



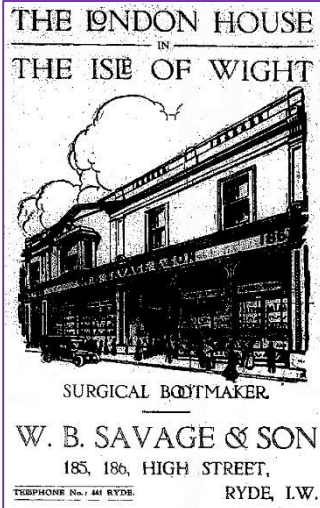
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Beyond the Graves

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CHANGING WITH THE TIMES

Shoe Shop to Car Showroom & Garage to Hotel



Above – Advert for Savage & Son, IW Times 1915. Part of their shop, No 186, becoming Wight Motors Showroom.

Photograph of Wight Motors High Street Showroom RSHG Roy Brinton Collection.

Advert from 'The Way We Were – Vol 2'.

IW Observer 18 June 1904

The inhabitants of the Island (including the great majority of motorists and cyclists) will gladly welcome more strict supervision by the authorities of the speed of both classes of these vehicles, motoring and cycling being likely to get into dispute by the action of a few.

Wight Motors was established in Newport, before moving to Ryde in 1931. Their large workshop premises had once been a slaughterhouse then a private ambulance depot, accessed from Lind Hill. The 'Belfast Spans' in the workshop came from an original sea plane hangar at Bembridge Harbour.

Their first dealership was Rootes, then Ford and finally Toyota. Their showrooms were in the High Street, later to become the Halifax Building Society and, on the corner with Garfield Road, Fox and Sons Estate Agents.

IW Observer 6 November 1909

The Motor and Clothes – There are, it is true, complexions that suffer from quick rushing through the air, but the average skin is vastly improved by it, due precautions being taken to protect it against the cold east wind and the bitter nor'-wester. The study of suitable motor clothes has occupied many clever brains during the last few years. We all remember how disfiguring was the original huge hat and veil with goggles, and unwieldy, shapeless coat.



Changing into the Travelodge.



Top – Looking up to their front entrance RSHG – Roy Brinton Collection.

During building and nearing completion in Garfield Road, on the site of the Petrol Station Forecourt, extending back into the workshop. Photographs Dave Bushell.

Wight Motors
TOYOTA
SERVICE • REPAIRS • PARTS • SALES
1927 - 65 - 1992
"Where Customer Care & Quality is as important now as it was then."
405551 SANDOWN 62281 RYDE



BARRINGTON GRANGE, APPLEY

School to Private Residence



Photograph of the girls in July 1926 – IW County Record Office

Photographs of the front and rear of
Barrington Grange 2022 - RSHG

Lost, Found, Inquiries, &c.

LOST. October 13th or 14th, Swan Fountain Pen, between Elmfield and Carisbrooke or on Bus 20-1-34 Service; 5/- reward.—21 Harding Road, Ryde.
LOST between Strand and Simeon Street on October 18th, cerise silk nylon Mackintosh Tie Belt.—If found please return to Sambrook, Barrington Grange, Appley Rise, Ryde.

Above IW County Press 24 October 1948

Below IW County Press 6 June 1953

VAN CAUSED OBSTRUCTION

Charles Harold Sambrook, butcher, of Barrington Grange, Appley Rise, was summoned for causing obstruction with a vehicle and for using a vehicle without an excise licence on April 10th.—The Magistrates' Clerk (Mr. J. V. Bullin) read a letter from the defendant pleading guilty and stating that he could not attend because of business.—P.C. R. Harrison said that defendant's van completely blocked the road in Havenstreet and he was unable to pass in the patrol car. The width of road left by it was only 5ft. 6in. On several occasions he had to direct the traffic through. He moved the van and then made inquiries to find the owner, without success. On examining it he found there was no excise licence on the windscreen. He eventually traced defendant on the following day, who said that he had run out of petrol and had to leave his car there. As far as the licence was concerned, that was his fault because he forgot to renew it.—Fined £1 for obstruction and £5 for not having an excise licence.

BARRINGTON GRANGE SCHOOL, APPLEY, RYDE.

BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS & GIRLS.

