

Hello Heritage...

The Old School, Barrow on Trent



The Old School

The Old School was built in 1843 on land belonging to Sir Harpur Crewe. There had been education provided under the name of The National School from the late 18th century. This delightful Jacobean style building had two rooms, the larger for the infants and the smaller for the older children. To provide outside toilets it was altered in 1913 by the architect George Edwards who lived in the village. It had a tiny playground, gifted by Lady Alice des Voeux in 1914 and only in the 1950s its coal fires were replaced by pot bellied coal burners.



Influences Coat of arms school

Above the window, dated 1843, the carving is much worn but these appear to be signs of the lions to be found in the Harpur Crewe coat of arms. We believe that the coat of arms on the right is those of the Dalrymple family. The Bishops mitre above the door would indicate the place of the diocese in the life of the school in 1913 and beside it, is an adaptation of the Sale coat of arms.



The Class Room

In a deed of 29th January 1876 signed by Sir John Harpur Crewe Bart it stated that it be used:
"As a School for the education of children and adults or children only of the labouring, manufacturing and other poor classes in the said Parish of Barrow upon Trent and for no other purpose. And it is further declared that the School shall always be in union with and conducted upon the principles and in furtherance of the ends and designs of the incorporated National Society for promoting the Education of the Poor in the Principles of the Established Church throughout England".



Benefactors of The Poor

In 1781 Elizabeth Sale left £100 in trust to the village, the interest of which should go towards the *"Teaching and instructing the children of the inhabitants of Barrow whose parents were unable to pay for their children's education"*. Thomas Davys, of Ashby de la Zouch died 1856, left £100 in trust ensuring each child leaving *"the National School lately established at his native place of Barrow upon Trent"* should be presented with a Bible, and *"Also increase the stipend of the school teacher."* His brother John Davys also left money to the School in trust.

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