

EYNSFORD SCHOOLS

There were 2 mixed elementary schools, taking children up to school leaving age of 14. One school had formerly been near the Baptist Manse, and the children there moved over to a new Council or Board School at the bottom of Bower Lane built in 1894. The other school was managed by the Church of England, and the building is now a private residence past The Malt Shovel on Station Road.

Eynsford Council School
at bottom of Bower
Lane, 1906



EYNSFORD COUNCIL SCHOOL

Heads: Leslie Reginald Hillier
Samuel Woolley

Staff: Head, 1 certified, 1 uncertified

Accommodation: 126 pupils - 1914-1915 roll = 92. Average attendance 86.9%

Managers (serving all or some of the War Years): H. Bowers, Rev. M.C. Elphinstone (later Rev. T.F.J. Mummery), Rev. J. Felmingham, W.A.J. Foster, F. Graham Hughes, W. Pocock, Mr Rogers

Wartime Headmasters

right:

Leslie Reginald Hillier appointed 1914, enlisted 1915, resumed 1919

far right:

Samuel Woolley, previous head 1872-1914, returned 1915-1919 during Mr Hillier's military service



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Eynsford Council School, 1916, Mr Woolley back left, Miss Wheeler back right.
Names on separate sheet

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Names for Eynsford Council School photograph, 1916

Back row, l>r:

Samuel Woolley (Head), H. Rivers, Harry Mason, Wilfred Crowhurst, T. Goose /
Gilbey Goose, Bruce Eves, Ben Brice, Miss Wheeler (teacher)

2nd to back row:

G. Webb, Arthur Crowhurst, Florrie Stockley, A. / Dolly Knight, Rose Warner, I. Martin
/ - Taylor, Ada Bailey, Harold Maygor, J. Oakley, John Goose, Alf Gates

Seated girls' row:

W(innie) Bowers, Ivy Knight, W(innie) Bowers, Maude Brice, Joy Carpenter, Bessie
Boakes, A. / Marianne Mason, Violet Saunders, Clara Stockley

Cross legged boys in front:

J. / Stan Martin, W. Taylor, Ron Main, H.F. Friend, Leslie Bowers, Syd Boakes, B.
Rivers, C. Groombridge

Names from H. Rivers in back row, and from names collected by Peter Gee. There
are some discrepancies.

EYNSFORD CHURCH SCHOOL



Former Eynsford Church School, Station Road, now private residence, 2012.
Built 1834 and extended in 1898

EYNSFORD CHURCH SCHOOL

Head: Arthur Mycroft from 1910-1921

Staff: Head & 1 certified, 1 uncertified staff (1918 E.A. White certificated and Miss Baldwin)

Accommodation: 148 pupils, 1914-1915 roll 61, average attendance 91.8%

No photograph of Mr Mycroft, head of Eynsford Church School 1910-1921, has been found. One memory of him is of his waiting to retire during the war, sitting in class reading the newspaper, especially the racing pages.

No group photograph that definitely showed Eynsford Church School pupils during the First World War has come to light.

Mr Hillier's absence from Eynsford Council School during the First World War (1)

1914

12 January 1914 – Mr Hillier of Broadstairs appointed head master in place of retiring Mr Woolley.

29 October 1914 – Mr Hillier having gone to London with a view to enlistment in Kitchener's army, Mr Woolley, late head master, took charge of the school in his absence.

1915

2 November 1915 – Mr L.R. Hillier, head master, applied for permission to join HM forces.

26 November 1915 – Mr Hillier about to be attested, requested a few days absence to select his regiment. Mr Woolley, the late head master, would take charge of the school until Mr Hillier's return.

7 December 1915 – Mr Hillier handed over his duties to Mr Woolley.

8 December 1915 – Mr Hillier called and delivered a farewell address. Mr Woolley responded on behalf of the scholars, thanking him for his past services amongst them and expressing a desire for his safe return after the war.

1916

7 February 1916 – Mr Hillier had joined the Queen's Westminsters'.

4 April 1916 – Surprise visit from Mr Hillier attired in khaki, ordered abroad.

8 November 1916 – Managers convey good wishes and Christmas greetings to Mr Hillier away in the war, together with a small present.

1917

15 April 1917 – The scholars of the Upper division wrote a letter to their headmaster, Mr Hillier, now serving in the King's forces in Salonika.

15 August 1917 – Upper division wrote to Mr Hillier in Egypt.

Mr Hillier's absence from Eynsford Council School during the First World War (2)

1917 continued

21 November 1917 – Long and interesting letter from Mr Hillier, now in hospital in Egypt, read out.

29 November 1917 – Batch of scholars' letters with a parcel of tobacco and cigarettes (their Christmas gift) sent to Mr Hillier now serving with the British Army in Egypt.

1918

24 May 1918 – Empire Day. A liberal collection from the scholars and teachers for purchasing a parcel of tobacco to Mr Hillier, their headmaster, now serving in the King's Forces in Palestine.

1919

21 February 1919 – Mr Hillier wrote telling of his return from France and probable return to school before long.

3 March 1919 – Flying visit from Mr Hillier now discharged from the army.

19 March 1919 – Mr Hillier had been demobilised and would resume duty as head on Monday 31 March 1919.

28 March 1919 – Mr Woolley, supply head teacher, finished his service at the school. Mr L.R. Hillier (now demobilised) addressed the scholars announcing his return to take up his duties on Monday 31 March, and personally thanking Mr Woolley for the manner in which he had carried on the school work all through the war period during his absence.

(KHLC C/ES139/4/1 Minutes of Managers of Eynsford Council School and C/ES139/5/2 Eynsford Council (Board) School log)