

# School Log Book

Extracts *1907-08 + 1939-40*

By courtesy of Jane Bradbury

# Horseheath School Log Book

## March 1907- November 1908

**1907:**

**March 23rd.** Mrs. C.A. Borrer visited and distributed seeds for children to cultivate.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>.** Minnie Stinton, paid mistress, terminates her services in the school.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Only 59 present owing to excessive storms of rain and hail. May 17<sup>th</sup>. Empire Day recognised. Lessons in afternoon not strictly to TT. Revd. C.A. Borrer visited – lectured on Empire Day.

**June 4<sup>th</sup>.** Commenced teaching descending reduction in St. IV; vulgar fractions to St. V, compound multiplication to St. III.

**June 20<sup>th</sup>.** Girls had lessons on Calico patch Herring boning.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>.** Sent Ella Tabram home – younger brother suffering from whooping cough.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>.** Last lesson given to sweet pea exhibition and competition amongst scholars – their own production. Mrs. Borrer presenting prizes to finest specimens and best arranged bunch.

**Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Average for the week 72.3. Very low owing to several cases of whooping cough among the infants.

**Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>.** Prizes for needlework, writing, drawing distributed by the Revd. C.A. and Mrs. Borrer.

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.** School closed yesterday. Several children went to Clacton.

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.** Agnes Rawlinson's name taken from attendance register – leaving school to go to work.

**Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.** Gave children five minutes to see elephants etc. pass school.

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.** Several children absent owing to heavy rains.

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.** Albert Bowers caned for wilfully damaging book and for rudeness.

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. – 13<sup>th</sup>.** Attendance particularly good – notwithstanding very wet weather. The only scholar absent being Frank Reeves who is too delicate to attend during the winter months.

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>**. Kathleen Hanchett absent, attending Linton school, to be examined in Recitation, Reading and practical music in connection with the Preliminary Certificate examination.

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>**. Allowed Kathleen Hanchett half day in preparation for the exam (Prelim) – absent for same reason Thursday and Friday.

## **1908**

**Jan 6<sup>th</sup>**. Robert Atherton left school.

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**. H M Inspectress of Cookery visited. Left school for about half an hour in the afternoon to show her the room in which cookery is to be taught, in order to obtain govt. approval of same.

**Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**. Commenced Cookery lessons – left school for Guildhall at the closing of registers.

**Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Afternoon school commenced 1.15 terminating 3.20 to enable teachers to attend lecture on “First Aid to the injured”.

**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Absent from school during afternoon attending Cookery class at Guildhall.

**Feb.24<sup>th</sup>**. Miss Solar and Mrs. Borrer visited – distributed attendance medals, children sang patriotic songs – lessons changed during morning.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Austin Keen Esq. (Education Secretary) visited during the Cookery class at the Guildhall.

**April 16<sup>th</sup>**. Miss Covill resigns her post as Supplementary Teacher in this school.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Miss Unwin commenced her duties as probation teacher.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>**. Miss Nicholson visited cooking class, remaining during lesson.

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. School closed for secular instruction, being the day for religious instruction.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Celebrated Empire Day – lessons not strictly to Time Table. Mrs. Mr. and the Misses Borrer visited to hear patriotic songs and saluting of flag etc.

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**. School closed by order of the Medical Officer of the County for typhoid fever.

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**. Found it necessary to severely censure and cane Reginald Davey for rudeness to his teacher.

**Aug.5<sup>th</sup>**. School closed – several children going on an expedition to Yarmouth.

**COPY OF REPORT MADE BY HMI MR NEWTON AFTER VISIT OF  
29<sup>TH</sup>. SEPT. 1908.**

**Instruction:** 1. The children are not wanting in alertness and their general progress appears to be satisfactory. A simplification of the "Object Lessons" and lessons on hygiene is desirable.

**Premises:** 2. Within the last year, fireguards have been provided, an improvement has been made in the lighting and an adjustment of the furniture has been begun. The woodwork of the offices bears a good deal of scribbling, which in one or two instances on the girls' side is of an objectionable character. Painting in some dark colour is clearly needed; it would be wise, also, to cut short at top and bottom the doors of these places.

**Log book:** The report which was rendered last year in Aug. 1907 has not been copied in the Log book. **Omission: Report made by HMI Mr. Newton after visit of Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1907.**

The following matters must be noted:

1. The open fire-place and the stove in the main room are not provided with guards.
2. Until some adjustments, which seem to present no difficulty, are made in the furniture, hygienic positions for writing can hardly be obtained. In the case of nine out of the eleven desks in the main room the vertical difference is 11 inches and in two cases out of nine it is as much as 12 inches.
3. The main room cannot be said to be well-lighted; a considerable improvement could be brought about by inserting in the partition large panes of clear glass.

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. 1908.** Cooking classes commenced necessitating my absence from school to attend Guildhall.

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## Sept. 1939 – June 1940

### HORSEHEATH EVACUEES

#### 1939 Tuesday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Owing to war having been declared the school was not opened until today at 8.45. 29 children on roll of native school. 12 children from Linton are also assembled here. This afternoon the evacuated school will meet. The native school will meet for informal activities at The Guildhall at 3pm until 4pm. Linton children will meet there too. The Linton boys are doing woodwork. The Linton girls are doing needlework. All the children are taking home official instructions of behaviour in an air raid. The Linton children are helping with this work and with labels.

Air raid instructions issued to the children.

Note Never use a whistle. It is forbidden.

1. Carry your gas mask.
2. Wear your label.
3. Take cover.
4. Any long distance child will shelter in the house arranged.
5. Come to school when the air raid is over. (After half an hour from the All Clear signal)
6. Signals:

Short sharp whistles:	Air raid.
Rattles:	Gas
{Hand bells:	All Clear
{2 min. Siren from Haverhill:	All Clear

This morning the children rehearsed A.R.P.

