

We returned to a newly built school room in the spring of 1941, I believe it was after Easter. The Rector Sir Bouchier Wrey insisted that the school had to be rebuilt on the same design as the original building with the exception that it was about 9 inches larger each way to allow for cavity walls. Oh and of course the old oil lamp brackets were not replaced "Miss Shaplands cane holders".

As a matter of interest many years later I found in an old Express and Echo newspaper dated January 29th 1940 an entry with the title and I quote- Landmark lost to Tawstock, "Such a loss Tawstock has sustained during the week-end. It has been claimed for Tawstock that it has the finest manor, the richest rectory and the most stately residence in North Devon. Be that as it may Tawstock certainly had one of the most picturesque little schools in all of England, and one which thousands of summer holiday makers must have stopped to admire. That it should have come to so ignoble an end is a matter of wide regret, for it means the disappearance of a landmark".

But fortunately for Tawstock that landmark did rise again. Thanks to Sir Bouchier Wrey who made it possible.