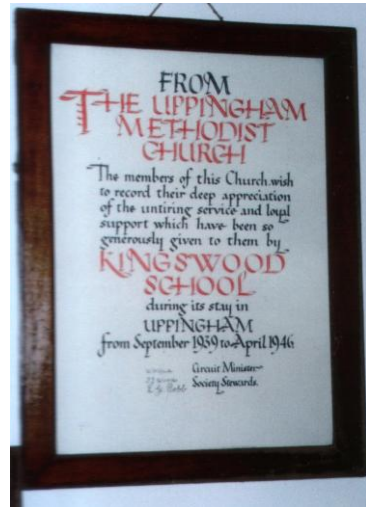
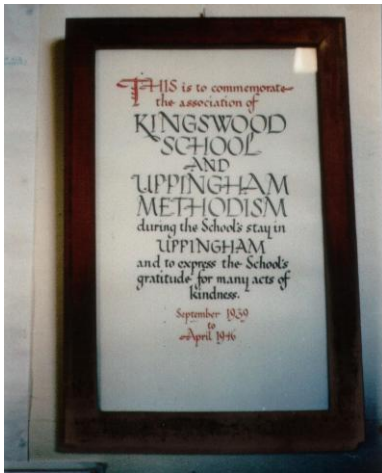


THE STORY OF THE TWIN BOARDS



UPPINGHAM
METHODIST CHURCH
AND KINGSWOOD SCHOOL
1939 – 1946

INTRODUCTION

At the Trustees Meeting of Uppingham Methodist Church on June 9th 1946, Mrs Norah Stones proposed that:

the 'Address' presented by Kingswood School should be fixed in the Church porch

This was duly accomplished, and the first board shown on the front cover hung in this position until the late 1990s when the refurbishment of the Church began. A small copy now hangs in the Vestry.

In 2003, following communication with the Archivist of Kingswood School Bath, it was discovered that the School possessed its' twin – the second board on the front cover.

It is nearly 60 years since these boards were hung, and little attention has been paid to Uppingham's board in recent years. Any Church members who remembered the events have moved away or died and very little documentation is available.

However, the events behind the words are well worth placing on record as a story of faithful service of those who have gone before, and a remarkable account of wartime courage and cooperation.

OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II

A.B. Sackett, Headmaster of Kingswood School in Bath, was informed on Christmas Eve 1938, that in the event of War being declared, the School buildings would be required by the Admiralty. Mr Sackett however was sworn to secrecy and had therefore to search the country for suitable premises without being able to inform his staff or anyone else what was happening.

One boy did pick up a rumour, and during the summer holidays told his father, a Methodist Superintendent Minister, to which his father replied ‘Nonsense, laddie. The Methodist Church would never permit such a thing.’

Uppingham School had already offered Redgate, a redundant School House, for use for any school that should need it. War was declared on September 3rd 1939, and two days later Mr Sackett was at last able to inform his staff of the immediate requisition and evacuation of the school and that he would be taking up the offer of Uppingham’s Headmaster J.F. Wolfenden (later Lord Wolfenden).

KINGSWOOD SCHOOL

Kingswood School, founded by John Wesley in 1748, was a boys’ school still strong in Methodist tradition. Most pupils were from Methodist homes, and a high proportion were sons of Methodist Ministers. Kingswood School was invaluable in providing continuity of education in a Christian environment for sons of the itinerant Ministers.

The school would have been known to the Uppingham Methodists. In the early days of Methodism chapels were required to contribute to the ‘Schools Fund’. Many of the Circuit Ministers would have been educated there.

UPPINGHAM SCHOOL

Uppingham School at the outbreak of war had dropped in numbers, but contrasted with Kingswood in that by and large pupils came from wealthy families, and maintained many of the traditions of the old Public Schools.

ARRIVAL IN UPPINGHAM

Two hundred and seventy eight boys from Kingswood were contacted a few days before the end of the holidays with the complicated travel arrangements for arrival at Uppingham Station.

.....A special train will leave Northampton at 5.0pm for Uppingham via Market Harborough to connect with the London, Birmingham, Lancashire and Oxford trains.....

Staff and prefects had been recalled a week early to assist with the huge task of transporting by rail, in twenty seven wagons, the complete contents of the School. The Ministry of Works had provided some men, but all hands were needed to accomplish the unloading at Uppingham and transporting through the town (quite a task up the steep hill from the station). Everything from desks, to medicine bottles was taken. It must have been quite a sight for the local community.

