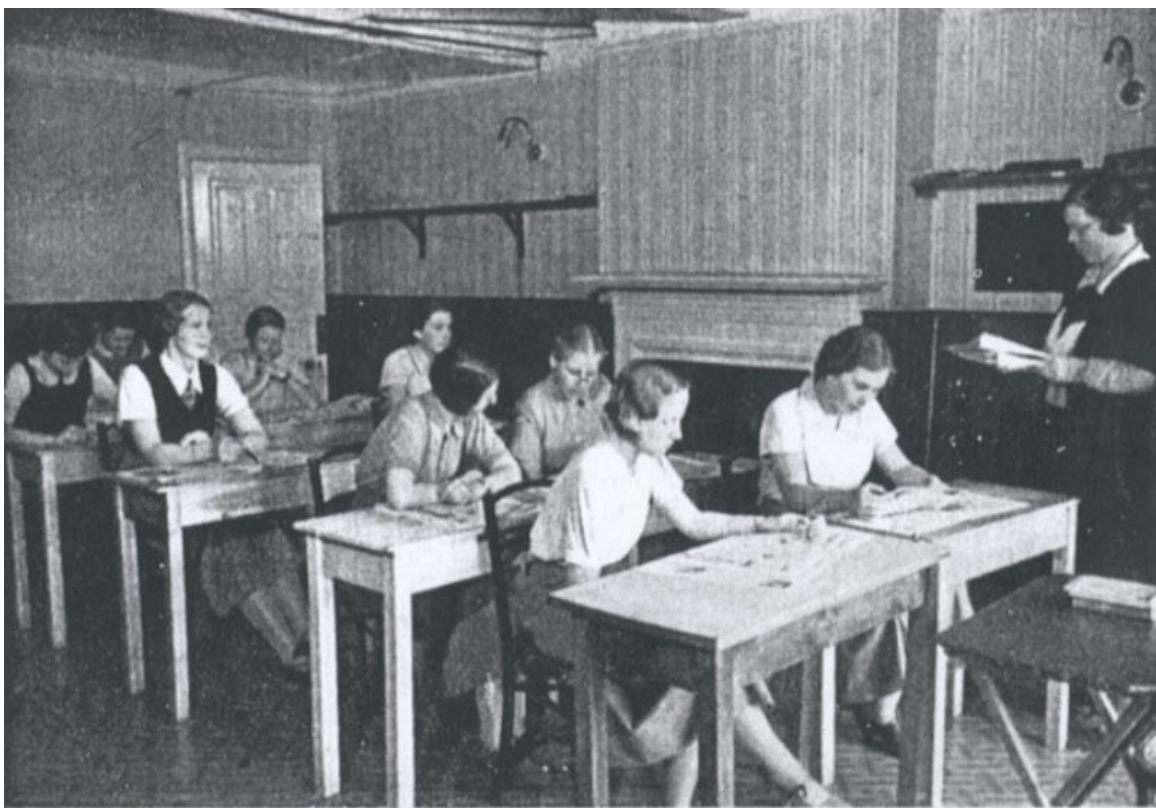
The Augusta Victoria College, in Dorset Road, was founded in the 1930s but closed at the beginning of the Second World War. The building, however, is still in existence (see photograph left).

Its purpose was to provide girls from Germany with the opportunity to study for the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English.

The college was named after Augusta Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein who was the last German empress and Queen of Prussia by marriage to Wilhelm II, German Emperor.



*View of garden on a sunny day in Bexhill
(one person playing an accordion)*



View inside one of the class rooms.

*Notice that there are only ten pupils – the
classes weren't too crowded!*



The School Badge shows what appears to be the flag of the old German Empire (left), the Union Flag of Great Britain (centre), and, definitely, the swastika of the Nazi Third Reich..

STAR PUPILS

Princess Herzelaide of Prussia, Himmler's Goddaughter, and Bettina von Ribbentrop

THE BEACON SCHOOL, PENLAND ROAD, BEXHILL.



THE BEACON BEXHILL-ON-SEA - - - - - SUSSEX

Recognised as efficient by the Board of Education

BOYS' PREPARATORY BOARDING SCHOOL

H. F. R. RAWSON, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.) Late R.N.

M. McMULLEN Esq., B.A. (Oxon). Members of the I.A.P.S.

The Beacon is in a healthy and sunny position with open views of the sea and downs. The classrooms have large windows facing south and there is also a good gymnasium and carpenter's shop. Both the schoolrooms and the dormitories, which are equipped with modern beds, are centrally heated.

The curriculum is wide and progressive, and the methods of teaching aim at developing the individuality and self-reliance of each boy. The work is supervised in all its branches by Mr. Rawson and Mr. McMullen, who take a large part in the teaching themselves, and Mrs. Rawson, who was trained at the Froebel Institute, takes the younger boys. They are assisted by a competent staff.

The health of the boys is carefully looked after by a hospital-trained nurse and an experienced matron. The food is ample and varied and fresh vegetables are supplied all the year round from the garden.

There are three good playingfields and two headmasters take a very active part in the games—Cricket, Rugby and Association Football. The games are coached seriously and their importance is appreciated. The boys, however, are encouraged not to consider them of paramount importance to the individual. There are also facilities for Riding, Boxing, Tennis and Golf.

Though Bexhill is in one of the safe zones, an underground air-raid shelter is being constructed. Prospectus on application to the Headmasters.

Telephone : Bexhill 549.

Reading the above, it is interesting to see what was considered to be the priorities for a school just before the Second World War!

THE BEEHIVE SCHOOL

The Beehive School originally opened in Windsor as a school for the sisters of boys at Eaten College, thus giving rise to the Bexhill rumour that it was exclusively for the sisters of Eton boys.

In 1900 the school moved to Bexhill at No. 1 and No. 3 in Dorset Road, later acquiring the premises at No. 5. These were linked by breach corridors, still to be seen as in the photograph below. The buildings were named St Catherine, St Celia and St Prisa and became the names of the schoolhouse system.

In 1924 fields were rented at Linkwell for sports. Later, fields of the Bexhill Tennis grounds, on the opposite side of Dorset Road, we used and, then, the school owned fields stretching to Manor Road.

They also built their own chapel on the site. It is rumoured that Churchill held a meeting in the chapel during the Second World War.

The school was evacuated in 1940, returning after the war to Broadoak Manor and with Ellerslie housing the junior section. They remained in these premises until until the school closed, in 1964.



The Beehive - No. 3 and No. 5, Dorset Road. These premises were occupied, by the school, until the Second World War



The left-hand photograph shows the **Beehive** at No. 1 and No. 3, c1935 while the right-hand photograph shows a view of the rear of the building, the chapel and the games field looking north. This is now being developed as part of Magdalen Road.



The above shows school group, in 1936, outside the chapel



*View of Broadoak Manor in c1944
. The Beehive School moved here, from Dorset Road, after the Second World War.*



Beehive School in Dorset Road.



