

EXTRACTS FROM THE RECTOR'S LOG BOOK (Continued).

- 29 Nov. 1940 : The Academy opened this week at 9.20am instead of 9am on account of the Blackout rules and the continuing of the summer-time arrangements in the country.
- 21 Feb. 1941 : For the first time since war was declared, an alert was sounded on Wednesday at 1.45pm, during the dinner interval. The staff made their way quickly to the school to take whatever appeared to be the best steps for the protection of the pupils.
- 28 Feb. 1941 : An Air Training Corps was formed in the Academy today.
- 10 March, 1941: 3 stirrup pumps and 6 pails for fire fighting were delivered at the school today by the Officer in charge of Fire Prevention for the County.
- 23 March, 1942: The Film Van of the Ministry of Information visited the school on Tuesday and two performances of an hour each were given in the Music Room.
- 17 April, 1942: Two shelters against bombing have been built close to the school, and the keys handed to the Janitor.
- 8 January, 1943: A school canteen was opened on Tuesday and a hot meal of two courses was served to the Primary Department as from 12.30, and to the Secondary Department from 1 o'clock.
- Woodwork teaching has been stopped for lack of space, and agriculture is to be taught instead.
- 9 June, 1944 : Major Grant, an officer on the staff of the War Office, visited the school this afternoon and gave a most interesting talk to the senior boys on parachuting and gliding.
- 11 May, 1945 : Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were observed as National Holidays to celebrate the surrender of Germany to the Allies. The school was therefore closed.
- 17 August, 1945 : This has been an eventful week. The Prime Minister in a midnight broadcast on Tuesday announced the end of the Japanese war and the surrender of the Japanese Empire to the Allied Powers. He also announced a public holiday for the two days following. School was closed on Wednesday and Thursday, and on Thursday afternoon, children in the town and parish were entertained to tea, games, singing and dancing in the Town Hall, by the Town Council acting on behalf of the local people. A souvenir gift of a newly-minted florin was also made to each pupil.
- (A florin was like our 10p coin of today.)
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