

Hornby School Log-Books 1900-94

The following are extracts from the school log books of Hornby, Lancs., between 1900 and 1994. They are a selection of the most interesting entries over those years. The log books were written by the Headteacher and there are four of them covering this period. The original log books are kept at the school. I am very grateful to Mr.B.G.Wood, Headteacher 1983-94, for allowing me to borrow and make extracts from them.

1900

19th November

The Thermometer at 9 o'clock this morning registered only 42 degrees. Fire was lighted at 7 but during the night there had been a very severe frost. Florence Goth who has been suffering for the last few day from earache was not able to attend to her duties. The New Time Table as approved by J.G.Iles HMI was brought into use this morning.

20th November

There are still 15 children absent from School on account of Whooping Cough.

26th November

Florence Goth has not yet returned to her duties, and it is now known that earache referred to on the opposite page is more correctly described as Mumps. This morning I find several cases of Mumps in the School, and some are absent on that account. Jane Smith is also beginning in the Mumps and ought not to be among the children. She will report herself to Mr Kay at the Central Classes this afternoon. Dr Bone the Medical Officer of Health recommends the closing of the School again indefinitely to stamp out the Mumps and the Whooping Cough.

10th December

During the time that the school was closed a thorough disinfecting of the premises was made under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector Mr Marshall.

14th December

Several cases of Mumps are known among the children and make sad work in attendance and progress. Average for the week is only 49.1 the number present at all being 59 out of a possible 66 on the books.

20th December

Notice of the closing for Xmas holidays was posted to the Department by midday mail. A longer holiday (till January 7th 1901) was given, than at first intended, owing to the great amount of sickness among the children. It is hoped that Mumps will have disappeared before the time for re-opening.

1901

7th January

School opened this morning the P(upil) teachers also began work at the Central Classes. Several children are still absent suffering from Mumps. The Thermometer at 9 o'clock registered 42 degrees. The morning was colder than usual.

25th January

A half holiday was given this afternoon it being the Proclamation Day of the new King Edward VII.

28th January

Florence Goth has returned to her duties. The Object Lessons given this morning by P. teachers were illustrated by living specimens. Wilfred Bone has come back to school, on the authority of his father Dr. Bone, after an absence of over six weeks on account of a case of scarlet fever in the family.

4th February

The thermometer registered only 38 degrees this morning at 9.15. The attendance is very poor and the coughing among the Infants is painful to listen to.

8th February

The thermometer is at 40 degrees at 9 o'clock, the fire was lighted at 7 o'clock. The attendance during the week has been very poor indeed especially among the infants. A nasty cough reduced their number from 15 on Monday to 3 on Thursday.

19th February

A half holiday was given this afternoon as usual on Shrove Tuesday.

26th February

A New Vicar Rev. Wilson visited the school during the dinner hour on his way to the station.

22nd March

The vicar made a short visit this afternoon.

29th March

Very cold again the thermometer 40 degrees at 9 o'clock. Weekly average 49.4. A heavy snow storm commenced about 3 o'clock this afternoon and is drifting very much. Some of the children will have difficulty in getting home.

4th April

Prepared return showing age and attendance of children for Colonel W.H. Foster's Attendance Medals. Margaret Kelsall, Alice Ripley, Sarah Ellen Hodgson and Fred Ripley have never missed.

11th April

A half holiday was given this afternoon. Mrs. Foster's annual Xmas treat was given this afternoon instead of at Xmas last, owing to sickness at that time among the children.

25th April

Diocesan inspection by Rev. Davidson of Scorton. The written work for Standard 4 was 4th Commandment and the Creed, Standards 1 and 2 Third and Sixth, Eighth and Tenth Commandment. The vicar was present the whole time.

1st May

A holiday was given today. It is the opening day of the Morecambe Musical Festival.

13th May

Admitted John Procter of Claughton. He is now 6 years 10 months old, and not been to school before and is a delicate child.

7th June

Average for the week 47.1. Alice, Fred and May Ripley left the village and gone to Saltaire.

10th June

Standard 3 make good progress in Long Division.

5th July

Mr Wilkinson market gardener and farmer cleared the ash pit and closets this morning.

11th July

Scheme of work for year ending May 31st 1902. For the Standards. Geography Standard 1, 2 and 3. Group 1 definition by object lessons. England and Wales. Standards 4,5 and 6 Group 2. The British Colonies. British North America, Australia and New Zealand. Recitation Standards 1,2 and 3 Group 1, Lucy Grey.

Scheme of Work May 31st 1902. Recitation Standards 4,5 and 6 Group 2, The Deserted Village. Object Lessons for all the standards. Formation of Soils. Cultivation of soils. The farmer and his work in:- Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Lessons on animals of the farm:- dog, sheep, horse, cow, pig and poultry as workers and food producers. Lessons on plants of the farm and gardens - as living things, grasses, roots, trees, fruits, flowers and leaves. Lessons on farm implements. Lessons on simple natural phenomena. Air, clouds and rain, frost snow and ice. Object lessons, Infant Class. On form and colour. On familiar animals and birds:- Cat and kitten, dog, rabbit, duck, pigeon, cocks and hens. Object lessons infant class. On common objects:- stone, coal, clay, soil, water, wood, chairs, baskets, tables, cup and saucer, knife and fork and spoon. On plants:- potato, carrot, turnip, onion, beans, peas, wild flowers, trees. Occupations. Drawing and colouring. Paper folding. Embroidery work. Mosaics, Stick Laying, Dolls House, Maypole Dance, Skittles. Recitation. Dolly's Doctor, Mary's Cat, Little Cook, Our Baby Boy.

11th July

School closed for 4 weeks summer holidays.

August 1901

Report of HMI. "The Children are in good order and instruction generally is suitable, but, even when due allowances made for the closing of the school through sickness, the standard of attainment of the Upper Division in some subjects is not creditable. Efforts should be made to remedy the defect noted at the Visit of Inspection. The drill taken by a sergeant is thoroughly good. "

28th August

A half holiday was given this afternoon on the occasion of Hornby's first Jumble Sale.

19th September

Very wet morning prevents Claughton children from coming.

24th September

This morning the girls of first and second class presented me with a fountain pen accompanied by a note expressing their good wishes on the occasion of my birthday. Several boys brought presents of writing paper and envelopes. A half holiday was given in the afternoon.

6th November

Mr Danson (SAO) visited the school. Drill could not be taken this morning owing to the thick fog.

12th November

A very wet stormy morning. Attendance unusually small, 24 including infants. Sarah Hodgson was required at home, the river was coming out and flooding the house. Thomas Corless and his brother James were sent home being wet through in legs and feet of their stocking and trousers. The rest of the children were sent home for the day as soon as the weather was fit. The registers were not marked.

25th November

Mrs Yates of the Castle Hotel with her children called to say "Good-bye" to the teachers. She introduced her little niece who has come to the hotel.

19th December

Dismissed schools for Xmas holiday two full weeks after this.

January 1902

School should have met on January 6th but was indefinitely closed by Medical Officer of Health owing to Epidemic of Measles.

10th February

Jane Smith (up to the present a Pupil teacher in this school) has been allowed to leave and terminate her engagement she has secured an appointment in St John's School (Girls Department) as Art 68.

10th March

Form 24B announcing success of Pupil Teachers at King's Scholarships Examinations was received on Saturday 8th. Jane Smith has obtained a First Class in King's Scholarship and a

Second in Religious Knowledge. She will enter Warrington Training College in September next.

11th March

A half holiday was given in honour of the success of Pupil Teachers.

7th April

Mrs. Foster's Annual Treat and distribution of presents took place on Thursday last and had been postponed owing to epidemic of Measles. Admitted Elizabeth Hartley an inmate of the Workhouse and lately of Quernmore Park. She is between 7 and 8 years old and does not know the alphabet. I am of the opinion that the child is of weak intellect although she looks bright.

6th May

Croasdale and Henry Storr two old pupils visited the school this afternoon. A snow storm passed over the village at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It has been unusually cold all day.

2nd June

The children were given a holiday on the occasion of Peace rejoicing in the country for the termination of the war in South Africa.

25th June

School closed this morning for Coronation festivities and owing to the master being called away to see his mother who is seriously ill.

8th September

Mrs Lavender brought her boy to school. He was not well at the time and was complaining of pain in the stomach. I advised her to take him to Doctor Stott.

24th September

This morning Florence Goth on behalf of the school children presented me with a birthday present consisting of a beautiful little Alarm Clock and Brass Inkstand attached to which was a Card bearing an Inscription " Wishing you many happy returns on your birthday". I returned thanks as well as I could and spoke to the children on the value of a good education, prompt and cheerful obedience at school and at home.

7th November

Joseph Taylor is 14 years old today and will probably not come to school again.

14th November

Joseph Taylor and Ellen Harrison have both left school this week, the former for farm service near Bolton le Moors the latter for half-time domestic employment at High Bentham.

15th December

Jane Smith formerly a pupil teacher here now a student in Warrington Training College visited the school this afternoon.

1903

13th January

School opened again after Xmas holidays. On the 12th Mrs Foster gave her treat and Xmas presents for the children of Day and Sunday school. During the holidays the master has been laid up with Influenza. Another row of pipes and a coil has been added to the heating apparatus in the large room to make it warmer.

27th March

John Procter had been absent the whole week and is under medical treatment for an accident to his finger caused by a piece of string.

20th April

Mr Danson, SAO, brought Clara Thistlethwaite to school this morning. She was found loitering about the lanes and had been punished at home to make her come to school.

24th April

On Tuesday the 21st admitted Florence and Albert Willows. The latter is nearly 8 years old and does not know how to write or read the smallest words. He has no knowledge of number. The girl read nicely but is backward in writing and arithmetic.

27th April

Mr Danson SA Officer brought Clara Thistlethwaite to school again at 10.30. She tried to hide behind a wall near the roadside.

5th May

This afternoon the drawing was given up for a time during the passing of a storm which made it very dark.

11th May

Mr Wilkinson, farmer, Farleton emptied ash pit and closets this afternoon.

2nd July

Mr Danson SA Officer visited the school this morning and reported that he met Harry Thompson, Richard and Nelly Mashiter truanting in the field about Farleton. They came to school at noon.

10th July

School dismissed for holidays (5 weeks) and it was announced to open on Monday August 17th.

