

The Opening Ceremony 1956

As can be seen from the following document, the school was opened in 1956, so the current 50th birthday activities are really one year late - but better late than never!

At the time, the opening was quite an occasion for the local community. I have listed below some of the events that were taking place in 1956 as a background to times:

- Suez Crisis, Israel, Great Britain and France attack Egypt.
- Soviets invade Hungary to crush anti-communist revolution.
- First Eurovision Song Contest.
- Beginning of rock and roll music. Bill Haley & The Comets reaches number one in *Billboard* magazine's US charts. Quaintly described on Decca's label as 'fox trot', it stays at the top for nine weeks until 3 September, when it is replaced by Mitch Miller's *Yellow Rose of Texas*.

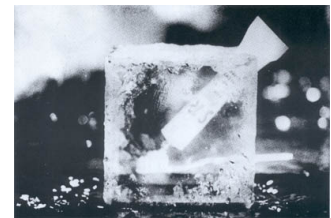
- Elvis Presley enters the charts for the time with *Heartbreak Hotel*.



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- Start of commercial Independent Television (ITV) service in UK, initially only Crystal Palace transmitter in Croydon on to London area only, with potential coverage of 10m viewers. Programme companies are Rediffusion Television (weekdays) and Associated Television (weekends).

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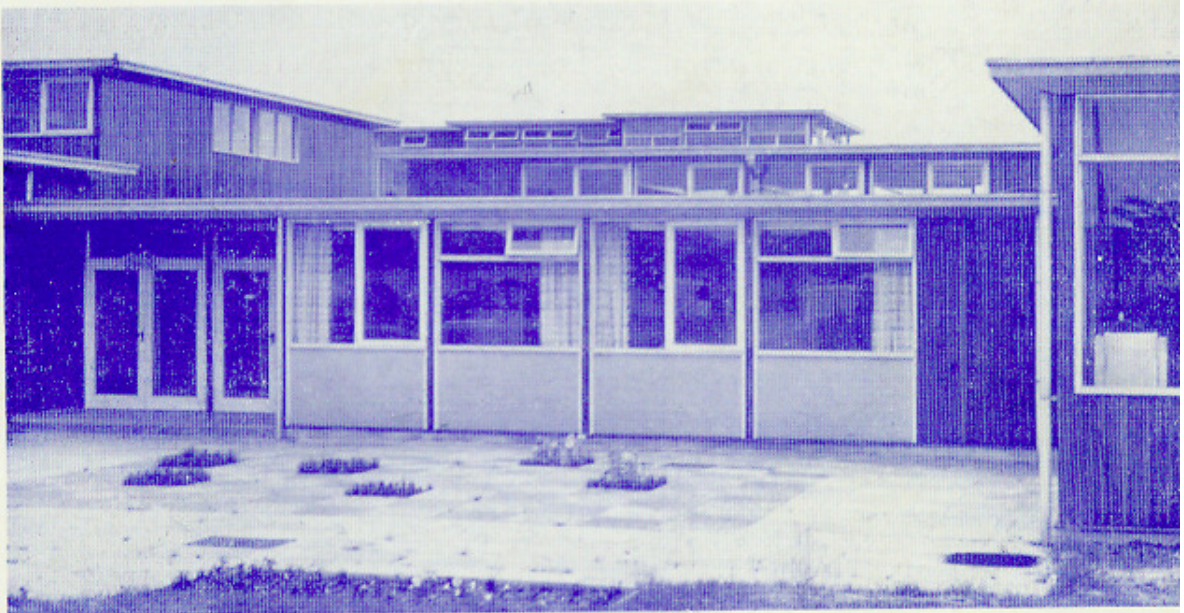


- First television commercial broadcast in UK is for Gibbs SR toothpaste.
- Death of James Dean in a car crash at the age of 24.
- In the FA Cup Final, Manchester City beat Birmingham City 3-1 and Trautmann played for fifteen minutes with a broken neck!



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

East Leake County Secondary School



To be Opened by

Brigadier Martin Redmayne,

D.S.O., M.P., D.L.

On Saturday, 27th July, 1957.

EAST LEAKE COUNTY

PROGRAMME

1. The Chairman of the Basford Rural District Council (Mr. H. A. Ives) will speak a few words of welcome.
2. Item by the School.
3. The Chairman of the County Council will invite BRIGADIER MARTIN REDMAYNE, D.S.O., M.P., to deliver his address.
4. BRIGADIER REDMAYNE will speak and declare the School open.
5. The Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee will propose a vote of thanks.
6. The Chairman of the Governing Body (Mr. E. V. Bland) will second the vote of thanks.
7. The Headmaster will speak.
8. Prayer of Dedication by the Rev. H. A. Kirton.
9. The National Anthem.

The School will then be open for inspection.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

The school was planned to accommodate 300 pupils, and to provide facilities for a rural bias in the curriculum as well as the normal activities of a Secondary Modern School. This provision takes the form of buildings to accommodate livestock, a large greenhouse, garden room, biology pool and a garden area.

The remainder of the accommodation comprises eight classrooms, practical rooms for woodwork, art and crafts, housecraft, needlework and science, assembly hall/gymnasium with changing rooms, small hall, dining room, kitchen, library and staff rooms.

The school is one of the first to be completed in the "Derwent" programme, being constructed of prefabricated timber components. It was erected and occupied in less than ten months from commencement of work on the site.

Tennis courts are provided on the paved area, and the provision of playing fields will complete the requirements for the outside activities of the School.

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Head Master:

B. TYLER

Director of Education

J. EDWARD MASON, M.A., M.ED.

The School was planned by DONALD GIBSON, C.B.E., County Architect

General Contractors : W. J. SIMMS, SONS & COOKE, LTD.