The impending arrival of the school was reported in the local paper so no doubt the Uppingham Methodists were on hand to provide a welcome – perhaps with the proverbial Methodist cup of tea?

The logistics of the operation were amazing, but all was accomplished and term for Kingswood started only one week late.

Uppingham School to be "Shared"

A FEW DAYS after Uppingham School re-assembles next Thursday the staff and members of Kingswood School, Bath, will also arrive in the town, and the two schools will share the famous buildings from then onwards, presumably for the duration of the war.

In some cases where schools are so joining, there is an attempt to run the two as one, but Mr. J. F. Wolfenden, Headmaster of Uppingham School, made it clear to me on Wednesday that Uppingham and Kingswood School will, as far as possible, retain completely their own identities.

Arrangements began this week for the billeting of the visiting school, partly in the town and partly in the School houses.

By the way, Mr. Wolfenden tells me that before long at least one member of his staff will be called away to serve the country in another direction. There may, in fact, be several staff changes as a result of the war.

Report in the Lincoln, Stamford, and Rutland Mercury,
Friday 15th September 1939

ACCOMMODATION

Initially boys were billeted in fourteen separate places around the town – some in Uppingham School Houses, others in Hotels and private houses. Redgate on London Road housed the whole of the Upper House under Mr AJ Milne and Mr JW Gardner. One young boy and his friend arrived after dark at the station to find no one to meet them. The porter took them to the nearest cottage where there was a light. They then had the embarrassment of arriving at an Uppingham School House to find the boys at supper. Eventually they arrived at Mr Sackett's home and were sent on to the correct house.

Uppingham boys gave up their cherished privilege of individual studies in order to make space for Kingswood. The Gym (now the Theatre) was given over entirely to Kingswood as a dining room, and Old Constables (Magpie Gallery) became amongst other things the Prefects Room. The School Chapel was used in turn by each school, and playing fields were shared (although the two schools rarely played each other at rugby or cricket – said to have been a wise move which may have added more to harmony between the schools than anything else).

One of the abiding memories of Kingswood boys seems to be the enormous distances they travelled round the town in the course of a day. Each boy was provided with a plan of Uppingham, drawn by Mr RW Trump (*see back cover*). Imagine sleeping at Redgate, breakfast at the Gym, lessons at the main school, lunch at the Gym, games on the Upper, studies at the Hall...and so on through the day and evening! Added to this, from all accounts there were some very severe winters during the war which compounded the difficulties.

All this traversing the town would have very soon made the townsfolk aware of the new school in their midst but the Kingswood boys were even more identifiable by their appearance. Uppingham boys were turned out as ‘young gentlemen’ and at the beginning of the war were still wearing their traditional boaters. Kingswood boys, on the other hand were a more motley crew. Many Methodist Ministers would have struggled to maintain their sons at public school, but thanks to the ingenuity of their wives, it was not unknown for boys to be kitted out from Methodist jumble sales. As the war progressed, and clothing was rationed, clothes became scruffier. One shop in the town sold working mens’ corduroys with a high pointed back and slit pockets. They were cheap and off coupons. The Kingswood boys were pleased when they

received money from home to buy these. One boy wrote home that the patch on his trousers had now nearly blended with the rest of the material and ‘do you realise I have now been wearing them continuously for 2 years’ (one hopes they had been washed during this time).

THE STAFF

Whilst the boys were settling in, the Masters and their families had many arrangements to make. In some cases Masters came on ahead without their wives. Properties had to be found. Vacant houses in the town were taken.

Mr Sackett and his wife Dorothy used Wisteria House for the duration of the war. This house was probably still in the ownership of the Drake family who had been prominent members of the Chapel from its’ beginnings in 1819. The house had been built by Henry Drake, grandfather of Lillie Drake who was a member of the Chapel until her death in the 1950s. and was still listed as living there in the Electoral Roll of 1945.

Alfred Barrett Sackett was a Minister’s son, an historian and geologist and a World War I veteran with an artificial leg. Mrs Sackett was a University woman but also very practical and helped in the move even though she had four sons to look after. Kingswood pupils, suffering a wartime diet, remember the wonderful teas provided by Mrs Sackett when they were invited to Wisteria House.