BROADOAK MANOR



THE LILY POND

The School's Studio and Domestic Science departments, in the Manor Road house, was the home of the Headmistress, Miss Putron.

The Beehive at Broadoak Manor c1944.



ACORNS (Classrooms)

"Ellerslie", in Ellerslie Lane, was also owned by the school.

STAR PUPILS

Brenda Garvin (authoress of school stories c1910) and Nicola Pagett (actress)



ELLERSLIE (front)



ELLERSLIE (back)

BEEHIVE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH – 1959

The School Photograph, taken in 1959 and shown below, has been split up into three sections in order to keep the image as large as possible and, hopefully, assist in the identification of individuals



Left hand section



Centre Section



*Right hand
Section*

BEXHILL SCHOOL OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY (Colwell Court, Pages Avenue)

This was a 'finishing' school, purpose-built in 1935 but closed in 1958. It became the Variety Club of Great Britain Sunshine Home, and, then, 'Phoenix House'. It is at present (2006) under threat of demolition.



The outside of the building

STAR PUPIL

Norma Major, wife of John Major, Prime Minister



A Cookery Class in progress – note the variety of cookers available and the jelly bag.

CALEDONIA HOUSE, CLAVERING WALK, COODEN



Founded in 1913, it later became Portsdown Lodge and closed in 1964.

The image below shows the Girls dormitory with dolls and soft toys on beds, note the curtained cubicles.





The photograph above shows the Main Entrance Hall.

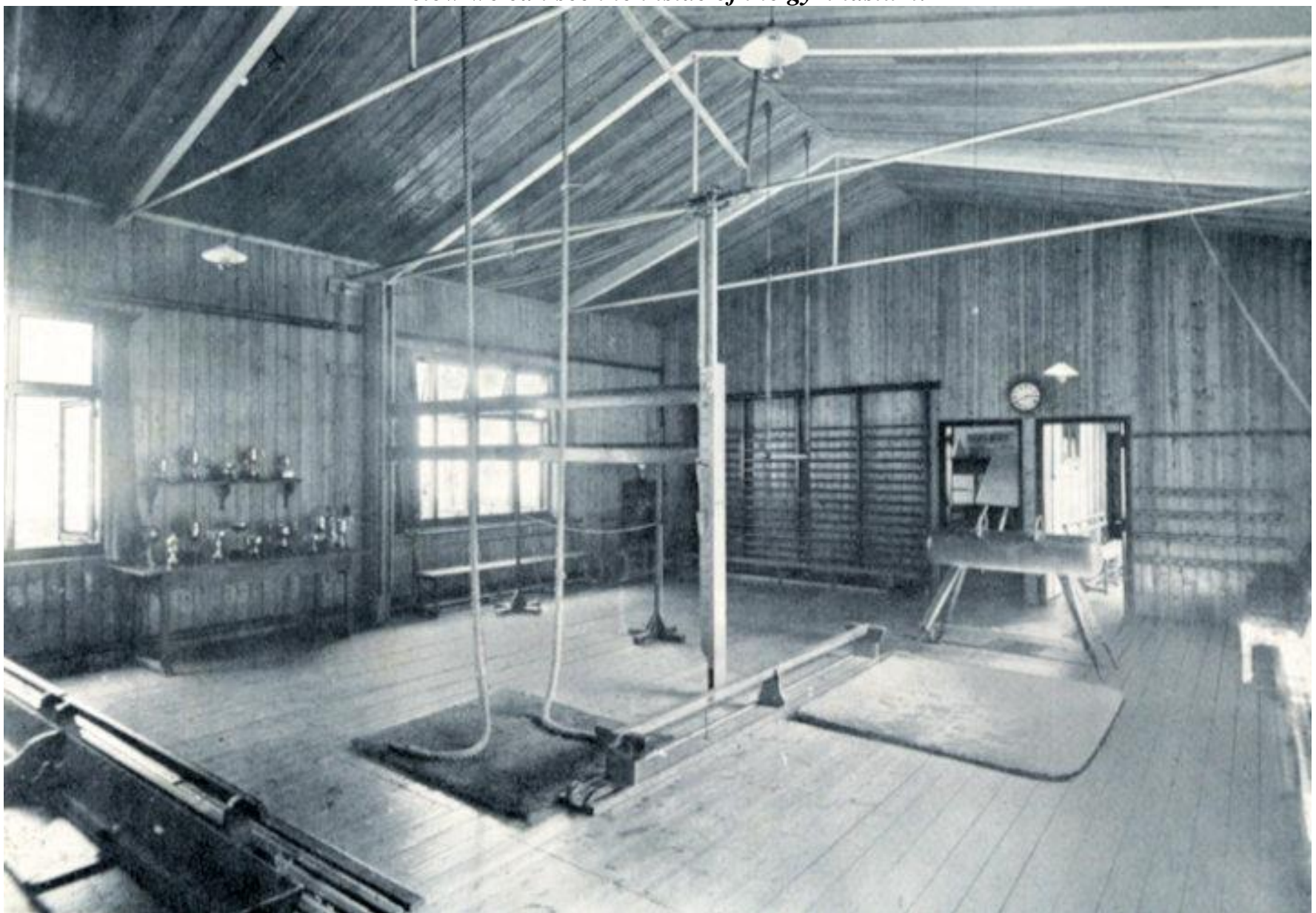
Below is a view of the girls "Common Room".



