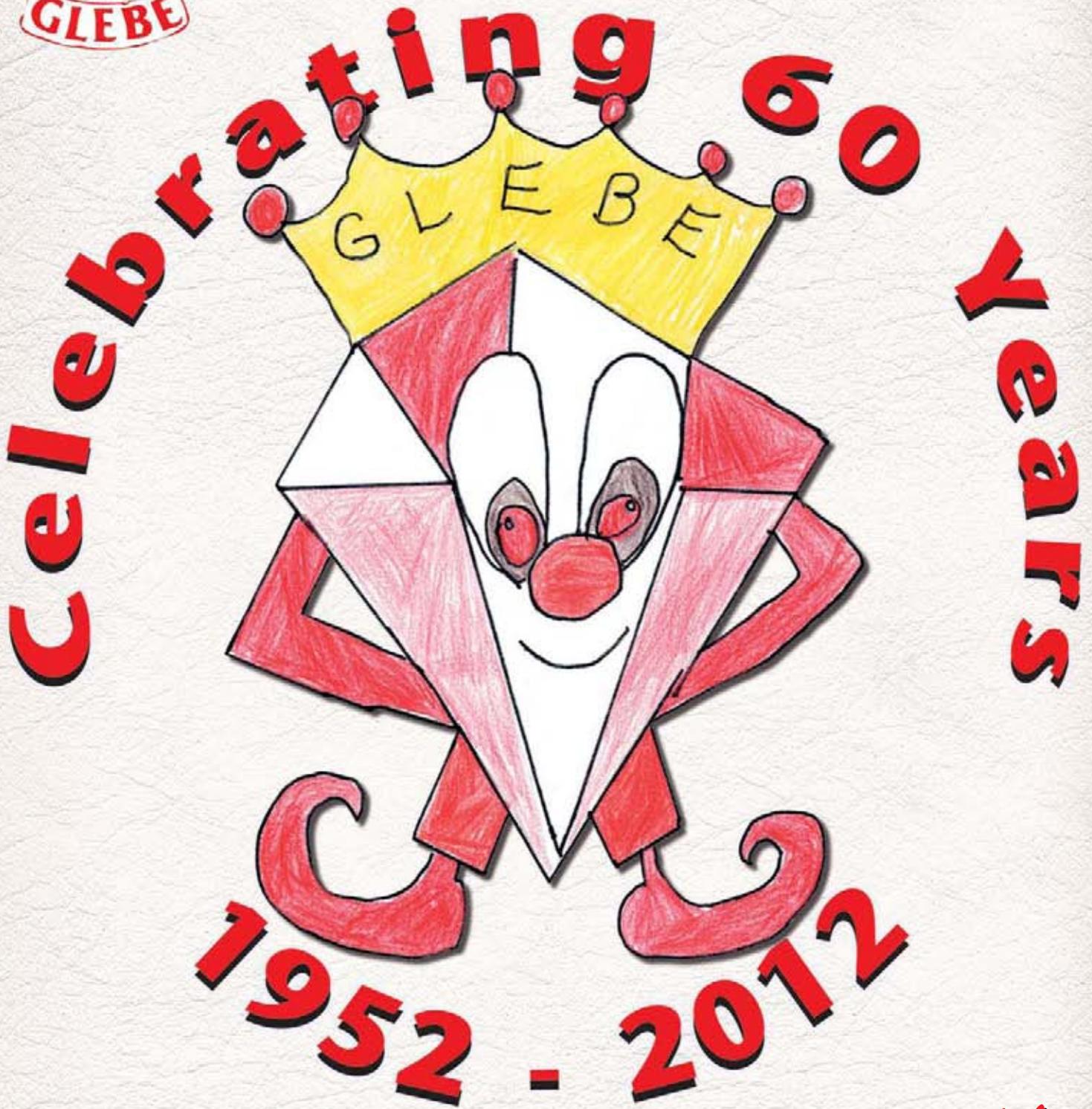




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being held throughout our  
Anniversary Year



*We can and we will*

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The Rainbow Trust & Glebe PTA*

# In the beginning...

## Many fond memories from key members of Glebe's past...

### Mr Byford (School Caretaker 1952 - 1988)

To start with, the school is built up on an arrangement of bricks so one could go, underneath, from one end of the school to the other on their hands and knees.

The first thing I can remember is the field and all the gardens around used to get flooded if there was a lot of rain as the river or brook used to overflow and seep under the school field. Eventually the Council decided something had to be done so they made two big holes and put in what we call a 'non-return valve' which in turn stopped the flooding.

One year, in the 1960s, we came home from holiday and found the cellar of the school was flooded to a depth of four feet of water. It ruined everything as all my stores were in a cupboard in the cellar.

The next big job, in the 1970s, was the roof, it used to leak so badly there were buckets all over the school catching the rain water. Eventually they had to put another roof on top of the existing one.

### Linda Munday (Deputy Head 1979 - 2000)

Soon after I joined Glebe in 1979 the "partially hearing unit" was built to accommodate up to 12 youngsters with hearing impairment.

There were specialist teachers appointed and the youngsters spent the majority of their time having lessons in the "Unit" whilst coming in to share the more practical subjects with their hearing peers. Their hearing aids were large and clumsy and the children were often embarrassed to wear them. Over the years, the aids became more discreet, the mainstream teachers more familiar with the individual needs of the children and the hearing impaired youngsters were soon joining the mainstream classes, with the specialist help from the "Unit" staff. Most of them were able to achieve their full potential before moving on to secondary education.

Some of the classrooms were open plan so that liaison between staff was essential to ensure 'noisy' lessons were done at the same time. Vertical grouping was the norm because the school was 1.5 form entry. This meant that each year group had up to 45 pupils - two year groups combined = 90 pupils which became 3 mixed age classes of 30. When the school later became 2 form entry separate age groups became possible again.

Blackboards and chalk were still in use until the mid nineties, when whiteboards and felt tips took their place. This preceded the interactive whiteboards which were introduced just after I left.

Heavy typewriters became word processors and Banda machines became state of the art photocopiers. The advent of the smaller 'personal' computer, changed the face of education considerably.

To begin with we had just one computer for the use of children in school. This was with Year 6 and lived outside in the corridor where small groups of children occasionally used it once they had spent about 15 minutes loading the tape. As children became familiar with computers at home, and as they became more user friendly, each class was provided with a computer. Eventually, the library area was designated a computer area and enough computers were installed to allow a whole class of children, working in twos or threes, to get to grips with the amazing range of things the computer could do for them.

The next major thing that had to be tackled was the floor throughout the school as huge big mounds kept appearing all over the school which kept the officials busy wondering what the problem was. Eventually they found out that the reinforcement rods in the floor were rusty so they agreed to shut the school for a whole year. Some pupils went to Breakspear School, others went to Ickenham Youth Centre, while they removed the rods and laid new floors.

We spent 36 years in the flat above the school, the only heat we had was a fireplace which we could not light because as soon as we lit it we got a down draught! I complained and they gave me a big heater which was supposed to heat the flat but it didn't so we went without heat, but we didn't complain. Now everything has been modernised which always happens.



The internet was then available to both staff and children, and, with suitable guidance, children were able to access information on many subjects. Teachers were able to develop more attractive and useful schemes of work and worksheets.

Constant changes were made to the syllabus. Maths, English and Science became the main focus for many years. Modules to assess the level of the children's ability in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Writing skills were introduced and, soon after, came the SATs which included Science. Results for each school were published to enable parents to compare primary schools' achievements.

