

Shirley School – 1950s & 1960s

Details from the Log Book ¹².

Overview

The school opened on 19 September 1932. The Log Book was found during the relocation of Shirley Infants School from its original site in Green End Road to the site it now occupies in Nuffield Road when, on the closure of St Andrew's Junior School 31/08/2006, it became Shirley Primary School.

The Log Book provides school activities as follow

Detail for Saint Andrews Church of England School Jan 9 1911- Sept 16 1932

Detail for Shirley School Sept 19 1932- Nov 9 1960

When is opened in 1932 children were transferred from the Infant section of St Andrew which then became a Junior School.

1957 saw celebrations for the 25th anniversary of the opening which are recorded in the Log Book.

ENTRIES OF INTEREST FROM THE LOG BOOK FOR SHIRLEY SCHOOL DURING THE 1950S

Note: The Log Book is lodged with Cambridgeshire Archives

Oct 23rd 1950

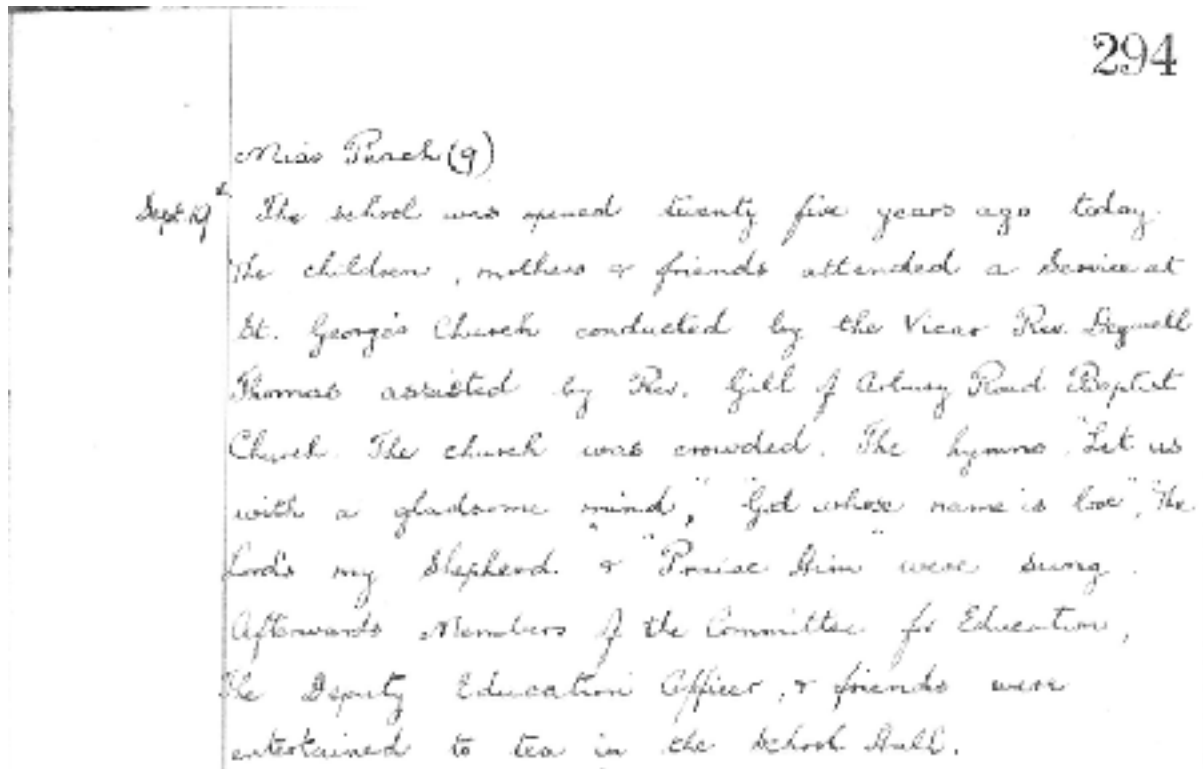
Mr Foreman, the Borough Education Officer came to school this afternoon to see Miss Forrester concerning her absence on Oct 23rd for the purpose of buying an engagement ring. He was very clear and definite that absences for such reasons could not be tolerated by his Committee. He gave instructions that a note should be made of what he said.

Dec 5 1950

National Savings Film shown to children this morning.

Sept 19 1957

The school was opened twenty five years ago today ... entry from Log Book below



Sept 20 1957 The Right Worshipful the Mayor ... entry from Log Book below

Sept 20th The Right Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor B. J. S. White), in his robes, & the Mayoress visited the school. The birthday cake in the shape of a shoe (Old Woman who lived in a Shoe) was cut by the Mayor. The children then had a party, including ice cream, in their rooms. The Mayor & his party had tea in the Head Teacher's Room. The Mayor afterwards visited the rooms & showed the children his chain & jewel. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet of flowers, & a large square of cake similar to the children's

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At the party the children had a shortbread biscuit with "25" on it in pink icing made by the canteen staff.

Photo 25th Anniversary celebrations showing Miss Hehir, Headteacher, the Mayor and the 'Old Woman who lived in a Shoe' cake with the children in the school hall.



Letter of thanks from the Mayor to Miss Hehir, Headteacher




THE GUILDHALL,
CAMBRIDGE.

25th September, 1957.

Dear Miss Hehir,

The Mayoress and I would like to say how very much we enjoyed meeting the children, the staff and yourself on the occasion of the Twentyfifth Anniversary party held on Friday, 20th September. It was indeed a pleasure to be with you.

Yours sincerely,


Mayor.

Miss A. M. Hehir M.P.E.,
Headmistress,
Shirley Infant and Nursery School,
Green End Road,
Cambridge.

Nov 1957 Letter found in the Log Book describing Shirley as one of the happy schools

35 Coleridge Road
Cambridge
21/11/57.

Dear Miss Shehir;

many thanks for your nice letter and gift. My wife & I think it was kind of you to express such cordial good wishes to us.

It was always a great pleasure to come to Shirley which I regarded as one of the "happy schools". May it continue to be so.

My wife joins me in sending you sincere good wishes

yours sincerely
A. A. Spelman

No further entries of particular interest; Log Book final entry is November 9 1960

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