27th August

A very wet day, continuous rain for preceding night brought the river out in flood which caused Sarah Hodgson of Bridgend Cottage to leave school at 3.40 to get in the house before the floor came on.

14th September

Took the children of the Upper Division on the Moors at 3 o'clock this afternoon for a lesson on Observation. Notice was made of Autumn tints, Blackberry brambles, Hips and Haws, Mountains and valleys. Rain clouds in the distance pouring down showers on Pennine Chain and in Lune Valley.

30th September

Mrs Thompson mother of Harry and Edwin prosecuted by the Attendance Authority for neglecting to send her children regularly to school.

11th November

Thomas Corless was dismissed by the Vicar this morning for bad language to the master on the previous afternoon.

1st December

Florence Goth Art. 50 is not able to come to her duty having met with a serious accident which rendered her unconscious for some time. She is under the care of Doctor Stott.

23rd December

School dismissed for the usual Xmas holidays, viz. till Monday January 11th 1904.

1904

2nd February

On Tuesday the children of Day and Sunday School had a treat at the Castle and took part in the celebration of the Silver Wedding of Colonel and Mrs Foster. The school flag has been up since Tuesday at noon in honour of the occasion. The children and teachers contributed a handsome bouquet and two silver fruit dishes to mark their appreciation of the many acts of kindness done to them by the Squire and his family.

25th February

The School was not cleaned by the caretaker last night and is very dirty owing to the soft weather.

24th March

Needlework was not taken this afternoon. Mrs Illidge is not well enough to come in to her duty.

6th April

Isabella Hornby has left and gone to live at Saltaire with her grandmother.

12th April

Agnes Henrietta Fell left this afternoon on removing to Troutbeck.

6th June

School room floors have not been swept this weekend by caretaker.

16th June

The caretaker has not swept or dusted the rooms since last Saturday.

20th June

Thomas Hodgson, Edward Thompson, Alice Foxcroft passed the Labour Examination held at Morecambe on 11th inst. James Fairclough failed and just escaped being sent out of the room for talking to his neighbour.

23rd June

Henry Robinson has neglected his duty as caretaker again.

27th June

Vicar visited school this morning and brought letter from County Offices re Amended Scale of Salaries as from April 1st 1904 under which I should be paid at the rate of £104 and house £6 from the above date.

2nd August

Scheme of work for year ending May 31st 1905. Recitation Group 1 Lower division. (a) The wild wind. (b) How the leaves came down. (c) Jack Frost. Group 2 Upper division. Selection from Deserted Village. Prose - read Vicar of Wakefield. Geography Group 1. Geography of district and Lancashire generally, geographical terms and general geography of England. Group 2 World generally, Asia, India in fuller detail, Africa, South Africa. History Group 1 simple outline standard 3 only. Group 2 great events (Royal Picture) Drawing freehand and ruler of actual objects. Memory. Scale and model (Boys only) Physical Training. Object lessons. On plants and trees. What is a plant? Roots, leaves, flowers, fruit, seeds, stem or trunk. Woody stems, exogens, endogens, wood of exogen, stems medullary rays, heartwood and sapwood, hardwood and softwood, comparison of oak and fir, fruit and seeds of, stems of, leaves of, hard and soft timber, seasoning, shrinking, time of felling, uses of timber, principal timber trees.

8th August

Called the offices of local committee on Saturday 6th and found that the order for materials for this school was now being sent to Arnold and Son, Leeds. Goods may be expected in a few days.

23rd August

First supply of materials and apparatus for this school through the County authorities, was received this morning. The order was first given on March 4th and is referred to in the entry on page 78.

31st August

Received one wire doormat from A Seward & Co a carrier to whom three pence was paid for delivery.

2nd September

Received two brushes from A. Seward & Co by carrier, two pence to pay.

27th October

Large room has been badly swept and requires dusting. Master's desk, sideboard and harmonium very dusty. Miss Rome of No. 2 Area Committee visited the school and looked round the needlework and the girls' closets.

21st November

This afternoon there was a good fall of snow and winter seems to have come in earnest.

7th December

James Fairclough left school and gone to service at Birtle near Bury.

1905

9th January

The new desks ordered by Managers were carted and unpacked by W. B. Smith. The ironwork of backrest of one of them was cracked.

6th February

Copy of Diocesan Report. This school may be classed as very good. The whole tone of the school is decidedly good. And the children are reverent and good mannered.

20th February

The old desks eight in number have been stiffened by fixing iron brackets to the angle formed by leg and bookshelf.

28th February

At 8.55 the thermometer 46 degrees, in infant room 45 degrees. Very wet and stormy morning. Dr. Stott has ordered me indoors to a warm room and not to use my voice more than is absolutely necessary for a few days.

13th March

Vicar visited the school and asked me to announce a holiday on Tuesday. "Puppy Show" day at the Castle.

16th March

The drain in the boys' yard at the corner of the infant room has been stopped for more than a week and the caretaker neglects to see to it.

29th May

All children were wearing a sprig of oak this morning.

25th September

The school very untidy this morning. Nutshells and apple peelings were spread about the room.

3rd October

Mr Grime Sub-Inspector visited the school. He complained of the dusty state of the school and the need for fires at once. A record must be kept of temperature in both rooms.

16th October

The rooms have been badly swept last weekend. The furniture has not been dusted. The pipes, doors and desk shelves are disgraceful.

19th October

Visited the school this morning on account of complaints of the dirty state of the school which I found very dirty, the classroom had been swept but masters department had not been touched and some corners had not been done for some weeks. (Signed) John Hoggarth.

17th November

The large room has not been swept since last Saturday, the pipes were scarcely warm at 8.50. The thermometer 41 degrees in infant room and 40 degrees in large room. Sent all big boys and girls for a run round by Camp House Gate. Gave the infants exercise in classroom.

5th December

Mr Ward began duties as caretaker, on the 1st of the month.

11th December

Betsy Eccles returned to school after an absence of 13 weeks. (Whooping Cough)

21st December

School closed as by above notice. Vicar visited the school in company with Miss Redman, a candidate for the duty of Supplementary Teacher.

1906

19th January

Yesterday the 18th School was used as a Polling Station for electing Member for Lancaster Division. Very bad attendance this week caused by Scarlet Fever, bad weather and the General Election.

7th March

'Puppy Show' day at Hornby Castle. Several children absent without the consent of their parents. A public meeting in the school this evening for Parents and Ratepayers to sign a petition to influence the Government on the coming 'Education Bill'.

19th May

Mrs Fosters Treat was given today at the Castle. The medals and clasps for full attendance during years 1904 and 1905 were distributed after tea. Games followed in the Assembly Room because the weather was very wet and cold. The children received loads of present, sweets and oranges.

21st May

Thermometer broken in classroom on Sunday by Melville Leitch, George & Sam Amatt at play.

1907

7th January

School opened this morning. A dull damp day. Mrs Foster's treat will be at the Castle Hotel on the 16th at 4 o'clock.

12th February

Very wild morning. Snow and sleet make it impossible for children to reach school. Only 34 arrived, some wet in feet and legs. All were sent home for the day. No registers marked.

24th May

Empire Day observed in accordance with instructions from the C(ounty) Council. Lessons on Empire in the morning and holiday in afternoon.

13th September

Agnes Kitchen left during the week on attaining 13 years of age.

18th September

George Amatt left to go to Bentham Grammar School. Attendance for the week good.

25th September

Took first class through Farleton over the old Roman road to Claughton Hall and Church and found many things of interest.

23rd October

Received notice from Clerk to No. 2 Area Committee that Louisa Norris of Farleton has been approved as a Half Time Scholar. She will be 13 years old on November 30th and her attendance qualification is as follows: 338 - 1902, 381- 1903, 416 -1904, 426-1905, 363-1906.

1908

27th January

Monday was a very wet day. Many children were soaking wet in feet and legs and was stripped and kept warm by wraps and cloaks whilst stockings clogs and boots were dried.

31st January

Very dark this morning. Lamps were required till 10.30 and at that hour children of front desks Group 2 have difficulty in seeing the lines and reading from sum books.

3rd February

Another wet Monday morning and bad attendance especially of the Farleton & Claughton children. The latter are become troublesome in the matter of attendance on the slightest appearance of rain.

9th March

New desks arrived by rail. Engaged W.B. Smith to examine the same and fit together.

10th March

The new desks take the place of the shaky ones. Packing returned this morning to Bennet and Co Ltd, Glasgow.

16th March

On Friday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock an Election for Representative to Parliament, two boys being candidates. Was carried out instead of the work on Time Table. This was most amusing and instructive.

27th March

Friday was a sad day in the Parish on account of the news at noon of the death of Colonel Foster at Algeciras in Spain. The school flag was half-mast high over the weekend as a mark of respectful regret for the Colonel as a manager and friend to school and children.

27th April

On the 22nd the children and teachers sent wreath for the grave of the late Colonel Foster, Chairman of the School Managers.

27th May

Took boys for a walk down the riverside and examined the site of the Roman Camp.

25th August

Thomas Blake an infant left and has arrived with his friends in Canada.

9th September

Wednesday morning was a dreadful downpour of rain preventing many children from reaching school. Of those who did come 12 were wet through, the rest 16 in number were kept till 10.15 and then sent home for the day. The road leading from Claughton and Farleton was flooded near Stocks Bridge to the depth of 3 feet and water was crossing the road in various places.

21st September

Admitted Harold Sawyer, a Skerton boy, taken by Mrs Brennand of Thornbush Farm for a few months. Admitted Charles Taylor of High Salter. He was a scholar at Tatham School but has attended no school since last Xmas. His home is 4 miles away in the Fells. During the week he lodges at Butt Yeats.

30th November

Louisa Norris a half-timer has left and gone to farm service.

1909

9th March

Puppy Show Day at Hornby Castle, 13 children absent from school on that account. William Johnson left school it being his 14th birthday.

28th April

The master absent in Lancaster on the afternoon of this day for examination in Cottage and Allotment Gardening under the Royal Horticultural Society and the County Council.

3rd May

Medical Inspection of School children took place today. [Among the cases of illness etc. is "William Hayton excluded from school. Bad dandruff. Parents advised".]

17th August

Sent John Latham Norris home at noon in a handcart. He was suffering from pain in lower part of abdomen on the left side. He was unable to stand upright or walk.