For many years the annual sports day followed the 'traditional' lines with children being selected from each colour during heats that took place before the actual day. Only the elite ran in the main race on the day. These races included: running, sack race, egg and spoon, obstacle and skipping.

Later, the format was changed to involve all the children on a day of activities. These included: netball shooting, goal shooting, long jump, obstacle race, filling a bucket with cups of water as part of a relay team, welly throwing and running. Each person had to compete as part of a team to win the trophy.

The large room attached to the hall was the kitchen where there were big ovens for cooking the school meals. These were always nutritious but the children had to be given the option of bringing sandwiches. Gradually, packed lunches became popular and the cost of running the kitchen became prohibitive. The kitchen and its wonderful staff had to go.

The loss of the kitchen facilities impacted on the PTA which often held amazing social evenings where the committee members, under the direction of a parent chef, produced wonderful suppers.

A few years before I retired, the school had an entry code fitted. Burglar alarms were already in place. However, nothing prepared me for the amount of security now deemed necessary for all schools - a sad reflection of our times!

## Miss Lanham (Head Teacher 1991 – 2006)

My first memory of Glebe is in 1990 on the day I was interviewed for the headship. It was, quite rightly, a long and demanding day.

There were several candidates and a number of separate interviews with governors and representatives from the LEA. The candidates were based in the Swiftplan, an elderly mobile classroom with large windows, in the middle of the playground. As you can imagine, there was much peering through the windows at playtimes! For me, the day ended in success and I was taken straight away to the staffroom, where all the staff had assembled to meet me. It was quite daunting and I was grateful for the glass of sherry I was given!

Before I took up post in January 1991 I started getting to know the school and especially the SRP. The local authority had suggested that it become a signing unit and this was strongly opposed by the staff and governors. I remember attending a heated meeting about the issue. Fortunately, the idea was shelved and Glebe SRP remains, to this day, an oral/aural provision.

I can well remember how nervous I felt on my first day at Glebe. I was anxious not to put a foot wrong. My priority was to get to know the children and the staff – all those names to be learnt! I wanted to “hit the right note” with my assembly. I think it was about the sort of school that I wanted Glebe to be. It is hard to imagine but some of the children in the hall on that day are now in their thirties!

From the 1990s we used our five staff development days each year to provide teachers with training and to give them time to develop curriculum planning. Differentiation was an important part of this, ensuring that the needs of all abilities were addressed. There was an increasing emphasis on Inclusion.

Assessment and record keeping became a more important part of teaching.

Gradually, we moved away from the “topic” based approach towards teaching separate subjects, all with their own time allocation. However, themed weeks were enthusiastically received and provided a break from the more formal routine.

Curriculum plans were sent out to parents each term so they had a better understanding of what we were trying to achieve.

Systems of appraisal/performance management were implemented to raise standards. Glebe, like all schools became more accountable – to parents, the LEA, OfSTED and the government.

The school changed physically in many ways during my time. Externally, three double mobile classrooms were added to cope with the increasing numbers. The “Swiftplan” had reached the end of its life and was demolished, providing much needed extra playground space. The inadequate car park was expanded and a small garden added by the main entrance. Covered areas were created behind the Nursery and Reception so that children could play out in all weathers. A wildlife area was set up so that groups of children could study insects and habitats. The playground received new markings and some outdoor play equipment, all designed to make playtimes more interesting.

Internally, there were also many changes. The building had originally been designed to give open plan areas for each class. This made teaching difficult and where possible separate rooms were created in the 1990s using screens and partitions.

Throughout my time as Head the building’s flat roof was a constant concern. We frequently had strategically placed buckets out during heavy rain. Displays, resources and children’s work were all spoiled at various times. One of my last acts before I left Glebe was to come in during the summer holiday and help mop up after a flood. We had just spent a lot of money on new reading books and many were damaged beyond repair. We also had frequent problems with damp below the hall which caused sections of the wooden flooring to come loose.

In the 2000s we linked up with Community Service providers and this enabled us to embark on a programme of redecoration. We also had a loop system installed. The use of microphones improved the quality of sound for all the children, not just the hearing impaired.

Many of the rooms were adapted as the curriculum and needs changed. The room leading off the hall was a classroom for a while but it eventually became a Technology Room. A library was created in one of the classroom areas and the ICT suite developed over a number of years in the area just beyond the entrance lobby.

When I arrived at Glebe, heads and governors had little control over school finance. The local authority told us how many staff we could employ and they were paid centrally. Each year we were given a sum of money called capitation to spend on resources such as exercise books, paper and art equipment. From 1990 we moved towards Local Management of Schools – we became responsible for the whole school budget. This meant there was much more flexibility. Money could be targeted towards school priorities.

I saw more changes in this area than in almost any other. In 1991, there was one BBC computer in each classroom and no computer at all in the school office. Most records were hand written although the secretary did use a typewriter. The telephone system was antiquated. There was an aged photocopier but most copying was done on a banda machine – very messy and time consuming. When we got our first two admin computers in the mid 1990s, they were not online.

Gradually, the number of computers available to each year group increased and then we set up a small ICT suite which had expanded considerably by the time I left in 2006. As internet usage increased a school website was set up. Teachers were provided with laptops to aid their teaching and to cut down on the time spent on report writing, planning and record keeping.

Glebe parents made a significant contribution to our success. They wanted their children to do well and took a keen interest in their education. They attended our regular parents’ evenings, came along to meetings on educational matters and supported us by ensuring that homework was done. Many worked tirelessly on the PTA to raise much needed additional funding for the school and others came in as volunteers to help in the classrooms or as part of our working party.

During my years at Glebe, the role of governors changed considerably. Their responsibilities increased and it became much more time consuming, with the setting up of a number of sub-committees. I was fortunate to be supported by very able governors from a wide variety of backgrounds and careers. They had to deal with so many issues besides education – finance, personnel, health and safety etc – and yet always put the needs of the pupils first. The phrase “critical friend” sums up their role well.

The staff team was a vital element in the achievements of the school. Everyone had a key role, whether teacher, learning support assistant, nursery nurse, dinner lady, administrative staff, welfare staff, cleaner or school keeper. I was privileged to work with many talented, loyal, professional and hardworking people. They were always supportive of the aims of the school and responded to the many new initiatives imposed upon them. It was rewarding to see many teachers develop, get promotions and move on from Glebe to greater challenges. I feel proud to have worked with them all.

What made Glebe a unique school was the children. Our ethos was not just to educate children academically but to help them develop into caring young citizens.

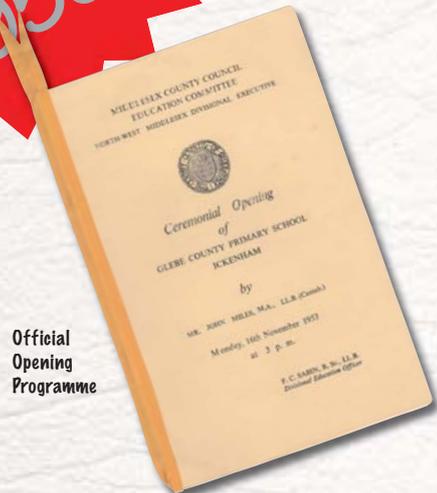
So often when I showed visitors round the school, the first comment they made was a positive one about the politeness and attitude of the children and their calmness. Frequently, when they came into contact with the general public outside school they were praised for their excellent behaviour.

The children displayed an awareness and tolerance of the needs of others, often beyond their years. They were sensible, capable of taking responsibility and using their initiative. It was lovely to see so many of them becoming confident young adults and fulfilling their potential when they left Glebe.

It was the children who led Glebe to having a very special atmosphere but of course parents and staff made this possible.

