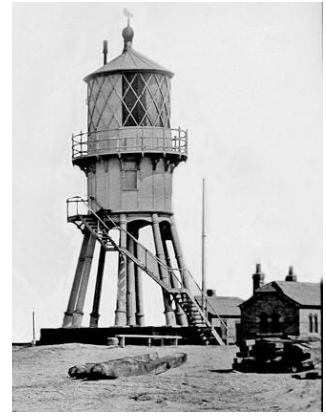


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Postcard from 14 Marine Parade Lowestoft

by Richard Mundy



This postcard was from a collection I inherited from my uncle. I was amazed to see that it was posted on 7th August 1903 from 14 Marine Parade Lowestoft – the road I live in. But also, Number 14 is historically important as it was the Home of John Louth Clemence from 1850 to 1911. Clemence was the architect for the Lucas Brothers and Samuel Morton Peto. He designed Marine Parade and must have loved his creation so much he lived in one of the houses himself for over 60 years. Clemence's other works in Lowestoft include The Town Hall, St Johns Church (demolished in 1978) and 'The Towers' in London Road South, next to The South Lowestoft Methodist Church Hall.

POST CARD

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED
FOR COMMUNICATION
IN THE BRITISH ISLES ONLY.
(Post Office Regulation.)

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE
WRITTEN HERE.



*you are having
nice weather
be are. Hope
you will not be
shocked at
this P.C. Boiling
hot here today.
Yours. - Ethel -*

*Miss. E. Dompkins
45 St Brockman Rd
Jolkes tone.*

LOWESTOFT.
A PUBLIC
GARDEN PARTY,
In Aid of the Funds of the
LOWESTOFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Will be held in the Grounds of
The "Venlaw," Kirkley,
ON
THURSDAY, AUGUST the 6th, 1903,
WHICH THE
MAYORESS OF LOWESTOFT
(Mrs. Lancelot F. Orde), has kindly consented to
open at Three o'clock.

A BAND
Will Play at Intervals. There will also be
HALF-HOUR CONCERTS.

PRINCIPALS :-
MISS EDITH NUTTER, Contralto.
MISS MAUD LEMIN, Dramatic Reciter.
MR. H. ANDREWS, Baritone.
MR. HART, Humourist.

A Gipsy Tent, Shooting Gallery, Bucket Quoits,
Bowls, Croquet, Afternoon Teas, Ices, Cigars,
Cigarettes, etc.

PATRONS :-The Mayor and Mayoress of Lowestoft, Sir Savile and Lady Crossley, Sir Thomas and Lady Gooch, Col. F. A. Lucas, M.P., and Mrs. Lucas, Rev. and Mrs. Barnard-Smith, Col. and Mrs. Cadge, Rev. and Mrs. Tupper-Carey, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Colman, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Eilen, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kerrison Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Johnson, Col. and Mrs. A. G. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Orde, Col. H. Seppings, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Werthington.

Admission—Sixpence. Tickets, including admission to Grounds, Concerts, and Tea, 2s.
The Grounds will be closed at Eight p.m.
Trams pass the Entrance Gates. (7033)

By 1903, Clemence lived at his home at Marine Parade alone, his wife had passed away many years ago and they had no children. Although he did have live in servants and later a live in nurse. So, I assume this card may have been posted by one of his staff.

