

National School 1814

In 1811 a National Society was founded in London to promote the education of the poor in the principles of the Church of England.¹

Relatively soon afterwards, in 1814, there was an initiative to establish a National School in Deddington. The prime mover appears to have been William Wilson Esq. of Over Worton House,² with the support of 'the great and the good' (nobility and gentry) of the district.

A "numerous and respectable" meeting at the King's Arms in July 1814, chaired by William Wilson, resolved to establish the Deddington National School Society (Secretary, S.C. Field, solicitor) to implement the desired objective.

A subsequent meeting in August 1814 sanctioned the immediate establishment of a boys' school, initially for 100 pupils, increasing gradually to 200. The establishment of a separate school for girls was also envisaged as soon as funds permitted, and this was opened the following year, 1815.

The schools were to be open to children from Deddington, Clifton, Somerton, North Aston, Duns Tew, Nether Worton, Over Worton, Great Barford, and Hempton.

A notice setting out the resolutions passed by the Deddington National School Society in August 1814 (see below) listed the generous pledges of financial support (donations and annual subscriptions) by the local nobility, gentry and inhabitants. Most of the latter appear to have been inhabitants of the Parish of Deddington.

The school premises were converted barns attached to Appletree Farm on the east side of Hopcraft Lane (then School Lane), ownership of which was subsequently acquired by the Rev. W.C. Risley (Vicar 1836-1848).

An advertisement for the letting of a house in Deddington (location unspecified) in 1810 (see below) mentioned that "A few years ago it was occupied as a Ladies' Boarding School".

14 April 1810, page 3

TO be LET, and entered on immediately, A very good SLATED DWELLING HOUSE, with every conveniency thereto belonging, with a good garden and orchard, and a fmall clofe of land adjoining the fame, fituate in Deddington, late in the occupation of Mr. N. Stilgoe, deceafed.

¹ The 'National Society for Promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church in England and Wales', was founded in 1811. The 'British Schools' founded by the British and Foreign School Society were non-denominational.

² His son, the Rev. Dr. William Wilson (c.1791-1867) was to play a key role in redressing the collapse of day schooling in Deddington in the late 1840s.

The above house is a capital situation for a genteel family, or a Ladies' Boarding School. A few years ago it was occupied as a Ladies' Boarding School.

23 July 1814, page 1

PROPOSED MEETING, to take into consideration the Establishment of a SCHOOL for the Education of the POOR on the Madras System, at Deddington, in the county of Oxford.

A Meeting of the Nobility, Gentry, and Clergy in the vicinity of Deddington, is hereby requested to be held, for the above purpose, on Tuesday next the 26th instant, at Twelve o'clock, at the King's Arms Inn, Deddington.

July 23, 1814.

6 August 1814, page 2

AT a numerous and respectable Meeting, held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, in the county of Oxford, on Tuesday the 26th day of July, 1814, in pursuance of public advertisement, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a SCHOOL for the Education of the POOR in the Parish of Deddington, and the Neighbourhood,

WILLIAM WILSON, Esq. in the Chair,

The following Resolutions were agreed upon:-

1st. *Resolved*, That it is highly desirable a Society should be constituted, for the purpose of promoting the Education of the Poor in the town and neighbourhood of Deddington, in conformity with the views of the National Society established in London.

2d. That a Society for such purpose be now constituted, and be called the "*Deddington National School Society*," for the Education of the Poor in the principles of the Established Church.

3d. That, in furtherance of this desirable object, a School be forthwith established for the Education of Boys at Deddington, to be conducted on the Madras System, in connection with the National Society, and that a School for the Education of Girls be established as soon as the funds will admit of it.

4th. That a Subscription be entered into for the above purposes; and that books be opened for the receipt of Donations and annual Subscriptions at the office of Messrs. Churchill, Field and Weston, Deddington, and at the University and City Bank, Oxford.

That the next Meeting be held on Tuesday the 9th day of August, 1814, at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, at Twelve o'clock.

It was also unanimously Resolved, That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to the Chairman, for his praiseworthy exertions towards the establishment of this Society, and for his judicious and impartial conduct in the Chair.

N.B. The attendance of such Gentlemen who wish to promote the objects of this Society is particularly requested at the Meeting to be held on the 9th of August next.

27 August 1814, page 3

DEDDINGTON

National School Society.

AT numerous and respectable Meetings, held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, in the county of Oxford, respecting the establishing a SCHOOL for the Education of the POOR in the Parish of Deddington, and the Neighbourhood,

The following Resolutions were, amongst others, agreed upon:-

That it is highly desirable a Society should be constituted for the purpose of promoting the Education of the Poor in the Town and Neighbourhood of Deddington, in conformity with the views of the National Society established in London.