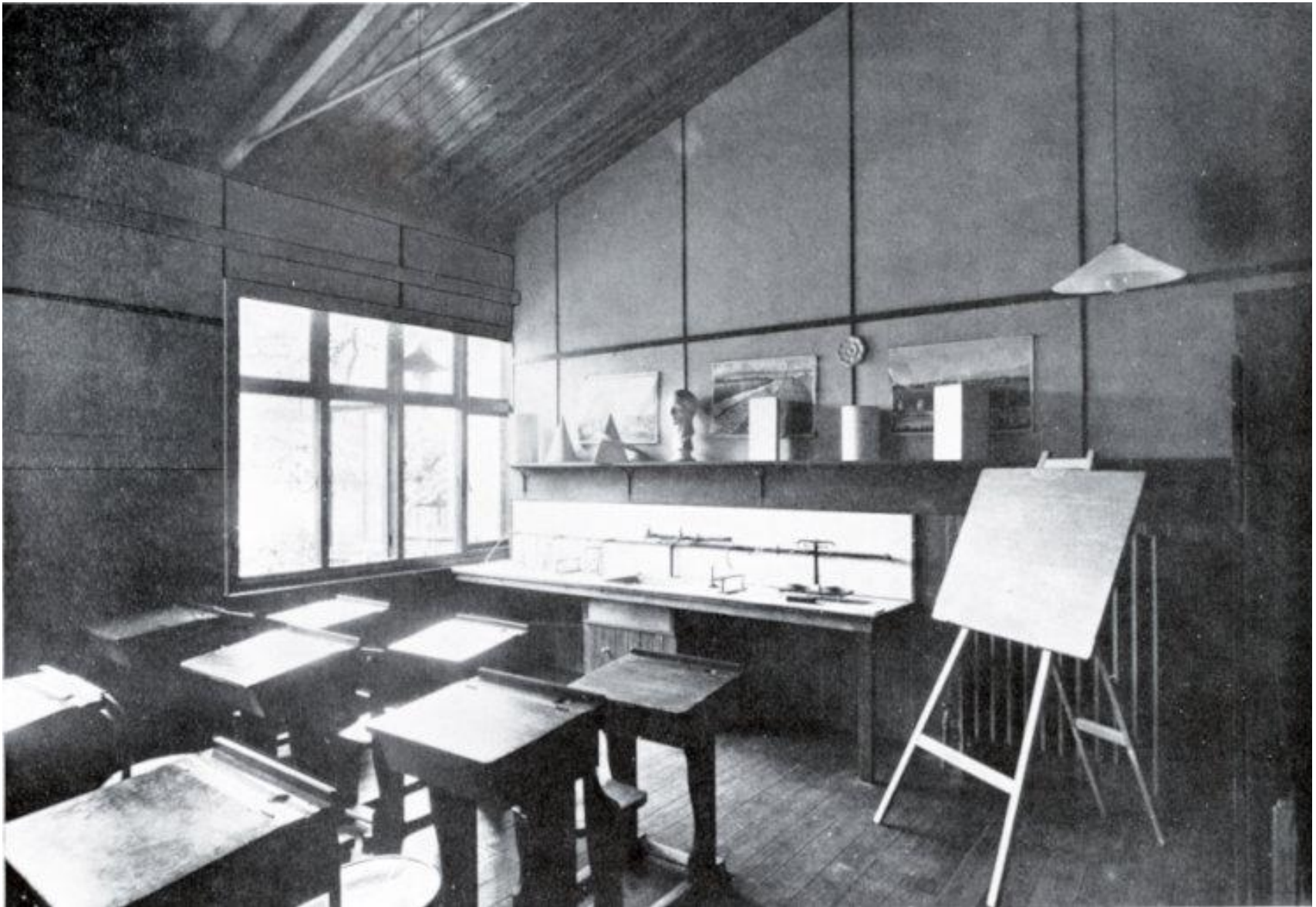


The photograph above shows one of the classrooms - it's very spacious with plenty of space between desks of which there appeared to be seating for around 12 pupils.

Below we can see the inside of the gymnasium.



The final photograph of Caledonia School open (below) shows the laboratory



STAR PUPIL

Rosalind, Agatha Christie's daughter

PORTSDOWN LODGE, CLAVERING WALK.



This was formally Caledonia School. The school moved here from Golders Green in 1937, took over the building and, finally, closed in 1964. Many girls from Portsdown Lodge went on to Benenden.

COLLINGTON RISE SCHOOL, COLLINGTON RISE



This was a preparatory school for boys, preparing them for minor public schools. Founded in 1923, evacuated 1944 and never returned. The building had been used, previously, by St. Celine School. The chapel, in Birk Dale (now a nursery school), was built in the school playing fields c1925.

DANE COURT SCHOOL

Dane Court School for Girls was founded in the 1920s, in St. George's Road (now Woodsgate Park). It became Grange Court in the 1930s. In 1920, the school's Principal was a Miss Ford and the Vice-Principal a Miss Watkins.

The following comes from an advertisement in the Bexhill Observer, in the early 1920s:



“DANE COURT is beautifully situated in open country to the rear of Bexhill, about fifteen minutes' walk from the sea. It enjoys a south aspect, and is sheltered towards the north by the rising ground of the Down and its own plantations. The grounds, five acres area, include tennis courts and a large, sunny playing field. The house is modern, central heated, and lighted by electricity, and the sanitation is perfect. The rooms are bright, airy, and comfortably furnished. Most of them face south. Everything possible is done to ensure the pupils' health, which is under the direct supervision of the Principal, assisted by a Lady Matron. The food is wholesome, varied, and abundant. Breathing exercises are practised daily, in the open air whenever possible, and classes are frequently held out of doors in the summer. Entire charge can be taken of children from abroad.”

Miss Ford retired in 1931 and, in October 1931, the building and all furnishings went up for auction by H. J. Howard and Co.

EFFINGHAM HOUSE SCHOOL



Effingham House School



Effingham House uniforms - Blue and white – blue tunics, white blouse, blue & white striped tie bought from Gorrings.

STAR PUPILS

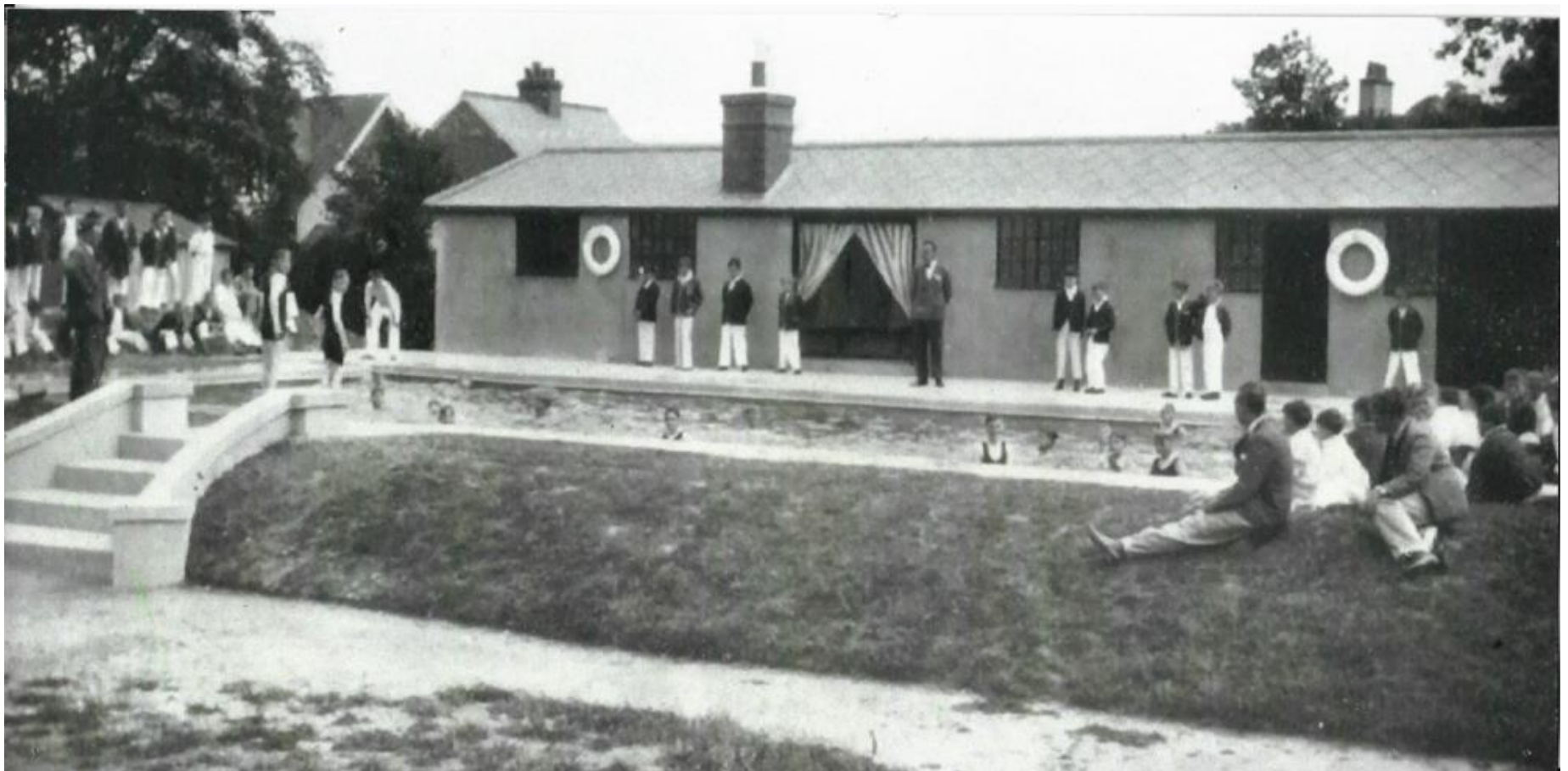
One was a member of the family that produced Cockburn's Port and another was a member of the family that produced Harvey's Sherry.

