

BERKSHIRE TRACTS No. 5

HISTORY  
OF  
UFFINGTON  
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## P R E F A C E

The changes that have occurred in recent decades in rural England and the rapidity with which they have taken place greatly enhance the value of a historical record such as the history of Uffington Church of England Primary School. The school through more than three centuries has been a continuing element in the changing life of this rural community at the western end of the Berkshire Downs, and as such it has influenced the lives of many generations of young people who received their schooling there. Its development and therefore the nature and extent of its influence has been affected by decisions which have been reached by far off central authorities who are perhaps not always aware of the effects of their activities on the local community.

This history of Uffington School shows something of those effects. It lifts the curtain with which the passage of time conceals the changing scene. It reveals a school which was much prized by the people it served and a community which valued, as it continues to value, the benefits of a liberal education.

The writing of this history is at once a service to future historians and a source of interest and pleasure to anyone who has a real interest in the English rural scene.

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The school for boys at Uffington was founded in 1617 by Thomas Saunders of Woolstone. In his will (proved at Oxford 1641) is written:-

'And for my lande in Uffington wch I late purchased of Thomas Boothe gent. I will and bequeath the same unto Thomas Saunders my sonne and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for want of such yssue, to his heirs forever upon condicion that whereas I have provided a Schoolhouse in Uffington aforesaid and that the same cannot be established and contynued without some competent meanes from tyme to tyme to be allowed towards the mayntenance of a Schoolemaster there, I will and declare by this my last will and Testamt that the said gifte of my landes in Uffington shall forever take effect unto my sonne upon this speciall trust and confidence.....'

The school was endowed with 20 acres of land yeilding about £40.p.a. also a house with half an acre of ground and a garden.

Thomas Saunders' decree laid down specific rules about the school. In his will he writes:-

'Towarde the mayntenance and relieffe of the said Scholemaster for the teacheinge of twelve poore schollers - the said Scholemaster and twelve poore children to be from tyme to tyme chosen and appoynted accordinge to such directions and instructions as in a table nowe remayneinge in my Scholshouse is mentioned and declared to contynue in perpetuall memory and to for this my will concerning my said landes in Uffington performed, I make the Churchwardens wch shalbe from tyme to tyme of Uffington aforesaid and Wolston together with other Overseers of the Poor.....'

There are two copies of this decree - one in the original Schoolroom and the other in the Hall of the present Primary School.

The clauses are as follows:-

'Certain orders to be observed from time to time

touching the choice and election of the School Masters and Scholars according to the last will and testament of Thomas Saunders with such other directions conceived and commended by him unto perpetual memory.

1. That the School Master be a graduate of one of the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge not beneficed or advanced to any Spiritual Promotion and to be chosen by the Church Wardens of Uffington and Woolstone in the County of Berks by and with the consent of the Executors of the said Thomas Saunders. And that it shall be in their power to discharge any formerly chosen for some reasonable cause and to make choice of a new observing the course before prescribed.
2. That the Scholars be such as are or Shall be born of honest Parents dwelling within the Towns of Uffington and Woolstone aforesaid whereof four of the poor Children to be born of parents dwelling within Woolstone, the eight residu. of such within Uffington and to be chosen by the Church Wardens aforesaid together with the residue of the Overseers from time to time to be appointed for the poor within the said Towns of Uffington and Woolstone or the greater part of them by and with the consent of the Executors of the Said Thomas Saunders. And for want of such numbers in either of the said Towns as is aforesaid the Supply to be made up of any of the Parish of Uffington aforesaid to be chosen as before is appointed.
3. Whereas it is a most common and Usual course for many to send their Daughters to common Schools to be taught together with and amongst all sorts of Youths, which course is by many conceived very uncomely and not decent therefore the said School Master may not admit any of that Sex to be taught in the said School.
4. If any Scholars chosen or appointed to be taught by such as have or shall have power and Authority from me at any time hereafter so to chuse shall absent or refuse to come to School or be withdrawn by their Friends or Parents, for the Space of above Twenty days from Midsummer unto Michaelmas, unless such a Scholar be visited with Sickness then such other to

be chosen in his place as shall be thought fit.

5. That none be appointed or chosen Scholars unless they be of the age Eight years and not then to continue longer than Eight years.
6. The School Master or Chief Scholar by his appointment shall every morning before teaching make Supplication and Prayer unto God according to that form of Prayer prescribed in the accidence or otherwise as the School Master thinketh convenient and likewise to conclude with an Evening Prayer and singing of some Psalm to the Glory of God. And also to have Weekly a fit Prepositor for the preventing Misdemeanors committed by Scholars and chiefly for the Suppressing of oaths and taking the Lord's name in Vain.

The earliest mention of the school so far traced is in the 1679's Presentments.

In answer to Tital number 7, the Churchwardens reply, 'we doe presente that wee have a Schoolmaster already licenced and likewise a Midwife licenced: But physicians we have none in our Towne.'

The presentment is signed by -  
Robert Green, Vicar.  
Thomas Lockey Churchwardens.  
Richard Saunders

In the 1683 Presentments the school is again mentioned.

The reply to Tital 5, 6, 7 is:-

'Concerning our parish Clark, free Schole, etc and other matters spoken of in Tital 5, 6, 7 wee have nothing to present as faulty. Wee have a parish Clarke -- above the Age of 21 years. And we have a little publick Schoole, and the person that is the School-master is a person licensed to teach in the sayd Schole.'

Signed. Richard Deane  
Richard Pound Churchwardens.  
Robert Green Vicar.