My last day at Glebe passed in a whirl. The children put on a lovely final assembly for me. I was given lots of flowers and all sorts of gifts, as well souvenirs to help me remember them, such as paintings and a scrap book. Many parents were kind enough to pop in and say their goodbyes personally and I received many cards and letters which I will always treasure. I also received surprise visits from some ex-pupils and their families. At the end of the day I stood out in the playground chatting for a long time. Glebe is like a big family and it was very strange when everyone had gone home to realise that after fifteen years I was no longer part of it. However, I shall never forget my time there, though we had ups and downs I will always remember it as a special school.

# 1950s



Official Opening Programme



## DID YOU KNOW...

On the day that the school opened the playground was not finished – a steamroller was laying tarmac as the pupils arrived.



The building of Glebe School, early 1950s



Glebe classroom

## MEMORY...

I was one of the first pupils to attend Glebe School, I used to go to Breakspear until Glebe was built. I remember playing in the school football team, training on Ickenham Green. We won the inter-schools football league that year (1953) unbeaten!



## MEMORY...

The first time I visited Glebe was at the time of the Coronation. I don't remember there being such things as street parties in our area, but there was some sort of event at the school and I remember being in the hall where there was an auction taking place run by a teacher.

## DID YOU KNOW...

To begin with, the field behind the school was just a meadow, too rough to be used for anything, but eventually I think machines came to flatten it and put down grass seed. They just left the bit at the far corner as a wild area for nature study. We did go on occasional nature study walks along Austin's Lane in the summer.



The 'meadow' from inside a classroom



Street party 1952



Cutting the grass

## DID YOU KNOW...

In 1953 the boys beat the girls at Netball!

**Glebe School Opens**  
22/04/1952

**Queen Elizabeth II Coronation**  
02/06/1953

21/01/1950 George Orwell dies	Princess Anne born	Population of Ickenham 7,107	06/02/1952 King George VI dies in his sleep	08/02/1952 New Queen proclaimed	Queen launches Royal Yacht Britannia	Hillary & Tenzing conquer Everest	Oxford wins 100th Boat Race	06/05/1954 Roger Bannister Fastest mile 3mins 59.4 sec
Fuel rationing ends	King George opens Festival of Britain			Tea rationing ends	Sweet rationing ends	Hamers Sweet shop opens in Glebe Avenue		
<b>1950</b>	<b>1951</b>		<b>1952</b>		<b>1953</b>		<b>1954</b>	



Snow-filled playground

**MEMORY...**

I played for the school football team and as we had no playing field at the school we walked up to Ickenham Green to practice and play other schools. For away matches we travelled in teachers cars.



**MEMORY...**

The school entered a sports team in the schools district sports day. I represented the school in the high jump and Beverley Bennett, sister of Peter Bennett (West Ham), represented the girls. All the boys were 'in love' with Beverley - she went to drama school and did some TV work, one show she was in was 'And so to Bed' with Ted Rogers.



Class Photo 1952

**DID YOU KNOW...**

In June 1959, 32 children from Glebe went on holiday for 2 weeks to St Mary's Bay in Kent. They were visited over the weekend by the Headmistress, Miss G. Downey.

**MEMORY...**

We had country dancing in the Hall as well. There was a blue Dansette record player, on which the teacher would put 78 rpm records for us. Then there was a radio on which we used to listen to the schools' broadcasts (at 11 am I seem to remember), sitting cross-legged on the floor.



Gardening Club - 1950s style



Pupils at Glebe School sometime in the early 50s.

The folding doors behind hid the dinner area and could be opened if necessary.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

To economise on exercise books we had to fold each page vertically down the middle and write in two columns.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

At 11 all pupils sat the 11 plus exam and only 2 pupils passed. All the boys that failed went to Abbotsfield Secondary School, and the girls to Swakeleys Girls School.



Gymnastics in the Hall

**MEMORY...**

As part of the Coronation Celebrations for Elizabeth II a talent contest was held at Glebe in the main hall. I recited Skimbleshanks The Railway Cat by T S Elliot. The winner sang Maybe it's because I'm a Londoner.



Glebe Football Team 1958

U.S. Air Force based at Ruislip Station (RAF WR)	I&P Society of Model Engineers move to site next to the Coach & Horses	Petrol rationing due to Suez Crisis	BBC Panorama fools the nation with a report about the spaghetti harvest in Switzerland	Bridge built over River Pinn in Swakeleys Drive. Was previously a ford known as 'The Splash'	My Fair Lady opens in London	1st Motorway opens M6 Preston Bypass	Hovercraft launched
18/04/1955 Einstein dies, aged 76	James Dean dies in car crash	Prince Rainier marries Grace Kelly		Sir Edmund Hillary arrives at South Pole	Trunk calls introduced - no need for operator		
1955		1956	1957	1958			1959

# 1960s



School Journey 1962



### MEMORY...

Marching in fancy dress from the Compass Theatre to school with the band on the summer fete day. Julia and Jane were Indian squaws and little brother David was a Zulu.

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

PC Fred Howard took some of the Glebe boys from the school football team to see the Oxford vs Cambridge Varsity football match at Wembley.

### MEMORY...

I can always remember starting school and having to be at the front in assembly but longing to be one of the "big girls" at the back. Funnily enough when I got older, I used to return to Glebe for the summer fete and on a couple of occasions came with fellow ex pupils of Glebe with our ponies, which we kept at Daltons Farm, and gave rides to the young children at the fete.



### MEMORY...

School sports days were also a happy memory of mine as when you entered the races and got either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place you could look forward to a prize from the trolley with chocolate treats which was taken from classroom to classroom afterwards.



1960's, Junction of Community Close & Long Lane - looking towards Glebe Avenue



1960's, view of St Giles Church & the Band Stand



### MEMORY...

I always kept an eye on the school as part of my beat. One morning at about 5am I was on the school field and noticed something on one of the goal posts. On inspection I saw it was an owl. I only ever saw it once.

PC Fred Howard



Glebe Football Team 1961

### MEMORY...

Summer and dry days in the hope that we could play on the field and on hot days, shelter from the sun under the willow tree.



Miss Grace Downey, Headmistress, retires

### MEMORY...

Mrs Thorne the dinner lady was always on the rampage at lunchtime to make sure we had eaten all our lunch up - but sometimes if we were lucky we could camouflage anything we didn't like under the mashed potato.

Radio telescope makes history contacting satellite 407,000 miles into space

1960

John F. Kennedy becomes US President

Population of Ickenham 10,370

1961

Berliners wake to a divided city

Douay Martyrs Secondary Modern opened

First US rocket lands on the moon

1962

Ickenham Library opened, on a site previously occupied by 'The Orchard' Tea Garden

22/11/1963 John F. Kennedy, President of the USA assassinated in Dallas

1963

Great Train Robbery

Channel Tunnel given go-ahead

1964

Nelson Mandela jailed for life  
1st edition of The Sun newspaper

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

Glebe pupils won the Uxbridge Schools Savings Trophy twice in a row. Out of 260 children on the roll, 202 of them saved £300 in 6 months.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The school set up a weather station so that pupils and staff could make daily records of the weather and predictions.



Saving Trophy



Ickenham Library 1967

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

PC Fred Howard visited the school to see that the teachers were refereeing a football match, all their decisions were 'guided' by the boys so he stepped in and ran the school football team for 4 years.



Netball Team

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

Glebe children were invited, by Thames Television, to supply paintings to depict different types of weather. Every child in the school (250 at that time) painted a picture and 50 were shown as the background to the weather report. The paintings were part of Thames Television's colour presentation for viewers, although at that time the majority of viewers were still watching TV in black and white. The children were rewarded for their efforts with lunch and a tour round Thames' Kingsway studios.