4th November

Received aquarium from Mr Jowett this afternoon. I was asked to thank this gentleman on behalf of the children.

16th November

AE Thompson an old scholar called to say 'Good-bye' before sailing for Canada on Thursday.

17th November

John Kelsall and Joseph Kelsall, old scholars, called to say 'Good-bye' before sailing for New Zealand on Thursday.

1910

10th January

School opened on this date. During the holidays new and larger heating apparatus has been fixed by Fenton & Co of Lancaster. Took the names of Gerty Kitchen & Ed. Parr off the registers. The latter has removed to Bristol, the former for home work on the farm.

24th January

Many children are absent today owing to the fall of snow and sleet which make the road very sloppy.

28th January

Master fell in girls' yard this morning and has much pain in right hand when attempting to write.

24th May

Tuesday was Empire Day and was celebrated by hoisting the Union Jack, singing the National Anthem and a few words on our duty to the King and country.

31st May

Census figures for Parish of Hornby with Farleton including servants and lodgers is 392.

10th June

Scholars of standards 1, 2 and 3 were out for a walk and gathering of flowers up Moor Lane.

17th June

Mr Morphet retired farmer of Ingleton but born in Hornby visited the school. Spoke to the children on their opportunities now in comparison to those he had sixty years ago.

20th September

Miss Goth late infant teacher in this school was present with other old pupils and friends. The children's present, a spirit kettle, was presented by the Master and the children gave three cheers for their old teacher. A half holiday will be given on Thursday afternoon to see the wedding.

18th November

Clay modelling was taken at the request of the children, instead of drawing this afternoon.

1911

26th January

Miss Brown of the C(ounty) C(ouncil) Farm gave a lecture this evening on breeding and rearing of poultry for egg production.

12th May

School meets at 1 o'clock this afternoon to allow the children to see a menagerie which has visited the village. Mr Strachan the clerk to the Board of Guardians has very kindly paid the admission charge.

13th June

Messrs G & T Smith brought piano down from the station and unpacked the same.

26th June

School re-opened this morning. Received notice of science object lesson on 'Alcohol' to upper standard on Thursday next, at 2 o'clock by W.A. Batley, lecturer.

20th September

West Yorkshire Artillery went through the village at noon today. Many boys absent in the afternoon.

10th October

Miss Cheyne has been sent for by the managers of Cold Coniston School for an interview as the result of her application for Head Teacher's situation.

1912

19th March

Master was absent this afternoon for about an hour to attend the funeral of Mrs Foster the lady manager of the school. The teachers and children sent a wreath to show their sympathy with the relatives and mark their appreciation of the lady's many acts of kindness to them

1st October

Mr Winder visited the school to complain of boys climbing over the garden wall and knocking pears off the trees and stealing them. The following were punished at the request of Mr. Winder. Lawrence Stuart, Joseph Procter, Herbert Foxcroft & Berty Fisher had pears in their pockets when he came to school. In addition to the above Frank, Dick and John Bainbridge, George Sedgwick, Thomas Miller, Joseph Taylor, Will Richardson, Alfred & George Hayward, Alfred Cooper, Ben Hartley, Robert Moore, Harry Croft, and Hector Beck was there yesterday afternoon. This statement was read out in school and will be kept for future reference.

24th October

Dr Atcheson's prize of one shilling for the best list of birds' names was won by Robert Moore.

26th November

Yesterday the 25th the master was called away for one and a half hours as juryman touching the death of Mr Beckett's son who was run over by Motor Car on October 14th.

1913

27th January

Canon Grenside's death was announced this morning.

30th January

At 3.30 this afternoon the children of Day and Sunday school were taken to the Castle to receive presents of toys and oranges.

3rd March

There are several cases of whooping cough reported to me this morning: Richard Dodding and two younger members of the family who are of school age, Isabel Morris of Farleton and another in the same family. Two members of the Bainbridge family of school age, George Miller & Nelly Croft of Claughton.

15th April

The top pane in the classroom window was broken at play time this morning by a rubber ball.

30th June

Sewing and the work of Thursday was taken this afternoon to get the garments finished.

1st September

The Vicar, correspondent, after communicating with Mr Noar and the other managers, visited the school and ordered the exclusion of all the Claughton children to prevent the spread of Scarlet Fever of which there are three cases.

1914

9th January

A very wet morning. The rivers are in flood and the roads are impassable in place.

10th August

School met again after 5 weeks holiday.

31st August

Paid rent for the school house and gave a key to GPOrmandy, correspondent manager.

23rd September

This afternoon the Master retires from official duties connected with this school of which he has been Head since August 6th 1883.

1st October

I, Frederick Edwin Longbottom, commenced duties at this school.

2nd November

In the afternoon sessions school now commences at 1 pm and is dismissed at 3.30pm. This will continue during the months of November, December, January and February.

6th November

The attendance this week considering the wet weather has been very good. Cleaned out the Museum and added several articles of my own collections.

20th November

The children have subscribed over 14 shillings towards buying wool for knitting socks for the soldiers.

4th December

The amount subscribed by the children for socks for the soldiers now amounts to over 21 shillings.

1915

3rd February

Five local young men, who are serving in the Army, called in school to receive the socks and scarfs which have been knitted by the scholars. They are going to the Front in a few weeks time. Frank Bainbridge cracked a window during the play hour with a stone.

10th February

I caught a fine specimen of a Red Admiral Butterfly in school this afternoon.

19th February

Received advice note from the North of England School Furnishing Co. Ltd saying that they have despatched one blackboard and one easel with pegs and pointer.

22nd March

This morning I had to exclude 7 children who came from homes where chicken pox was prevalent.

24th March

Today I forwarded the sum of 3 shilling to R.L.Barclay Esq. towards the providing of tents for the soldiers on Active Service.

21st April

I intend taking the upper classes for a nature walk during the morning session from 11 to 12.

3rd May

School furniture rather crowded owing to a stage being erected for concert in evening. This did not interfere with the usual lessons for the day.

14th May

This week we sent 110 respirators to Miss Welch for her to forward to the soldiers in the trenches.

18th May

Sent six pairs of socks to the local soldiers at the Front.

21st May

Forwarded the sum of 7 shillings to 'Overseas Club' London in aid of presents for the soldiers and sailors.

10th June

Miss Welch brought sample sand bag and supplied a quantity of material for the girls and boys to make into bags for the soldiers.

24th June

Mr Irving Alderson - one of the local territorials - called in school during the afternoon to thank the children for the socks they supplied.

25th June

Forwarded to Miss Welch 28 sandbags which had been made by the upper girls.

9th July

Took upper standards for a Nature Ramble after play.

13th August

May Pole fixed in the yard.

1st September

Afternoon session commenced at 1pm in order to enable some of the children to leave at 3.30pm as Miss Welch wished them to take part in a Patriotic Pageant at Arkholme.

8th September

School commenced at 1 o'clock in order to allow some of the children to attend a pageant at Thurland Castle.

22nd November

At a concert held in the school on Friday 19th a profit of £3 14 shillings was made. This money is to be used for the benefit of the local soldiers.

17th December

Forwarded socks to the following soldiers. H. Shuttleworth, J. Alderson, J. Hodgson, J. Cartmell, E. Hardcastle, J. Baldwin, J. Corless, E. Norris, I Stubbs, D. Hayward, E. Goth, J. Richardson.

22nd December

Received notice that the amount raised for the "Serbian Relief Fund" by the children of this school was 19shillings and 6d.

1916

2nd May

Raised £2.6s.7.1/2d for Mayoress of Lancaster's Fund for local soldiers by the sale of flags.

16th May

Sent Miss Welch one dozen sand bags which had been made by the boys.

26th May

Forwarded to the 'Overseas Club' the sum of 5s 6d for cigarettes for soldiers.

23rd August

Took the upper standards 4 to 7 to Claughton to see the old Church and Claughton Hall in the afternoon from 2.45pm to 4.15pm.

7th September

Sent Miss Welch 12 sandbags which had been made by the boys. This brings the total made this year to 37.

25th September

School flag hoisted at half-mast in memory of Irving Alderson who has been killed at the Front.

1st December

Forwarded to Overseas Club the sum of 6s 6d for cigarettes.

1917

8th May

Reported J. Shepherd for bad attendance. He has been away 30 times out of 91 possible attendances.

2nd October

Great explosion at White Lund. Many children away from school. Children very excited so took them for a walk in the morning.

11th October

Sent notice to the Director of Propellant Supplies re: collection of chestnuts in this school.

7th December

Forwarded about 20 stones of chestnuts to the Ministry of Propellant Supplies.

1918

29th May

Reported J. Shepherd for irregular attendance to Mr Danson. This boy's attendance is creating a bad impression on the other children's parents who say they also have a right to keep their children away from school if this boy can stay away.

5th July

The headmaster gave the children a lesson on 'How to use the Ration Books'.

30th August

School closed for one week to enable children to help in the harvest field.

18th October

Nearly all the children away from school owing to outbreak of influenza so acting on instructions from the medical officer the school was closed for one week.

11th November

News coming to hand that Germany had signed the armistice the headmaster gave the children a short outline of the war and then hoisted the flag and sang patriotic songs.

15th November

Holiday in the afternoon to commemorate the signing of the armistice.

1919

19th February

Today 4 French lady teachers under the care of Mr Grime HMI visited the school during the morning session. They examined the children's work, heard an oral lesson, seemed highly satisfied with what they saw.

17th March

Took children in gardening.

2nd April

Seeds for school garden arrived in good condition.

9th July

Mr Sowman, school gardens instructor, visited the gardens today and expressed his pleasure with the work that had been done, also with the ready manner with which the children answered his various questions.

23rd September

Produce in the school gardens has been partly ruined by Mr Yates's cows.

20th November

Received notice from the Director of Education that the following trees had been ordered for the school garden - 2 apple trees, 6 gooseberry bushes, 3 blackcurrant bushes, 3 redcurrant bushes, 12 raspberry canes.

1920

26th January

Received the following tools for gardening - 7 spades, 7 forks, 2 watering cans, 5 Dutch hoes, 5 rakes, 4 hoes, one wheel barrow, one bill hook, one shears, 7 trowels, one skirrit line.

2nd July

Mr Tomb, the school doctor, examined the children during the morning.

13th July

Garden Report

Since the establishment of the school garden on the present site, considerable improvement has taken place in the condition of the surrounding allotments and cottage gardens.