A few vacancies for boarders.
Summer term commencing May 3rd. The School is beautifully situated close to sea. French resident mistress. Special advantages for music and languages.—Apply prospectus, Headmistress.

Hampshire Telegraph 13 April 1923

From the IW County Press 28 April 1951

Miss Kathleen May Barton, principal of Westwing School for the previous 12 years, died at Vernon Lodge, Ryde, aged 58. She had been the second headmistress at Barrington Grange School for 8 years. Her influence had been evident in music, drama and sports as well as in academic achievement. She had been a keen supporter of the Musical Festival.



By 1947 Charles Harold Sambrook was living at Barrington Grange. He had a butcher's shop at 75 Monkton Street. around 1950.

The previous butcher trading at that shop in the late 1930's was Frederick Cecil Cann.

From the IW County Press 24 October 1953

Ralph Waller, 36, pleaded guilty to occasioning actual bodily harm on September 20th to Charles Harold Sambrook. They had both been at a party in a hotel in Ryde. Sambrook went to get his motor van from the car park in George Street, accompanied by Waller and Mr Maynard. While attempting to start the vehicle an argument arose. Maynard saw Waller strike Sambrook violently in the face, followed by a kick. The police were called. The two men, the worse for drink, were taken to the police station. However, Sambrook had to be taken to hospital to be treated for his injuries, including a depressed fracture below the left eye, eventually going to Salisbury for treatment.

In his defence Waller said he thought Sambrook should not drive and tried to restrain him. As the van would not start Sambrook produced a starting handle. Waller, fearing he was to be hit, hit first. He wanted to apologise never having struck anyone before. Waller was fined £20 or six weeks in prison. He paid £10 straight away and was allowed six weeks to pay the balance.

CROFTON, GEORGE STREET School to Guest House

Newspaper Report 5 July 1813

Bank Cottage, Upper Ryde, Isle of Wight

Mrs Downes acquaints her numerous Friends and the Public, that she has opened an Establishment on a liberal scale for the Board and Education of Young ladies. She has chosen the above beautiful spot, on account of the salubrity of the air, its picturesque views, extensive pleasure grounds and the beneficial advantages of Sea Bathing. Mrs D's domestic arrangements will be found to combine all the comfort of Private Tuition, and all the tenderness of Maternal Care. The Assistants she has already engaged. Possessing the most eminent abilities, she trusts the strict attention to the improvement, health, and morals of her Pupils will merit and confirm that patronage she begs to solicit.

The School opened on the 29th July



The thatched Bank Cottage was a school run by many others before Mr Havell moved there from George Street in 1866. Later when Harry Withington settled in Ryde he ran it as a tea store. The 'Atlantic' was erected on the site.

Postcard - RSHG

MR. HAVELL'S COMMERCIAL SCHOOL,
BEULAH HOUSE, 17, NELSON PLACE, RYDE.

IW Observer 30 April 1870, when Mr Havell had moved yet again.



M R. HAVELL'S
CLASSICAL AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOL,
39, GEORGE STREET, RYDE.
YOUNG GENTLEMEN Instructed in English
Grammatically, Writing, Arithmetic, History,
Geography, Geology, Mineralogy, Natural Philosophy,
&c., &c.
French, Latin, and Greek, extras.
Mr. HAVELL returns his sincere thanks to those
friends who have favoured him with their confidence.
Private Instructions given after school hours.

Above - IW Observer 19 January 1861

[39 George Street was Crofton].

MR. HAVELL'S COMMERCIAL SCHOOL, re-
moved from 39, George-street, to Bank Cottage,
High-street, Ryde.

Isle of Wight Observer 19 November 1859

Advertisement - Seminary, Bank Cottage, High Street, Ryde. Mrs Giles desires to make known amongst her Friends that she has recently received an acquisition to her Establishment in the engagement of a young lady from the Continent who speaks French with a native accent and begs to recommend the opportunity to any who may wish to acquire a facility in that language.

DEATH OF AN OLD INHABITANT.—Our obituary records the death of Mr Havell, which occurred on Wednesday last, at his residence in Nelson Street. Mr Havell was a very old inhabitant of Ryde, and many years ago kept a school in an old house which stands where the Atlantic Stores are now. The competition of the Board Schools soon closed his little establishment, and in his declining years he suffered a great deal from ill-health. He had a good many boys under him in his time, and many will no doubt be sorry to hear of the death of their old master.