Harvest Festival 1964

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

Glebe pupils had a bumper harvest collection in 1964, shown here in the background of the photo. The children bought vegetables, fruit and flowers to school. There was a thanksgiving service led by Miss Grace Downey the Headmistress with accompaniment by the piano and pupils playing the recorders. All of the produce was shared between Ickenham old folks clubs and the Denham Children's Home.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

In 1964 the Harvest Festival was attended by 200 parents - the bumper harvest of fruit, vegetables, flowers was shared by various old people's homes in Ickenham and Denham Children's Home.



Barry Hodt "Sunny Day" 1969

**MEMORY...**

I started Glebe just as a 'kitchen helper' in 1968/9 just for 2 hours a day. The job involved cleaning ovens and washing plates (no dishwasher). As the years went on extra hours were given and I helped prepare the vegetables, all fresh, no frozen. I was made up to Cook working from 8am to 2.30pm. All meals were made from scratch, eg pastry etc. The most popular dishes were chicken nuggets and steamed jam sponge with custard. Veg was never very popular. On Shrove Tuesday we always made pancakes and Christmas pudding and mince pies at Christmas.

Joyce Hodt, Head Cook



1st Day at School 1969

Comprehensive Education System initiated	Death Penalty abolished	England win World Cup 4-2 against Germany	BBC2 broadcast first colour pictures from Wimbledon	Beatles release Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band	Martin Luther King shot dead	First astronauts orbit Moon	Vyners Grammar School opened	21/07/1969 Neil Armstrong first man to walk on the Moon
24/01/1965 Winston Churchill dies aged 90	Moors murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley jailed for life			QE2 launched	1st UK Heart Transplant			
<b>1965</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1969</b>

# 1970s



### MEMORY...

School dinners: The only thing anyone wanted 2nds of was Cannon Balls (cornflakes stuck together in a giant ball served with custard).

### DID YOU KNOW...

School Daily Journal noted that in April 1970 "the number of children staying for dinner has necessitated 3 sittings being arranged".

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

The BBC's Rod Smith came to Glebe to try out a new programme, Mathshow, as a preview for 3rd and 4th year children. "The children responded very well and were very perceptive in their observations".

### MEMORY...

One of my greatest memories is sitting in the dark and cosy wood-panelled classroom listening to Mrs Martin read to us Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, following the books first adaptation into a film.



School Fete Fancy Dress 1971  
(Chris 'Nipper' Jenkins is Chimney Sweep)

### MEMORY...

My greatest memory of Glebe School was when we had to leave the site temporarily in the early 70s. Whilst building work was carried out on the buildings, asbestos was found in the roof of the school and it was immediately shut. We were relocated to Ickenham Hall and the Compass Theatre in Glebe Avenue. Morning assemblies were carried out in the theatre and our lessons were carried out in the ancient rooms of Ickenham Hall. The theatre was also used for our drama and PE classes when we couldn't use the surrounding parkland.

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

The heating failed in November of 1974 so all the pupils were sent home early. That same day heavy rainfall caused the cellar to flood.



Children from Ickenham and Ruislip visit Windsor Safari Park 1973



Fancy Dress

Fried egg & Chip off the old block

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

To celebrate the re-opening of the school there was a dance held in the school hall, over 200 people were in attendance.

### HEADLINE NEWS...

130 children from Hillingdon, including many children from Glebe, went on a day trip to Windsor Safari Park. The trip cost their parents 66p each and they travelled on 2 double decker buses. The trip was very successful and the children had a lovely time - the only complaint was that the lack of ventilation on the buses meant that the children were too hot!

### DID YOU KNOW...

It was PC Fred Howard's job to walk the Glebe children from school to their temporary base at the old Swakeleys Girls School. He ensured they all got across Long Lane safely.



PC Howard helping Glebe children across Long Lane to the old Swakeleys Girls School

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

In summer 1972, the former newsreader, Richard Baker opened the school fete.



School Sports Team 1979

### HEADLINE NEWS...

In August 1973 Glebe was faced with closure because the concrete floors were beginning to disintegrate. New mobile classrooms had been ordered but could not be delivered until October so the school was split over 3 sites. Some were accommodated at Ickenham Hall Youth Centre, some at the old Swakeleys Girls School site (now part of Douay Martyrs) and the rest remained at Glebe in existing mobile classrooms. There was a big furor over safety for the children crossing Long Lane but in January 1974 they were all back at Glebe in the mobile classrooms. The repair work was completed the following September at a cost of £100,000.

Proposal to build NEC next to A40 in Ickenham	Ickenham & District Society of Engineers open Miniature Railway to the public	Decimalised currency replaces Pounds, Shillings and Pence	CND march from London to Aldermaston	Britain joins EEC	Swakeleys School moved from Ickenham to share Abbotsfield site	1st Open University degrees awarded	New Head Teacher Mr Ronald Thomas starts
	Population of Ickenham 11,214		9 Olympic athlete hostages killed				Miners' strike ends
1970	1971	1972	1973	1974			

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

The press re-opening of Glebe was postponed at the last minute due to a press dispute. It was eventually held almost a month later.



**MEMORY...**

At playtime we played under the massive willow tree on the school field (it's still there, but out of bounds!).

**MEMORY...**

Sports Day - doing the obstacle course, great fun!



**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

In November 1974 a cheese and wine evening was held for the parents of the new September intake, it was noted in the school journal as "an innovation in the PTA calendar".



Winning Float - "Old Lady who lived in a shoe"

**MEMORY...**

We went on the Year 6 School Journey to Cornwall and stayed in a big house on the beach.



**DID YOU KNOW...**

The PTA collected waste newspaper to raise money on a regular basis - they were paid by the tonne!



Teachers 1970s

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

In late September 1974 the pupils and staff were finally able to move back into the main building of the school following the work to repair the floor. The school had been re-configured to better suit the needs of the time. Members of staff, the PTA and a group of 10 children helped to move everything back to the classes over a weekend, ready to start school on the Monday morning.

**MEMORY...**

It was the time when the main building had to be closed as it was falling down. The pupils had to go to other buildings in Ickenham for their schooling. My brother went to Ickenham Hall and I went to North Hillingdon Adult Education Centre / Douay Martyrs. This was good for me as I only had to cross the road to get to school. Just before I left the school we went back to the site but the school was all in portacabins on the field. I have never been in the main building. That was about 39 years ago.



Mr Ronald Thomas, Head Teacher, blowing out candles on the Silver Jubilee Cake

**DID YOU KNOW...**

In 1977, the Queen's Silver Jubilee year, Glebe won the prize for best float in the Ickenham Festival procession. It nearly didn't make it to the judging as it got entangled with a tree on the route from The Grove to Swakeleys Manor but a long-handled pruning hook came to the rescue and helped it on its way!



Tree problems with the Jubilee Float



Rounders Team

**DID YOU KNOW...**

PC Fred Howard came to talk to the school children about safety. It was the first time that children from the PHU (Partially Hearing Unit) were in the school and he had a special microphone on one shoulder and his radio on the other. He didn't realise at the time but the children with hearing aids could hear everything that was being said on his police radio!