A list was compiled of the various schools in the Diocese in 1686. The Uffington entry, in Robert Green's handwriting, reads:-

'In Uffington in the Count. of Berks. There is a Schoole

to breed up young Children, and the Governess of the sayd Schoole is Mrs Ann Saunders of Woolston in the parish of the sayd Uffington, Widow.'

Note Governess here means Patroness.

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Among the Testimonials of Schoolmasters Licensed by the Bishop in the Salisbury Diocesan Record Office is the following:-

'We whose names are presente subscribed to certificate unto the W/ship Robert Loggan (Clarke and Batchelor of Law and Chancellor of Diocesan of Sarum) that Joseph Weaver is a person of sober life and conversation and is conformable to the Liturgy of the Church of England and is very sufficiently qualified to teach School wherefore we desire your Worship to grant consent to the said Joseph Weaver to teach School within the Parish of Uffington.'

Signed. Tho. Langley, Rector of Compton Beauchamp  
William Franklin Churchwardens.  
Thos. Pusey  
---- White Vicar of Ashbury.

This document is not dated but would be about 1707, for W. Franklin and T. Pusey were Churchwardens at this time. An abstract from the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (founded 1698) contains more information about the school. Presumably the said, Joseph Weaver would be the Master referred to. It reads:-

'At Uffington in Berks there is a sch. for 12 Boys founded abt 76 years ago. But ye present Master if he continues in Possession offers to teach all ye poor Children in the Parish.'

Summary of letter No. 2552. SPCK Abstract. Letter Books Vol.2. Dated 2nd April 1711.

Another reads:-

Caleb Parfett at Uffington Berksh. 25. Aug 1712  
'in answer to the Society's first General Letter, that he shall to the utmost of his Power chearfully promote their designs. That he has prevail'd to sett

up a Charity School in Longcot, Berksh where he is Curate, and hopes to acqt the Society of others at Faringdon and Highworth before printing the next account. That at Uffington the Town is overrun with Quakers, and a Quaker woman keeps a school there, where they are brought up in such Ignorance that he could never find 3 of her schollars (tho' of competent age) able to repeat ye Lord's Prayer and ye Creed; and that he should be glad to receive the directions of the Society thereupon.'

Summary of letter No. 3162. SPCK Abstract Letter Books. Vol.3.

The last reply from Caleb Parfett is dated 22 Nov 1712 He writes:-

'That according to the Society's direction he had directed the Master of Longcott School to invite all the grown persons in that Village that cannot read to come and be taught by him. That he had made the same offer in his own Parish of Uffington. And hopes thereby to have an opportunity to exercise so necessary a piece of Charity.'

Summary of letter No. 3373. SPCK Abstract Letter Books. Vol. 4.

The printed Annual Account of the Charity Schools to which Caleb Parfett refers in letter No. 3162 in the last annual issue to give details by parishes (afterwards figures were given only for counties) states simply:-

'Uffington & Woolston: School 1, Boys 12, Girls --.'

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In 1783, George Watts, the Vicar of Uffington, answered a lengthy questionnaire which the Bishop of Salisbury received at his Visitation. There are two questions concerning the school and the Vicar's replies were:-

'A free School, for the Instruction of eight poor Boys in Uffington and four in Woolstone, endowed by a Mr. Saunders. Late of Woolstone. The School is duly taught but the Will of Mr. Saunders directs that the Master should be a Batchelor Of Arts. The School

was vacant about twelve Months and no B.A. could be procured. It is now taught therefore by a decent careful Deputy & the Vicar is the Nominal Master. The Endowment now consists of a Cottage, Barn, small Close in the Village of Uffington, and an Allotment of land in the Field. The Value of the Whole, about £24, eight guineas of which is paid to the Heirs of Mr. Saunders reduced to Poverty, the rest to Deputy.\*

\*In 1807 was buried at Uffington Thomas Noake, Schoolmaster for 50 years. This is probably the one referred to. In answer to a query regarding the content of the education taught, George Watts replied:-

'The children are taught to read, write and cast Accounts. They are taught the Catechism, and are directed to attend Divine Service. The school flourishes.'

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The National Society for Promoting Religious Education has a record of 20 boys attending the school in 1818 and instruction for girls being provided elsewhere in two dame schools. By 1833, 50 boys were at the endowed school.

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The Vicar of Uffington in 1838 was Charles Lord and his answers to Visitation queries yield more information on the two schools. The questions themselves reveal the Church's attitude to Educational Content at that time. They read:-

Q. What Schools are there in your Parish for the Education of the children of the poor in the principles of the Established Church? Describe whether daily, daily and Sunday or Sunday only?

A. There is a school for boys who have attained the age of 8 years and another for girls. The children of both are educated in the privilege of the Established Church.

Q. How are the schools supported?

A. The Boys by Endowment, the Girls by subscription.

Q. What is the number of children in your parish who cannot have the advantage of the instruction given

by these schools?

A. All the children have the advantage of the instruction in the school.

The above children are brought to church at the commencement of Lent and then inducted and catechized by myself or curate 3 hours every Sunday in Lent

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A return to the National Society's Church School enquiry 1846/7 records that 50 boys attended the endowed school. They were charged 1d to 1½d a week or 2d with writing, but the sum varied at the option of the master and according to the means of the parents. 30 girls were instructed free (in another building which would be on the site of the present school) by a mistress who received £11 raised by subscriptions. The 1847 Kelly's Post Office Directory confirms the existence of the two schools. It reads:-

'There is an endowment of the annual value of £40 for education of poor boys the foundation of which is for 12 though as many as think proper can attend on payment of 1 penny weekly. At present there are 50. A school containing about 40 girls is supplied by subscription.'

The Master's name, listed under Traders, is given as Henry Morris, Schoolmaster.

