

## *School and schoolchildren*



**Great Dunham School** photo at the turn of the century (approx. 1899-1902).

The lady at the extreme back is Joan Smith's Mother at her first teaching post. She later taught at Little Fransham and then East Lexham.

### ***The school house***

The School-house was erected by the Rev. J. Humfrey of Wroxham Hall in 1840. He held a manor in the village at that time.

### ***School Teachers at Great Dunham School***

1845 James N Eldred  
1864 Frederick Chamberlayne  
1875 Mistress of National School – Emma Rainer  
Mistress of Board School – Miss Jessie L Curson

1879 Mrs Elizabeth Daniels

1883 Miss E. R. Daniels

1936-1944 Mrs D Smith

1944-Mrs W Clarke

-1967 Miss W Irvine

Ian Andrews

Barry McCormack

Geoff Horne

Angela Wedgewood

Carolyn Sayer

Sally Bone

In the list of school teachers, the early part comes from the Kelly's directories shown in the History Section, but the later entries are remembered by present staff.





#### **GREAT DUNHAM SCHOOL - 1939**

Top, left to right: Miss Clarke, Alan Rawlings, Michael Whales, Rowland Large, Herbert Syer, Leslie Gamble, Ronnie Clitheroe, Arthur Grimes, Dick Whales, George Turner, Peter Adcock, Malcome Goddison, Tony Parry, David Smith Mrs D. Smith.

Middle, left to right: Albert Syer, Eddy Horney, Ray Flood, Judy Goldsmith, Sylvia Rawlings, Peggy Porter, Doris Rowe (later Mrs Clitheroe), Kathleen Yull (later Mrs Cornwell), Joan Yull (later Mrs Mayes), Pauline Whales, Peggy Futter, Lethia Bone (later Mrs Zyko), Herbert Clarke, Billy Turner, Billy Fox.

Third row, left to right: Unknown, Unknown, Unknown, Cissie Tuttle, Celia Parry, Jean Barret, Daphne Proctor (now Mrs Ward), Peggy Turner, Margeret Large, (now Mrs Brewster), Janet Pye.

Bottom row, left to right: Norman Large, Charlie Clarke, Mark Flood, Ronnie Tuttle Jimmy Hubbard, Arthur Futter, Alan Futter, Peter Porter, Leonard Wells, Geoffrey Futter, Herbert Tuttle, Bobby Smith.

News items from the 1940s

#### **Great Dunham - 1944**

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#### **School Prize Giving**

At the end of term Mrs W.A. Warnes presented book prizes to juniors: Juniors 1st class Gerard Smith, 2nd class Gillian Brown; Standard 1, Tony Bunkle; Infants, Brian Warnes. Most helpful child, Doris Rowe.

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For Hut Funds - 1946 A dance organised by Mrs Richardson was held at the village hall on Friday for the hut funds. Mr C. Smith was steward, music being played by The Five in Harmony band. Takings amounted to £13.

Houses wanted - 1946 Many applications for new houses were received at a well-attended parish meeting at the village hall on Wednesday week. Mrs A. Large presided. The need for better water supply was stressed. Concerning Victory celebrations, Mrs W. Clarke (Fransham) was asked to hold



for children and old-age pensioners, funds to be raised by house-to-house collection, whist drive and dance. Mugs will be given if available. Preparing for V-Day - 1946 The Victory celebrations Committee met at the village hall on Wednesday week and the sum of £22.7s was received from the collectors: Messrs Adcock, Marshall, C. Waller, J. Cornwell and Brown. A whist drive was arranged for this Friday evening and a dance for May 10th, proceeds being for the fund.

For Children's Fund - 1946 A social and Dance, organised by the W.I., was held at the Village Hall on Thursday week, in aid of children's fund. Mr Burgess was M.C., music being provided by the Misses Doris Rowe and Pauline Whales.



**STORY** — Giants Mr and Mrs pictured above, played by Jack and Gareth Black, two of the characters in Great Dunham Primary School's

performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. All 38 pupils took to the stage in the village hall in their brightly-coloured costumes and showed off

the result of hours of work. Head teacher Angela Wedgwood said she was very pleased with their enthusiasm for the one-night show.

The children and staff were helped by costume-makers Pat Pierce, Diane Spencer and June Goff and travelling music teacher John Phoenix.

News clippings of performances and costumes by schoolchildren



Sweep Mark Codman swept up the first prize in the children's fancy dress at Great Dunham with his brother, Timothy in second place as a clown in wedding mood, Rachel Mayes came third as a bridesmaid (fourth from left). (WC 7902)

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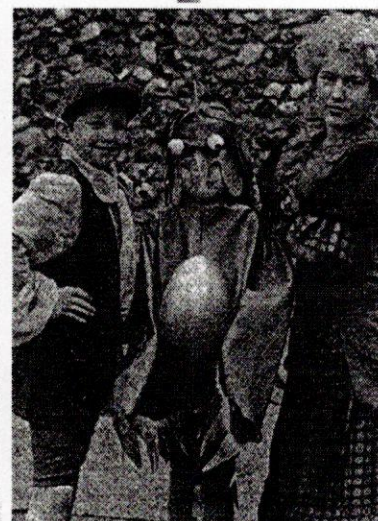
### Panto fun

EVERY pupil at Great Dunham Primary School joined in the fun of the annual Christmas pantomime.

