

There is a plaque above the well gate commemorating this event. He had it dedicated and called it Holywell, the same name which is on the old map. I have a lovely photo taken at the time showing the well and the pump and the Rev Sir Bouchier Wrey standing by the pump.

In later years when the mains water came to the area, the school was connected to it. This meant the well was not required anymore, so it was closed and made redundant. Some time after this in November 1957 there appeared an article in the local newspaper reference "The Pump of the Holywell Tawstock". It appears that at a meeting of Barnstaple Rural Council, Sir Richard Bouchier Wrey was trying to find out what had happened to the pump. It was stated that the late baronet the Rev Sir Bouchier Wrey, who had been chairman of the council for many years, put the pump at the Holywell in 1917, because he did not like the children dipping water from the well. The chairman of the meeting recalled that some years ago a list of wells under the control of the council were handed to the Water Board.

Later Mr AS Bateman, Northern Divisional Engineer for the Water Board said Tawstock Parish council seemed to be rather concerned about the pump and he understood the Parish Council felt there was a possibility of it being stolen. He looked up the records and as far as he could see the pump at one time had belonged to Barnstaple Rural Council. It appeared on the list of undertakings owned by the Rural Council and it was automatically inherited by the North Devon Water Board when the Board took over.

As the Parish Council seemed to be a little concerned about it we removed it said Mr Bateman. It is still in public hands and if someone wanted it badly enough and they are prepared to prove ownership we will part with it. Here I would say ended the saga of the pump.