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Wheathampstead History in Pictures (3)



St. Helen's Church School, Wheathampstead (1952)

(notice sign of Walnut Tree pub on left of picture)

- picture provided by Ray Valentine, Melbourne, Australia (see Shambrook family history)

[According to a Parish Council dinner menu in Jan 1995 - "The Old School, Church Street, Wheathampstead, is a listed building. Architect Edward Browning of Stamford, built by Edward Young of St. Albans. Opened January 20th 1863. closed 1969. First meeting of the Parish Council was held in this building on 2nd January 1895"]

Opening of Wheathampstead Memorial Hall - 1961



1	Bob Cunnington	11	Mrs Openshaw
2	Mr. Cunnington	12	Sally Smith (Nurse)
3	Mrs Parkinson	13	.
4	Mr Briggs	14	Mrs Walker
5	Fred Kelvey	15	Westwood daughter
6	Mrs Cunnington	16	Westwood daughter
7	Mr Pateman	17	Debby Withey ¹
8	Joyce Westwood	18	Olive Hyde
9	Ted Westwood	19	Mrs Slough
10	Alice Freeman	20	Betty Cunnington

¹ I am the Withey being restrained by reins in the photograph in front of Nurse Smith, I was 3. She was my Godmother, and when I was christened in St Helens at about the age of 6, (Mum and Dad had a multi christening, I think three of us were done at the same time, myself, Charlotte and Jim, I don't think Katie had been born then) I

received a small gold cross on a chain from her. I wore it on my wedding day in St Helens in 1983. Nurse had moved to the Retirement bungalows near Offas Way by then, but used to live next door to St Helens School, which I would pop into on my way home in Wick Avenue to help feed the puppies as she used to breed Cairn terriers from Ruby, and the Witheys ended up with Clyde and Tweed. Clyde was given to me on my tenth birthday. I am now 50 and my husband does not believe I ever looked like that in the photograph. I live in Sussex not far from Hickstead and work in London.

Debby