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The Rev. G. Tufnell had arrived in the parish by 1847 and he deplored the scanty provision for the education of the girls which consisted of about 20 receiving instruction at a dame school. He told the National Society that he had therefore arranged for someone from the parish to be properly trained and in consequence there were 55 girls attending the Church School.

Four years later the Rev. Tufnell was petitioning the National Society for a suitable building to be provided to meet the growing demand for education for girls. The schoolroom was intended to provide accommodation for 70, allowing the minimum space of 6 sq. ft. per child as stipulated by the

National Society. The site was the gift of Lord Craven and the cost of the project was estimated at £300. £76 had been raised already by subscription and a further £70 from the proceeds of a bazaar. The Education Department had been approached and £80 was granted, and the Cholmeley Society promised £30. The National Society agreed to contribute £25 towards the deficit. It was estimated that the annual expenditure of the school would amount to about £26 and this was to be met by subscription, which could be relied upon to raise £20, and the weekly pence of the children. The building was completed and paid for by the end of 1852 and opened the following year. The architect was George Edmund Street (1824-1881) who moved from London to Wantage in 1850 and to Beaumont Street, Oxford in May 1852. In 1851 he was Diocesan Architect at Oxford and executed notable work for Wilberforce. The school was visited on 1st February 1854 by H.M. Inspector the Rev. W. Warburton who made a satisfactory report. The number of girls in attendance was 38 but the average recorded attendance was 46. The name of the mistress, who was not certificated, was Mrs. Elizabeth Deacon.

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In July 1854, the Rev. Tufnell answered further Visitation queries. The ones concerning the schools read:-

- Q. What schools are there in your Parish?
- A. An Endowed Boys School and a National Girls School. In both Sunday Schools are held. The Girls School supported by subscriptions.
- Q. Are you able to maintain the young people in your Sunday School after they have ceased to attend Daily School?
- A. Many of the girls continue their attendance in the Sunday School but none of the Boys.
- Q. Have you adopted any other method of retaining them under instruction by Adult or Evening Schools?
- A. An Evening School has been attempted for young men but without success.
- Q. Can you name anything which impeded your own Ministry?
- A. I believe the deficiency in attendance among the young

is owing to the early age at which in agricultural parishes they are called on to work in the fields and to assume an independence of parental control.

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Billings Directory of Berks and Oxon for 1854 contains the following entry concerning the Schools at Uffington.

It reads:-

The Girls National School with the Schoolhouse was erected in 1853 by Voluntary Subscription and a Govt. grant for education of children of Uffington, Woolstone and Baulking. It is under Diocesan and Government Inspection. Mrs. Elizabeth Deacon, Mistress.  
The Boys School was erected in 1617 by T. Saunders Esq who endowed the land but owing to increase in land value now let for £50 per annum and in consequence the number of boys had increased to 20. Rest of boys belonging to school are on the System of National Education.

Average number of scholars. 58

Mr. Morris, Master.

The following year the Rev. Peter Gurney began his 54 years as Vicar of Uffington and in 1857 he answers a pre-Visitation query. This reads:-

- Q. What schools are there in your Parish?
  - A. A National School for Girls and small boys. No school for adults but an endowed boys school badly conducted. The National School contains from 50 to 60.
  - Q. Are you able to maintain the young people in your Sunday School after they have ceased to attend Daily School?
  - A. No.
- In 1860's answers Rev. Gurney retains their terseness.
- Q. What schools are there in your Parish?
  - A. Boys Schools and Girls, Evening Schools in Writing for Adults - supported by subscription.
  - Q. Are you able to maintain the young people in your Sunday School after they have ceased to attend Daily School?

- A. Not my wish.
- Q. Have you adopted any other method of retaining them under instruction by adult or Evening Schools?
- A. Evening School for Young Men - no other method.

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In the endowed Charities of Berkshire records, Volume 2, there is an entry for July 24th 1857 concerning the boys' school. It reads:-

Upon authority of a certificate of the Charity Commissioners dated 24/7/1857 the Master of the Rolls made an order on 18/3/59 appointing the Vicar of Uffington and perpetual Curate of the Chapel at Woolstone and Churchwardens and overseers of Uffington as ex officio trustees and another individual as a trustee of the Charity and vesting the real estate in the Official Trustee of Charity Lands.

and a year later:-

Rules were redrafted by Trustees in July 1860 so as to make them more in accordance with modern conditions and the board upon which they were painted remains in the old school building. In that year Mr. F.O.Martin, an Inspector of Charities visited the school in connection with complaints of the inefficiency of the Master and found it in a very degraded condition and in the same year the report of the H.M.I. described it as 'in a very languishing condition there being only 12 boys in it who were practically uneducated. 'A change of master in 1863 effected some improvement.

In Dutton' Allen's Directory of Oxon-Berks, dated 1865 another record is made of the boys' school and a short report of the girls'. These read:-

Uffington Here is a school for free education of 20 children - erected in 1617 by T. Saunders Esq who endowed the same with land for the education of 12 boys but owing to increase in value - now 20 boys. Master is not precluded from admitting other

boys who pay a small sum and are educated in the National system.....

The Girls' school erected 1853 and supported by subscription.

Ann Morris. Schoolmistress.\*

John Morris. Schoolmaster.\*

\*Perhaps these were children of the Henry Morris who taught in 1847.

The Charity Commissioners made another order dated 28/2/1868. This reads:-

By an order of the Charity Commissioners dated 28/2/1868 3 individuals and Churchwardens of Woolstone were appointed trustees in addition to the existing trustees and a scheme was established providing for the conducting of the School as a school for boys 5-16 years of age with Religious Instruction (subject to a Conscience Clause) consonant with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England. The scholars (subject as aforesaid) were to be required to attend the School on Sunday and also to attend Divine Service at the parish church with the Master at least once on Sundays. Head money not exceeding 6d a week was to be paid by each scholar. The trustees were to pay the Master 40 pound a year and not more than 5/- a quarter for each boy in the school and had power to remit grant.