The Sackett’s fifth child, their first daughter was born on August 23rd 1940, and baptised at the chapel on November 4th 1940 by the Rev Arthur S. Gregory, a notable figure in Methodist hymnology.

The Chaplain, Rev Rupert Davies, lived in 'Bredon', Wheatley Avenue. Described as being 'tucked away off the road to Oakham' it was then the first bungalow in the road, now probably No 5. Rupert Davies was nicknamed 'the Pope', and therefore his house was 'the Vatican'. The move must have been difficult for Rev Davies, and his wife Margaret, as their first child, daughter Mary, was born just 3 weeks before the move, and baptised at the Chapel on October 29th 1939. They also had a foster daughter, Barbara Kornicker from Germany. who was baptised age 17 in 1940.



Rupert and Margaret Davies with baby Mary and Barbara

During the years in Uppingham, three more children (including twins) were born to Rupert and Margaret Davies and were

baptised in the Chapel. To this day, it is remembered how Rupert had to search the town for extra nappies when twins arrived unexpectedly!

At the bottom of Wheatley Ave were Mr Maw and his wife, and nearby in the bungalow called 'The Beeches' (situated where the Beeches Estate now stands) lived Mr and Mrs Frank Tongue. Their son Christopher was born in 1943 and baptised at the Chapel by Rupert Davies.



Members of staff and their families in the garden of 'The Beeches', Ayston Road, Frank Tongue's wartime home:
standing right, Frank Tongue; Rev Davies in blazer; Mrs Davies centre seated; Barbara Kornicker front left.

Mr and Mrs Trump took up residence in Stonehurst on the High Street with Mrs Trump's mother, Mrs Mason. The boys slept on the first and second floors where in winter they had to put their overcoats on the beds to keep warm. Robert Trump was a Senior House master and taught Maths and Physics. Mrs Trump was to play a big role in the Methodist Chapel. Towards the

end of the war, the Trumps adopted a little girl who was baptised at the Chapel in 1944. Next door in Witherhurst were Dr and Mrs G.H. Stead. These two houses were the headquarters of the Lower House.

Mr FS and Mrs Cook, much loved Housemaster and wife, took over Compton House on the High Street. Compton House had apparently been nearly derelict, but they always had a tin of sweets for the boys and were described as being like lovable grandparents.

Ernest Eltham Second Master and teacher of Classics was housed at the Falcon, where Senior boys occasionally presented their prep to him in the bar.

Frank Mangham and his family were at Springway in Spring Back Way with some of the Lower House boys.

Knowle House was used, the Master being WG Ingram.

SCHOOL AND TOWN

So the school settled in for what they could never have foreseen as a stay of six years. The boys soon got to know the town and countryside. They were given a list of shops 'in bounds' which included Alf Dyer's bakery. The cream buns which helped to supplement the meagre rations, are remembered to this day. Alf, and his father Robert were members of the Chapel, and Local Preachers. One wonders if the Methodist boys got a bit more cream!

Younger children from staff families attended the local schools and parents were pleased with the education received. Masters acquired bicycles to get about the town. It was said that Rev

Davies always made a wobbly ride, but that Mr Sackett was an accomplished cyclist, in spite of his artificial leg.

Initially there was some reluctance on the part of Mr Sackett to form a Corps - perhaps Methodism was against this - but soon they joined with Uppingham boys. When the Uppingham Home Guard was formed in 1940, Masters and wives as well as Senior boys were involved. An Air Training Corps was also formed with the involvement of two Kingswood masters - A.C.Townend and Frank Mangham who had been World War I pilots.

As well as the teaching staff, many of the ancillary staff came too, and were accommodated in the White Hart. Jack Light was a skilled carpenter and was later to make the frames for the boards. Bill King, the Groundsman had to find a new role, one of which was cleaning the boy's shoes every day. This necessitated an early morning tour around the town to the various houses, carrying a box. Asked by local boys one foggy morning what the box contained, he told them 'a fog dispersal unit' and lo and behold, later in the day, the fog lifted. Bill King was known as 'Mayor of Uppingham'.

