

## TYDD ST.GILES COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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There has been a school in the village of Tydd St. Giles since 1866 when the first village school was built under the direction of Sir Gilbert Scott, the architect. His brother, Canon John Scott was at that time Rector of the village and was responsible for raising the necessary funds, donating a large part of the money raised personally. Before that a date a class for boys had been held for many years in the village church.

In 1879, as a result of difficulty experienced in raising money for the necessary enlargement of the school, the Church Authorities agreed to lease the buildings to the School Board. The enlarged school served its purpose for many years but it became evident over time that completely new buildings were needed. The Local Education Authority therefore purchased a two acre site to the south of the village and in 1960 appointed Mt Joseph E Mitchell, Dip. Arch., A.R.I.B.A. of March to design and supervise the erection of a new school.

The resultant design is a departure from traditional Primary School planning in several important respects. The hub of the design is the central space to which all the classrooms have direct access. This is large enough for all pupils to meet together for the school's communal purposes. The two classrooms used by the younger children can be completely integrated with this area by opening sliding screens. The classrooms are not rectangular but "T" shaped, to permit flexible class grouping and the wider variety of activities modern teaching techniques require. Each classroom has a good storeroom and is well provided with pin boards and chalkboard areas.

**MAIN CONTRACTOR: H.F. Mann, Elm, Cambridgeshire.**

*Principal Sub-Contractors:*

### HEATING INSTALLATION

Messrs. Jack Kirk (Plumbers) Ltd.,  
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

### AIRTRED & TILE FLOORING

Messrs. S.S. Flooring Services Ltd.,  
Peterborough.

### ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

### ALUMINIUM ROOFING

Messrs. F.G.Tassall Ltd.,  
Littleport, Cambridgeshire.

Messrs. Hall & Co. Ltd.,  
Romford, Essex.

### SLIDING PARTITION

Messrs. J.Acred & Son,  
Little Downham, Cambridgeshire.



## ISLE OF ELY COUNTY COUNCIL

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE



OFFICIAL OPENING

of

The New Building of

# TYDD ST GILES COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

By

**Christopher Chataway, Esq., M.P.**  
(Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education)

MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1963, at 3.00 p.m.

## ISLE OF ELY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Chairman: **COUNTY ALDERMAN T.W.ANTHONY, J.P.**

Vice-Chairman: **COUNTY ALDERMAN M.PAYNE**

**County Aldermen:**

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| L.CHILDS, ESQ., CBE., D.L.,<br>J.P. | J.A.NORMAN, ESQ. | B.G.WRIGHT, ESQ. |
| R.G.CURSTON, ESQ., J.P.             |                  | S.G.YEOMAN, ESQ. |

**County Councillors:**

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| S.BARRETT, ESQ.           | CDR. A.F.GRAY, R.N.R. | C.N.SEARLE, ESQ.        |
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| C.B.DARBY, ESQ.           | G.W.OLDROYD, ESQ.     | H.TASH, ESQ.            |
| T.H.ELLINGHAM, ESQ., J.P. | MRS B.M. OSBORN, J.P. | MISS J.ff.TEBBUTT, J.P. |
| MRS A.FINBOW              | G.PARKINSON, ESQ.     | F.J.TUCKER, ESQ.        |
|                           | N.PAYNE, ESQ          |                         |

**Co-Opted:**

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| C.W.ANDERSON, ESQ., J.P.            | MRS K.GREEN     | MRS F.SMITH                 |
| J.S.COLLINGWOOD, ESQ.,<br>M.C. J.P. | MRS M.S.MARTIN  | REV. CANON MOWBRAY<br>SMITH |
| L.W.FRANCE, ESQ.                    | D.T.PETCH, ESQ. | MRS V.N.TURNER              |

Architect: JOSEPH.E.MITCHELL, DIP. ARCH., A.R.I.B.A.  
Of Associate Design Partnership

Chief Education Officer: T.G.FENWICK, MA., LL.B., Barrister-at-Law

## THE MANAGERS OF THE TYDD ST.GILES COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Chairman: MRS A.H.CARTER

**County Council Representative Managers:**

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| County Councillor M.H.T.CARTER | MRS A.H.CARTER |
| E.GATES, ESQ.                  | L.RONEY, ESQ.  |

**Tydd St Giles Parish Council Representative Managers:**

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| E.E.GRAY, ESQ. | R.R.SHARPE, ESQ |
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Headmaster: K.C.BUCKLE

## ORDER OF CEREMONY

HYMN – “Heavenly Father, May Thy Blessing”

VOTE OF THANKS TO CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY, ESQ, M.P.  
Proposer: MRS A.H.CARTER

PRAYER – The Rev. R.M.McCAUGHEY, M.A.  
Vicar and Rural Dean of Wisbech

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE CHAIRMAN  
Proposer: L.RONEY, ESQ.

SCRIPTURE READING - PRAYER – The Rev. R.J. HALL  
Superintendent Minister, Wisbech Methodist Circuit

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

ITEM BY PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL

INSPECTION OF PREMISES

INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN  
County Alderman T.W. Anthony, J.P., Chairman of  
The Isle of Ely Education Committee

ADDRESS BY CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY, ESQ, M.P.  
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education  
Who will declare the school open