The residue of income to be School Repair fund for providing additional teachers, in increasing the rewards and otherwise promoting the efficiency and spirit of the school.

And 2 years later:-

By 1870 the old school building was so dilapidated that it was unfit for educational purposes and the trustees proposed to sell it and apply proceeds to enlargement of National School which stood on site settled by a deed poll dated 6/8/1851 and enrolled in Chancery 18/8/1851 upon National Society Trusts and which had up to this date been used only for girls. To this proposal the Charity Commissioners



objected that the Saunders' Charity was not merely for elementary education and the trustees agreed to submit to the Direction of Endowed School Commission in regard to application of endowment.

In 1872 it was proposed to erect a new mixed schoolroom measuring 45 by 18 feet (our present Hall) adjoining the 1851 building, which would be adapted for infants. By order of the Charity Commissions the old school and site was sold for £35 which it was directed should be paid to the Official Trustees for Investment in Consols. This direction was overlooked and the trustees without authority applied the £35 toward cost of addition to the National School. From 1872-1896 as the Endowed School Commissioners took no further steps, the income from endowment went to the general fund of the National School for prizes and remission of fees.

The new building was ready by April 18th, 1873, for the School log book for that date reads:-

The children under the care of the master took possession of the new room on Thursday.

Mistress.... Frances Gane

Certified teacher of 3rd Class.

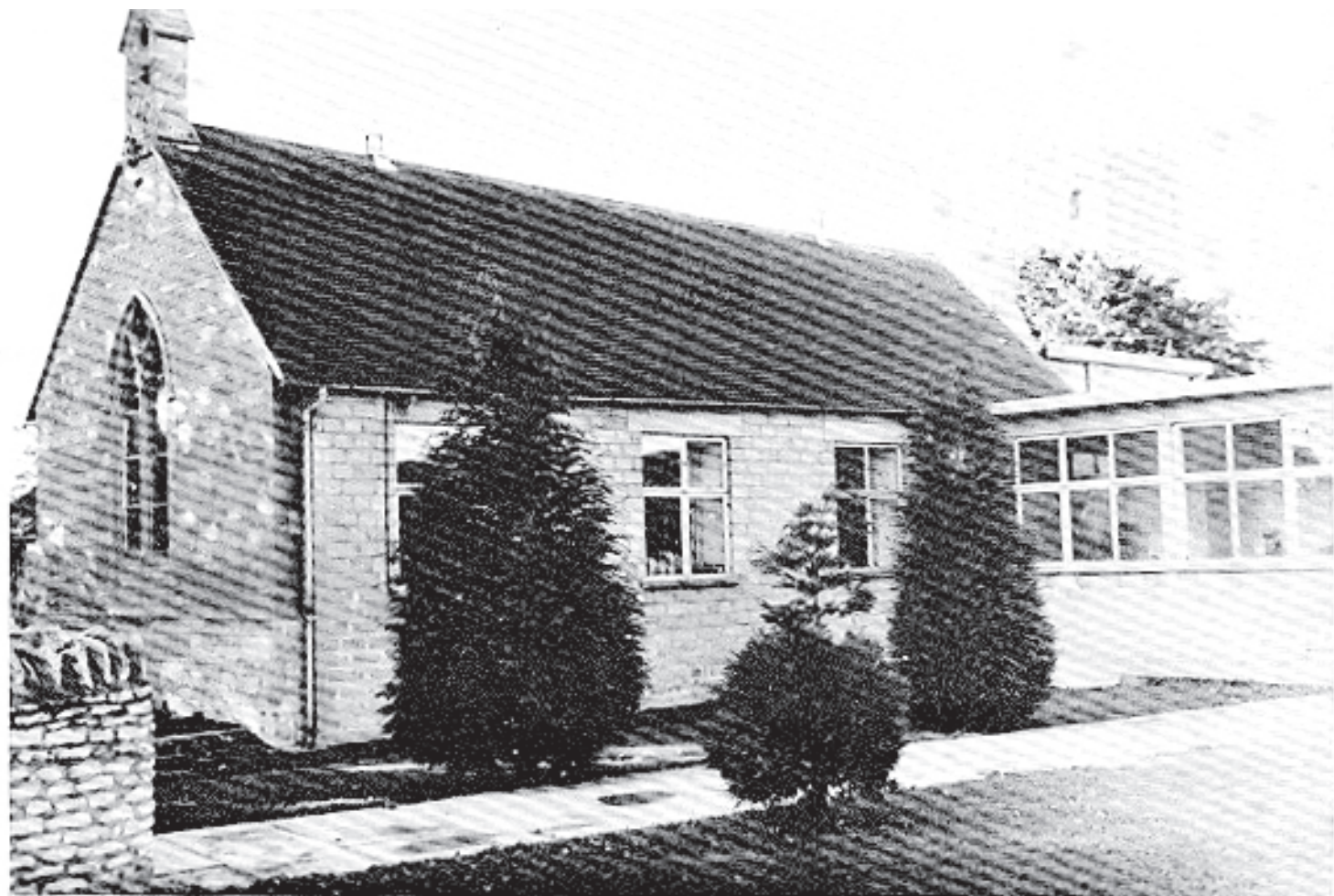
Master .... Daniel Gane.\*

\* Uffington National School, having now absorbed the Thomas Saunders School, Daniel Gane was the first Headmaster. His wife, Frances Gane was mistress of the separate Infant School. It remained separate until January 31st, 1888 although the buildings were adjoining. A special grant was paid to separate Infant Departments and it was not subject to results of examination as in the Junior Department.