The boys were encouraged to do 'Public Works' such as helping local farmers dig drains and clear fields, sometimes working alongside Italian POWs. Farmers Robinson, Oakley, Pattison and Miss Turner hopefully benefited from the assistance given as it was especially enjoyed by the boys. Many of them wrote of their delight in the beautiful Rutland countryside. Mr Sackett, being an historian, encouraged the boys in visiting the many historic churches in the County. The School was also involved in the archaeological dig at Glaston, recently revisited.

KINGSWOOD AND THE UPPINGHAM METHODISTS

The links with the Methodist Chapel were mainly with the staff. The boys had their own services in the School Chapel, very different from the Anglican tradition of Uppingham School. However, many of them would, in the course of six years have had reason to visit the Methodist Chapel. At first the School Choir practice was held there. The Chapel installed blackout early on which enabled evening activities to continue and thus making it a focus for social events. At least two money raising Concerts were given there by Kingswood, raising £3 10s in 1941 and £4 19s 5d in 1942.

The Methodist Chapel, never large, had declined in numbers from its' heyday in the 19th century. As throughout most of its' history it was served by the Minister from Oakham. So it was probably to a very small Fellowship that Kingswood joined. We have no reason to believe that they were not warmly welcomed. The Minister in 1939 was the Rev WH Pritchard followed by Rev Gilbert Watts from 1941-44 and then Rev WH Clark from 1944.

With so many men and Ministers away at war, the Chapel must have been pleased to be able to add Rev Davies and several of the Masters to the preaching team. Rev Davies took over some pastoral responsibilities, including on one occasion making provision for five motherless children. He also contributed articles to the local paper.

Because of the Kingswood connections, some notable Preachers were attracted.

Chapel Anniversary on July 12th 1945 was a special occasion, the Preacher being Dr WE Sangster, father of Kingswood pupil Paul Sangster (who was later to take the 150th.

Anniversary in 1969). Many preparations were made for this big event. The Minutes of the Trustees Meetings that summer reported that:

the Steward [would] arrange with Mr Bilsden to fit amplifiers in the Schoolroom.

A few Members of the Kingswood School Choir to be invited to sing in the evening, owing to lack of accommodation it was not possible to accommodate the [whole] Choir.

Mr Robb undertook to make enquiries as to possibilities of buses to Manton and Oakham.

Tea to be held in the Legion Hall, the charge for the room being no more than 30/-. The arrangements were left to the Lady Trustees who would contribute 2/6d each and charge 1/- for the tea.

Specially invited Ministers came to baptise staff children – the congregation knew they would be treated to a good sermon on those Sundays.

However, not all of Kingswood's ideas were readily accepted. At the Trustees' Meeting on June 13th 1944, it was reported that:

An application was made by Rev RE Davies for the use of the Schoolroom for a Day Nursery School The matter was carefully considered and it was decided that to grant this request would in some measure obstruct the work of the Church, and the Trustees felt they could not comply.

Rev Davies would surely have been pleased to know that in the 21st century, Uppingham Methodist Church wholeheartedly welcomes children on to its' premises.

SOME METHODIST FAMILIES

Mr and Mrs Robb, came to Uppingham some time in the 1930's with their three daughters. They soon settled in the Church where they played an influential role, particularly in the war years. Henry Robb was a Local Preacher and both he and his wife Lily held many offices and their daughter played the organ. As Society Steward, Lily was to be a signatory of the Kingswood board.

They lived first on the High Street, then on North Street (now the Jewellers/Chinese Take Away). In their large house they took lodgers and accommodated an Evangelist when he was sent to the town. During the war they kept Open House for the Church, encouraging the soldiers who were stationed nearby to come after services.

Sadly, one of their daughters died in 1941, and having given so much during the war years, Mrs Robb died in 1947. Mr Robb later moved away.



Mr and Mrs Robb

Thomas Joseph Woods, Society Steward was a prominent member of the Church for many years. He was born in

Lyddington, son of an ironstone labourer, and served in World War I. In 1920 he married the daughter of another prominent Uppingham Methodist, Lucy Brown, known as 'Minnie'. Their home was 2 Northfield Terrace North St. Together they held several offices, Minnie being organist for many years. As a Society Steward, Tom's signature accompanies Lily Robb's on the Kingswood board. The Lectern, still in use in the Church, was given in their memory. Tom died in 1965.

Fred and Sarah Burn were also active in the Church, Fred holding several offices. In 1936 they lived at 8 Wheatley Avenue and Fred was described as a gardener. Sarah died in 1945, and Fred in 1950. They are both buried in Uppingham churchyard along with their daughter.