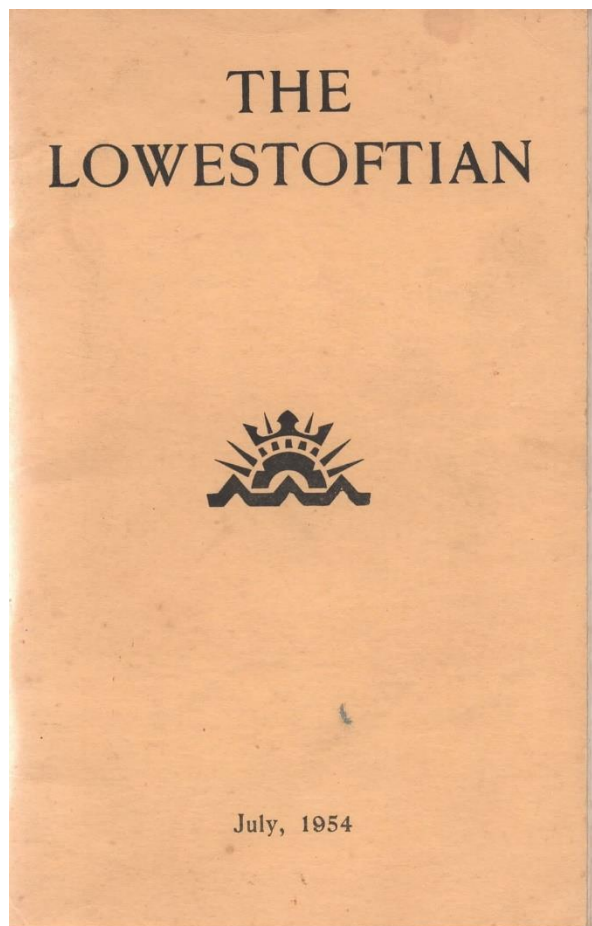
The writing on the front of the card states that they attended a 'garden party yesterday'. When I shared this card on my Facebook Post card page, a helpful lady called Lucy did some research and looked through local newspapers from that week and discovered that on 6th August 1903 there was a Public Garden Party held at The 'Venlaw' Kirkley, which was opened by The Mayoress, Mrs Lancelot F. Orde, with funds going to The Lowestoft Public Library. So it appears this was the party they were writing about.

This is a copy of the newspaper article.

Memories of the old Grammar School.

By Ron Ashman

My brother-in-law Eric had attended the Lowestoft Grammar School in the 1950's and the images and notes below come from a booklet, "The Lowestoftian, the magazine of the past and present scholars of Lowestoft Grammar School" published in July 1954.



Front cover of booklet

On the right is a reprint of the Content page of the booklet.

The booklet not only recorded the activities of the pupils of that year but also recorded information about previous pupils, such as marriages, births of children and the career they had followed after leaving the school.

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Under the heading School Officers there was a list of the pupils holding the positions of:

Head Boy, Head Girl, Prefects, Sub-Prefects, House Captains, Games Captains and Society Secretaries.

There were four Girls Houses:- Darling, Cavell, Nightingale and St Margarets.

And four Boys Houses:- Trojans, Spartans, Athenians and Romans.

Of the sporting activities the girls played hockey whilst the boys played cricket and football. I had expected to see rugby being played, but it was not mentioned.

Sporting Reports included the results of Cross Country races and the School Sports Day, where the names of the first three contestants to finish in all events were recorded.

Reports of school outings at Easter included an 8 day visit to France, where 25 boys and girls stayed in hostels in Paris. A diary for each day recorded that on the second evening the girls visited the boys hostel to watch television or listen to dance-music records.

Another party spent 8 days engaged in geological fieldwork in the Llangollen district of North Wales. In the report on a visit to Enfield Cables, in Enfield, and to the Ford Motor Works in Dagenham the opening paragraph of the visit to Enfield Cables recorded the following,

“As a party of us stood by the factor’s quay, a magnificent white horse came into view hauling a loaded barge. It was bringing “blister copper”, so called because it is only partially refined and gases which escape have formed blisters on the blocks”.

This was followed by a detailed procedure on how the “blister copper” was turned into copper wire.

The visit to the Ford factory started with a meal where the report author wrote,

“Was it suitable to have fried rock eels on the menu?. Nobody attempted this dish, choosing what they knew, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding”.

At the start of the Ford factory visit they were warned that they had to watch where they were going as the Company took no responsibility for accidents. The students must have been well behaved as there were no accidents recorded in this year book.

The third outing report was about a trip to local places, starting at Blythburgh Church they then went on to visit Dunwich, Orford and Framlingham Castles.

There were 14 outings in all, including those mentioned above, which were all recorded in the Outings Diary page. These were mainly to theatres or cinemas, but one was a boys trip to Wembley to watch the schoolboy football international between England and Scotland.

Don’t forget, the A.G.M will take place on Thursday 23 May, and all members are welcome to attend. Come along and have your say about Society matters and to vote in the Society’s Officers and Committee.

Editors Note: We hope you have an enjoyable Summer and if you do visit somewhere nice you could write a short note about what you saw as other members of this Society might like to visit themselves.

If you have any articles that you would like published in this Newsletter, please contact the editors at a meeting or send your piece to email address lahs@btinternet.com.

Items do not have to be typed, if handed to the editors at a meeting they can be hand written and do not have to be very long.

If you wish your name can be attributed to the article, or it can be left out.