43 die in Moorgate Tube crash	U.S. Navy moved to RAF West Ruislip	Concorde 1st Commercial Flight	First Ickenham Festival	Red Rum wins Grand National for 3rd time	World's first Test Tube baby born	Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first female Prime Minister	Council tenants awarded 'right to buy'
Charlie Chaplin is knighted	John Curry wins Olympic Gold	Inter-City 125 start service	Star Wars in British cinemas	1st Atlantic crossing in balloon			
<b>1975</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1979</b>			



# Activities & Througho 60<sup>th</sup> Annivo

2<sup>nd</sup> May

## St. Giles Church

Launch of Celebrations - Blessing of Anniversary Flag (pupils only)

31<sup>st</sup> May

## Diamond Day Tea Party

School pupils celebrate with a party on the field (pupils only)

16<sup>th</sup> Jun

## Summer Fair

Guided tours for ex-pupils

23<sup>rd</sup> Jun

## Ickenham Festival Parade Diamond Day

12 noon at Milton Court

14<sup>th</sup> Jul

## Picnic Party

Musical entertainment on the Glebe Field 1-5pm

Live music from 2pm featuring "Buzz Lightweights"

14<sup>th</sup> Sep

## Decade Quiz & Buffet

Test your knowledge from the 50s to present day

13<sup>th</sup> Oct

## Picture House Family Matinee

Come and see the latest Family Blockbuster

*look out for posters*



# Attractions at Glebe's 60th Anniversary Year



- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**    **Christmas Fair**  
Get your presents here!
- 7<sup>th</sup> Dec**    **Ickenham Festival Community Night**  
Glebe Chior at St. Giles Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**    **1950s Community Coffee Morning**  
Enjoy coffee and cakes with old friends
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**    **Retro Games Night**  
All your Old Favourite games
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar**    **Family Disco**  
At Ickenham Village Hall (all ages welcome)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Apr**    **Close of Celebrations**  
Assembly looking back at the 60th Anniversary Celebrations  
followed by balloon release on School field (weather permitting)

*for each event... see you there!*



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The Rainbow Trust & Glebe PTA*

# 1980s

**MEMORY...**

We dressed up in fancy dress on Fete days, marching behind a band down Glebe Avenue towards the school.



School Netball Team 1981

**MEMORY...**

When I was a year 6 student, on the School Journey, Mrs Curtin was very kind and gave me some aftersun as I had got sun burnt during the day. That same trip we were not allowed down the mine we were visiting because we had been too naughty!

Miss Worsley

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The Chair of the PTA was the headteacher until the 1980s.

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

In the 14th Ickenham Festival year, Sue Cook (ex Glebe pupil) opened the School Summer Fete.



Sue Cook - Opened Glebe Fete 1981

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Ribbon dancing was entirely done as an after school club activity. This was almost exclusively a girls' activity with an occasional boy 'having a go'.



Winning Float - Ickenham Festival 1980



**DID YOU KNOW...**

School Journey originally lasted for 7 days, but later, as things became too expensive, for 5 days. For many years the trip was to Cornwall, one year it was North Wales and then, for several years, it was to Devon.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The PTA paid for the flagpole to be erected at the front of the school in the early 1980s.

**MEMORY...**

In 1987 I shifted water by the bucket load, every time it rained, to ensure teaching was not compromised.

Mr Budden



**DID YOU KNOW...**

On 12th May 1988 the school was closed for a day for work to be carried out on the main foul water and surface water drainage system underneath the school. Work was not completed until the end of October 1988 as asbestos was discovered and had to be removed.



School Football Team 1981



School Swimming Team 1981

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

New 'lightweight' radio aids were ordered in time for the start of term in September 1987. They were shipped to the UK along with a powder for making moulds and impressions. The aids, and the white powder, were impounded by HM Customs!

Brackenbury Estate built	John Lennon shot dead aged 40	Humber Bridge opens - longest single span bridge in the world	Prince Charles & Lady Diana Spencer marry	Argentina invades Falkland Islands	BBC starts morning TV	First heart & lung transplant at Harefield Hospital	Torvil & Dean win Olympic Gold with Bolero	Ickenham Residents' Association celebrates 60 years
1980	1980	1981	1981	1982	1983	1983	1984	1984
		First London Marathon	Maze hunger strike ends	Spain opens border with Gibraltar	Shergar kidnapped		O' Levels replaced by GCSEs	

**DID YOU KNOW...**

John Gillespie and Chris Tebb represented Glebe at football for the Borough 89/90 season. They are the only pupils from Glebe to play for the Borough!



Head Cook 'Joyce Hodt' retires after 20 years



**DID YOU KNOW...**

The provision of hot meals at lunchtime ended 2 years after Joyce retired.



Chips for lunch!

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

Year 4 came 2nd in a competition to produce artwork depicting policing in Uxbridge from 1871 - 1988. The artwork went on display at the new Uxbridge Police Station alongside the winning entry from Oak Farm.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The PTA raised enough money to provide the huted accommodation at the front of the school with air conditioning. This was a real improvement as, before this, the inside walls of these buildings became too hot to touch during the summer months.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The 'Swiftplan' (Sept 87-88) and other 'huts' had no running water which meant trips to the main school to fetch buckets of water for art and craft lessons. When running water was introduced to the huts this meant the children spent more time on art and less on transporting water.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

In September 1988 the PTA provided each class with a tape recorder and a set of headphones!

Open up the kitchen at the start of every day.  
Sort out all the paperwork to see who didn't pay.  
Phone the Civic Centre to be told what you may do.  
Take a message telling you someone's got the flu.  
Ask Jean if the children may each use their lunch box.  
See the schools caretaker about the cupboard locks.  
Make the pastry cases for today's strawberry tarts  
Then welcome everybody as their day starts.  
Organise the cooking, set up tables in the hall.  
Put out all the dinners ...no time to rest at all.  
Serve the little darlings ...they'll throw it on the floor.  
Get someone to clear it up; dish them out some more.  
Grit your teeth and listen to each POLITE request  
For something you've run out of although you've done your best.

We've appreciated extras you've produced at special times like lovely little biscuits with hearts at Valentines and sausages at Christmas and a range of special things; and relaxed and happy meal times that your cooking always brings.

So, enjoy a long retirement and the restful days to come  
Go with sincere good wishes and our thanks for all you've done.

Poem for Joyce Hodt, Head Cook, on her retirement in July 1988



PC Howard retirement presentation 1988



Inscribed: Presented to PC Howard on his Retirement by the Staff & Children of GLEBE SCHOOL Oct 12 1988

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

PC Fred Howard retired after 30 years as the "Village Bobby". He was special to the children of Glebe, frequently visiting the school to tell the children about Road Safety and Stranger Danger. He retired in 1988 and attended Glebe Harvest Festival on his last day ... he was presented with a silver tray, a huge card and the children sang "A Policeman's Life is not a Happy One" in their own words, bobbing up and down!



'Evening all' - School performance



Who is this? - Last Day 1989



And another clue!

St. Giles Church celebrates 650th Anniversary	Live Aid raises millions of pounds for the starving in Africa	Challenger space shuttle disaster	Beatings in State schools outlawed	Zeebrugge ferry disaster 187 die	Margaret Thatcher wins record third term	1 <sup>st</sup> temporary classrooms installed next to the car park	Edwina Currie salmonella remarks	Hillsborough disaster 96 die	The Berlin Wall comes down
1985	£1 notes cease to be legal tender	Greater London Council abolished	1986	1987	1988	1988	1988	1989	Tim Berners Lee invents the World Wide Web

# 1990s



Football pitch - up to the playground 1990

**MEMORY...**  
BBC TV crew arriving due to fake goods being sold unwittingly at school. Trading Standards and the police were involved.

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
During the 90s links were developed with the school for American children on the West Kuislip Base.