FALCONBURY, COLLINGTON LANE.

Founded in 1899, in Bury St Edmonds, the school moved to Bexhill in 1929. In 1968 it amalgamated with the Claremont, in Hastings. The photograph below was taken in 1975, at the Rotary Club's medieval tournament, prior to the building's demolition



The photograph below, taken in c1934, shows the school's swimming pool.

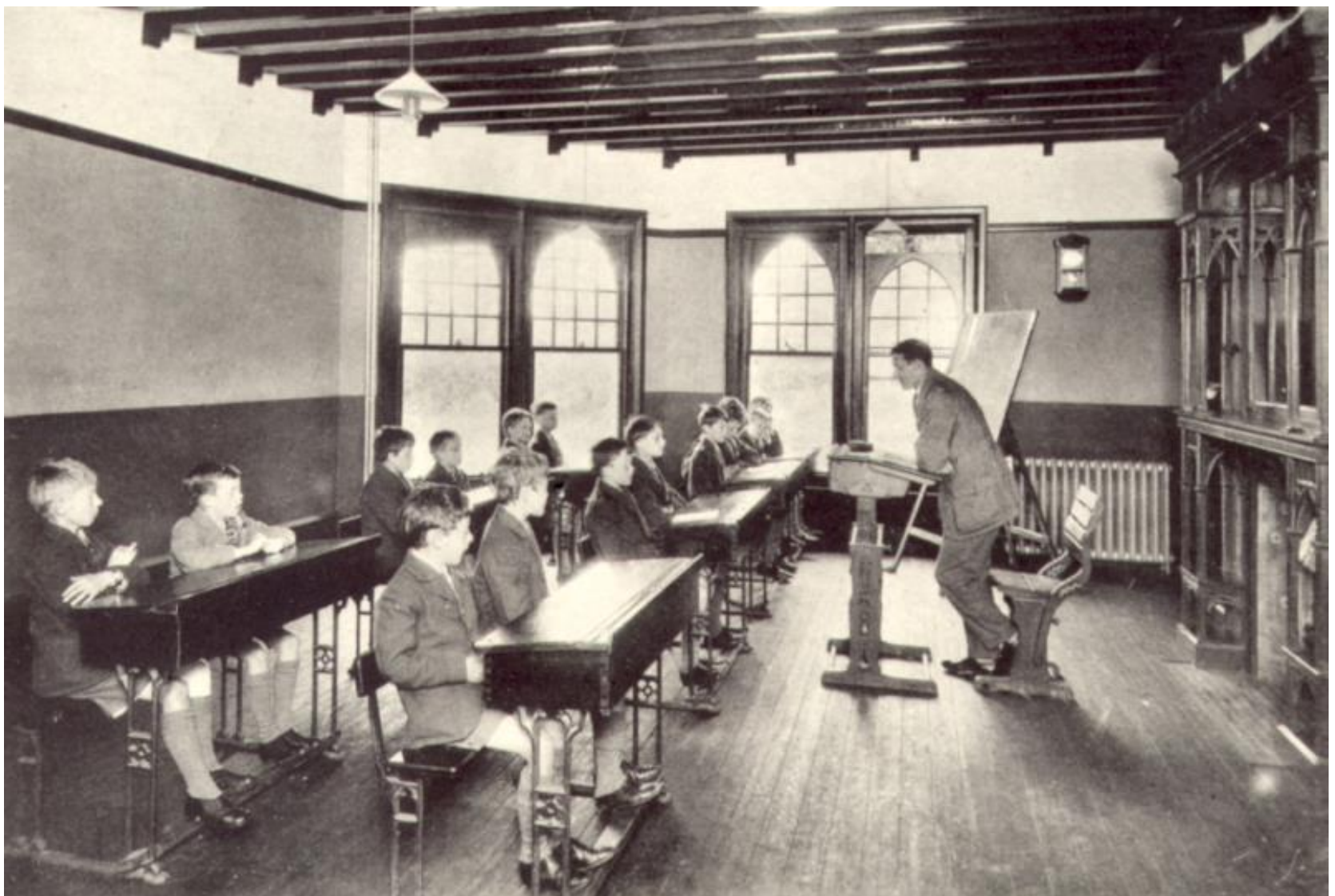


GARTH PLACE, WEST DOWN ROAD.



Founded 1920, the school closed in 1938. The building, subsequently, became the home of St Francis School.