30th August

The school has been colour washed and painted both inside and outside.

1921

31st January

Mr J H Carr from the Training College, Lancaster, came for two weeks training.

10th February

Mr Pigg, Principal and Mr Brown VP of the Training College called in the morning to hear Mr Carr teach.

6th April

Took gardening children to Castle Orchard to hear an address on grafting.

8th April

Let children stay in school yard from 9.15 to 10.30 to witness the eclipse of the sun.

19th July

Anthony J Tomlinson, overcome by the heat, fainted in school this morning. At 9am the temperature was 70 degrees.

1922

9th January

School re-opened after two weeks and one day holiday. The floors have been scrubbed and the windows cleaned.

28th February

Holiday all day for Princess Mary's wedding.

3rd March

The vicar presented 25 story books to the school library.

30th March

Master at closing down of Lancaster training college.

10th May

Owing to visit of Bishop of Manchester we commenced afternoon session at 1pm and closed at 3.30pm. [ed. was this to dedicate the new bells?]

24th May

Empire Day. Gave children a lesson on the Empire and why we keep this day. Children sang patriotic songs in the yard followed by an extra playtime.

29th June

Received information that James Norris had been awarded a five years Bursarship tenable at Lancaster Boys' Grammar School.

30th June

Half holiday in afternoon in Honour of J. Norris winning a Bursar ship.

10th October

Twenty children away from school owing to being excluded through measles.

1923

13th February

Received seeds for school garden. Dr Tomb called and informed me that he had passed two children from the Guardians' Institution as fit to attend school. Viz. Benjamin Kershaw and Thomas Dalton.

10th May

Ascension Day. Holiday in the afternoon. Walter Taylor fell off his bicycle when going home and broke his arm the previous evening.

24th May

School re-opened. Flag hoisted in honour of Empire Day. Miss Welch lent record and Mr Foster his gramophone in order that the children might hear the King's and the Queen's address to his school children.

13th November

Very wet day. The rivers Wenning and Lune in flood. The highway from school to church under water. The road to Claughton was also flooded. Only 41 children present in the morning and 42 in the afternoon.

1924

7th April

Mary Johnson Standard One was found to be suffering from Diphtheria. I sprayed the school with Jeyes Fluid and flushed the drains.

26th September

Copy of report from Mr P Lavender HMI. "This is a well built country school with 72 scholars. The older children standards (1 to 7) are taught in the main room by the master and an experienced supplementary teacher while the infants are taken by the uncertificated assistant in the classroom. A useful and noteworthy addition to the equipment is an oil stove with oven, for providing the children who stay dinner with hot drinks and for warming the food they bring with them."

1925

20th January

The infants porch is again used as a store house by the caretaker although she has been asked to desist storing coke there. I have had the place cleared again today.

24th July

During the afternoon session the staff and scholars presented Miss Stephenson with a clock on the occasion of her coming marriage.

5th November

Concert in afternoon by the 'Lancashire Tour Party' and organised by the Lancashire County Council. The following schools were represented Hornby, Melling and Wray. Hornby children subscribed 8s. 4d.

1926

13th January

Mumps and German Measles have broken out and some children are away from school suffering from the infection.

12th April

School re-opened after Easter holidays. Admitted 7 boys from the Institution. These boys are weak minded.

21st May

Previous to closing the school for Whitsuntide, Miss Welch of Hornby Hall presented each scholar with a medal in commemoration of Empire Day. The vicar made a speech and Mr Towers handed each child a medal.

19th July

Took gardening children down garden to plant out.

13th September

The floor in the upper room is strewn with match stalks and cigarette ends. The flags outside the girls' porch have not been swept this morning and are covered with mud.

11th November

Altered lessons in the timetable during the morning session in order to take special lessons on Armistice Day and The Great War.

25th November

Erick Harrison fell off his bicycle on his way to school and damaged his elbow. I took him to the doctor but he was not at home. As the boy was wet through I sent him home along with H. Pickthall.

23rd December

Prizes for clean boots were won by John K Halhead and Mary Croft, for nature by Mary Tomlinson, and for needlework Gladys Shuttleworth and Ethel Mattinson and for good conduct by Walter Taylor. The former were given by the Master and the three latter by Mr and Mrs Illidge.

1927

28th February

School closed for Shrove Tuesday. Nelson Tomlinson had a fit during the dinner hour in the Station Yard. He was carried into Mrs Pedder's house - the doctor called in - but was still unconscious at 3.30pm. Nelson Tomlinson passed away about 4pm. He never regained consciousness.

3rd March

School closed in the afternoon. The upper standards attended the funeral of Nelson Tomlinson.

20th June

Mr Beckett sent a microscope for use in the school. It is out of repair and will require renovating.

1st November

Children from Wray, Melling and Hornby were entertained by artists who are giving concerts in various parts of Lancashire under the auspices of the Lancashire County Council. The collection amounted to 12shillings 2.1/2d made up as follows: Hornby 6s.6d, Melling 3s, Wray 2s. 8.1/2d. Miss Rome and Miss Welch attended the concert.

3rd November

The registers were not marked this morning as not half the children were at school at 9.30am owing to the wet weather and the roads being flooded owing to the rivers Wenning and Lune overflowing their banks.

1928

19th March

Commenced examinations.

27th March

Mr Grime, HMI, called for complete sets of examination papers and written answers which had been set a term ends.

24th May

Brought wireless into school for children to hear the Earl of Meath's address. Gave children an address on the Empire from 10 o'clock till 10.45.

31st August

Boys broke a window in the Infants Department. Mr J Richardson was asked to repair the damage.

11th September

Annie Clarkson has been awarded a scholarship to the Girls' Grammar School by the Disabled and Soldiers Society. Grace Harrison has also been awarded a County Council Scholarship.

20th November

The Vicar left the Parish today.

1929

28th February

The stove is leaking. The blacksmith has repaired the stove and ordered new bars as the ones in use are done.

8th April

The boys WC's do not flush properly and the basins are never properly clear of dung.

3rd May

Very poor attendance this week owing to the prevalence of whooping cough.

16th May

Took the gardening class down the garden during the morning session. Also in the afternoon as the peas wanted sticking and early potatoes covering with soil in case of frost.

14th October

John Hoole fell in the yard and cut his head very badly.

10th December

A Managers' Meeting was held on Monday with reference to the formation of a senior school at Burton.

1930

3rd February

Received six dual desks from the North of England Furnishing Co. One was broken. I notified the company and the district clerk.

17th July

Let the children out early 3pm to attend the Sports at the Camp.

15th September

Took gardening class into the gardens instead of taking the science lesson. Sam Lomax lifted a potato (Field Marshall) weighing 1lb 14oz.

30th September

Dorothy Harrison on her way home was knocked down by a passing car.

11th November

Armistice Day. Took a short service and gave a short account of the horrors of war. Mr John Halhead - a Manager of the school - hanged himself at Butt Yeats this afternoon.

18th December

The children had their Xmas Party today. A large number of parents were present and were entertained by the children.

1931

6th January

Kenneth Lamb fell in the yard and cut his knee very badly.

7th January

Mary Halhead fell in the yard and cut both her hands.

15th January

Bobby Lamb fell and cut his hands.

20th January

Mrs Shuttleworth presented the school with a new school bell. She noticed that the old one was cracked.

3rd March

Miss Burrow went for an interview Re: Wilson's Endowed School, Kellet, Carnforth. The vicar of Kellet called in the morning with a view to seeing her teach.

30th March

Geoffrey Kay fell in the yard and cut his mouth very badly.

1st April

Miss Burrow tendered her notice as she had been appointed to Wilson's Endowed CE School, Over Kellet.

21st April

Bert Driffield fell on his way to school and became unconscious. The headmaster found him lying near a stone heap not far from Butt Yeats Farm and had him conveyed home. Irene Schofield fell in the girls' yard and damaged her leg.

13th July

Mr Hartley called and informed me that all the children 11 and over had to go to Burton School after the holidays.

16th July

Let the children out at 3pm to witness the Sports at the Military Camp.

17th July

Dennis Bell fell in the yard and cut his head very badly. Miss Morton washed and bound up the wound.

18th August

The children 11+ went to Burton Senior School today.

7th September

Mr Illidge late headmaster of this school passed away today in his 82nd year.

19th October

Saw Mr Moore, the agent of Hornby Castle Estate, with regard to a Nature Study Plot in place of the school garden. He was willing to allow a plot at 5 shillings per annum.

11th November

Took the children on why we have 'Armistice Day'.

1932

8th March

Received letter from the District Clerk informing me that the Director of Education had granted permission for a boy, who is mentally deficient at the Guardians' Institution, to attend this school till the midsummer term, when he can be transferred to the Burton Senior School. The boy referred to is over 12 years of age.

6th May

Kenneth Titterington fell in the school yard and cut his knee and eye.

23rd May

The school reopened after Whit holiday. The wall in the boys' yard fell during the night.

14th June

Muriel Kitchen fell and cut her eye in the girls' yard this morning. Kathleen Barnes fell and hurt her arm. Joy Broomfield was knocked down and had her head cut. I sent her home on the bus.

29th August

Eric Stubbs fell in the yard and cut his head badly. I sent him home.

September

Copy of Report of HMI M.C.Morris Esq. "Since August 1931, when the children over 11 years of age were transferred to Burton in Lonsdale Endowed School, this had been a school for juniors and infants

29th October

Sidney Curwen fell in the yard and cut his lip badly.

31st October

F. Eddleston fell in the yard and badly bruised his eye and leg.

1933

18th January

Owing to the severe epidemic of influenza and only 27 children being present, some of whom are showing symptoms of the disease, the medical officer, Dr Acheson, decided to close the school for one week.

23rd February

Geoffrey Kay got his fingers crushed in the infants' porch door, when it was being shut.

16th June

Several children away from Claughton because the bus conductor refused to let them travel for a penny. I reported the matter to Mr Hartley, the school attendance officer who promised to visit the parents.

20th November

Joy Broomfield fell in the yard and badly cut her right knee.

1934

9th October

Wrote the District Clerk re: the provision of milk for school children. As only three children were desirous of being supplied I decided to take no action in the matter and informed him of such decision.

29th November

Holiday in honour of the Duke of Kent's marriage with the Princess Marina of Greece.