**MEMORY...**  
Mr Cooksey regularly leapt through Miss Ali Khan's classroom dressed as a pirate.



and looking back to Nursery 1990

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
In 1992/3 the school was 1½ form entry, the classes were arranged as follows:  
Rec/Yr 1 - 2 classes  
Yr 2/3 - 3 classes  
Yr 4/5 - 3 classes  
Yr 6 - 1 class

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**  
In July 1991 there was a 'scare' over water in the Ickenham area. The School remained open, although many children stayed at home - those who were in school helped with the end of year clean up.

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
In 1991 classes had blackboards. These were gradually replaced with white boards which, in turn, were replaced with interactive whiteboards linked to laptops during the 2000s.

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**  
In February 1991 heavy snow more or less closed the school. Parents were asked to keep their children at home if possible, so there were only 10 pupils and 4 teachers in that day!

**MEMORY...**  
I remember we (Year 6) cooked lunch for ourselves and a few guests, including Miss Lanham. We all enjoyed chicken pie, garlic bread and salad followed by fruit salad and ice cream and After Eight mints. We also made menus and table decorations.

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
The 1990s saw many statutory changes to education which radically affected Glebe: The Education Reform Act 1988 led, during the early 1990s, to the implementation of the National Curriculum, the aim of which was to raise standards and improve continuity and progression. It established mathematics, English and science as core subjects. Learning for Nursery and Reception children became more formalised with the implementation of the Foundation Stage Curriculum.



1992 Winning Olympic Float

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
In 1992 the Glebe float, which had an Olympic theme, won 1st Prize at the Ickenham Festival Parade. That same year the boys won the football competition against Breakspear.



**DID YOU KNOW...**  
19th December 1991 marked the end of hot school dinners at Glebe. At lunchtime the staff had a cheese and wine Christmas lunch and said their goodbyes to all of the kitchen staff.

**MEMORY...**  
Miss Ali-Khan's first ever talent show. Miss Munday dressed up in a green leotard like the famous tv presenter 'The Green Goddess' and did a routine with gymnastic ribbons. The surprise act was born!



Fete Floats

**MEMORY...**  
1991 Waking up to horses and peacocks on different days!  
Mr Budden



Compass Theatre re-furnished and re-opened by Prince Edward

Miss Lanham starts as Head Teacher

Hot School dinners end at Glebe

U10 Bus service started between Uxbridge & Kuislip

Ickenham Pump refurbished

British Secret Service goes public

Ayrton Senna killed at the San Marino Grand Prix

1st Women Priests ordained by Church of England

Channel Tunnel opens

1st School League tables published

IRA declares 'complete' ceasefire

1990

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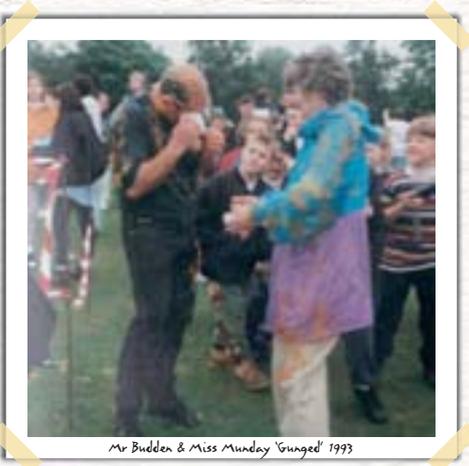
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**DID YOU KNOW...**

League tables for schools were first published in 1992, one of many measures designed to increase accountability. Since then target setting for pupils, staff and schools has become embedded into the education system.



Mr Budden & Miss Munday 'Gunged' 1993

**MEMORY...**

Air Ambulance arriving in the playground to attend to a local resident. Luckily Mr Budden was in to open the gates, otherwise they would have had to climb the fence.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The end of vertically grouped classes - these had always been unpopular with parents and made planning very difficult for staff.

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

Once again school was closed for flooding in October 1993. As usual the rainwater came in through the roof and some through the floor. On this particular occasion, the water level rose to such an extent in the urinals and toilet bowls that they had to be closed!

**DID YOU KNOW...**

For the first time children were allowed to wear sweatshirts and ties became optional.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Glebe had its first Ofsted inspection in November 1997. It was a very stressful time for staff, children and governors. We were graded an "improving school".

**MEMORY...**

The death of the Princess of Wales in August 1997. Even though this had happened during the holidays, there was a very subdued atmosphere at the start of the academic year. Diana had become a celebrity and many of the children had admired her, not just for her style, but also for her charity work.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

1998 saw the introduction of the Literacy Hour. This provided a very structured four part lesson - whole class work on a shared text, word or sentence level work, independent work and plenary. The following year the Numeracy Hour was introduced with its three part format - oral work/mental calculation, main teaching activity and plenary.

**MEMORY...**

The Dunblane tragedy, March 1996. This had a huge impact on the whole school and, in one day changed our attitude to security and access to the school. Visitors were required to show proof of identity, an entry system was installed and gates were locked.

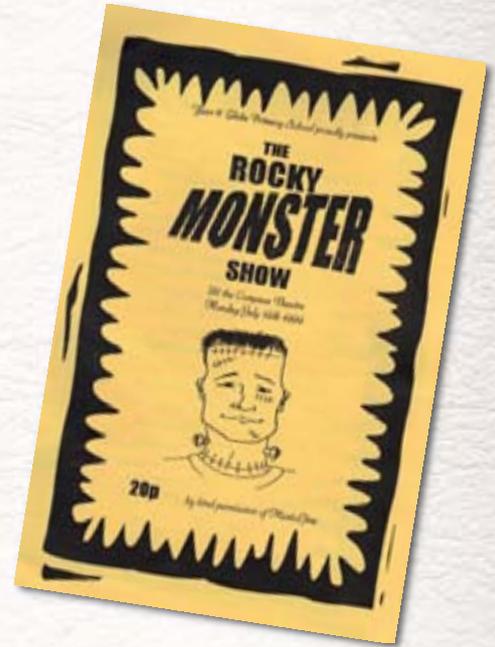


Fete Parade

**MEMORY...**

1987-2000 my dog Tara terrorising everyone in the garden which was in the school car park at the time.

Mr Budden



**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

The year 6 children performed at the Compass Theatre. They put on "The Rocky Horror Show". They were so excited to be acting on a proper stage with professional equipment and their parents were so proud of their achievement.

**MEMORY...**

I remember arriving at school one morning and there were horses on the field - it caused a lot of excitement among the staff and children. They were eventually re-united with their owner.



Teachers and Staff 1999

1st US shuttle to dock with Russian space station	Riots break out in Brixton	First GM food goes on sale in UK	Dolly the sheep is cloned	Princess Diana dies in Paris car crash	Six die in Southall train disaster	First Literacy Hour	First Numeracy Hour	First Harry Potter film released
				Tiger Woods wins The Masters at 21	First Ofsted inspection			Millenium Wheel opens
<b>1995</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>				

# 2000s



### MEMORY...

Miss Massey and Miss Worsley on the school trip to the Isle of Wight watched Mrs Homer sail past in her boat.

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

September 11th 2001 - News came through at the end of the school day of the 9/11 disaster. Staff gathered round the staffroom television in stunned silence. The event was especially poignant for Glebe as we had several American families and an American teacher at the time.

### HEADLINE NEWS...

All of the pupils at Glebe went on a free trip to Legoland for the day after a Year 6 boy, James Hollaway, won a story writing competition run by Heart FM. More than 10,000 stories were entered into the competition. Children, teachers and a very pregnant Mrs Penney went in 8 coaches. All the children got in free and enjoyed a memorable lunch and received a free toy.