The image below shows a classroom in the main building





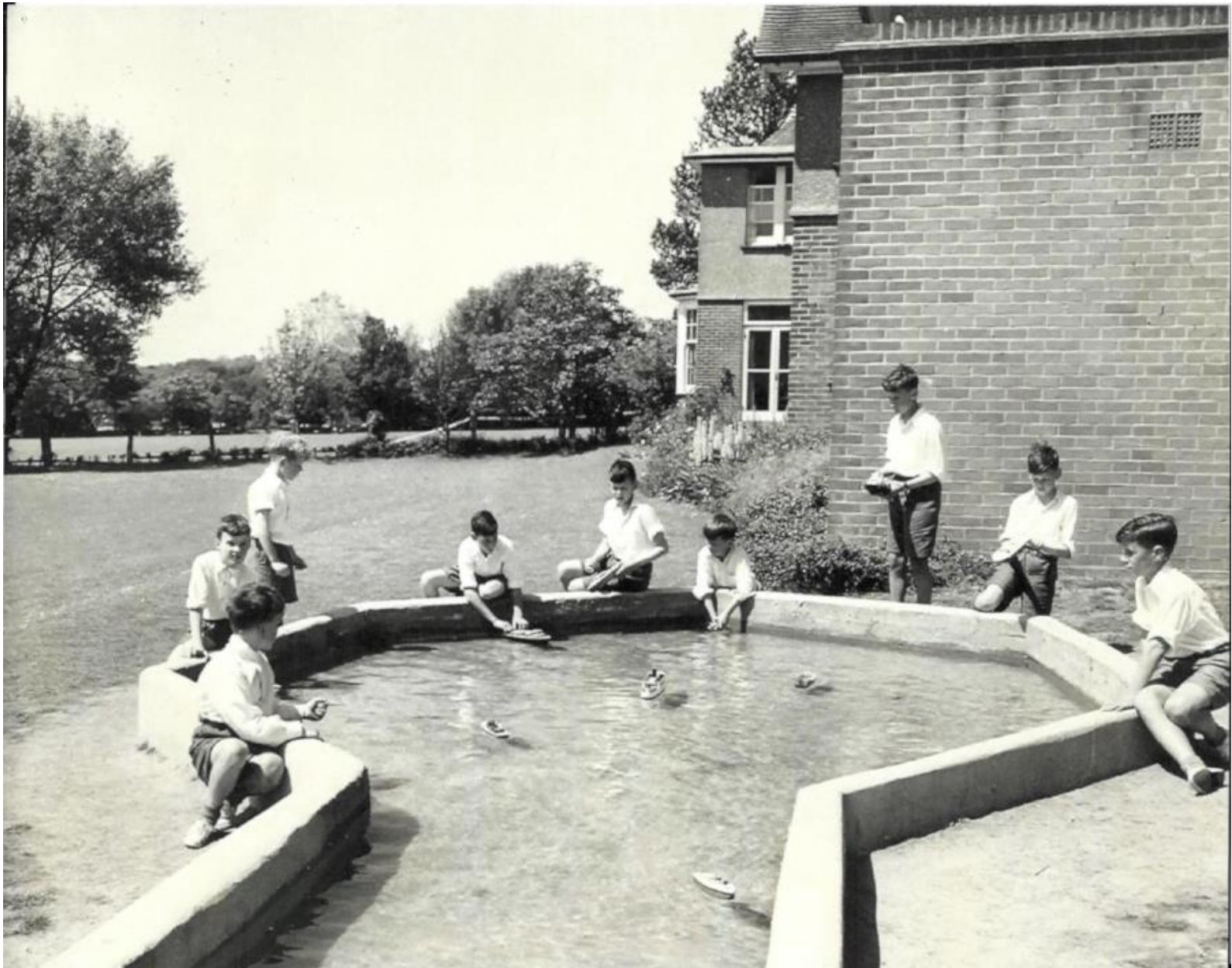
View up the drive of Garth Place, towards the main building

HAREWOOD, COLLINGTON AVENUE

The original school was opened by Mr Horace Everard Whicker, who came from Guernsey. He had served as assistant master at several preparatory schools so decided to open his own preparatory school, which he did in Harewood. He was both the proprietor and principal. He died in November 1927 and his deputy, Mr A. E. D. Mitton, took over as headmaster in 1928. Eventually, Mr M. J. C. Phillips, who had been the English master, took over the school after the, then, headmaster, the Rev Woodruff left. Mr Phillips ran the school until the mid-1960s, when, in 1963, it became amalgamated with Normandale. After that, the site was redeveloped in the early 1970s. Though the building has gone, the wall and gateposts still exist.

Boys Preparatory School, rear view





Model boating pool

The picture below shows Susan and Terence Plank, in the early 1960s, wearing the school's uniform, which, prior to 1951, had been a plain green blazer, with a different badge. A few girls, including Susan, were admitted to the school, in order to accompany the headmaster's daughter.




Susan and Terence Plank

94 Bexhill Observer, Friday, October 21, 2005

Obituary

Michael Phillips, former head of Harewood Prep School



A THANKSGIVING service will be held at St Augustine's church at 2.30pm today for the life of the former headmaster of one of Bexhill's independent schools.

In a tribute this week his family write:

Michael John Clint Phillips, (1928-2005), was born and brought up in Eltham, London, son of Colonel Alfred Phillips, an eminent military scientist at Woolwich Arsenal. He was educated at Bradfield College, Berkshire and Wadham College, Oxford, where he read history and enjoyed Oxford life to the full. He ran cross-country for Wadham.

Michael married Jillie Christie in 1952 and began teaching history and English at Harewood Preparatory School, Bexhill, soon after graduating.

He assumed the headship of this school at the young age of 27, ably assisted by his wife.

One the next decade he built the school into one of the foremost preparatory schools in the area. It had major achievements gaining scholarships places to public schools, including two to Winchester, and educating some prominent individuals, such as David Hare.

He incorporated the school next door, Normandale, with Harewood, in order to expand. In the 1960s political pressure forced the closure of all the preparatory schools in Bexhill. Harewood was the last to close.