1935

13th February

The Clerk also informed me that the joiner's bench was required for Cockerham School and that he would send instructions at some future date for its removal.

25th March

Received notice from the District Clerk that owing to Alan Halhead being unable to stand the bus ride to Burton Senior School he could be readmitted here.

3rd May

School closed for two days to Commemorate the King's Silver Jubilee. The Vicar presented each child with a medal.

24th May

Took 10 children to Edinburgh. Holiday all day.

21st June

Mr Ingle the carrier called and took away the woodwork bench and supply of tools. I understand that they are going to Cockerham as this is no longer a school for older children.

1st October

Elsie Parker got severely burned yesterday. Her dress caught fire when standing in front of the fire at home. She was conveyed to the Lancaster Infirmary. Her condition is very critical.

29th October

Dennis Emery fell against the radiator in school and cut his head rather badly.

6th November

Holiday for Duke of Gloucester's wedding.

17th December

The school is exceptionally cold the temperature being 44 degrees. The children were marched and drilled to keep warm. Donald Bell was sick through being cold.

1936

23rd January

Dennis Emery fell in the boys' yard and hurt his head on the ice.

28th January

School closed for the late King's Funeral.

7th July

Lancaster Corporation sent a man to repair drain which had been damaged by their workmen when laying the electric cable.

7th September

Alan Halhead left having won a Junior Technical Exhibition to Storey Institute, Lancaster.

7th October

Mrs W Richardson presented a stuffed otter in case to the school.

18th December

Nancy Norris fell in the girls' yard and cut her elbow very badly.

1937

15th February

Received 50 books from the Lancaster Co-operative Society for the school library.

18th February

A gentleman gave the children a lecture on the League of Nations. The Vicar also added a few remarks.

11th May

The vicar presented the children with souvenir spoons in commemoration of the crowning of King George VI.

16th June

Lady organiser from the County Offices called during the morning to make arrangements about the children's dinner hour and the provision of small tablecloths etc.

18th June

Miss Law gave a lecture to the children on the value of milk.

31st August

John Kenyon was knocked down by a car and had his leg broken when leaving school today.

10th September

Owing to the workmen coming to tar spray the yard the school was closed in the afternoon.

1st November

Received notice from Lancaster that Margaret & William Bainbridge were being supplied with free milk - the supply is to commence on November 1st 1937.

29th November

Commenced supplying the children with milk.

1938

10th January

Miss Bank away ill. Mrs E Fox, uncertificated teacher, commenced duties temporarily in her place at a salary of £135 per annum.

18th January

Eric Richardson fell in the yard and cut his knee badly.

1st April

Miss Burrows a former teacher called during the afternoon.

27th April

Sergeant Cubbon lectured the children on "Danger on the road".

12th May

Sergeant Stackhouse spoke to the children on road safety.

14th September

PC 287 lectured the children on Road Safety. The danger of riding a pedal cycle.

11th November

Bernard Holliman fell in the yard and bruised his head and knees.

1939

19th January

Ronald Procter fell in the school yard and hurt his leg.

22nd February

Only 16 children present.

27th April

Received word from the "Daily Herald" that Ronald Nicholas had won a special book prize for writing.

24th August

Jean Johnson fell in the yard and hurt her left hand.

1st September

School closed all day owing to being a receiving centre for children from evacuated areas.

4th September

School closed for one week by Government Orders.

11th September

School reopened. 39 children from St Ambrose School, Salford and 9 senior children from Burton in Lonsdale admitted.

13th September

Miss Rome called during the afternoon session to enquire about the evacuee children.

27th September

Joan Mashiter fell in the yard and damaged her knee.

17th November

PC Harris lectured the children on the Black Out.

27th November

Received 14 dual desks, 4 folding tables and 8 chairs from Salford.

1940

8th January

School reopened. Elsie Norris fell in yard and hurt her head.

29th January

Owing to a very heavy fall of snow very few children came to school. The snow which had drifted to a depth of over 3 feet had to be cleared before the children could get into school. Out of 87 children on the roll only 21 were present.

9th February

Miss Parker, one of the Salford teachers, left this school to take up duties at Caton. We are left with 13 senior and 11 infant scholars from Salford.

6th March

Received notice from Midland Railway Co., Hornby that a short ladder had arrived. As it was badly damaged I refused to accept it.

14th May

School reopened by order of Government proclamation given out by wireless.

24th May

Forwarded to the Overseas League Tobacco Fund for cigarettes for the soldiers the sum of £1.13.0.

12th July

Forwarded by the vicar a rough plan of the school and the steps taken for Air raid precautions.

7th October

Received 2 postcards from HM Navy thanking children for cigarettes they provided.

30th October

Owing to a bomb being dropped near Manor House several children from Claughton were late to school in the morning session.

15th November

A Red Air Raid Warning. Took children into the porch until the All Clear was sounded.

1941

6th January

Evacuation of school children. Five more admitted from St Ambrose and 22 from Trafford Road School, Salford. Miss G S Hardacre accompanied the children. Miss Wolstencroft, the headmistress came with the children on Saturday Jan. 4th. She came to school on Monday and Tuesday to see after their welfare.

13th January

Mr Dowse and Mr Whittaker called to see how arrangements can be made for accommodating the new influx of evacuees.

24th January

Received the following stock from Salford. One cupboard, one blackboard, one easel, eight small chairs - one chair was broken, two tables, infants, eight small dual desks -one desk broken. The desks are very old,only two being up-to-date.

20th March

Received notice from the Director suggesting that owing to the congestion in the infants department staffing arrangements should be rearranged and that the upper division should be under the headmaster.

8th April

I wrote back informing (Miss Wolstencroft) that it was the wish of the foster parents that the Salford children should be treated as the local children and have the Easter Holidays.

21st April

The windows have been covered with protective covering against air raids and the floors have been washed.

15th September

School reopened after holiday. Refused admission to 12 children from Hornby Hostel until I received instructions from County Council.

22nd September

Admitted 12 difficult children from the Hornby Hostel.

25th September

Wrote Director of Salford for particulars re: 'Government Evacuation Scheme for School Children'.

10th October

Patrick Doran and Christopher Lawler - 2 boys evacuated from Salford to the Hornby Hostel failed to return to school in the afternoon session. Evidently they have run away from the hostel. Lawler only entered this school on Monday.

29th October

Sent several gas masks to Mr Lamb for repairs.

1942

5th January

School boiler had serious leak not discovered until 4 pm. Sent for local blacksmith who said the boiler would have to be taken out to repair.

6th January

Assembled children in school and then dismissed them for the rest of the week because blacksmith said it would take four or five days to repair at least.

13th January

Took children at 2.30 to see a Ministry of Information Film in the Institute.

2nd February

Mr Whittaker, District Clerk called in afternoon re: transport of "Difficult Children" to Hostel School. He informed me the school would start on Tuesday 3rd February.

12th April

School closed for Easter holidays. Miss Ward, the Caretaker, ceased duties on March 31st. The office has not been filled.

8th June

Distributed to the evacuee children various gifts presented by school children of the United States of America.

24th June

Half-holiday in the afternoon to take the evacuee children to Morecambe.

15th October

Forwarded to Mrs Southworth, Garstang, 1.3/4 cwts Horse Chestnuts and Rosehips. Sent by rail.

22nd December

The children had their Xmas party in the afternoon. This year owing to rationing they provided their own food.

1943

18th May

In the drawing competition for 'Wings for Victory Week' in Lunesdale David Richardson was first and Alice Hopton second in their respective classes. David Richardson received 15shillings. Alice Hopton received 10shillings.

26th May

Forwarded £1.8s.9d to Overseas Tobacco Fund, London.

15th November

Owing to an air lock we had to put out the fire in the stove.

17th November

School re-opened. Admitted 25 children from Hornby Hostel.

18th November

Mr James, County Organiser, called in the afternoon, to discuss the position with regard to the difficult children. Not more than 25 to be admitted. No teacher - no children.

1944

3rd April

In the 'Salute the Soldier' drawing and slogan competition Audrey Crayston won the first prize 15shillings certificate in class C of drawing and in class A of slogan Malcolm Cowell was 1st - 15 shillings, Alan Davies 2nd - 10 shillings, Audrey Crayston 3rd - 5 shillings.

24th May

Forwarded to Overseas League Tobacco Fund the sum of £1.9s.

3rd July

Caught some of the Hostel children pouring their milk down the girls lavatory basin. Found that 10 bottles had been wasted. I reported the matter to the Matron who informed me that the children were too well fed and did not require the milk.

21st July

Sent stirrup pumps to Mr Whittaker for repairs.

20th September

Mr Dowse, County Organiser, called to say arrangements had been made for all the Hostel children now in school aged 10 and upwards to be transferred to the school at the Hostel. The infant children there to attend this school.

3rd October

Forwarded 45 pounds of rosehips to Lischer and Webb Ltd, Liverpool. Inspector Price of Morecambe Constabulary lectured the children on the dangers of handling incendiary bombs etc.

12th October

Forwarded another 7lbs of Rosehips. This brings the total amount to date to 52lbs.

3rd November

Several children who come from a distance supplied with wellingtons and shoes.

17th November

Irene Larkin, a child from the hostel, fell near the school gate and hurt her knee badly. Sent for Matron who took her home.

6th December

Muriel Renshaw, Mary Kelly, Alan Davis and Vera Johnson, Salford evacuees, returned to Salford today.

15th December

Bernard O'Hara, a refugee, returned to Manchester today.

21st December

I, F E Longbottom, terminated my duties as Head Master of this school after 34 1/4 years service.

1945

8th January

School reopened. Miss Banks in charge as no temporary teacher available.

1st February

Commenced duties as headmaster [signed] F S Parkinson.

21st March

Old scholars of the school made a presentation to Mr F E Longbottom and Miss M Banks on their retirement. The vicar made the presentation at a social evening held in the Institute.

28th March

A presentation was made by Ann Dixon, the smallest girl in the school, of an envelope containing £4 4s subscribed by the headmaster and scholars to mark the retirement of Miss M Banks who terminated her duties today after 38 1/2 years service in the school.

9th April

School reopened at 9 am. Salford furniture collected.

1st May

During the period between commencement of the afternoon sessions and playtime, three lengths of guttering fell off the outbuildings.

8th May

VE Day. The school was closed for 2 days.