Well known local family names feature in the records of the Church for this period: Miss Bilsden, Walter Squirrel, Ada Gilbert, Annie Tyers and others. Three children of the Blackwell family were baptised in the war years.

George Gamston and Rosemary Thorpe were married in January 1939, and their daughter Josephine was baptised by Rupert Davies in September 1941. In 1944 Frederick Thorpe married Kathleen Southwell.

A WARTIME ROMANCE

Gordon Stones was a young soldier from Yorkshire, stationed at Bisbrooke. He came to Evening Service at the Chapel, and then on to Mrs Robb's 'Open House'. Norah Copley, a member of the Chapel gave him a friendly 'Methodist welcome' and then came across him again at a Dance in the Town Hall. One night he arrived on her doorstep asking her to the cinema. Even though she had just washed her hair and was in curlers, he wouldn't take no for an answer, and from there the courtship

progressed and they were married in the Methodist Church on 23rd December 1944 by Rupert Davies, with Robert Trump as Best Man. Norah remembers to this day that Robert told her this was 'a marriage made in heaven'. A year later, their daughter Margaret was born and baptised by Rev Davies. Norah and Gordon celebrated 60 years of marriage in December 2004.



Gordon and Norah Stones in Robert Trump's garden at Stonehurst, around the time of their marriage.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

One of the main areas in which the staff families were influential was in the Sunday School. Several of the staff had young families so would have had a personal interest. Minnie Woods had been the Sunday School Superintendent for many years, and had used the same methods which by the 1940s were a little old fashioned. Mrs Vera Trump was a trained teacher so had lots of new ideas to offer. She set up training classes for the teachers, and towards the end of the war, she and Rev Davies set up a Sunday School Conference for the Circuit. Sunday

School plays were produced every Easter by Vera Trump and Margaret Davies.

It is not known how many children were in the Sunday School, but judging from the Baptism Register there was probably a good mix of local families and Kingswood staff children. Prior to the arrival of Kingswood in the years 1935-Oct 1939, there were only two Uppingham Baptisms, but from 1939-46 during Kingswood's stay, there were nineteen Baptisms, eight of which were from Kingswood families.

RELIGION AND LIFE WEEK

Although committed Methodists, both the Headmaster and the Chaplain were interested in a wider Christianity. Mr Sackett was keen to turn Kingswood into a Christian Public School, rather than just Methodist and Rupert Davies was later, heavily involved in the first conversations for reuniting with the Church of England. This outlook probably led to the involvement in 'Religion and Life Week', held from 22nd to 29th October 1944, and organised by Chris Bullick of Uppingham School and Rupert Davies. This initiative came under the umbrella of the Commission of the Churches for International Friendship and Social Responsibility, (British Council of Churches) and was an Anglican and Free Church Movement. It brought together people from all the Churches in the town as well as Kingswood pupils. The object was to prepare for post war life.

Several reports appeared in the local paper showing that many eminent speakers of the time were involved.

Uppingham Shows the Way

THERE have been Religion and Life Weeks in most of the big towns of England, and the movement is now a nationwide one, but never before in so small a town as Uppingham, to which ignorant visitors have been known to refer as a village. Yet small towns have some advantages over their big brothers in this matter for everyone knows everyone else, and the chances of welding all the townspeople into a real family community are much greater. In its Week from 22 to 29 October, inclusive, Uppingham is going to hear speakers no less eminent than those heard in the greatest cities of the land. The two speakers on "Home and School," for instance, are Archdeacon H. McGowan and Sir Robert E. Martin.

"Big Guns"

THE FORMER, besides being Archdeacon of Aston (the home of Aston Villa) is Chairman of the Birmingham Youth Committee, and was elected by the youth of Birmingham itself to be the chairman of its "Youth Forum"—a "Parliament" meeting on Saturday afternoons, of all times, to debate all kinds of national and international affairs. He has done more than twenty years of practical youth work.

Sir Robert Martin is a great figure in this part of the Midlands. He is chairman of the Leicestershire County Council and of its Education Committee, and an acknowledged expert on the relations between Church and school and the whole question of religious education. He is also a trustee of Uppingham School.

