

Pilton Primary School Nativity Play, Church Rooms 1950



In 1950, Pilton Primary School, more correctly known as Pilton Voluntary Controlled Primary School, was immediately next the Church of St Mary's - where Pilton Art Group and the David Wilson Partnership are today. The Education Act of 1944 had offered church schools increased state funding and control as 'Voluntary Controlled Schools'. It also required all schools to have a short daily act of worship and religious instructions. The school closed in 1968 when it amalgamated with the Bluecoat Boys School and National Girls School to form Pilton Bluecoat School.

This photograph shows the nativity play in what is now Pilton Church Hall at Christmas 1950. The Headmaster at the time was Mr Claude Dix. The children are all around the age of 10 and have been identified by John Norman (extreme right) as follows:

Back row: Diane Green and Pat Darch?.

Middle Row: Ann Thorne, June Ellis, Jacqueline Barrow?, ??, Alan Beechey, Shirley Squire, Michael Jackson, Robert Norman and John Norman.

Front row: Pearl Seaward, Margaret Haysom, ? Passmore, Diane Cocks, Ann Dockings, ??, Ken Ellis, ??, Sylvia Spear, Margaret Parminter and Wendy Hill.