IW Observer 14 December 1901

Joseph Samuel Newman of Crofton House, George Street, Ryde, died aged 73. After retiring from business in Surbiton, in 1924, he made his home in Ryde where he kept Crofton House as a boarding establishment. He took a great interest in the town's activities – on the Rate Payer's Association; Ryde Bowling Club; the County Hospital Contributory Scheme; reporting in the IW Times. As a hobby he enjoyed gardening.

He had been given the Freedom of the City of London, and was a member of the Merchant Taylors from 1904.

Obituary 1943 & information
from Roy Newman.

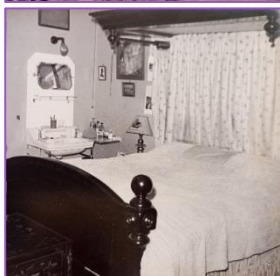
Photograph of Joseph and Bertha Newman
RSHG

Postcard Brian Young

BEECHGROVE, CORBETT ROAD, HAYLANDS

Private House to Church

A few of a collection of photos of Beechgrove taken by **Robert Mills**, gardener at the house, he also worked at Gobles and for the council. RSHG



Girls Brigade Photograph
Rosemary Saunders
[She is seated front left, the other girls are named as well on the original]

"BEECHGROVE," HAYLANDS,
RYDE, I.W.
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1921,
Commencing at 2 o'clock punctually.
Messrs. Purnell & Purnell
Have received instructions from Captain G.
Scott Lowe to Sell by Auction, on the premises
as above, the
FURNITURE
and effects, including: Two bordered pile car-
pets, walnut and ash bedroom suites, fumed-
oak bureau bookcase, six carved walnut dining
chairs, easy chairs in tapestry and cretonne,
upholstered wicker chairs, bamboo 3ft. 6in.
cabinet, walnut sofa table, fumed-oak bat and
umbrella stand, Axminster stair carpet, black
and brass 4ft. 6in. bedstead, six single bed-
steads and bedding, a folding cabinet bedstead,
painted bedroom furniture, kitchen requisites,
linoleum etc.
Goods on view the morning of sale. Cata-
logues at the Auction and Valuation Offices,
7 and 8, High Street, Ryde.
The desirable RESIDENCE with Stabling
and Large Garden, FOR SALE privately (with
possession).—Apply to the Auctioneers.

IW Observer
17 September 1921

Photographs of the change of
use and of the new church
RSHG
Roy Brinton Collection



Building of the new church on the old Beechgrove site on the corner of Corbett and Upton roads was due to start in April 1974 and reach completion in October that year. In the previous three years a hard-working group of ladies held a sale every other Wednesday and raised £1,000 towards the new church. They sold anything they were given, from books to prams, clothing to vegetables, and served tea and coffee. Another sum of £60 was raised from the sale of knitting wool.

The original Congregational Chapel at Haylands had closed and was transferred to the URC. The 2nd Ryde Girls Brigade would meet at the Chapel as their headquarters, until they moved to the newly built United Reformed Church.

IW County Press
2 October 1974

Only hours after conducting the first services in the United Reformed Church, the Rev. Spaul died, aged 79. He had been instrumental in planning the new building.

IW County Press 19 September 1970

Mini Fete – This event at Beechgrove, Haylands, the site for the new Congregational Church, on Saturday, raised over £64 in aid of the New Church Appeal Fund. The event was organised by Mrs L. Wealthy and opened by the Rev. B. R. H. Spaul (minister). Stalls included a bring-and-buy stall arranged by the Women's Guild. Young people were in charge of competitions.

IW County Press 28 August 1971

Girls Brigade – Nineteen members of the 2nd Ryde company attached to the Congregational Church recently completed a week's camp at Beechgrove, Corbett Road, the company headquarters. Many outings were arranged and they attended a show at Ryde Pavilion and helped at the church garden fete. Lieutenant J. Sims organised and led the camp. Throughout the week Mrs P. Parris prepared all sandwiches and food for picnics as well as packing all the picnic boxes.

