

## House History: The Old School



The Old School in 2022

In 1848, as part of the development of the estate, the de Ramseys built the school in Haveringland. Originally it had just one classroom, with a schoolhouse for the teacher attached. In 1905, a second room was added [the single storey room on the left] allowing infants and older children to be taught separately. At one point there were 50+ on roll! The school continued to educate local children until the 2<sup>nd</sup> WW, when the building of the airfield meant its closure in 1944. The children transferred to Booton School. The School was sold by the Right Honourable 3<sup>rd</sup> Baron de Ramsey to Gibbs Palmer in 1951 to convert to a residence. Since then, it has been known as The Old School, The Old School House and, for a while, Greystones.

Not many obvious features remain inside, although there is a Victorian fireplace in the teacher's bedroom and the central room has an impressive, exposed roof structure of original beams. When the "new" classroom was replastered, removing the old plaster revealed several initials carved into the brick work, originally an external wall. Outside, the woodshed was formerly the boys' toilet and the drainage channel for the urinal is still visible!

An early attendee perhaps?



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