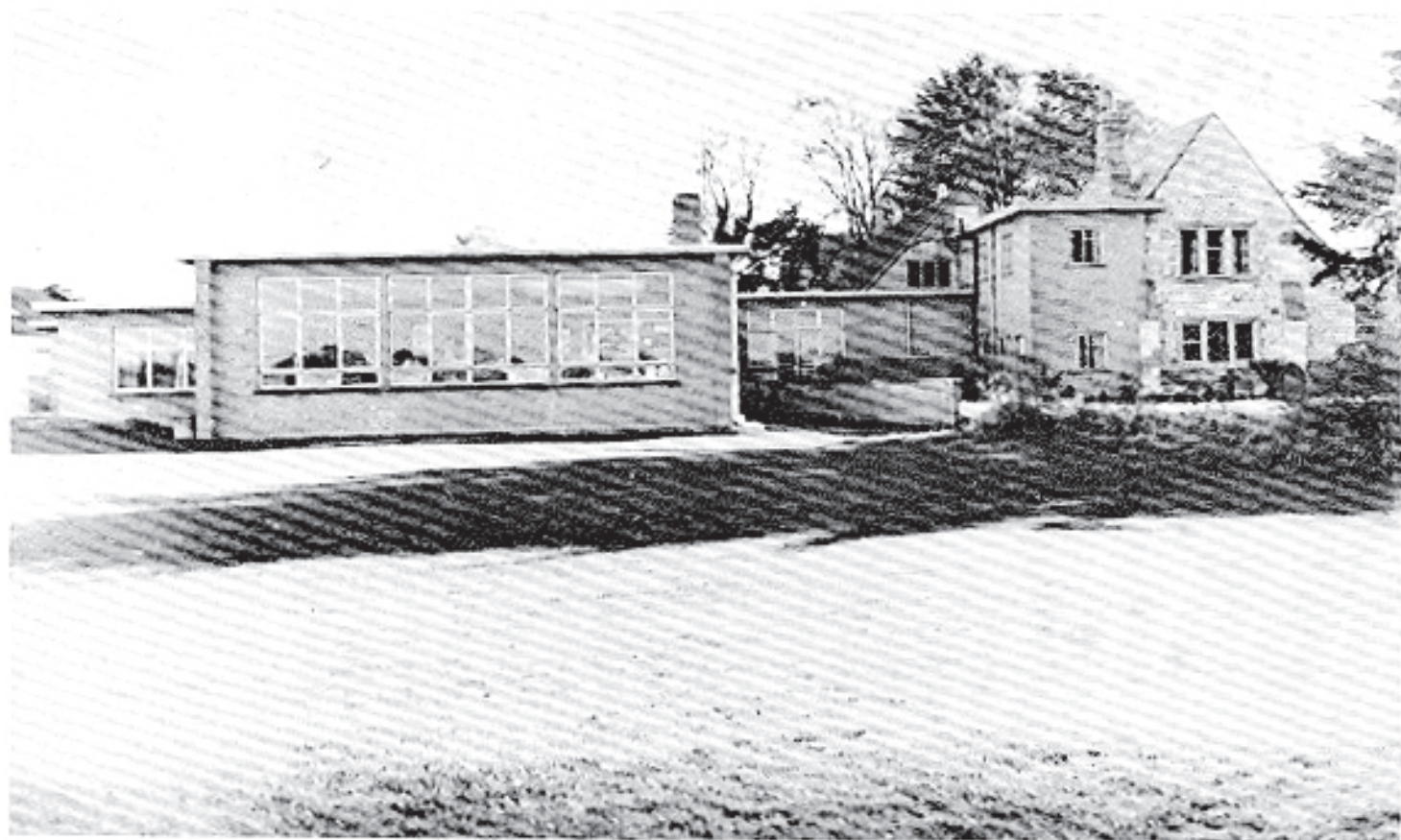
Mrs. Gane, however, was prone to spend too much time in the Junior Department according to the complaints of H.M. Inspectors, leaving the Infants in charge of Monitors. She was needed to teach the girls Needlework which was still regarded as highly important because it carried a much-needed grant. On the advice of the Department of Education therefore, the Managers found a solution. The log-book entry reads:-

'The Managers have decided to conduct the Schools in future as one Department in order that the





PRESENT SCHOOL FRONT



Infantmistress may teach sewing to the elder girls.'

Frances Gane (Mistress) Jan 31st 1888.

This was the last entry of Mrs. Gane as mistress of her own department. Further entries are by her husband Daniel Gane as Headmaster of the whole school. Thomas Saunders School building had now become a Public Reading Room.

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The last scheme established by the Charity Commissioners in connection with the Saunders' trust was in 1896.

