

June The Juniors had their canteen meals in the classroom to relieve congestion in the canteen building. Canisters of food were wheeled over on a trolley.

Pupils during these years included Gillian Churchyard, Philomena Brownlie, Michael Jarrold, Ivor Hughes and Peter Davis.

Helen Easty, J Hutchinson, Alan Boon, Graham Challis and Barry Goldsmith were allocated to Grammar Schools.

#### October 7th

Miss Benham accepted the Infant post in place of Mrs Venning who resigned. Miss Benham took up her duties on January 10th 1961.

November Mrs Lay returned to the staff and Mrs Banthorpe left.

#### 1961

July 21st Miss Dee and Mrs Lay with 48 pupils went to Portman Road Football Ground to see the Queen.

#### 1962

February Climbing apparatus was erected on the lawn much to the pupils' delight.

July Susan Grimble won the Junior High Jump at the Farlingaye Sports.

#### 1963

January The term began with very severe weather. The main water supply was frozen underground and water was delivered to the school and near neighbours by the Council.

October A new shed was erected near the Canteen by Mr Dunn. Useful storage for Games Apparatus, etc.



1964

May 8th The telephone was connected. Managers included Brigadier Southall and Mrs White.

October Seagers, the builders, constructed a sandpit for the children.

December 17th Miss Dee retired as Headmistress. She had taught at the school for 44 years. A party was given for her at which she was presented with a gold wrist watch and other gifts, including a bouquet. She was respected by all who knew her and I kept in contact with her until her death.

1965

January Mr George Mills was appointed Head Teacher. During this time the Parents Association was formed.

The Initial Teaching Alphabet (ITA) was successfully introduced. The three members of staff were very pleased with the results achieved by the pupils.

June 22nd A holiday was given to celebrate Magna Carta and the 750th Anniversary of Parliament.

July 28th Mrs Sutton and Mrs Barratt left the canteen service. They were presented with gift vouchers. They were succeeded by a number of ladies but it wasn't until August 1968 when Mrs Bales was appointed Cook-in-Charge, that the post was settled. Mrs Turner was her Assistant.

November Mrs Margaret Goddard became clerical assistant in place of Mrs Durley.

The children and staff made several educational visits including Orford Castle, Colchester Castle and Zoo, Southwold, Lowestoft and Bentwaters.

1966

Mrs Amy Singleton was the Supervisory Assistant.

During these years many pupils gained certificates in the Wickham Market and Parlingers Sports Days. They included Andrew Thrope, J Taylor, Jane Walton, Conway Curtiss, David Bodwell, Joanne Goddard, Clive Smith, Colin Chivers and Teresa Massingham.



1967

December 14th The Friendship Club was invited to a Carol Concert in the school.

Pupils included John Nicholls, Beverley and Edward Pipe, Nicholas and David King, Stephen Sharp, Vanessa Sherwin, Tony Humphrey and Trevor Addison.

Joyce Nicholls and Venessa Taylor obtained places at Thomas Mills Grammar School

1968

July 24th Mr Mills attended the funeral of Mrs Woodhouse, who had been School Caretaker for many years. Mr Reginald Woodhouse continued the work.

1969

June The children began swimming lessons in their new pool.

June 21st A garden fete was held at "Pots Croft". The children gave a dancing display.

1970

Mrs Gormer became Supervisory Assistant. Mrs Goddard became School Helper and Mrs Gillings was Clerical Assistant.

July A presentation was made to Mr Mills who was leaving to take up a Headship in Bedfordshire. Mrs E Lloyd became temporary Headmistress.

November Mrs Inez Benham was appointed Headmistress.

1971

January Mrs Grant became Clerical Assistant.

During these years many pupils gained certificates in the Wickham Market and Farlingaye Sports Days. They included Andrew Thrower, J Taylor, Jane Walton, Conway Curtiss, David Dodwell, Joanna Goddard, Clive Smith, Colin Chilvers and Teresa Massingham.



Other pupils included Steven Weedon, Nicholas and Steven Smith, Stuart and Michael Dedman.

Susan and David Mills and Marilyn Goddard passed to the Grammar School.

October 7th A Harvest Festival was held in the school. Children served tea to visitors and 40 senior residents received food parcels.

November 12th The Football and Netball teams visited Wickham Market School. No results recorded.

December 13th In the evening the children performed a Nativity Play and sang Carols in St Mary's Church.

December 16th The children enjoyed a Magic Show. The Rector called in to thank them for their "first class" performance in the church.

## 1972

March 10th Mr and Mrs Hyland showed slides of Ghana and East Africa.

March 27th The children went to Woodbridge Cinema to see a special showing of Walt Disney's "Fantasia".

Mrs White was appointed Chairman of the Governors.

October 31st A Halloween Party was held, with magic performed by Inez Benham in Witch's costume. Mrs Goddard and Mrs Lay constructed a Haunted House in the porch. Great fun for everyone.

November 20th A day's holiday was given for the Silver Wedding of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Children on roll - 38.

## 1973

May 19th The Centenary of the school was celebrated.

A May Queen was elected by the children in a secret ballot. Debbie Wood was elected. Her attendants were Natalie Sinnadurai, Beth Shand, Linda Goldsmith, Allison Hendry and Karen Curtis.



The pupils, staff and friends were dressed in Victorian costumes. There was an exhibition of Victoriana lent by village residents and the Ipswich Museum. Mr Finbow played a barrel organ.

A collection of antique farm implements was on show staged by Mr Jarvis. The day started with a drive in a pony and trap by the May Queen and her Attendants through the village. Mr Dodwell kindly loaned the pony and trap.

The May Queen was crowned at the school by Miss Dorothy Dee, our ex-Headmistress. The pupils sang Victorian songs, "God Bless the Prince of Wales", "Cherry Ripe", "Home Sweet Home" and "Blaze Away". The juniors then danced around the Maypole and the Infants performed Singing Games.

Ex-pupils, all over the age of 70, were entertained to tea. A Centenary Cake with 100 candles was lit by Mrs Williams, the eldest of the ex-pupils, assisted by the eldest pupil, Kevin Melton, aged 11.

Centenary mugs were presented to the pupils and staff.

Miss Fitzjohn, the Education Officer, visited and messages of goodwill were received from Mr Walker, Chief Education Officer, Mr Calver, School Manager and Canon and Mrs Walls.

September 21st Mrs Turner, kitchen assistant, left and Mrs Doreen Hembling was appointed in her place.

Miss Marilyn Goddard began student teaching before entering college.

November 14th A day's holiday was given for the Wedding of HRH Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips.

November 29th Canon Walls showed his slides taken on his tour of the Holy Land.

December 14th The Infants performed a Nativity Play for the school's Carol Service. Henry, the donkey, carried Mary very proudly to the stable. He was a born actor. His mistress, Miss Coubrough, was in attendance.

1974

June Clive Smith, Anita Tye, Mark Smith and Heidi Lennard all gained certificates in the area Schools' Sports Day.