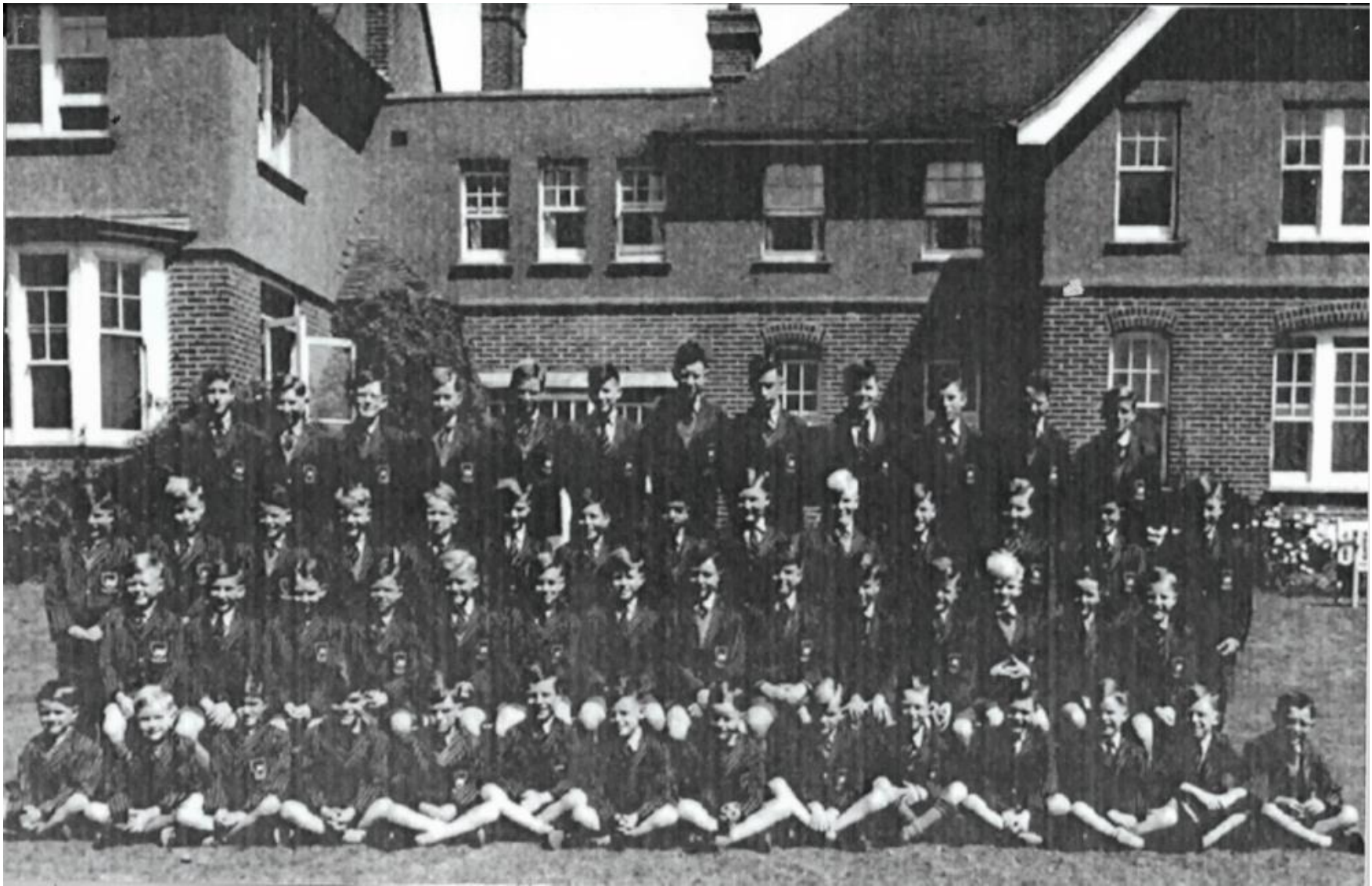
After this he increasingly devoted his time to his love of historical writing. Having written a successful 'Preparatory History of England' in 1964, which was recently recommended to be republished, he wrote a series of three short books on the Normans Conquest - 'Origin of a Nation', 'Harold and his England' and 'William the Conqueror.'

Written in the 1970s, these are still in print and sell widely throughout south-east England, but most notably at Battle. He later wrote articles on his relation, George Clint, Royal Academician, for art journals.

Michael, remembered by many as the dutiful headmaster, was also a kind and gentle person, with a great sense of humour. He died peacefully, on the anniversary of the Battle of Hastings after his own long and courageous battle with arthritis.

He leaves a devoted wife, Jill, three children, Alison, Clive and Juliet, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, whose company he much enjoyed. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

The Obituary of Michael John Clint Phillips



Harewood, Collington Avenue - School photograph taken in 1957

STAR PUPILS

David Hare, English playwright, screenwriter
and theatre and film director

Reginald Maudling, Politician & Member of
Parliament for Heston and Isleworth,

HOLMWOOD, HASTINGS ROAD



Boys swimming at Egerton Park Baths



*Boys wearing school uniform
(with waistcoats and Eton collars)*



Ready for cricket!

HYTHE HOUSE, UPPER SEA ROAD.



Hythe House, Sea Road – originally in Bolebroke Road

“Hythe House”, Upper Sea Road (now called “Chintings”), was founded in 1927. The principals at that time were Miss J. E. Jutson and Miss M. Clarke. The school was evacuated in 1940 and, like many others, did not return to Bexhill after the war.



Two pupils, Bill Ward and Marion Milne (née Ward), on the left wearing their winter uniforms and, on the right, and wearing their blazers

Below, a school group wearing summer uniform in the school grounds – a few of these were WWII refugees from Europe.



Nancy Emmett (Very musical. She played the piano)	Irene Katschensteine (German refugee)	Joan Murray (Father was a military doctor)
Bill Ward	?	Richard Wracksworthy
Eva Fleisher (Austrian refugee)	“Widger” (½ English)	Marion Ward

Note: The refugees possibly came to England via the “Kindertrain”

LAKE HOUSE, COLLINGTON LANE.

The school was founded at Woodsgate Park, as a preparatory school for boys, in 1898 but, later, moved to specially-built premises, in 1902. It was taken over in 1929 and re-named *Beechmont*





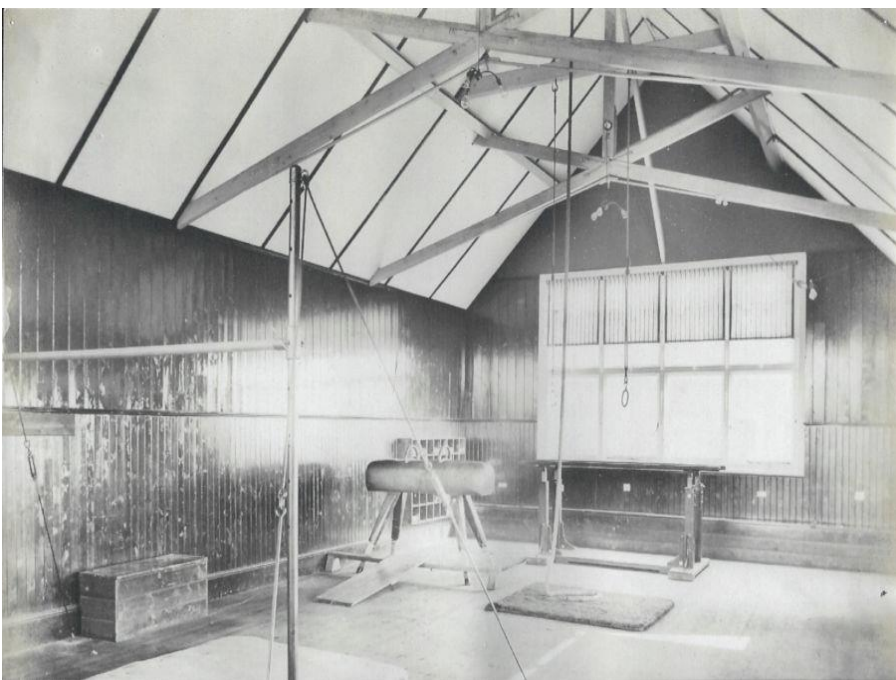
View of the drive and main entrance



Lake House, Form room



Lake House, Dining Room



Lake House Gymnasium



Dormitory for the boys



Lake House, The cricket field and side view of school building



Lake House, 1920s photograph, rear of the building from the playing fields

LINDORES SCHOOL AT WRESTWOOD HOUSE.

This school began in a building known as “Linkwell”, in the High Street, of what is now known as the “Old Town”. Today, in 2018, it is a Grade II listed building. In 1912, it moved to Dorset Road and, in 1927, moved again to “Wrestwood”. The school was evacuated during Second World War and, like so many others, did not return after the war.