### DO YOU REMEMBER...

On Glebe's 50th birthday, 22nd April 2002, the Earl and Countess of Wessex, Edward & Sophie, paid a visit. They spent 45 minutes at the school and unveiled a plaque which can still be seen today.

### WAS THIS YOU?...

Six pupils from the chess club at Glebe gained entry to the Mega-final of the UK chess challenge, the largest chess tournament in the world!



The Royals visiting Glebe

### MEMORY...

Over 21 years of Father Christmas arriving by helicopter, fondly known as the "Santacopter".

### HEADLINE NEWS...

In our Golden Jubilee year 100 balloons were bought and released in a balloon race. A 6 year old pupil won a BMX when her balloon was found to have travelled the furthest - all the way to Kirchlengrn in Germany.

### MEMORY...

St George's day and Mr Budden met the children at the school gate dressed as St George in full chain mail. He then spent the afternoon in goal as every child had a penalty shot at St. George.



Mr Budden in 'Beat St. George'

### MEMORY...

The visit of the Earl and Countess of Wessex, as part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations. Lots of preparation needed to ensure that everything ran smoothly but it was a truly memorable morning. As usual, the children "did us proud"!

### DID YOU KNOW...

January 2003 - Our second OfSTED inspection. The weather was terrible and some of the inspectors nearly got snowed in on the last day!

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

QPR ran a competition to shoot penalties at the QPR goalkeeper at half time during a match. Glebe won and were given massive amounts of Pritt Sticks, as it was part sponsored by Pritt Stick.

### MEMORY...

Production of Joseph and Sara Williams needed some more rehearsal time so Miss Ali Khan took her outside to sing on the playground. Local residents phoned the school to comment on the beautiful singing they could hear coming from Glebe.

### MEMORY...

A sad memory of Miss Massey's leaving assembly. She was so upset at leaving Glebe she couldn't talk and so she made up a song about Glebe to the tune of 'Hey Big Spender' and had everyone in tears themselves.

### MEMORY...

Miss Wands' first classroom was situated where the launch pad is now. There were no walls - just curtains and lots of other members of staff enjoyed poking their faces through a hole in the curtains and shouted 'woo hoo' on a daily basis!

### MEMORY...

Flagrant breach of health and safety as Mr Budden took Mrs Rees and Miss Ali Khan onto the school roof to prove to them that the roof wasn't flat!



Parade

Queen Mother celebrates 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Steve Redgrave wins 5 Olympic gold medals	'9/11' - 2,792 die in World Trade Center & Pentagon attacks	Euro currency is introduced in 15 countries	Introduction of CRB checks for all Staff and Helpers	2nd OfSTED Inspection - Glebe is now a 'Good' School	New Glebe library opened by author Neil Griffiths	England win Rugby World Cup	Kelly Holmes wins 2 Olympic gold medals
Glebe becomes no smoking zone	Population of Ickenham 9,933	Queen Mother dies 30/3/02				Last Concorde flight	Ickenham Village Pump restored	
<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>			<b>2003</b>		<b>2004</b>	

**MEMORY...**

Class assemblies were such a wonderful way of letting parents know what their children had been learning and a valuable opportunity for children to "perform" to an audience. Topics could be scientific, historical or environmental. Sometimes they were based on a book and they frequently involved art, drama and music.

**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

The PTA held a sponsored bounce to raise money for blinds and pots and pans for the new kitchen - great fun was had by all.

**MEMORY...**

The Year 3 visit to the local Ickenham Pump resulted in all the girls tights being hung to dry in Miss Worsley's classroom as it had rained so hard and the children had got soaked.



Mayor being served by the children



**HEADLINE NEWS...**

The new kitchen at Glebe was opened by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr. David Payne. He attended the grand opening with Terry Stubbs from The Kitchen Company, who had sponsored and installed the kitchen. They were served with tea and biscuits made in the new oven.

**MEMORY...**

I was chosen, from a lottery, to visit the David Beckham Academy - we had a great day and played lots of football. David Beckham's brother was there as he ran the centre.



New Library opens

**DID YOU KNOW...**

Each year we celebrated harvest with a special assembly, often with a guest speaker from the local community. Year 6 invited local pensioners and gave them tea. At first we collected donations of food to give to our elderly guests but later, at their request, we collected money for overseas charities.

**MEMORY...**

I entered a writing competition in Year 6 and won a trip to Sky News with about 10 other Glebe children. We saw the news being broadcast live and had a chance to see how it was all produced - there were lots of computer screens and buttons and we had to be VERY quiet.

**MEMORY...**

We had a book day and dressed up as our favourite book character. Mr Hopkins was Oliver Twist and Mr Budden was REALLY funny covered in green as Shrek!

**HEADLINE NEWS...**

Glebe opened a new library in 2003. It was made possible by a £4000 donation from George Wimpey Homes. It is situated in a disused classroom and filled with beanbags and lots of new books.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

An after-school club was set up to help working parents with child care. This was soon followed by a breakfast club.

**MEMORY...**

I remember when it snowed and we were allowed out for an hour, one year group at a time. Each year group had to build a snowman and the group that came out last won the competition because all the rest were sabotaged!

**MEMORY...**

Talent show and the teachers decided on a version of 'Amarillo' with Mr Budden again in a wig in the Peter Kay role. He marched around the hall and all the teachers popped up out of different doors and cupboards and joined Mr Budden marching around the hall.

**WERE YOU THERE?...**

On the last day of the summer term in 2008 the school had to close at lunchtime. The torrential rain meant that all the toilets, some classrooms and corridors in the main school were flooded.



Glebe Gardening Club



**DO YOU REMEMBER...**

Talent Contests - these provided a more informal opportunity for children to perform. They sang, danced, played musical instruments, recited poems and even did magic tricks - great entertainment! Sometimes members of staff delighted the children with displays of their own extra-curricular talents!

Asian Tsunami kills an estimated 230,000 people in 14 countries	Pubs open 24 hours	U.S. Navy leave RAF West Ruislip	Mr Alford starts as Head Teacher	Houses introduced at Glebe	New school uniform introduced	Population of Ickenham 10,133	Ofsted inspection	First set of laptops introduced at Glebe	Introduction of texting service for parents	Glebe wins Brain of the Borough in consecutive years	Breakfast club starts	Shona White memorial garden opened
<b>2005</b>			<b>2006</b>		<b>2007</b>			<b>2008</b>			<b>2009</b>	

# ...to the present day

**John Buckingham** (Chair of Governors 1987 to present)

It seems hard for me to comprehend that when I first made contact with Glebe School it was less than thirty years old and now we have reached the grand milestone of sixty.

I remember well my first contact with the Head Teacher, Ron Thomas, in 1980 and overhearing him in deep discussion with an irate parent who wanted a second language to be taught at Glebe. The parent was most taken aback to be informed by Mr Thomas that he agreed wholeheartedly as he himself had only spoken Welsh for the first ten years of his life so English was his second tongue! Little did I realise that later when he "recruited" me to become a Governor I would still be here 25 years later!

Mrs Riley was in charge of the Nursery in the 70s/80s, and more than one of my four children have been carried screaming in to School by her under her arm after dismissing we parents with a "they will be fine, just pick them up later"! She was right, none of them suffered and were happy to return!

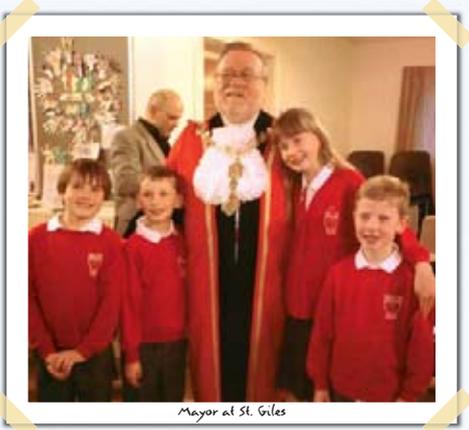
It was also comforting to know that there was even the customary

Mr Chalk as one of the teachers at Glebe in the 70s/80s. Every school should have one!