Dispersal arrangements for native school.

June Davey and Olive Belsham go with Betty Stinton.

Hazel with Jean Dockerill. Also Peggy.

Derek with Cissie Carlton. Roy with Albert Vale.

Mollie with Mrs. Crofts. Ron and Brenda John and Michael to Mrs. Simkins' with Peter.

Joseph and Charles to Mrs. Salmons' house.

Eileen will take charge of Roger.

Donald and Hazel would go with Brenda to Joyce K.

Air raid drill is to be taken twice daily during war time.

Once at each session.

May 10<sup>th</sup> Revised.  
Air Raid Dispersal arrangements for Evacuated School

H & E. Biaggi & M. Potter  
J. S. R. Traynor. J & B. Stack.  
J. Bowen & M. Ventre.  
E. D.(H?) & D. Gregory  
D. D. Gallacher.  
J & J Quigley.  
E. E. J & Sydney Wannell.  
P. Toohey. E. Toohey. E. Fisher & R. Fisher.  
P. R. T. M. O Shea.

These children will go to various houses nearby where they are billeted or to neighbours houses.

**Sept. 8** The evacuated children are Roman Catholic.

**Sept.12** A rattle has been supplied to the school by the Ed. Office.

**Sept. 14** The free milk supplied to the Evacuees is to be paid for separately. A separate card is to be kept by each school.

**Sept. 18** For the convenience of parents the dual shifts will be changed next week. The Evacuees will come to school in the morning and the Native School in the afternoon.

**Sept 20** We have cleared the cupboard with glass doors for the Evacuees to use as their own.

**Sept 22** The register returns have had to be amended to show evacuees & native school distinctively on the native school register.  
The R.C. school group has a separate register.

**Sept 25** Mrs. Crofts is taking the R.C. evacuees from 9 to noon & the rest from 1 to 4.

**Sept 26** Nurse called at school this morning to see the evacuees who have been excluded for verminous heads. The children are all clear now.

**Sept 27** Air Raid dispersal.

2 Gallaghers & Ernest Toohey	To Mrs. Mizons
2 Quigleys, Reginald Fisher & 2 O'Sheas	To Mrs. Stintons Oct. 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Ernest Fisher	To Mr. Tinnys/ Now at Park House Farm
Molly O'Shea & Irene Wannell	To Mrs. Kettles
Matthew & James, Henry & Eileen Biaggi	To Miss Starlings
Maureen	home to Mrs. Dockerill
John Wannell & Ronald Gregory –	To Mrs. D.
Stack & Gregory	To Mrs. Cole.
Edward Wannell	to Mrs. Salmons

Patrick Toohey  
Joan Stack  
3 Traynors  
Doreen Gregory

ditto  
go to her billet – Miss Bavers (Bowers?)  
to their billet Mrs. D. Bowers  
to her billet Ketteridges

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> The Roman Catholic School has its own teacher now so the dual shift system is resumed today.

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Hagg visited the school this morning and went to see the Guild Hall. In accordance with his suggestion the Guild Hall will be used all the school day now first by one school then by the other. The registers are to be marked both morning and afternoon.

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> The schools are now working on full time.

Oct 26 There was a medical inspection at school this afternoon. Children from both schools were inspected.

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> The R.C. School is moving to Cromer this weekend.

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> The R.C. School has gone. We have been all day cleaning up after them.

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Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. The enemy are filling toy balloons with Gas these are highly dangerous & explode on touch, they are to be handled by string attached.  
This police notice has just been received.

May 10<sup>th</sup> In view of the invasion of the Netherlands the Govt. has ordered more stringent ARP  
Revised dispersal arrangements.

Joe & Charlie to Mrs. L. Salmon  
John & Michael with Peter to Mrs. Simkin  
Frank B. takes Elsie home  
Roy Mizon to Albert Vales  
Joyce take Victor & Roger & Hazel Barker  
June & Olive with Betty Stinton  
Monica & Anne take Mary Ling  
Cissie goes home. So does Joan Stack.  
Jean D. takes Peggy.  
Jean R. goes home  
Brenda & Mollie to Mrs. Crofts  
(David Pearson with Betty Stinton) May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Gas mask drill was taken this afternoon.

May 14<sup>th</sup> Broadcast orders have been given for all schools to re-open today. The holiday is therefore cancelled. Holland and Belgium are invaded.

Wednesday The children have been collecting old iron this afternoon to help in the May 15<sup>th</sup> war effort.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Yesterday when we were taking a traffic census just outside the school Friday yard we saw roadmen knocking the signposts to pieces. This morning we went to look at all the local sign posts because of the imminent risk of invasion. An outdoor lesson on modern history was taken.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Because of an air raid alarm early this morning the children are very tired today so they are doing knitting weaving and woodwork instead of arithmetic.

June 7<sup>th</sup> We saw two parachutists floating down into one of Mr. Tinny's fields at ¼ pm to 12.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Italy has declared war. Paris has again been bombed. We had two air raid alarms on Friday night and we are expecting London evacuees.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Six private evacuees were admitted this morning and we have borrowed a long table and seven chairs from the Guild Hall. Std. 4 has been moved into the baby room.

June 17<sup>th</sup> The children have learned La Marseillaise but now France has surrendered we are singing it no more.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Several of the children were late because they were disturbed by enemy aircraft in the night. The register was kept open until after ten o'clock.

June 25<sup>th</sup> Last night's raid lasted so long that we are nearly too sleepy to work today.

June 26<sup>th</sup> There was another four hour raid in the night. On Monday night bombs fell in West Wickham and killed a family of rats. The children are very sleepy today.