That a Society for such purpose be constituted and be called the *Deddington National School Society* for the Education of the Poor in the principles of the Established Church.

That, in furtherance of this desirable object, a School be forthwith established for the Education of Boys at Deddington, to be conducted on the Madras System, in connection with the National Society; and that a School for the Education of Girls be established, as soon as the funds will admit of it.

That the Lord Bishop of Oxford be Patron of the Society.

THAT

The Earl of JERSEY,	}
The Earl of NORMANTON,	} be Vice-Patrons.
AND	}
Lord FRANCIS ALMARIC SPENCER,	}

THAT

WM. RALPH CARTWRIGHT, Esq. M.P. be President.

THAT

Sir H. W. DASHWOOD,

Bart. M.P.

WILLIAM WILSON, Esq.

G. DASHWOOD, Esq. M.P.

GEO. F. STRATTON, Esq.

C.O. BOWLES, Esq.

ROGER KYNASTON, Esq.

JOHN HARRISON, Esq.

The Rev. J. FAULKNER,

Vicar of Deddington,

The Rev. W.S. WILLES,

The Rev. T. FANCETT,

The Rev. E. MARSHALL,

The Rev. EGERTON NEVE,

AND

RICHARD BIGNELL, Esq.

Be Vice-Presidents.

That it be deemed a fundamental Rule of this Society that all the Children received into the Schools, to be established out of the funds and under the direction of this Society, be instructed in the Liturgy and Catechism of the Established Church: and that no Books or Tracts be admitted into such Schools but those which are or shall be contained in the Catalogue of the Society for promoting Christian Knowledge, or shall hereafter be recommended by the National Society in London.

That the Children of the Parish of Deddington shall meet in the School Rooms, every Sunday Morning and Afternoon, half an hour before the time of Divine Service and proceed with the School Master or Mistress to Church; and that when Children are admitted into these Schools from the neighbouring villages, the Committee shall adopt such Regulations as will ensure their regular attendance at their own Parish Church.

That the Children of Deddington shall attend the School Master and Mistress two hours after Evening Service every Sunday from the First of April to the First of October, for the purpose of receiving Religious Instruction.

That the School shall commence with One Hundred Boys, and be increased gradually, at the discretion of the Committee, till it amounts to the number of Two Hundred; and that no Boy shall be admitted whose parents are able to pay for his education.

And that Children be admitted into the Schools from the following places only, viz. Deddington, Clifton, Somerton, North Aston, Dunstew, Nether-Worton, Over-Worton, Great Barford, and Hempton.

The following are the Donations and annual Subscriptions already contributed:-

DONATIONS.		£.	s.	d.
The Lord Bishop of Oxford		20	0	0
The Earl of Normanton		50	0	0
Sir H.W. Dashwood, Bart.		21	0	0
W.R. Cartwright, Esq.		21	0	0
The Dean and Canons of Windsor		20	0	0
Lord Francis Almaric Spencer		10	10	0
William Wilson, Esq.		10	10	0
C.O. Bowles, Esq.		10	10	0
John Harrison, Esq.		21	0	0
The Rev. W.S. Willes		10	0	0
Roger Kynaston, Esq.		5	5	0
The Rev. Thomas Fawcett		5	5	0
The Rev. Edward Marshall		5	5	0
Mr. Samuel Churchill		10	10	0
Mr. Bristow		5	5	0
Mr. H. Stilgoe		2	2	0
Mr. John Harris		2	2	0

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

				£.	s.	d.					£.	s.	d.
The Earl of Nor-							Mr. Weston				1	1	0
manton	5	5	0				Mrs. Weston				1	1	0
Ld F.A. Spencer	5	5	0				Mr. Leigh				2	2	0
Sir H.W. Dash-							Mr. J. Churchill				1	1	0
Wood, Bart.	5	5	0				Mr. Griffin				1	1	0
W.R. Cartwright,							Mrs. Griffin				1	1	0
Esq.	16	16	0				Mr. H. Churchill				2	2	0
W. Wilson, Esq.	10	10	0				Mrs. H. Churchill				1	1	0
C.O. Bowles, Esq.	5	5	0				Mr. Hudson				1	1	0
Geo. F. Stratton,							Mr. Harris				1	1	0
Esq.	3	3	0				Mr. Harris, jun.				1	1	0

