

**GRIFFYDAM PRIMARY SCHOOL (Formerly  
an infant school) 1936 -**

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**GRIFFYDAM PRIMARY SCHOOL TODAY**

**SAMUEL T STEWART – NOVEMBER 2020**

## **INVITATION TO TENDER FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW INFANT SCHOOL AT GRIFFYDAM**

**Leicester Evening Mail – December 29<sup>th</sup> 1934**

### **LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL EDUCATION COMMITTEE GRIFFYDAM PRIMARY COUNCIL SCHOOL**

The committee invites TENDERS for the erection of the Griffydam Primary Council School to accommodate 100 children

Quantities may be obtained from the Architect, County Education Office, Grey Friars, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 1935, upon payment of a deposit of two guineas. This amount will be returnable only if the Tenderer shall have sent in a bona-fide Tender and shall not have withdrawn the same. Conditions of Contract may be inspected at the Architect's office.

Tenders on the forms supplied, must reach the Office of the Clerk of the Council not later than first post on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 1935. No Tender will be received except in the plain sealed envelope provided. Such envelopes shall not bear any mark or name indicating the sender.

The successful contractor will be required to enter into a bond with an approved guarantee company in a sum amounting to 20% of the total amount of the contract.

The committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

**LUCAS E. RUMSEY**

**Clerk of the Council**

10, New Street, Leicester  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 1934.

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## **CONTRACT WON BY**

**CONTRACTORS' WERE - A. B. MOSS BUILDERS**  
(further information required)

## **THE OPENING CEREMONY – November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1936**

**Leicester Evening Mail – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1936**

### **GRIFFYDAM'S NEW SCHOOL OPENED**

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### **COLONEL MARTIN ON COST OF EDUCATION**

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The great advance made in elementary education during the last 30 years was commented upon by Mr. W. A. Brockington, County Director, in a speech at the opening of the new infants' school at Griffydam yesterday.

He said the infants' school should be on the model of a good home nursery. The most

striking development was in the improvement in the education of the infants.

Referring to the friendliness between teachers and parents, he said the change was largely due to the bond of between them.

### **PRESENTED WITH KEY**

Lieutenant-Colonel R. E. Martin, chairman of the Leicestershire Education Committee, unlocked the door of the school with a key presented to him by Captain E. G. Fowler, the architect. He said he had pleasure in declaring the school open. Mr. C. H. Pickering presided at a meeting held in the school

Colonel Martin said that since 1917, a scheme of reorganization in education had been going on in Leicestershire, and was now further advanced than in any other part of the country.

It was the intention of the Education Committee to extend to all children the advantages which the children of people with larger incomes had had at their disposal for so long. Ninety per cent. Of the older children in Leicestershire were attending modern schools.

### **LOW COST**

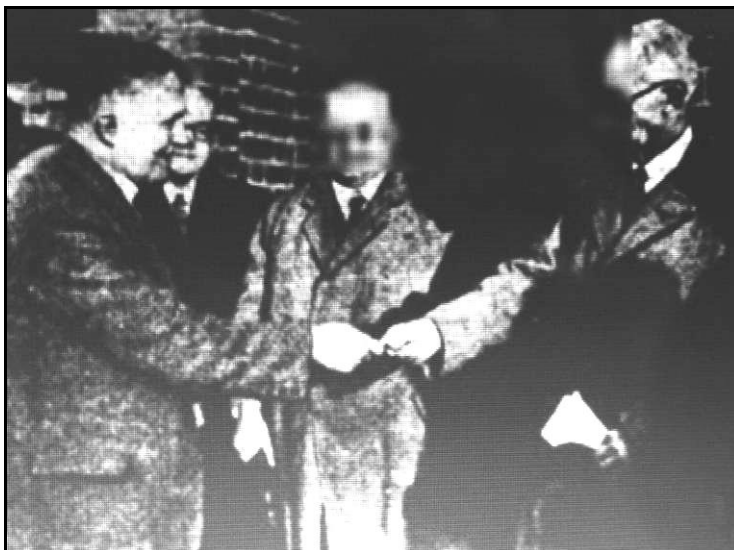
The cost per head of education in Leicestershire was still substantially below the average for England as a whole. Thanks were accorded to Colonel Martin, on the motion of Alderman J. A. Goodman, seconded by Mr. R. Hall, and thanks to the chairman were moved by Alderman J. W. West, seconded by Mr. H. Johnson.

Among those supporting the chairman on the platform in addition to Colonel Martin and Mr. Brockington :-

Mrs. Charles Booth, Gracedieu: Mrs. J. German, Ashby; the Archdeacon of Loughborough, the Rev. H. R. Canham, vicar of Worthington; Alderman J. W. West, Alderman J. A. Goodman, Alderman E. W. Tandy, Councillors W. Tapp, C. H. Parsons, J. G. Shields, Mr. T. Frith, Mr. H. Johnson, Mr. R. Hull, Captain Fowler, and Mr. R. H. Holt.

Others present included Messrs. C. F. Fox, J. M. Kidger, members of Ashby Rural Council; W. Smith, Worthington; J. Biddle, J. H. Webb, Thringstone; A. B. Moss, the contractor; C. V. Knighton, S. Elcock, headmaster of Griffydam Senior School; Miss Merishaw, head mistress of the new school; and Mr. H. S. Johnson.

The school had been built to accommodate 100 children, with the possibility of doubling the accommodation if required in future years.



**CAPTAIN E. G. FOWLER, the architect, presenting the keys to Lieu Colonel R. E. Martin, who opened the new infant school at Griffydam, near Coalville, yesterday.**

## FROM THEN TO NOW



**Miss Merishaw, Headmistress – RH side**

**Miss Florrie Johnson, Assistant teacher – LH side**

**Front Row, Left to Right**

Gerald Hall, Derek Darby, Colin Hodges, Brian Hubbard, Les Rowell, Kenneth Hill, Kay Bird, William Wilton, Keith Richards, ? McCewan

**2<sup>nd</sup> Row Left to Right**

Clifford Whyman, ?? , ? Hall, Betty Horne, ?? , ?? , ?? , Marjorie Collins, John Collins

**3<sup>rd</sup> Row, Left to Right**

**Miss Florrie Johnson (Teacher), ? Smith (Evacuee),** Stan Hodges, Pauline Hill, ?? , Brenda Leedham (Twin), Mureen Leedham (Twin), Betty Johnson, Marilyn Leeson, Stella Hodges, Harold Burton, Jackie Toone

**Top Row Left to Right**

Barbara Bradley, Nancy Bradford, June Pickering, Marlene Hodges, Joyce Marshall, Mirabelle King, ? , ? , Gwenda Bird, Rosemary Benson, Joyce Collins, **Miss Merishaw (Head Mistress)**

**Photograph taken during 2<sup>nd</sup> W.W. - Note the Evacuee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> row**



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