11th June

Marie Hopton having been legally adopted by Mrs Herring has had her surname changed to Herring.

14th June

Sum of £5.5s.6d has been raised for the School's Red Cross Fund by some of the senior children. Their effort consisted of 3 plays, produced and presented in a large hut at Bridge End Farm - entirely their own effort.

24th August

Received word that senior scholars were not going to Burton in Lonsdale Modern School on September 4th but would be returning to this school.

4th September

The caretakers (Mr & Mrs Skeats) have given in their notice and the school is now without a caretaker.

14th September

Handed 12lbs of rosehips to Miss Atkinson who called to collect them.

21st September

Another 80lbs of rosehips handed to Miss Atkinson.

27th September

During the dinner hour Frank Bainbridge fell off his cycle and bruised his head. He apparently fainted and was attended to by Mrs Fisher, Bridge End.

29th September

Thanksgivings Savings Week commenced. Annie Skeats was elected Savings Queen, Mary Ashton, page, Ann Taylor, Ann Dixon, Jean Little and Evelyn Norris were Attendants. A fancy dress parade and sports were held for the children at Hornby Hall. Afterwards tea was provided in the institute.

12th October

24.3/4lbs of rosehips handed to Miss Atkinson making a total of 164.3/4lbs for which 41shillings has been received from Miss Parker the area organiser and put into school funds.

29th December

Mr F E Longbottom late headmaster of this school passed away today, aged 68 years.

1946

2nd January

The headmaster and older scholars attended the funeral of Mr F E Longbottom.

23rd January

The children from the hostel are all absent this afternoon as they have all gone to the Pantomime in Morecambe.

11th February

Rev. W G Swainson retired today, from the post of Vicar, Chairman and correspondent of the managers.

4th April

During the morning session Mr A MacDonald, LMS representative, spoke to the upper classes on railways.

23rd May

Visit of Mr John Simpson, headmaster of this school from 12th February 1883 until 31st July 1883.

29th May

A lecture on Safety First, with lantern slides, was given in the Institute this morning by and officer of the Lancashire Constabulary. All the school attended.

5th June

Visit of Miss Graham (school meals organiser) and Mr Barrett (County Architect's Department) re: provision of school meals.

9th December

Mrs Richardson, the caretaker, reported that she fell down the boiler-house steps and twisted her ankle.

1947

10th February

Boiler sprung a leak during the weekend and the pipes were emptied by Mr Titterington who will attempt to repair the leak today. Temperature at 10 am 33 degrees F.

24th February

Boiler not yet fixed. School closed until further notice.

22nd September

Provision of Meals. Dinners commenced at Hornby Institute - 20 children.

16th October

Robert Fish caught Michael Dillan in the left eye with a garden fork - which he had taken against strict orders. Sent Michael home to the Hostel.

19th November

A party was held at the Institute to celebrate the marriage of Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

1948

26th April

School closed for the afternoon on the occasion of the Royal Silver Wedding.

1st November

Visit of PC Stead (Lancashire Constabulary), who gave a puppet show on Safety First.

25th November

School closed this afternoon for one day's holiday in commemoration of the birth of a son to HRH Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

1949

20th September

Mrs E G Richardson the caretaker and welfare assistant absent on a journey to Italy to see her son's grave.

1950

25th January

Electricians arrived to install electric light in the school.

15th March

Stanley Bowden and Michael Hall collided in the playground during the afternoon break. The former lost a tooth.

7th July

Only 23 children present all week. Tonsillitis at the Hostel. Mumps in the village.

1951

10th April

School closed for the day. Children visited Lancaster by coach to see the King and Queen and Princess Margaret.

3rd May

Ascension Day. Timetable rearranged to hear Ascension Day and Festival of Britain Services.

4th September

School re-opened. Eight children admitted from Aughton School.

15th November

Headmaster absent at Royal Lancaster Infirmary for X-ray examination.

1953

23rd January

Wireless set received - no loudspeaker.

26th January

Loudspeaker arrived.

14th April

Copy of HMI Report. Since reorganisation in 1931 this has been a school for juniors and infants taught by the Head Master and an experienced Assistant Mistress. The building was created in 1872 and accommodation consists of two classrooms and two very small cloakrooms. Playground surfaces are not in a satisfactory condition. 17 of the 57 children on roll are from a Lancs. County Council Children's Home in the village. This is mainly a temporary home for the children who are deprived of a normal home life, until suitable private accommodation is found them. During the past year 38 of them have been admitted to the school.

19th June

The whole school visited the Odeon Theatre, Lancaster to see the film of the Queen's Crowning. 'A Queen is Crowned'. The school was closed for the whole day.

8th July

School closed for two days as an occasional holiday to enable farmers' children to go with their parents to the Royal [North of]? England Show at Blackpool.

30th November

Jeffrey Farrand and Patrica Robinson collided in the playground. The latter fell on her paralysed right arm and complained of pain in her upper arm. Sent her home at playtime (pm).

10th December

The last of the children from Hornby Children's Home left the school today. The home will now close.

1954

2nd February

On the way to school dinner at the Institute, Barbara Lambert stumbled over a bicycle standing outside the Post Office, and knocked back the little finger on her left hand. Her mother took her to the Doctor who bandaged it tightly.

3rd March

Heavy snow fall. No children from Aughton as the coach could not make the journey.

29th March

Alan Robinson sustained a cut in the right cheek through walking under a swing in the playing field at 12.45pm. He had been repeatedly warned not to go near the swings when in motion. He was sent home for attention. Mrs S Newhouse, welfare assistant, was in charge of the children.

9th September

It was reported to me by the Welfare Assistant that John Robinson fell off the see-saw during the dinner hour and complained of hurting his left shoulder.

2nd December

Floods at Gressingham Bridge, Claughton and Mearsbeck have prevented children from Aughton and Claughton coming to school. Coughs and colds are keeping a number of Hornby children away. There are 10 children present (5 upper, 5 infants).

1955

19th February

Examination for selection for secondary schools. 15 children sat. Caretaker has difficulty in raising the temperature of the school owing to severe weather.

22nd February

School re-opened. Attended church 9.30 am. Visit of photographer.

1956

23rd February

Nurse Owen visited the school for a list of those 8 years of age and under with a view to the circularising parents about vaccination against poliomyelitis.

29th February

Visit of photographer.

18th June

Continuous dripping in the large classroom due to faulty lead flashing in the gully at the north-east corner. Reported to the vicar. At a Manager's meeting on 11th June, a new development plan for the school was submitted to the managers, approved and forwarded to the Authority.

19th July

In the afternoon the upper classes visited the brickwork's at Claughton.

16th October

Five children were sick after dinner but there appeared to be nothing wrong with the meal.

8th November

Part of the timetable suspended in order to take Cotswold Tests.

9th November

Cotswold Tests continued in the morning.

11th December

Pat Robinson fell in the school yard during morning break and grazed her knee rather badly.

1957

8th January

Pauline Wilkinson fell in the playground and cut her chin rather badly. Sent her home for attention by her own Doctor if necessary.

7th March

Mr Hen visited the school and sang folk songs to the upper classes to his own guitar accompaniment.

22nd May

Visit of County Architect to view the new development site.

24th May

Mr Lindley (Chairman RDC Planning Committee) visited the school to view the site for the new development plans.

10th July

Two Architects from County Hall visited the school and took measurements of the site for the new development plan.

4th October

By today the influenza epidemic seems to have affected the school attendance. 17 out of 39 children are absent.

1958

15th February

Secondary Entrance Examination held in the school, 29 candidates present.

9th June

Informed D.E O. of alterations to gable end of Fountain House and dangerous state of dividing wall.

10th June

The milkman reported an accident to the crate of milk. All bottles broken.

1959

7th January

Snow. Temperature 42 degrees at 9 am.

6th February

Attendance down to 31.

19th February

School closed for mid-term break. Aldis Projector and Daylight Screen received.

17th June

Received 6 new desks. 3 at 25", 3 at 28.1/2" and six ink wells.

10th July

Received 6 new chairs for the new desks.

23rd September

Fixed liquid soap dispensers.

2nd October

Went to dinner at 11.45 am. Returned to school at 12.30pm in order to observe the partial eclipse of the sun.

17th December

Received teachers chair and table (infants room)

[end of Log Book no.2]

1960

3rd February

A film strip of the Passion Play at Oberammergau was shown to the children by the Vicar.

16th February

Time-table suspended - Moray House Tests taken with the 3rd and 4th years.

7th March

Public Meeting in school about decision of the Managers to build a new Primary School.

4th July

School closed for Managers' Holiday. The headmaster took the leavers to the Lake District for the day.

20th July

The headmaster took the juniors to see the spiral staircase and ancient tower at the church.

1961

26th January

Chairs(8) collected from Lunesdale Secondary School where they had been left in error.

16th February

Charles Smith and John Oldroyd collided in the yard at noon. John Oldroyd apparently lost consciousness for a few moments after falling on the ground. Charles Smith burst lower lip.

20th April

The School Dentist visited the school during the morning session and inspected the children's teeth.

27th October

Miss Bowery, School Organiser, called re: the furnishing of the new school.

30th October

Seven of the eight applicants for the Headmastership of the school visited the school during the day.

21st December

The school Christmas Party was held in the Institute on Tuesday. The children made a presentation to Mr Fisher. Mr Parkinson received a presentation from the managers and one from the children, staff and friends on his retirement.

1962

8th January

Mr W. G. Bullivant commenced duty as Headmaster of Hornby C.E. Junior & Infant School.

29th June

School outing to Ambleside. 39 Boys and Girls, Miss Parker, Mr Wedderburn and the headmaster. Coach to Carnforth, train to Lakeside & steamer to Ambleside, returning the same route.

10th October

School buildings sold by auction.

26th October

Mrs Parkinson presented a cup to the school in memory of her late husband Mr F.S. Parkinson, Headmaster of Hornby C.E. School 1945-1961.

14th December

Mr Woolard of Education Office, called re: removal to new premises in January.

1963

18th January

School closed for removal of furniture and equipment from old to new premises.

20th January

Sunday. Commemoration, dedication and opening of the new Hornby Church of England School in the church of St Margaret, Hornby. Opened by the Lord Bishop of Blackburn, The Right Reverend Charles R. Claxton DD MA. Over two hundred guests and parishioners present.