The 38 children took to the stage in the village hall in their brightly-coloured costumes and showed off the result of hours of work to perform "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The panto was an extension of lessons following a BBC radio series and head teacher Miss Angela Wedgwood said she was pleased with their enthusiasm for the one-night show.

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Philip Kitney (Jack), Teresa Barber (Golden Chicken) and Kim Archer (Widow Wobblers) in Great Dunham Primary

### A thought about school life

Memories of school life in the 1960s include each child having a small bottle of milk. The milk came in a metal crate which stood outside in all weathers. If the milk was frozen when it was brought in, it was stood in front of the fire to thaw. Often, by the time the children had it, it had turned sour. After their milk the children had to wash their bottle.

Assembly in the morning included the inspection





#### **GREAT DUNHAM SCHOOL - 1960**

**TOP - left to right:** Daphne Halls, Christopher Jerry, Colin Barnes, Barry Gore, Tony Brett, Heather Thompson, Susie Gore, Eleanor Mayes, Linda Cason.

**MIDDLE - left to right:** John Zwyko, Della Freezer, Unknown, Mrs Barrett, Miss Irvine, Anthony Allen, Dennis Sampson, Raymond Mayes, Amanda Hudson, Roger Mayes.

**FRONT - left to right:** Gary Cane, Bruce Cason, Derek Halls, Peter Wing, Peter Cornwell.



AFTER being presented with a transistor radio to mark her retirement as head mistress of Great Dunham Primary School on Tuesday, Miss W. Irvine shows her gift to the children.

### **Head mistress retires after 17 years**

On Tuesday parents and friends of the children, old scholars and the school managers were at Great Dunham Rectory for a presentation by Rita Mayes of a transistor radio to Miss W. Irvine, who is retiring after being head mistress at the school for over 17 years. She also received a bouquet from the youngest child, Eileen Large.

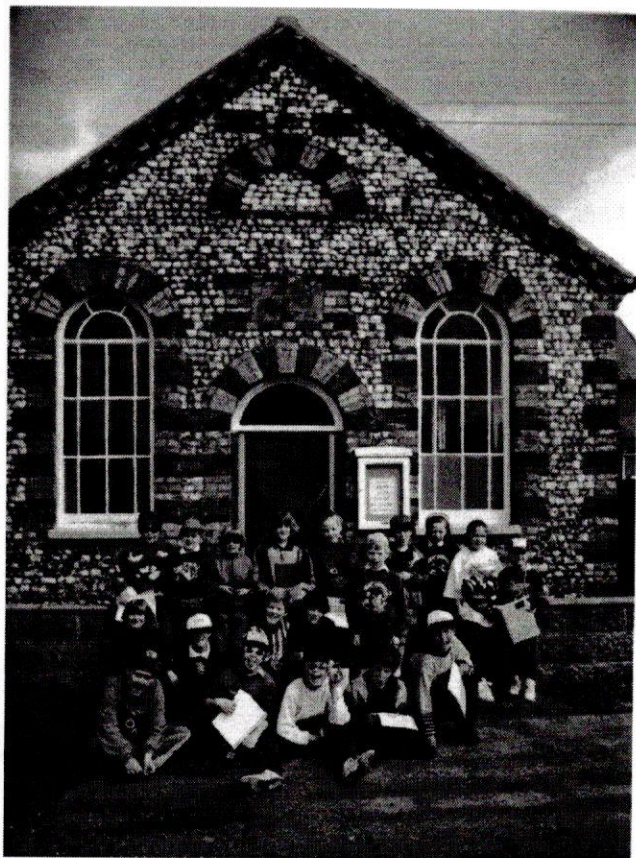
Miss Shaw, of Norfolk Education Committee, said how much everyone valued the work Miss Irvine had done during her stay.

Before coming to Dunham, Miss Irvine taught in Liverpool for 22 years. She intends spending her retirement reading and gardening. She hopes to catch up with all the books she had waited 40 years to be able to enjoy, and will live in retirement at her bungalow at North Street, Great Dunham.

Tea and refreshments were given and served by school managers and friends. After the presentation a meeting was held to arrange for a successor.

Friday July 28, 1967





Children from the school doing a survey of the village. The chapel has since been made into a dwelling and the block wall against which the children are sitting has disappeared. Other pictures of the chapel in the Church and Chapel section show a picket fence.

The picture and drawing below shows a building since demolished, that was once a small shop at Jubilee Corner on the Castle Acre Road.