It reads:-

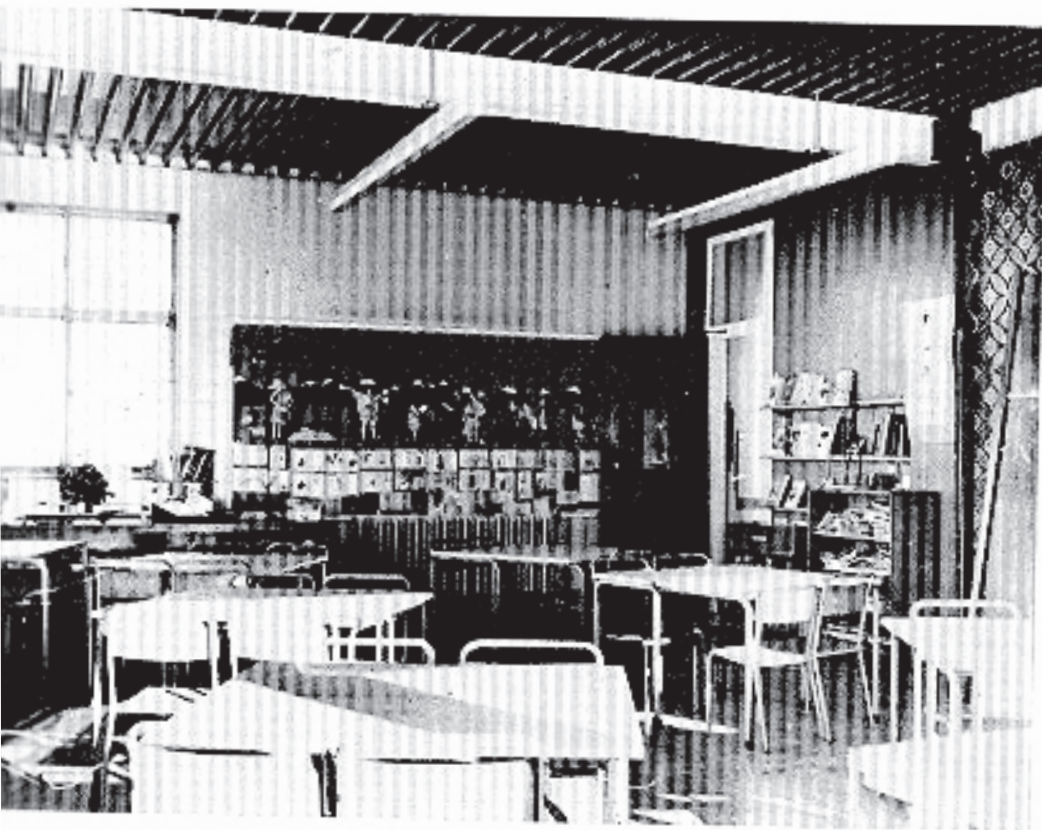
The Trustees to be managers of the National School. Two representatives appointed by Parish Council for 4 years office. Not more than 50% of the clear yearly income may be applied in payments to the trustees and managers of any public elementary school in parish not maintained out of public rates providing satisfactory report from Inspectors. Prizes and rewards not exceeding £10 in any one case. 2 years attendance £3 each for benefit of children who attended 5 years and had good conduct award.

In 1902, the Education Act of that date marked a truce between Non-conformists and Anglicans. The Church schools now had a definite place in the state system with parity of treatment. This brought improvements in building and equipment to Uffington School. It also meant the beginning of the decline in pupil-teacher supply and an increased chance of obtaining certificated teachers from the training-colleges which were growing in number. For instance, a school log-book entry for September 4th 1906 reads:-

"Miss Ada Greenham (Fishpond Training Coll) late pupil-teacher at Mina Rd Girls' Sch. Bristol commenced duties as asst. teacher as Mrs. Bingham resigned."

The shift of power can be discerned in the Headmaster's entry of March 15th 1906 which reads:-

"Received a strong complaint from a parent that the Vicar had stopped children on their way from school and questioned them on school matters. I wrote to the Rev. pointing out to him that I should be pleased to



INTERIOR OF CLASSROOM

answer any questions he wishes to put upon school matters."

The log-books also record many more visits from representatives of the Berkshire Education Authority as rate-aid meant a loss of autonomy for the Church Schools.

There are visits of the Medical Officers of Health recorded at this period and one can note the increased concern for the pupils' health and well-being.

For the first half of the 20th Century, Uffington School continued as a non-provided school i.e. one which had provided its own building and still owned it. The Education Act of 1944 gave new designations to Church Schools and they could choose to be either Aided or Controlled ones. Uffington's application for Aided Status was granted in 1952. The log-book entry January 14th 1951 states that the Managers were meeting to decide whether to remain a Voluntary Church School. They decided to apply for Aided status and for an explanation of this term see Table 1.\*

Significantly, it was in 1953 that the first college-trained Infant mistress was appointed. In 1955, Uffington was the first Church School in the Oxford Diocese to be remodelled. Two new classrooms were added, flush toilets installed, a staff room and meals kitchen built and the older classrooms redesigned. The next change came in 1969 when Kingston Lisle School was closed and its thirty pupils transferred to Uffington. Rapidly rising costs forced the Managers to apply for Controlled Status in 1971. In contrast to the log-book entries of the nineteenth century showing a pre-occupation with Diocesan Reports, Payment by Results and reliance of Voluntary Subscriptions, the current ones show a brighter picture. Recording of staff attendance at In-Service training courses replace the mournful lamenting of the ignorance of pupil-teachers: health problems are hardly mentioned whereas those of the last century were frightening indeed. As for equipment, it is difficult to realise the thrill of acquiring more slates or a couple of teachers' chairs when our stock includes a large Television Set, three portable radios, three tape-recorders and a film-strip projector. The staffing, too, has a completely different structure which is shown on Table 2.

However, our school has been in existence for 356 years and on Table 3 is a list of the Monarchs (or otherwise) who have lived and reigned and all but the last died during Uffington School's long life.

\*Prior to the school taking Aided status, a generous gift of Miss Molly Butler enabled the school to continue as a church school.

THE INFANT CLASS

by

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During the years 1872-1888 the Infants were taught in a separate Infant school with Mrs. Gane as Headmistress. The Infant school was what is now the present Infant room. Monitors were appointed to assist the Headmistress and were senior pupils of the school.