Every Christmas Bazaar and Summer fete raffle was not complete without a signed football from Tottenham Hotspur. Steve Perryman, of Spurs and England, was always happy to donate some as he lived in Ickenham and both his children attended Glebe.

So many teachers and so many governors over the years and all with the same focus to contribute to the well being and educational advancement of the children who have passed under Glebe's umbrella. All have moulded and driven Glebe forward with the same passion to the undoubted success it is today. From my first Head Teacher, Ron Thomas, through Linda Munday, Sarah Lanham and now Nick Alford, Glebe has been fortunate in the individuals who have lead the School, all different but all great driving forces pursuing the same goal of happy, well educated children. Many happy returns Glebe, and here's to the next sixty.

*"we can and we will - and we did!"*



Mayor at St. Giles

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Choir were asked to sing for the Mayor in St. Giles' Church, they sang so beautifully that they were invited to visit him at The Mayor's Parlour for squash and biscuits.

### MEMORY...

Years 5 and 6 Choir hit the O2 Arena with Miss Keenor for the 14th 'Young Voices' concert - Just Fantastic!

### DO YOU REMEMBER...

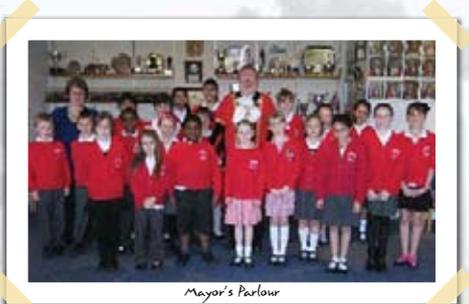
Father Christmas arrived on a Fire Engine instead of the "Santacopter".



"Grow Your Own 2011" competition

### DID YOU KNOW...

The Glebe PTA supplied new lights and staging for the hall. They were put to good use in the Yrs 3 & 4 production of the Peace Child. It proved to be a huge improvement on the old and the new backdrop was stunning.



Mayor's Parlour



Christmas Choir at St. Giles Church

### HEADLINE NEWS...

The Glebe Gardening Club won £500 as the Regional Winner of Persimon Homes "Grow Your Own 2011" competition. The school had to submit a diary with evidence of the crops that pupils had been growing over a period of 4 months.

"The strong sense of community spirit at Glebe is underpinned by a positive ethos and welcoming environment. Pupils enjoy school and achieve well".  
- Ofsted Report June 2010 -

**Glebe School Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday**



Ickenham Library refurbished	Extended ICT suite, office and staff room	Another new classroom built	Glebe School tops school league tables	Glebe wins borough football tournament	Ickenham Festival
Glebe wins Hillingdon Maths Challenge	Ofsted inspection	iPads introduced into school	Mysterious egg appears on field		
2010		2011	2012	2013	2014

## Mr Alford (Head Teacher 2006 to present)

I can hardly believe that, as I write this on a beautiful Spring day in 2012, I reflect on nearly six years at Glebe.

They do say that time flies when you are having fun so therefore I am one of those lucky people who finds work fun (well most of the time!). I do feel extremely privileged that I am one of only a handful of people who have led Glebe over its 60 years. Like all schools there have been huge changes over the years both to the school itself and education as a whole.

I expect the very first Head would barely recognise Glebe now. Even in my relatively short time here (one tenth of its total existence I have just realised) there have been some huge changes, particularly the new classrooms and the refurbishments of the office, ICT suite, staff room and library. The improved fencing, car park barrier, new doors and locks have certainly made the site safer. We have seen a big rise in pupil numbers and now have just one September intake into Nursery and Reception. The children look stunning in the red uniform and the house system, prefects, head boy and girl help galvanise the School community.

Resource wise the various pieces of new ICT equipment have really enhanced learning. The laptops were a revelation as was the new audio visual system (recently joined by new stage lighting) in the hall. It goes without saying that the iPads have gone down a storm! Even the school day itself has been extended. The School is now all systems go from 8am, when Breakfast Club starts, until 6pm, when After-School Club ends.

What hasn't changed (and I suspect this is true of the entire 60-year history of the School) has been the fantastic children, staff and families who really make Glebe the great place it truly is. I really am so lucky to have children who are so well behaved, polite and hard working. The greatest compliment for me is when visitors comment on how calm the school is and well motivated the children are. It is always great to hear how much children enjoy coming to school, that they feel safe and they enjoy their learning. This is only possible due to the excellent and dedicated staff we have at Glebe who try to give the children the best possible experience at school and do all they can to give these young people a first rate education. Likewise, none of this would be possible without the support of all our parents. I hope that we all work together as a team with the goal of giving the children the best start in life.

I feel very proud too of Glebe's place in the local community. I still feel immense pride when I see those familiar red school jumpers when I am driving through Ickenham or when a member of the community tells me how lovely the children are! It has been great to foster good relationships with St. Giles Church, take our place in community events such as the Ickenham Festival, and see the school represented in a high profile way such as in many of the School choir performances.

I am sometimes asked what my most memorable experiences and achievements have been in my time at Glebe. Two successful Ofsted

inspections and topping the school league tables in 2011 would have to be the absolute highlights as they reflect the hard work of the staff and children in continually striving for academic excellence and the quality of teaching and learning that takes place each day. The School being judged outstanding for its care, guidance and support as well as the extent to which children feel safe and community links really was the icing on the cake. It has been great to see so many new clubs and opportunities offered (and I am always eternally grateful to staff for enabling this). The school has had lots of sporting success of late and music continues to flourish, not least the school choir and the numerous excellent productions.

There have been the odd 'don't panic' moments. Having to close the school on the last day of my first year when we had a flash flood in the main building ranks highly along with the sickness bug on the Y6 school journey in the same week as my first Ofsted. Add to that the phone call from Ofsted for the second inspection 20 minutes after Y6, three teachers and Mr Budden had set off for a week in Wales!

Of course little can match the sheer exhilaration of seeing Santa land his helicopter in the school field - I do hope we can persuade the RAF to re-instate this! The great thing about being Head of a school like Glebe is that you never know what each day will bring. Schools never stand still and I tend to feel that when you believe the school cannot improve any more then it is probably time to move on. Luckily the next few years could be particularly exciting times as it is likely that the school will expand and we may get the new school building the children and staff deserve. It would be great if more children had the opportunity to enjoy the Glebe experience.

Well here's to the next 60 years. I suspect I will not be around then but I certainly look forward to celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> and, who knows, 75<sup>th</sup> year celebrations (although working out how old I will be is a bit scary).

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the various events to mark our diamond jubilee and thank everyone (particularly the Governors' Organising Committee) for their hard work in putting everything together including this splendid brochure (a particular word of thanks to the Brownlees for this).

A final thought: All Heads think their school is the best. I am the only one who knows he is right!



*We can and we will*

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## Thank you

A very big thank you to the many people who have contributed their memories, photos and time to make this book complete - there are far too many to list everyone but you all know who you are. A special mention to Michelle Cason who has used her network of friends in the village to its fullest!

**We have arranged a number of events throughout our anniversary year and we sincerely hope that staff, parents and children of the past, present and future will be able to join us at some of them to celebrate this milestone for our school.**



*Join us to  
wish Glebe a  
Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

