

Gone but not forgotten St. Michael's

Young Ladies

Built in 1881 on a site in Milton Lane, St Michael's was used as a school for young ladies.

New residents

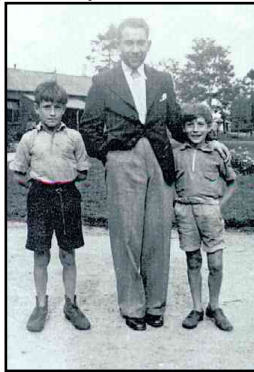
At the turn of the century it became a home for 22 girls run by the Waifs and Strays Society (now the Children's Society). In 1931 it housed boys, but by 1933 the Society planned to close down the home. No buyer was found; so girls again occupied it.

Change of direction

In January 1939 more than 30 boys from the Basque region of Spain made it their home. Their stay was short-lived and it was soon commandeered for military use. During the war it was used to



Visit by Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein 12th July 1911



Michael Portillo's father, Luiz 1939

billet British and American troops. In 1941 Dr. Scott Snr hoped to turn it into a Social Centre.

Various uses

In the late 1940's Alfred Meecham

Ltd used the building as a corn chandlery, mill and warehouse. Some of the outbuildings were used as temporary meeting house for the local St. John Ambulance Brigade. Since the 1960s it has been run as a Junk Shop by Mr. Bernie Hill and a 'bed and breakfast' by Mr and Mrs Lawson. By 1988 it was back on the market again but was eventually demolished. The site has since been built on and is now known as Willis Court.

John Rawlins

Wychwoods Local History Society

19th January 2004, Milton

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19th February 2004, Shipton

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18th March 2004, Milton

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Charles Tyzack

All meetings start at 7:30