IW County Press 2 June 1973

United Reformed Church – Haylands Women's Guild celebrated their 49th anniversary on Thursday week with a service conducted by Miss I. Saunders. A tea party followed at Beechgrove, Haylands. The event was arranged by local members, and Mrs I. Monk made the birthday cake.

BETTESWORTH/SWANMORE SCHOOL Board School to Middle School to Houses



The first school - RSHG - Roy Brinton Collection

SOME OF THE HEADMASTERS AND MISTRESSES OF THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL

Mr Joseph Wolstenholme Hardcastle Taylor

He had been under the Ryde School Board for about ten years, at first being head master of the St. John's Road School, he was subsequently transferred to Bettesworth Road School when that was opened. He died on 4 April 1884 after an absence from school of only a few days.

Mr John William Trodd

He was for many years under the Borough Education Committee in charge of Bettesworth Road Schools, from which he retired on superannuation in 1919 after 40 years' service in Ryde Schools. He was one of the old members of the local Volunteers and did honourable service during the war being drafted to a Labour Corps at Swindon where he obtained a commission and retired with the rank of captain.

Mrs C. Hapgood

When she retired after 46 years' service as headmistress in 1924, she was the recipient of an armchair and footstool, the gift of the scholars of Bettesworth Road and St. John's Road Junior Schools, and of the Education Committee. Crowds of the scholars hoped that she would enjoy a well-earned rest for many a long year. A school concert preceded the presentation.

Miss E. M. Coar

was formerly head mistress of Bettesworth Road and Mount-street Infants' Schools.



Swanmore School, the second one on the site, before demolition in 2011 and the new houses that replaced it.

Photographs Trevor West

IW Observer 6 November 1875

Ryde School Board – The Chairman read a report from the General Purposes Committee, recommending that advertisements be issued, inviting tenders for the erection of the Bettesworth-road School, the approval of the specification to be left to the committee.

IW County Press 18 July 1896

A bird has built a nest inside the roof of the Bettesworth-road infants' school, in the sight of the children.
It contains three young ones.

IW Observer 7 September 1912

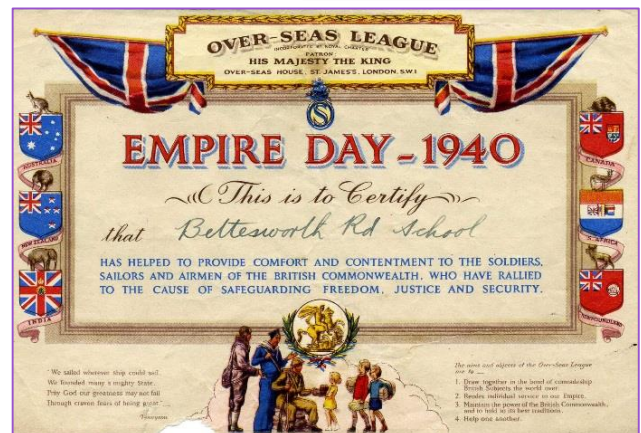
Education Committee - A letter was read from Miss K Last, certificated assistant at the Bettesworth Road Girls School, begging to resign the position, as she was leaving the teaching profession. She begged to give a month's notice and thanked them for past favours. The Chairman thought that Miss Last was taking up the nursing profession. He was very sorry that they would lose her services. Mr Andrews said he had watched Miss Last's career for some years and knew her to be a splendid teacher.

Alys Kate Last was born in 1887 at Calbourne.

She became a Nightingale Nurse in London and is the tall lady, on the right, alongside her mother.



Her Nightingale Medal.
Ann Barrett



Certificate awarded to Bettesworth Road - RSHG



LITTLE APPLEBY SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Residence to College & School to Restaurant

Little Appley, to the east of Ryde, was built circa 1855, of Island stone, with a tower and balustrading, set in beautiful grounds, by Robert Yelf, wine merchant of Ryde.
In 1874 Sir William Hutt bought it for £11,900, plus £2,800 for the freehold.

Hampshire Telegraph 31 January 1880

The Isle of Wight College – This newly-established institution has opened with encouraging prospects, the number of scholars being quite satisfactory to the promoters. Dr Pentreath, the master, seems highly qualified for his position, and like the great Arnold, seems able to secure the love and respect of his scholars, as about 40 of them followed him to Ryde from Wimborne!

IW Observer 7 January 1893

ISLE OF WIGHT COLLEGE (Limited), Near Ryde.