MAYFIELD, COLLINGTON AVENUE

This was a co-educational day and pre-preparatory school, founded in 1917 and run by a Miss Richards and a Miss Wheldon. In 1935 the two ladies left and the Misses Leigh (K. E. Leigh and L. B. Leigh) took over in 1935.



It was for girls under seven and boys under eight. The subjects taught included Handicrafts, Physical Exercises, Games and Singing.

The Misses Leigh and their mother, occupied the left-hand part of the building.

The school closed in the 1960s.

STAR PUPIL

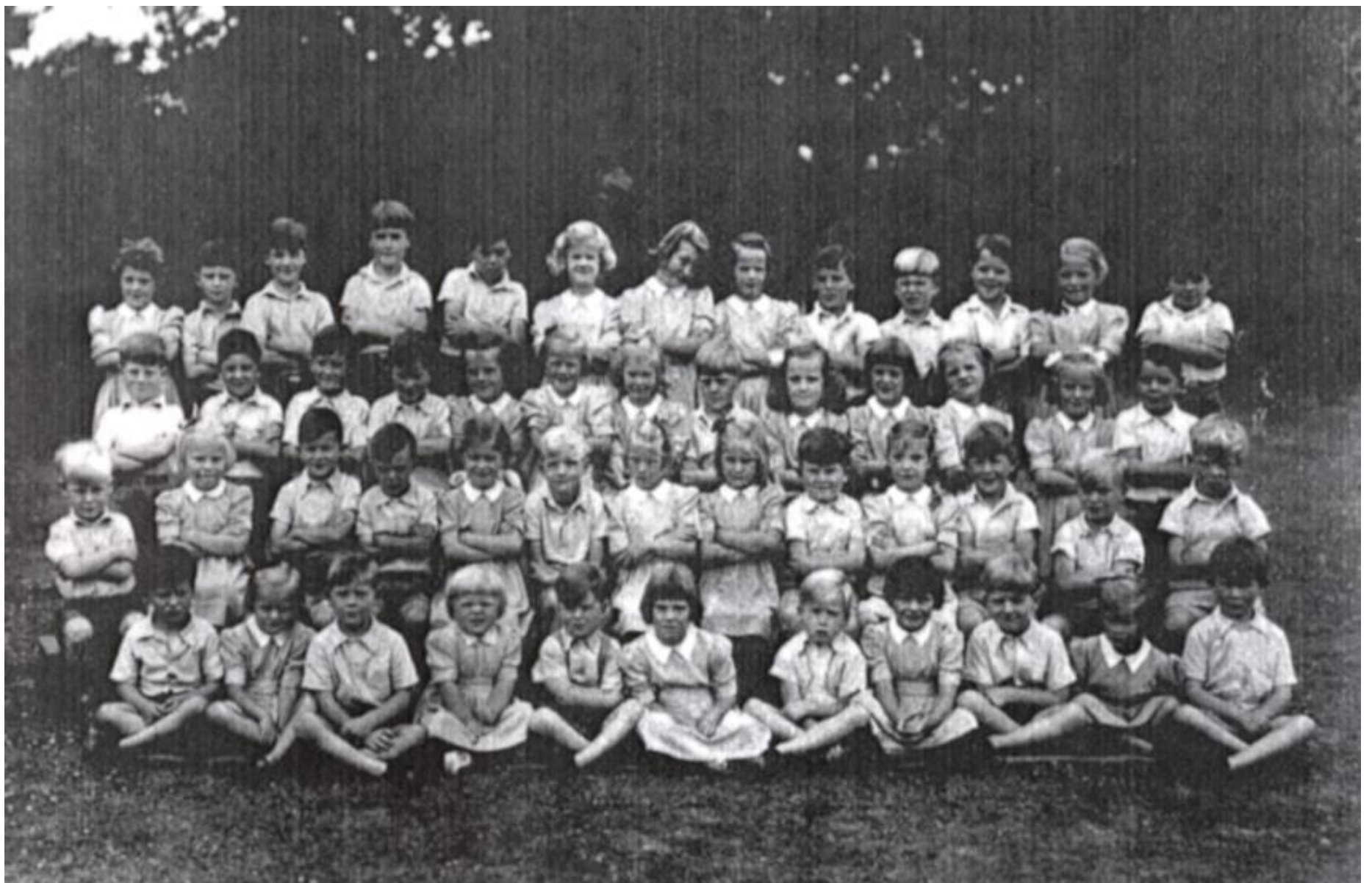
Ann Keiller, descendent of Janet Keiller the originator of Seville Orange Marmalade.



One of the pupils, Jennifer Denton (née Pepper), is shown in the photograph above (taken at her home) wearing the school's summer uniform.



In the photograph above a pupil, David Dyer, is shown wearing the 1951 summer uniform. He has no idea why or when he was awarded the cup he is holding!



The above is a School Photograph taken in or about the year 1950. No pupils have, so far, been identified. Do you recognise yourself? Please tell us if you do!



Susan and Peter Kindersley wearing their summer uniform.



The above photograph, taken c1951, shows two of the Dyer boys.



Sports day at Mayfield School

MOUNTCROFT PREPARATORY SCHOOL, ALBANY ROAD.

Moreland House School, in Albany Road must have been founded sometime before 1906, as there is an article on a concert given by its pupils in the Bexhill Observer of 22nd December of that year. The Principal was a Mrs Neighbour.

In January, 1912, Mrs Neighbour put a notice in the Observer advising that “*Moreland House School, which has recently been removed to No. 1 Parkhurst Road, will be henceforth known as “Mountcroft School”, Parkhurst Road.*”



The original school building, in Albany Road, at the junction with Parkhurst Road.



Boy in school uniform feeding the birds in Egerton Park

NORMANDALE PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR BOYS, COLLINGTON AVENUE.

The school was founded in 1905-6 as North Hill School, in Dorset Road. In 1911, it moved to Collington Avenue and was re-named Normandale. In 1963 it was amalgamated with Harewood School.