Uppingham Minds Its Own Business

ONE of the most notable results so far of the Religion and Life Campaign in Uppingham has been the increased interest in local affairs and local government. So the meeting in the Religion and Life Week on "Local Affairs and You" is likely to be one of the most popular. Mr. H. H. Elvin, one of the two speakers on this subject, is known far and wide in the Trade Union movement. For over 30 years he has been the General Secretary of the National Union of Clerks and Administrative Workers; he is an ex-President of the Trades Union Congress and was for many years a Labour Adviser to the International Labour Organization. He speaks with great authority and wisdom.

Major Proby on the Land

THE chief "local affair" of Uppingham is, of course, the land, and Uppingham people are going to try to get straight the question of their responsibility to it. The speaker who is going to help them to do that is Major R. G. Proby, of Elton Hall, Peterborough, who is in the thick of land questions himself. He is a landowner and land agent, Chairman of the Central Landowners' Association and Chairman of the Agricultural Reconstruction sub-Committee of the Conservative Party.

Appeal to Youth

YOUTH is going to have its fling, too, during the Religion and Life Week. On the Sunday which opens the Week there is to be a special Youth service, and the address will be given by the Rev. Bryan H. Reed. Mr. Reed is the founder of the First Walthamstow Church Clubland, an original experiment in Youth Work in a crowded area of the East of London. His idea was to provide a club which should give every conceivable chance of self-expression to its members and at the same time be a real community centre in worship—and he succeeded.

Uppingham Looks Abroad and Ahead

THE Religion and Life Groups in Uppingham were at first mainly concerned with the Christian approach to purely local problems, but recently they have been throwing their net wider. And there is a highly important meeting during the Week—important because of its subject and because of its speakers on "The World, the Nation and You." One of the speakers is Mr. Ivor Thomas, M.P. for Keighley, one of the rising stars in the Labour Party. Not long ago he was running miles and miles for Oxford and Wales across country and on the track. Since then he has been on the editorial staff of "The Times" and written the chief leader for the "News Chronicle" (hence his Oxford pamphlet on "The Newspaper"). Now he is an expert in foreign affairs, and likely to serve his country well in that respect.

A Literateuse and a "Double Doctor"

MRS. KATHLEEN BLISS, who was for seven years an educational missionary in that acutely controversial country, India, is the other speaker. At present she is assistant-editor of the widely-read "Christian News Letter," which is taking a definite lead in the Christian treatment of national and international problems, and Secretary of the Christian Frontier Council, which is sorting out economic and social problems.

The high spot of the Week in Uppingham will be the united service for everybody in the School Hall on the final night.

29/9/1944

13/10/1944

20/10/1944

Reports of Religion and Life Week in the Lincoln, Stamford, and Rutland Mercury.

From this movement, a Girls Club was set up, and also a Child Welfare Clinic. Mrs Davies and Mrs Trump are documented as having been involved in this as well as Barbara Colville (an Uppingham Master's wife, and a non conformist), and Olive Tabrum from the Parish Church.

DEPARTURE

As the time approached when Kingswood was to leave Uppingham, Rupert Davies attended the Quarterly Meeting at Melton on Saturday March 9th as a guest of Rev EJ Jones. The membership at Uppingham now stood at 29, with no doubt many more attending or joining in activities. Rev Davies requested that a Lay Pastor should be appointed to Uppingham:

He pointed out that with the removal of Kingswood School and its' staff the work that they had been able to do would be wasted if a gap was left and that no forward movement could be expected unless Methodism had a man on the spot. It was proposed, seconded and carried that the matter be referred to the Circuit Cmttee.

No records remain of the discussion at Circuit Committee, and although a major evangelistic campaign was held in the Circuit by Cliff College in 1950, there has never to this day been a Minister 'on the spot'.

At the same meeting:

Rev EJ Jones on behalf of the Quarterly Meeting thanked Mr Davies for the work done in the Uppingham area and asked that he accept our thanks and convey them and our appreciation to his staff. Rev Davies suitably replied.

THE BOARDS

We end where we began with the mutual presentation of the boards expressing the deep gratitude of both Kingswood and the Uppingham Methodists towards each other. The war was over, and Kingswood was finally able to return to Bath in 1946. The Uppingham Methodists turned their attention to peacetime matters and took down the blackout, but ever thrifty, decided to keep it for stage curtains.