Head Master - The Rev William Goldsborough Whittam, MA,
late Scholar of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Assistant Masters - W G Smith MA, late of Worcester College, Oxford

A T Richardson MA, late Scholar of Hertford College, Oxford.

French - M Louis Le Bouvier. German - Herr F von Hacht.

Music - Mr W W Harvey FCO (Piano), Mr J Beazley RAM (Violin).

Drawing – Mr W Cox.

Classical and Modern Departments. Army and Navy Classes.

Special arrangements made for Indian boys.

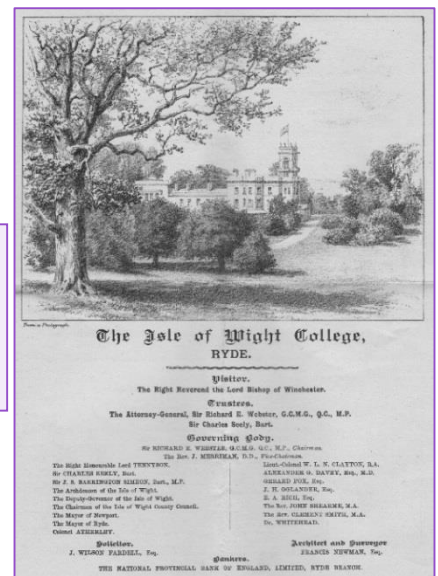
The College stands in 21 acres, and enjoys all the advantages of a southern climate. Private Chapel, Gymnasium, Racquets and Five Courts, Sea Bathing and Boating. Reduced fares on the Isle of Wight Railways for Pupils attending the College.

For Prospectuses apply to

The Rev the Head Master, or the Secretary, Town Hall Chambers, Ryde.

Entrance Scholarship Examination, December 15th and 16th.

For particulars apply to the Head Master or Secretary.



IW College RSHG

FRANKFORT HOUSE COLLEGE, RYDE.

THE MISSES SPURGIN and PEARSON receive **RESIDENT and DAY PUPILS.** This establishment offers the advantage of a superior education, on moderate terms, the system pursued being that now adopted in the Ladies' Colleges around London.

Governess Students can be received and trained for the profession.—Prospectuses on application.

A Lady Boarder received.

The Misses SPURGIN and PEARSON beg to announce that, having taken Miss MORGAN'S SCHOOL, they are prepared to receive an increased number of pupils after Easter.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR THE SONS of GENTLEMEN,

ROSEMOUNT, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

The ensuing Term will begin on MONDAY, the 2nd May.

Adverts for other Preparatory Schools in Ryde.

Above both IW Observer 30 April 1870

Below IW Observer 18 March 1922

Mr C. Langdon is very busy converting the large building, Ormonde House, Wood Street formerly a private school into residential flats for which there is still a good demand.

Spencer Lodge, the residence of the late Col. J. F. C. Hamilton, is also advertised for flats by Messrs Wallis Riddett and Co.

Little Appley School was taken over in 1938 by Kenneth Mitcheson as a preparatory school. It closed in 1966.



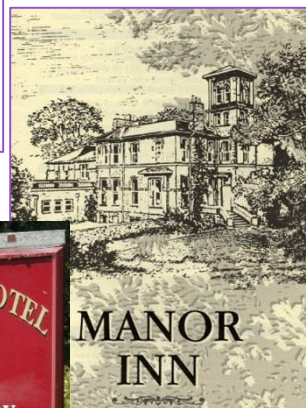
Detail from a postcard of Little Appley School
Hilary Lloyd

Newspaper Notice of 19 May 1917

The Mathematical Master at Little Appley School, near Ryde, Isle of Wight, was killed in action near Arras, France - Captain Frank Bailey Perkins, RFA, was the only son of Mr and Mrs FB Perkins. He was educated at Denstone College, Staffordshire, and then Assistant Master at the Blind College, Whittington, near Worcester.

Part of the site was purchased in 1968 by Portsmouth College of Education and used for students undertaking periods of practice teaching in Island schools and field study courses. WL Preece and his wife were the first wardens. David Escott, who wrote the School's history, and his wife were resident tutors in 1970.

The house then became a well-known restaurant.



Appley Manor photographs - RSHG