

October 30th A meeting was held at the school so that parents and other interested groups in the village could discuss the proposed closure of the school.

1985

May 21st Mr Aldous was appointed as Head Teacher. Mrs Baldry moved to Easton School.

June 14th - 16th Ufford Summer Festival

"The school and the church combined to mount this venture, which proved most successful".

1. Children decorated the church porch with art and craft work.
2. There was Maypole and Country dancing outside the church entrance.
3. The Stowmarket Mobile Museum of Country Life was stationed at the school (plus various stalls).
4. Ploughman's lunches were served in the school.
5. Teas were served in St Mary's Church Hall.
6. Village gardens were open.
7. There were horse and trap rides.

July 3rd Mrs J Edwards was appointed School Secretary.

July 4th An educational visit was made to Bressingham Gardens.

September Nineteen children on roll.

Mrs Russell had left to join Mrs Baldry at Easton School. Mrs E P Leming was appointed Infant Teacher.

November 25th All the pupils visited Mrs Searle's house and garden at Campsea Ashe. A study was made of the ducks, wildfowl and pond life.

November 29th The whole school visited the Wolsey Theatre to see a performance of "Pinnocchio". This was a Christmas treat sponsored by the Parents' Assoc.

December 2nd The juniors went to Bawdsey school and with the Bawdsey pupils studied the theme "Invaders" (much evidence of sea defence etc.).

December 21st The children sang Carols at the Service held at St Mary's Church.

1986 / 1987

February 4th Mrs Scallan and a colleague visited the school. They gave an illustrated talk about the work of the Save the Children Fund.

February 14th The children organised a fund-raising afternoon. There was a sponsored spell, a disco and toy and book stall. £61.87 was raised. The children realised that there are millions of people in the world suffering from hunger. Mrs Scallan received the money for Save the Children Fund.

February 28th Mrs Gordon brought her week-old lambs into school. They were bottle-fed by the children.

March 19th The juniors visited London for the day.

May 29th A decision has been made to close the school at the end of the summer term 1987.

Mr Aldous comments "This is a sad day for the village of Ufford which has maintained a school in the village for over 100 years. Nobody I have spoken to was surprised by this decision and thought that it was inevitable that a school with only 17 pupils had a limited life".

23rd July A Service was held in St Mary's Church. Many friends, villagers and parents attended. The service was conducted by the children. Hymns included "Morning has Broken", "One more step along the World I go" and "The Building Song". Memories of "My First Day at School" were recalled by the pupils. Father John Drew gave the Address and Blessing.

Afterwards an oak tree, donated by Mr Douglas Goldsmith, was planted in the old churchyard, A plaque supplied by a friend of Mr Victor Burrows was erected. A time capsule was also buried and contained a copy of the East Anglian Daily Times, a tape recording of the pupils playground songs and examples of their school books. The event was recorded by an East Anglian reporter.

#### 24th July Closing Ceremonies - 1987

At 3 p.m. in rainy weather the children performed a costume pageant of the history of the school. There were period songs and Maypole dancing.

Presentations were made to the pupils. The gifts included a jigsaw puzzle of a coloured photo taken by Mrs Pat Marr. Mr Aldous, Head Teacher, received a glass tankard. Glass goblets were presented to Mrs Lemming, Infant Teacher; Mrs Daphne Chilvers, School Caretaker; and Mrs Bales, School Cook. The latter two members had been at the school for many years. Paperweights were presented to Mr Roberts, Music Teacher; Mrs Edwards, Secretary; Mrs Waterson, Supply Teacher and to Mrs Moore, Dinner Supervisor.

Then tea was served to the children. In the evening at 7 p.m. a Cheese and Wine Reception was held. It was well attended by villagers, past pupils and staff. Beakers, ash-trays and coasters were on sale, designed by Mrs Angela McNeilage. Country music was supplied by the Fairley family.

So, in the late evening, the lights were switched off and 114 years and 3 months of Ufford School life had come to an end. It was a sad and emotional day for many of us.

The school now remains neglected two and a half years after closure!

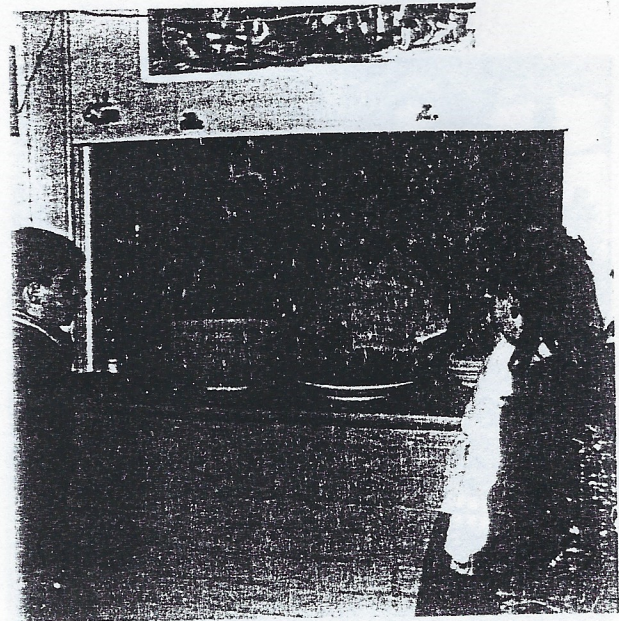


THE CLASS OF 1900

The May Queen, Debbie Woods, and her attendants Natalie Stansford, Betty and Heidi Goldsmith (right), Karen Curtis (back row, 4th), Beth Shand and Allison Henry, arrive by pony and trap for Ufford Primary School's centenary celebrations.



MISS DEE'S RETIREMENT  
1964

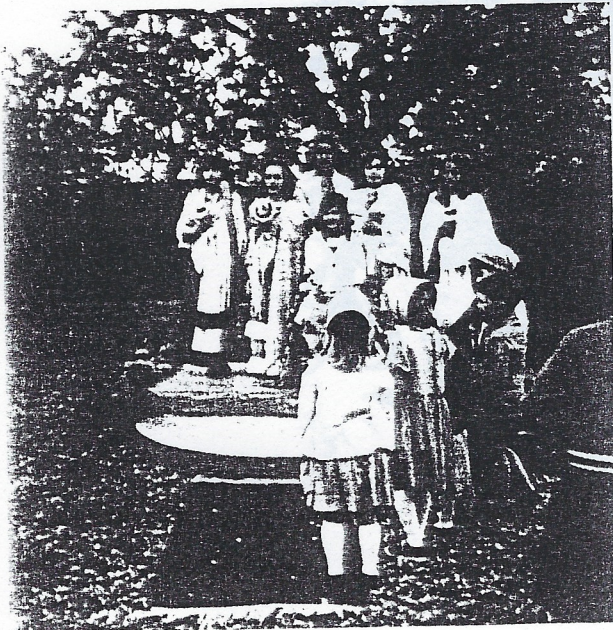


MRS BARRETT AND MRS SUTTON  
SCHOOL COOKS

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1973



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MAY QUEEN CROWNING MAY 1973



NATIVITY SCENE WITH DONKEY  
1973