So ended a unique period of cooperation, as regards the two schools, the Chapel and the town. Many of those who appear in the story have passed on, after a lifetime of Christian service. The greatest memorial to them is not to dwell on the past, but to learn how they conducted their lives in times of hardship, deprivation and compromise, and to take these lessons forward into the life of our Church and town in the 21st century.

Wording on the Boards

This is to commemorate
the association of
KINGSWOOD
SCHOOL
and
UPPINGHAM
METHODISM
during the School's stay in
UPPINGHAM
and to express the School's
gratitude for many acts of
kindness
September 1939
to April 1946

FROM
THE UPPINGHAM
METHODIST
CHURCH

The members of this Church wish
to record their deep appreciation
of the untiring service and loyal
support which have been so
generously given to them by
KINGSWOOD SCHOOL
during its stay in
UPPINGHAM
from September 1939 to April 1946

W.H. Clarke Circuit Minister
TJ Woods
LGRobb Society Stewards

AFTERWORD

In 2003, curious as to the identity of the calligrapher, the Archivist at Kingswood School opened their board and found the following inscription:

*written by E. Jessie Harrington, Mountsorrel,
Leicestershire. March 1946*

On investigation, it has been discovered that Edith Jessie Harrington was the Art Mistress at Leeds High School, and her family home was in Mountsorrel. The family was not Methodist, and do not know how she came to do the inscriptions. Coincidentally, her descendant, Norman Harrington attended Uppingham School from 1945-50 and was in Brooklands where some of the Kingswood boys were billeted.

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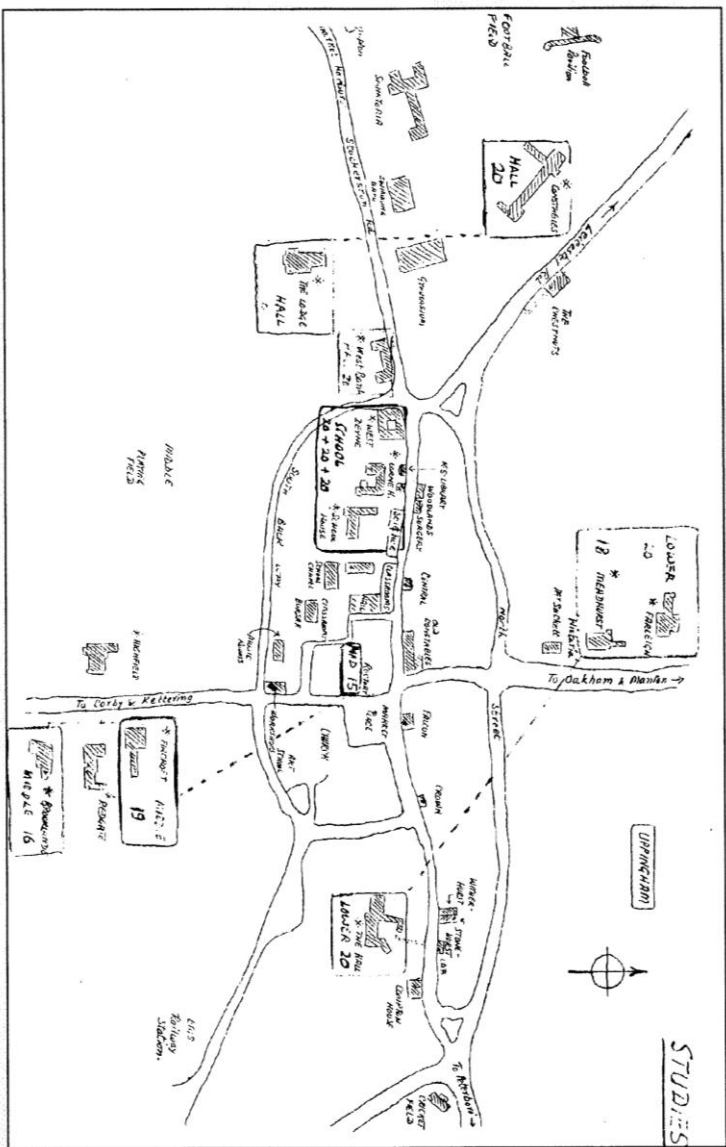
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Drawn by Robert Trump, this map of Uppingham town shows the location of school houses and other buildings.
A copy was given to each boy on the first day of the first term. This copy shows study arrangements.