An entry from the log book 1874:-

'Three monitors out of the five for the week very inefficient four fresh ones lately appointed.'

In January 1888 the Mixed school and the Infant school were amalgamated into one school under the Headmaster Mr. D. Gane. Mrs. Gane continued as the Infant mistress but taught the Junior girls needlework while the junior assistant taught the Infants.

Children were admitted at 3 years of age and this continued until January 1st 1906 when Berkshire Education Committee ruled that no child under the age of 5 years was to be admitted.

The class was quite large as one entry in the log book shows:-

17th April 1896. The Infant class has increased to 40. The attention of the Managers has been directed to the Infant class with a view to the provision of additional help owing to increase in numbers.....

but alas this help was not forthcoming.

Log book April 27th 1896. Meeting of Managers to consider last year's school report. It was decided to supply additional cupboard room and desks but accomodation and staff did not receive attention.

The monitors continued to help in the Infant room and in 1900 Miss A. Wakefield was appointed to help her sister

Miss E. Wakefield.

After Miss E. Wakefield resigned in 1914 the class was again under the supervision of one teacher.

The Infant class was moved to the school house which had been made into a class room in 1906. This room remained the Infant room until the Autumn of 1953 when the building was again reconstructed as a school house. During the re-building of the school 1953-55 the Infants were housed in one half of the hall. A glass partition separated the two classes which was not ideal for an Infant room. After the school was re-built in 1955 the Infants again returned to the original Infant room which had been built as a girls' school.

The methods of teaching in the Infant room have altered a great deal in 101 years. When Mrs. Gane was teaching the Infants, 'payment by results' (a system of grants on examination results) was the rule in the Upper School. Infant grants were given only on attendance records. Methods were very formal, the children sitting in a tiered gallery, writing on slates and learning everything by rote. These methods remained rather formal until the change of approach after the 1939-1945 War.

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THE SCHOOL HOUSE,  
UFFINGTON.  
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TABLE 1

## Aided and Controlled Status of Voluntary Schools

	AIDED	CONTROLLED
Number of representatives of Body providing the school building	Two-thirds of managing body	One-third of managing body
Cost of maintaining school exterior by Providing Body	20% of cost	NIL
Cost of maintaining school exterior and running costs by	80% of cost	All the cost
Content and amount of Religious Instruction	Complete control of quantity and content	Two periods a week (with parents' consent) Rest of religious instruction must be undenominational

Note.1 School remains the Voluntary Bodies' Property under both types of status.

Note.2 There are usually six members on a Managing Body.

TABLE 2

## STAFFING OF UFFINGTON SCHOOL 1872-1973

Date					A	B	C	D			
	1872	1888	1906	1933	1937	1939	1945	1953	1960	1969	1973
Roll (Average)	48	143	139	184	70	133	70	86	88	90	104
Head-teacher	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Certificated Assistants	-	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	3.5
Uncertificated Assistants	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil Teacher	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monitors (Paid)	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cook-in-charge	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Canteen Assistants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Welfare Assistants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2
Secretary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Infant Help	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Caretakers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Cleaners	2 children	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-

- A. Senior pupils transferred to Faringdon Senior School  
 B. Government Evacuees accepted owing to outbreak of war.  
 C. War ended. Evacuees returned to London.  
 D. Kingston Lisle village school closed. Pupils transferred to Uffington.

TABLE 3

## 1617 SCHOOL - 18 MONARCHS AND THE COMMONWEALTH

<u>STUARTS</u>	
James I	1603-1625
Charles I	1625-1649
Civil War	1642-1649
The Commonwealth	1649-1660
Charles II	1660-1685
James II	1685-1689

HOUSE OF ORANGE

William III and Mary II	1689-1694
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STUARTS

Anne	1702-1714
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HANOVER

George I	1714-1727
George II	1727-1760
George III	1760-1820
George IV	1820-1830
William IV	1830-1837

1838 SCHOOL 6 MONARCHS

Victoria	1837-1901
Edward VII	1901-1910

WINDSOR

George V	1910-1936
Edward VIII	1936 (Jan-Dec.)
George VI	1936-1952
Elizabeth II	1952-

TABLE 4

## ASSISTANT MISTRESSES OF UFFINGTON SCHOOL

1872-1890	Mrs. Gane. (Head of Infant School until 1883)
1883 May-August	Miss Martin took infants during needlework
1883-1885	Miss Neville. (Assistant as above)
1885-1889	Miss Taylor. " " "
1889-1890	Miss Saltwell. " " "
1890 March-July	Miss Light. " " "
1890-1891	Mrs. Tennant.
1891-1900	Mrs. Yates (From 1894-1898 taught in Mixed school then took over the Infants again in 1898)
1894-1898	Miss Farr.
1898	Kate Cook appointed to assist.
1899-1914	Miss E. Wakefield.
1900-1934	Miss A. Wakefield. (Died May 1934)
1900-1906	Mrs. Bingham.
1906	Miss A. Holmes. (One week)
1906	Mr. Parkinson. (One month)
1906-1913	Miss H. M. Tooze.
1907-1912	Miss A. M. Greenham.
1912-1914	Miss. E. Shawcross.
1913-1914	Miss I. Mann.
1914-1916	Miss M. Sommerfield.
1914-1915	Miss May Martin.
1916-1919	Miss B. Fisher.
1916-1919	Miss Hawkins.
1919-1927	Miss Spinage (later Mrs. Tilling)
1920-1923	Miss R. Sherman.
1923-1924	Miss D. Parry.
1924-1925	Miss Cavill.
1925-1933	Miss D. M. Cashmore.
1926-1927	Miss M. C. Newham.
1927-1937	Miss E. L. Johnson (later Mrs. Mildenhall)
1934-Feb. 1941	Miss Gunter/Mrs. Green (married 1940)
1935-1939	Miss E. J. Schofield. (later Mrs. Perkins)
Feb. 1941-Dec. 1941	Mrs. Mugford.
Jan. 1942-Oct. 1942	Mrs. Sayers.
Nov. 1942-May 1943	Miss Knight.
May 1943-1951	Miss Martyn.
1945-1964	Miss Rintoul.