21st January

School opened in the new building. 57 children on roll. Staff Mr W. G. Bullivant, Headmaster; Miss M Parker - Assistant Teacher; Mrs E. Chester - Caretaker; Miss M. Wilson - Cook Supervisor; Mrs N. Willan - Dining Room Assistant; Mrs Elliott - Welfare Assistant.

19th June

School broken into in the early hours of the morning. Matter in the hands of the Police. Richard Lamb fell in playground bruising his shoulder.

1964

14th February

June Kennan fell and cut head on table.

3rd/4th/5th March

Fourth year junior children worked standardised tests.

5th June

School trip to Chester Zoo. 50 children accompanied by Mr Wedderburn, Miss Parker and the Headmaster.

2nd October

Party of 19 children left for educational visit to Hammarbank Hostel, Windermere, accompanied by Miss Parker and the Headmaster. Four days were spent in walking tours of the Lakes.

8th October

Mrs S M Ingleby was appointed to commence duties on 1st January 1965 following Miss M Parker's resignation.

22nd October

Mr E E Clarke called in afternoon on request of the Chairman of the Managers, concerning the number of pupils in school - 65 pupils for 2 staff and one part-time. It was pointed out to him that numbers by the last term would probably reach 70 thus making teaching extremely difficult considering the age range involved. Mr Clarke suggested that the Managers should inquire for the potential intake and if it was felt that these heavy numbers were to continue then application should be made for the erection of another classroom.

20th November

Lynne Kenworthy fell over chair in playground hurting elbow.

1965

28th January

Anthony Disberry fell during PE in hall, breaking arm, taken to Lancaster R I .

14th July

School sports held on school playing fields followed by exhibition of work in school.

21st September

Jane Lamb fell from older sister's back during the dinner break, this occurred on the school field. Jane was taken by the headmaster to out-patients department of LRI where she was found to have a broken clavicle.

15th November

Mr Laughlan HMI in school during the morning session re: additional classroom and numbers on roll.

29th November

Councillor Smith, Chairman of Lancaster and District Road Safety Committee, presented National Cycling Proficiency Certificates to 13 boys and girls.

1966

15th February

Derek Lawrence, ventriloquist, entertained the children.

25th May

School trip to Blackpool Tower Circus, 67 boys and girls, 3 staff and vicar visited Matinee performance.

1967

30th January

Builders, Barratt and Sons of Cockerham, started new classroom.

6th March

Preliminary visit by two students from S Martin's.

17th April

Two students from S Martin's began teaching practice. Asphalt laid in new rooms.

22nd May

School outing to York, 42 children together with the vicar, Miss Broomfield, Mrs Ingleby and the headmaster visited the Railway Museum, Castle Folk Museum and Debtors' Prison, then sailed up the river Ouse.

3rd July

New extension occupied by the Infants class, the lower junior class moving into the room previously occupied for the Infants.

1968

9th January

Spring term began. 80 children on roll.

17th May

Six applicants for the vacant Headship of this school interviewed by the School Managers.

26th July

After 6 years and 2 terms as Headmaster of this school I this day concluded my duties having been appointed as headmaster of Scotforth CE Primary School, Lancaster. W G Bullivant.

9th September

Mr A Webster commenced duty as Headmaster of Hornby CE Junior and Infant School. 82 children on roll.

17th October

Mr Ambrose and Mrs Bishop HMIs in school to query the possibility of further extension if numbers increase.

1969

14th April

School re-opened after Easter break. 94 children on roll.

18th April

30 children and 2 teachers visited Wenning Silk Mill, on an educational basis.

22nd May

The School Health Visitor Mrs Storey examined children for cleanliness. 100% cleanliness in school.

3rd June

School trip to Edinburgh.

1970

8th April

School re-opened with 94 children on roll.

15th May

Annual school trip to London. 49 children and 7 adults travelled by train to visit main centres of interest.

8th June

Parent Teacher Evening to see and discuss sex education film strips produced by BBC. Mrs Aiston, Marriage Guidance Councillor led discussion.

10th June

Today we received the sad news that Miss D J F Broomfield had died in hospital. She will be greatly missed in school.

15th June

School Managers Meeting to discuss further school extensions and advertising for a teacher to replace Miss Broomfield.

20th July

School Managers appointed Miss A Dale as assistant teacher to take up her appointment in September. Four applicants interviewed.

1971

5th January

School re-opened for Spring Term. Six new starters, 92 on roll.

1st March

School Managers Meeting. It was reported that the proposals for school extensions (hall, one classroom & kitchen extension) had been adopted by County Authority pending a growth in numbers when additional housing is completed.

14th May

The Rural Dean, Reverend N A Cairns dedicated a new seat placed in the corner of the new school field and donated by friends in memory of Miss D J F Broomfield.

21st June

Musical Evening in school hall presented to parents and friends. A capacity audience expressed their appreciation. The collection of £14 was donated to Lunesdale County Secondary School Swimming Pool Fund.

25th June

46 children, 4 members of teaching staff and 2 members of kitchen staff went on annual school trip to the Wildfowl Trust Centre at Slimbridge. A visit was also made to Berkeley Castle. The journey was by coach and train.

16th September

County Dental Services began 2 weeks treatment of children in caravan situated on school car park.

1972

20th April

Meeting in school of parents and other interested people to discuss suggested Middle School scheme for Lunesdale.

21st July

The school children entertained the village with songs, dancing and playing at the Village Institute to mark the retirement of the Reverend J A Wedderburn as Vicar. The school made a presentation of a folding garden chair to the Vicar.

20th & 21st November

School closed to celebrate the Silver Wedding of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

1973

22nd January

Class 1 visit to Lancaster Museum to see exhibition staged by the Lune Valley Water Board.

2nd February

First meeting of school Tufty Club to give instruction in Road Safety.

14th May

Headmaster attended final meeting of 11 + Selection Panel.

4th September

School re-opened. 76 children on roll. Miss Dale attending an in-service pottery course at S Martin's College.

10th December

Headteacher attended meeting at Lancaster concerning the Museum Service for Schools.

18th December

Visit of members of a Working Party to consider the possible setting up of an area Primary School in Hornby.

1974

7th January

Visit of Mrs Kellet-Bowman our Member of Parliament and Mrs Lovett-Horn, Chairman of Divisional Executive, to see the school and meet the children.

5th April

Presentation of cheque and vase of flowers to Mrs Willan on the occasion of her retirement as school meals assistant after 26 years in position.

24th May

6 candidates interviewed for the post of headmaster of this school.

12th June

Visited Mr J Allen, newly appointed headmaster.

19th July

After six years as headmaster of this school I have today concluded my duties in order to take up the appointment of Headmaster at St Wilfrid's CE Primary School, Halton. A. Webster.

3rd September

Mr J O Allen commenced duty as Headmaster of Hornby CE Primary School. There are 82 children on roll.

18th September

Mr G E Wilkes, the Safety Inspector for the Ministry of Agriculture, gave a talk to the school on 'Farm Safety' illustrated with slides.

1st October

Parents invited to join us at school assembly every Tuesday. Approx. 20 came.

8th October

Mr J Malcolm Davies, Lancaster Museum Service to Schools, gave a demonstration and talk on the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages to Miss Dale's class in the afternoon.

1975

7th March

The headmaster attended a meeting to discuss Primary Education in Upper Lunesdale at Lunesdale Secondary School in the evening. The meeting was abandoned after Rev. Cairns, vicar of Arkholme, collapsed and died.

19th March

8 nursery assistants from a course at Lancaster and Morecambe College of Further Education visited school during the morning to be shown a pottery lesson and to discuss clay in schools.

21st March

Mrs Jill Keeling visited school and talked about 4 animals she had brought; an Australian Leaf Insect, a marginated Tortoise, a Tawny Owl and a Great Indian Fruit Bat.

5th June

School was closed as the Hall was used for the referendum on the Common Market. (EEC)

2nd July

Class 1, accompanied by the Headmaster, Mrs Bullivant and Mrs Webster, visited their pen friends at Greenfield C P School at Winsford.

17th July

Class 1 received a visit from their pen friends in Winsford.

14th October

Inaugural meeting of the school PTA held in the evening and addressed by Mr Terry Penrose (NCPTA). It was resolved to form a PTA and the constitution was adopted.

1976

16th February

David Lamb fell and cut his head rather badly on the corner of a door. His father took him to the doctors as it was home time.

4th March

The School attended the 'Sod-Cutting Ceremony' for the swimming pool at Lunesdale County Secondary School at 3 pm.

1st April

One of the Australian Leaf Insect eggs received last year and put in the tank with the recently acquired Leaf Insects has hatched.

10th June

Class 2, accompanied by the headmaster, Miss Dale and Mrs Webster, visited Gladstone Pottery Museum, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent and Trentham Gardens.

18th June

The infant class, accompanied by the headmaster, Mrs Ingleby and Mrs Webster, visited Lowther Wildlife Park.

22nd June

Class 1, accompanied by the headmaster, Rev. H. Kellet, Mrs Bullivant and Mrs Webster visited Coventry Cathedral and Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope.

16th July

Mr Robinson from the Architects Department visited school to do a survey of the asbestos in the building.

5th October

Dr Coles and Mrs Haslam visited school in the morning to re-examine some of the children. Also two nurses visited the school for a head inspection which is part of the 'Beat the Head Louse campaign'. 100% cleanliness found.

1977

29th March

The headmaster attended an interview at the District Education Office and was appointed headmaster of Carnforth North Road County Primary School with effect from 1st September, 1977.

2nd May

The Headmaster attended a meeting of Heads, where Mr McManus, Senior County Advisor, reported on the Great Debate.

25th May

Five candidates for the post of headmaster visited the school in the morning. The interviews were conducted at the Vicarage in the afternoon. Mr R G Park was appointed.

1st June

Mr R G Park, newly appointed headmaster, visited school.

22nd July

After 3 years as headmaster of this school I have today concluded my duties in order to take up appointment of Headmaster of Carnforth North Road County Primary School. J.O. Allen.

6th September

Mr R G Park commenced duties as the Headmaster of Hornby CE School. There were 77 children on roll.

12th September

First swimming lessons of the new academic year started at the Lunesdale Pool.

1978

10th April

School now in possession of a new Tandberg Tape Recorder, £196. Presented by the PTA.