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Sir Alec Guinness, Actor

Sir Ronald Miller, Actor

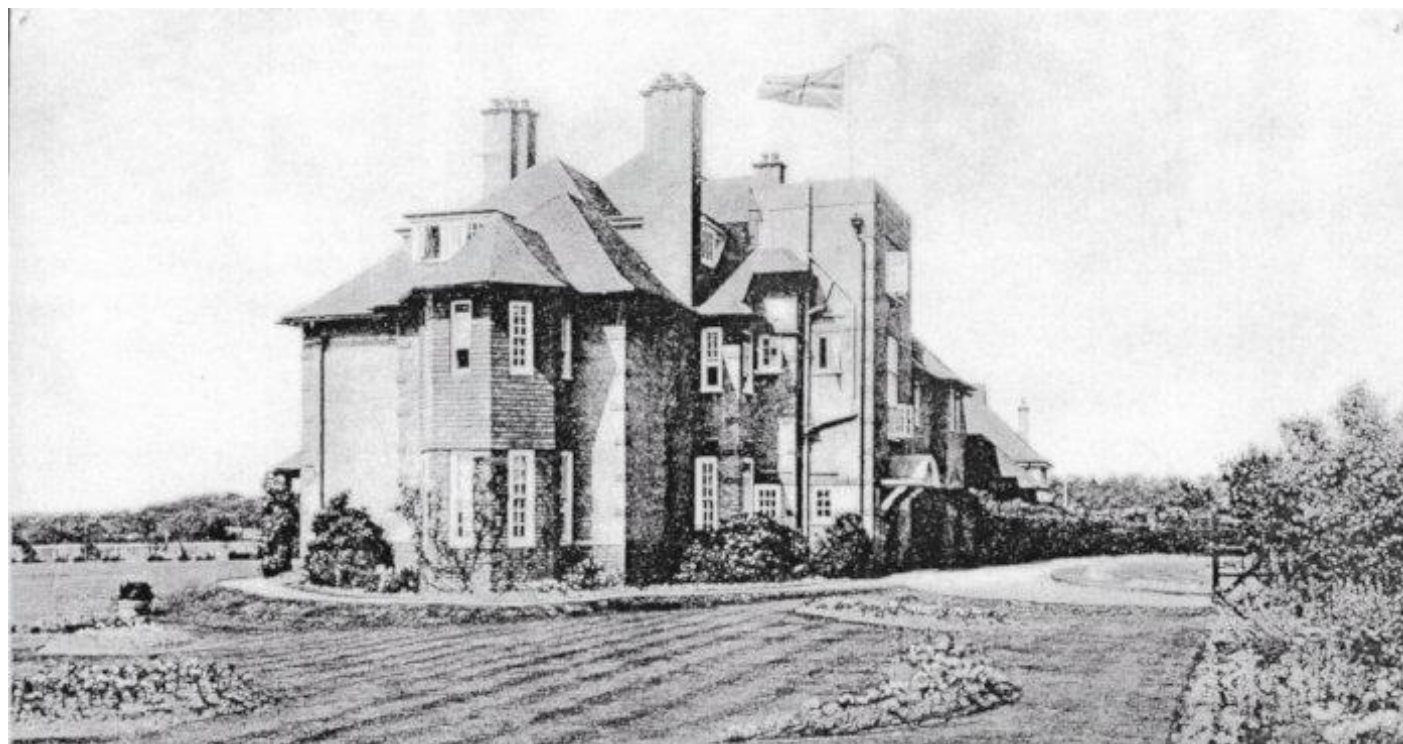
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Sir Philip Ledger, Musician & Academic

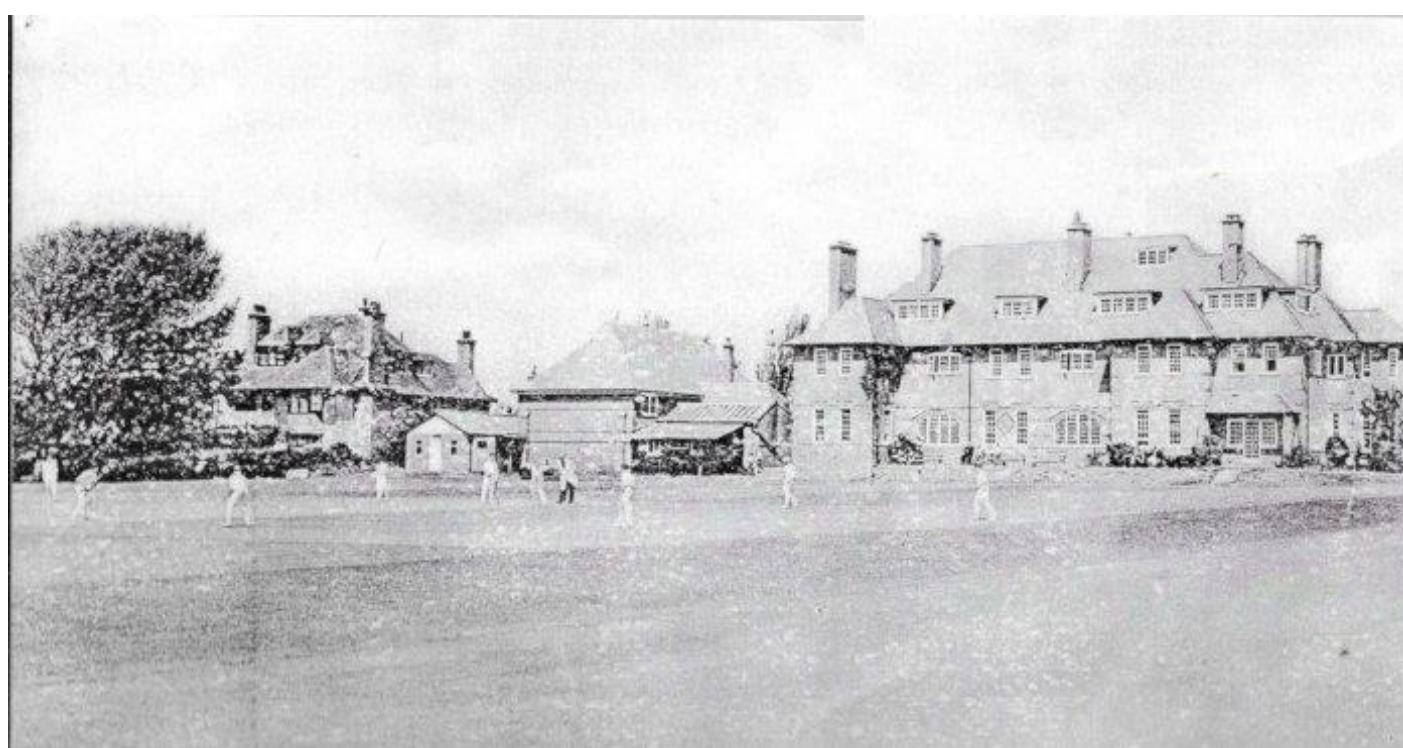
Ian Partridge, Operatic Singer



Normandale, Bexhill-on-Sea



Normandale, Collington Avenue from the East.



*Rear view, cricket match against Woolpit, July 1957.
Senior house of Thornbank is on left*



M J C Palmer, Headmaster of Normandale.

He was an expert on turf for cricket pitches and enjoyed doing his own mowing. This was on his Christmas card. The music master encouraged his boys to sing 'One man went to mow' when he entered the room

ROSEDENE SCHOOL, DEANS DRIVE

The first mention of the school, in the Bexhill Observer, was in February, 1930. The school, then, was known as “Rosdene Kindergarten School” and was located at 1, Cantelupe Road; the Principal was a Miss Hurst. It remained that way until, at least, September 1935. In the April 1939 edition of the Observer the advert says, “*Rosedene School*” (*Deans Drive, opposite the Mill, Gunters Lane*) and the Principal is still Miss Hurst. It was open to children in the district, between the ages of 4 and 10.

The building is still in existence, on Deans Drive.



“Rosedene” School in the 1930s