R. Kynaston, Esq.	5	5	0	Mr. Hatten	1	1	0
The Rev. W.S.				Mrs. Hatten	1	1	0
Willes	2	2	0	Mr. Ordway	1	1	0
Rev. B. Churchill	1	1	0	Mr. Dean	1	1	0
Rev. E. Neve	1	1	0	Mr. H. Stilgoe	1	1	0
Jos. Wilson, Esq.	2	2	0	Mr. Hughes	1	1	0
Wm. Wilson, jun.				Mr. Bloxham	1	1	0
Esq.	2	2	0	Mr. White	1	1	0
The Rev. Daniel				Mr. Whetton	0	10	6
Wilson	1	1	0	Mr. Robinson	0	10	6
Miss Wilson	1	1	0	Mr. Tho. Fardon	0	10	6
Miss S. Wilson	1	1	0	Mr. John Fardon	0	10	6
Miss E. Wilson	1	1	0	Mr. Taylor	0	10	6
Mrs. Weatherall	1	1	0	Mr. J. Knibbs	0	10	6
Miss Gould	1	1	0	Mr. Lambert	0	10	6
R.B. Bignell, Esq.	1	1	0	Mr. Chillingworth	0	10	6
Rev. J. Faulkner	1	1	0	Mr. Lymath	0	10	6
Mrs. Faulkner	1	1	0	Mr. Pritchett	0	10	6
Mr. S. Churchill	3	3	0	Miss Whetton	0	10	6
Mrs. Churchill	2	2	0	Mr. Jarvis	0	10	6
Mr. Field	2	2	0	Mr. Sturch	0	10	6
Mrs. Field	1	1	0	Mrs. Sturch	0	10	6
Mr. J. Churchill,				Mr. Lewis	0	10	6
jun.	2	2	0	Mr. R. Franklin	0	10	6
Mrs. Churchill	1	1	0	Mr. T. Bennett	0	10	6
Mr. Apletree	1	1	0	Mrs. Bennett	0	10	6
Mr. Fidkin	1	1	0	Mr. Mason	0	10	6
Miss Fidkin	1	1	0	Mr. Bygrave	0	10	6

Books are open for the receipt of further Donations and Subscriptions at the office of Messrs. Churchill, Field, and Weston, Deddington; and at the University and City Bank, Oxford.

SAM. C. FIELD, Secretary.

Deddington, Aug. 25, 1814.

N.B. A MASTER for the Education of the Boys is wanted; and persons desirous of the situation may learn the Terms, Salary, &c. on applying to Mr. Field of Deddington.

As it is very probable that a Girls' School will be established, a Married Man, whose Wife is capable of instructing Girls, would be preferred.

10 September 1814, page 3

DEDDINGTON NATIONAL SCHOOL.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the next Meeting of this Society will be held at the King's Arms Inn, in Deddington, on Monday the 19th day of September instant, at Twelve o'clock.

At which Meeting the Society intend to proceed to the Election of a Master of the Boys' School; and as it is probable that a School for Girls will very soon be established, a married Man, whose wife is capable of instructing Girls, would be preferred. Persons desirous of the situation are requested to apply in the mean time to the Secretary, of whom they may learn the terms, salary, &c.

SAMUEL C. FIELD, Secretary.

Deddington, Sept. 7, 1814.

4 March 1815, page 3

SCHOOL MISTRESS WANTED.

WANTED, - A Person to take charge of a School for educating One Hundred Girls, on the Plan recommended by the National Society. Any respectable person wishing to procure the situation, who is already instructed in the Plan, or desirous of learning it, may obtain the particulars of the intended salary, &c. on application to Mr. Field, of Deddington, Secretary to the Deddington National School Society.

27 July 1816, page 3

DEDDINGTON

National School Society.

THE Anniversary Meeting of the Society will be held at the Schools in Deddington, on Tuesday the Sixth of August, at Ten o'clock.

A Sermon will be preached by the Rev. WILLIAM SHIPPEN WILLES, of Astrop House, and a Collection made at the Church

for the Benefit of the Schools. Divine Service to begin at Eleven o'clock.

Immediately after the Service a public Examination of the Children will take place at the Schools, and the accounts of the current year will be examined and settled.

The attendance of the friends of the Establishment is requested.

S.C. FIELD, Secretary.

Deddington, July 24, 1816.

12 December 1818, page 2

Deddington National School.

WANTED, - A Person to take the Charge and Management of the GIRLS' SCHOOL, containing from 70 to 100 Girls.

Any respectable person desirous of the situation, who is already instructed in the Plan, or willing to learn it, may obtain the particulars of the intended salary, &c. on applying to Mr. Field, the Secretary to the Society; to whom all applications for the situation must be addressed.

December 8, 1818.