13th November

Received a letter from Mr Hayward an elderly gentleman formerly of Hornby and the Headmaster read it to the children in assembly. In it Mr Hayward related the story of his youth and school days in Hornby. It was much enjoyed by the children and staff.

1979

12th March

The Countryside Commission planted a hawthorn hedge containing a number (25) deciduous trees (ash, hazel, alder) along the western boundary fence.

28th April

Parent Teachers Association held a 'Hornby Dinky Trains Swap Meet' in the Institute from 9am to 5pm. The whole building was used. Dealers and buyers came from all parts of the country, refreshments were sold and over 600 people visited the meet during the course of the day. Profits went to PTA Fund and about £130 was raised.

20th July

Sixteen children left the school. One child to Lunesdale County Secondary School, one child to Casterton Girls School, one child to Bentham Grammar School, three to Lancaster Girls Grammar School, four to Lancaster Royal Grammar School, one to Penwortham High School, five to Ripley St Thomas CE Secondary School.

7th September

The oven door was broken so the Headmaster had to take the pies to Lunesdale Secondary School to be baked.

16th/17th October

The school was illegally entered between the hours of 8pm on Tuesday and 7am Wednesday morning. The entry was discovered by the cleaner in charge and reported to the Police, Chairman of the Managers and District Education Officer. The intruders made their way through the kitchen window. They forced open the filing cabinet in the staff room taking about £2 in cash belonging to the Tufty Club. They consumed 2 cups of coffee on the premises and left the way they entered.

1980

21st April

The Education No. 2 Bill which is now law has meant 1.) school milk is no longer provided for children in primary schools except on the recommendation of the school medical officer. We have no children who qualify at this time. 2.) Local Authorities now have a statutory requirement to provide places and facilities for pupils to consume meals or other refreshments brought to school by them. This section of the law has resulted in 25 children bringing packed lunches instead of eating the meal provided from the school kitchen at 35p per head. The cooked meal provided for 35p is of the type described by the Authority as being a 'Simplified Menu' containing less bulk and a marked lack of fresh vegetable and meat. It is to the lack of fresh vegetables the parents object.

28th November

Hygiene Inspector (Heads). Five children infected.

1981

13th February

The Hogan children admitted to school. Australian family here on temporary basis while father (Australian Headteacher) attends course at the University.

10th July

Headmaster, the Vicar, Mrs Webster and Mrs Beetham took Class 1 to York by train. The train failed to stop at Wennington Station as arranged but we made our way there by service train. Arrived home at 8pm on the special.

17th July

4.30pm. Shortly after school closed a barn which could be seen from the school set on fire and Nicholas Wood a first year junior boy from Miss Dale's class was tragically burned to death. Nicholas had been playing there with an older boy who managed to escape the fire. This was a most tragic event for his family, the school and the whole village.

1982

17th February

Matthew Thomas fell in the Infant class and sustained a spiral fracture of the femur. Mother took him to hospital 3.25pm.

6th May

Mr Bracken, visitor from York came to speak to the children about brass rubbing, followed by workshop. All the children had the opportunity to rub a brass.

14th May

The Lectern in memory of Nicholas Wood and David Metcalfe was dedicated in school at 3pm today.

29th June

Two police officers called to show films to warn the children about the dangers of speaking to 'strangers' or accepting lifts, sweets etc.

21st July

Miss A Dale retired. A presentation was made by the Chairman of Governors. She had taught at Hornby school for twelve years.

7th September

Christmas Term commenced today 75 children on roll.

16th November

Headmaster, Rev. Kellett, Chairman of Governors & Mr Barwick, Architects Department looked at problem of dampness in Upper Junior Porch. Decided to have estimates for the bricking up of west wall.

1983

21st February

The headmaster having been appointed Headmaster of St Luke's School, Slyne-with- Hest the candidates for Headteacher came to look round this school in the morning.

7th March

Mr B.Wood, the newly appointed Headmaster of this school visited this morning.

31st March

Presentation made to the headmaster on this his last day in school. After almost six years as headmaster of this school I have concluded my duties in order to take up a new appointment as Headmaster of St. Luke's Church of England Primary School, Slyne with Hest. R.G. Park.

18th April

Mr B.G Wood commenced duties as Headmaster of Hornby C.E. Primary School. There were 80 children on roll.

7th June

Mrs Harrison, mother of Robert Blakemore came to inform Mr Wood that Robert would be leaving Hornby on 17th June to fly out to Canada to continue his education there.

8th July

Mr Edmondson, Education Officer for the National Trust visited the school and gave a talk, illustrated with slides, on the theme of 'Conservation and Care of the Countryside'.

19th July

Mr Silvester, a parent of one of the 4th year Junior Girls was accompanied by his son to school where they gave a talk on honey bees. The talk was accompanied by a demonstration on how to handle bees, bee keepers dress and samples of honey which the children enjoyed.

1984

27th-29th February

Mr Wood attended a computer course held at S Martin's for teachers in Lancashire who have taken up the DoI Computer Scheme.

28/30th March

Mrs Bullivant, Mr Wood and 21 pupils from Class 1 visited London for 3 days. Despite strikes the visit was a valuable experience for the pupils and everyone returned to Hornby on Friday 30th very tired but very happy.

9th May

Headteacher showed Mrs Brock a prospective parent around the school.

16th May

Headteacher showed Mr and Mrs Turvey, parents of a prospective pupil, around the school.

29th June

Mr White visited school. His family are moving into the village. They have 3 children, two of whom will begin school before the end of term.

11th July

Headteacher showed Mrs Gatrell around the school; the family are hoping to move into the village within the next six months. They have two boys aged 4 and 7.

16th July

Mr Pickering visited school. His family hope to move into the village.

1985

8th March

Mrs E Kellet-Bowman MP for Lancaster and Lunesdale visited the school. She arrived at 8.40am and stayed almost 2 hours. She attended assembly then visited each class in turn.

3rd July

3.45pm Mr C. Whitehead called to discuss the possibility of fixing bird and bat nesting boxes within the school grounds. This was to be done during the Autumn Term.

16th July

Today Mrs V. Elliott, Welfare Assistant at the school for 22 years retired. She was presented with a cut glass vase and bouquet of flowers from the pupils and staff.

1986

9th January

Meeting at Skerton Primary School at 3.30pm with DEO re new school governing bodies in the light of the County Primary experience.

12/14th March

Class 1 trip to London, 23 pupils plus Mrs Bullivant, Miss Hollingsworth and Mr Wood stayed at Martin Court Hotel, Earls Court on a 3 day trip, visiting many famous landmarks. Seven pupils and Mr Wood met the Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher opposite No. 10 Downing Street. A photograph was taken which was later autographed by the Prime Minister.

28th June

Village Festival Procession from Station Yard to the Primary School field took place at 6.30pm. The PTA float was decorated in the theme of the 'Royal Wedding', which involved the forthcoming wedding of HRH Prince Andrew to Miss Sarah Ferguson on 23rd July. PTA entry won second prize £10 awarded by Mr Owen Oyston of Oyston Estate Agency.

5th July

School closed for the summer holidays. In the final assembly we said goodbye to 18 pupils who were transferred to secondary schools in September. One pupil to LRGS, one to LGGS, one to Our Lady's High School, three to Ripley St ThomasCE Secondary School, three to Lunesdale County Secondary School, 9 to Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale.

17th November

Councillor Hannah visited school at 11am. This was his first visit during working hours since he was appointed a Governor of the school

1987

5th May

Governors' Sub-Committee met in Vicarage 6.45pm to discuss the publication of first ever Annual Report to parents.

[The log book number 3 finishes on 21st October 1987.]

1988

25th January

D Jelly HMI in school to discuss in-service and clustering of small schools.

16-18th March

Class I with children from Tatham Fells and Forton Primary Schools on three day trip to London. Mrs Bullivant and Mr Wood with pupils. All satisfactory.

19th July

The school was broken into during the night.

21st November

Governors' annual meeting for parents in school. At this meeting it was decided to adopt a school uniform.....

1989

3rd July

Interview for post of Nursery Nurse in school. Mrs J White appointed.

14th July

Last day of school year. Also retirement of Mrs Sheila Ingleby, Deputy Head; Mrs Jean Webster, Nursery Assistant.

5th September

Pupils return to school. There are 70 pupils on roll.

1990

19th July

We said 'goodbye' to Mrs Bullivant who is taking early retirement.....She was an extremely dedicated teacher and hard worker for the school and community.

1991

29th June

Start of Hornby Village Festival week. Procession of floats through village to Primary School field. PTA float won 1st prize for their entry 'Old MacDonald's Farm'.

3rd September

School Roll = 62 pupils

24th September

Mr Miller, financial Adviser, in school at 10am to suggest ways of increasing school's budget. Proposals to be put to Governors at the next meeting.

22nd October

Class I visited the Morecambe Visitor newspaper to see how the newspaper is printed.

8th November

Hornby CE hosted an afternoon visit by 36 Yr 6 pupils from Scotforth CE who were 'evacuated' for the afternoon. Talks were given by three villagers about their wartime experiences and their recollections of the evacuation from Salford to Hornby of many schoolchildren during 1939-40. The Lancaster Guardian reporter and photographer were present.

1992

14th January

B G Wood attended Appraisal Training meeting at Woodlands, Chorley.

7th October

Mr Wood commenced an appraisal of a Headteacher colleague, beginning with an initial meeting this evening.

20th October

Mr Wood received a telephone call at home from Mrs Greathead, the caretaker, to say that the school had been broken into. [Detailed description] It was a shock to everyone at school that such vandalism could be done to a village primary school. It has made us all aware that nowhere is safe from mindless malicious behaviour.

1993

2nd April

The last day of the Easter Term. This afternoon the school said Goodbye to Mrs Mary Stoneham, who is leaving Hornby to take up a new post at Arkholme CE School.

8th November

During the week visits to school by members of the Property Services team were made. The school hopes to replace rotting window frames and panels.....

30th December

School broken into.

1994

25th March

Presentations to Mrs Batty (School Clerk) and Mrs Ferrington (Kitchen Assistant & Welfare) who retired today after 27 & 25 years service respectively.

18th July

Annual Sports Day. B G Wood presented the trophies. He did this, as he explained, because this would be his last sports afternoon at Hornby. In January he will take up a new post at Scotforth CE School in Lancaster.