TABLE 4 (cont.)

ASSISTANT MISTRESSES cont.

1951-1952 Mrs. Wentworth (Supply teacher sometime Welfare  
now Infant help)  
1951 Mrs. Nildenhall (one term)  
1951-Feb. 1953 Miss Bunce. (killed while cycling home  
Feb. 1953)  
Feb. 1953-July 1953 Mrs. Curley.  
July 1953-July 1960 Miss Jarrett/Mrs. Iles (married  
March 1956)  
Sept. 1960-Dec. 1960 Mrs. Lait.  
Jan. 10th-Jan. 16th 1961 Mrs. Jones (mornings)  
Mrs. George (afternoons)  
Jan. 23rd-Sept. 1961 Mrs. Tolman.  
Sept. 1961-April 1962 Mrs. Smith  
May 1962- Dec. 1965 Mrs. Price.  
Sept. 1964-July 1968 Miss Milnes.  
Jan. 1966-May 1968 Mrs. George (mornings)  
Mrs. Jeacock (afternoons)  
May 1968-Sept. 1970 Mrs. Jeacock.  
1968-1969 Mrs. P. Filleul (part time)  
1969 Mrs. E. Lloyd (one term after closure of Kingston  
Lisle where she was Headmistress)  
1969-1970 Mrs. G. Bailey (Supply teacher)  
Jan. 1970-Sept. 1970 Mrs. Iles assisting part time.  
Sept. 1970 - Mrs. Iles.  
Sept. 1970-May 1973 Mrs. Jeacock - Pre-Juniors.  
Appointed Head May 1973.  
1971-1973 Mrs. E. Sheldon (part time)  
1973 Mrs. A. Marwick. (part time, one term)  
1973- Mrs. J. Stehle.  
1973- Mrs. J. McCulley.  
1973- Mrs. J. Henville.

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TABLE 4 (cont.)

ASSISTANT MASTERS

Jan. 1970-July 1972 Mr. P. Smith.  
Sept. 1971-July 1972 Mr. H. Pickering.  
1972-1973 Mr. P. Vincent.

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MONITORS

1873 Rachel Briscoe temporary Monitress - took Infants  
during afternoon.  
1898 Miss E. Wakefield.  
1899 Miss E. Ayres.  
1903 Miss Elsie Wheeler.

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HEADTEACHERS

1872-1890 Mr. D. Gane and Mrs. Gane (Head of Infant  
School 1872-1888)  
1890-1891 Mr. T. D. Tennant.  
1891-1900 Mr. J. W. Yates.  
1900-1922 Mr. J. A. Bingham.  
1922-1939 Mr. E. J. Brinkworth.  
1939-1943 Mrs. W. M. Batt.  
1943-1947 Mrs. E. J. Perkins.  
1947-1953 Mr. C. W. R. Dec.  
1953-1959 Mr. C. A. J. Bromhead.  
1959-1960 Mr. C. H. Wells. (Acting)  
1960-1968 Mr. C. W. George.  
1968-1971 Mr. P. R. North.  
1971-1972 Mrs. E. Jeacock. (Acting)  
1972-1973 Mr. P. R. North.  
1973- Mrs. E. Jeacock.

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TABLE 5

SCHOOL MANAGERS

Early 20th cent. Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Dobson & Harry Packford.  
 1946-1953 Mrs. Mildenhall.  
 1953-1955 Mrs. Payne.  
 1955- Mr. H. Drew.

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SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE

1955-1972 Mrs. Q. Weaver Cook-in-Charge  
 1972- Mrs. J. Munday " " "

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WELFARE AND KITCHEN ASSISTANTS

1950-1955 Mrs. Thatcher.  
 1952-1963 Mrs. Wentworth.  
 1958- Mrs. Flippance.  
 1969-1969 Mrs. Chittenden (six months)  
 1969- Mrs. Goodenough.  
 1969-1972 Mrs. Dainty.  
 1969- Mrs. Harris.  
 1972- Mrs. Mitchell.

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SCHOOL SECRETARIES

1959-1964 Mrs. Habgood.  
 1964-1972 Mrs. J. Little.  
 1972- Mrs. B. Dainty.

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THE MANAGERS OF UFFINGTON SCHOOL

Managers who served in the past were:-

C. J. Liddiard.	Mr. Mildenhall.
Miss M. R. Butler.	Mr. Iles. Sen.
Miss E. Butler.	Mr. Iles. Jun.
John E. Wheeler Junior.	Mrs. Lloyd of Woolstone.
John Wheeler Senior.	Mrs. Monserraat.
J. Bingham.	(Correspondent)
W. H. Cook.	Mr. Wyatt.
W. Butler Esq.	Mr. W. Packer.
Rev. Gurney, Hadow, Bridle, Cheverton, Doran, Buckan, Bailey.	

The Present Managers are:-

Rev. Tillyard B.A. (Chairman)  
 Miss K. Balfern B.A. (Correspondent)  
 Mrs. P. Arbuthnot.  
 Mr. E. Packer.  
 Mr. P. Burgess.  
 Mrs. Lloyd of Kingston Lisle.

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TABLE 4 (cont.)

1973-Dec. 1973 Mrs. J. Henville.  
1974- Mrs. Ross (part time)

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