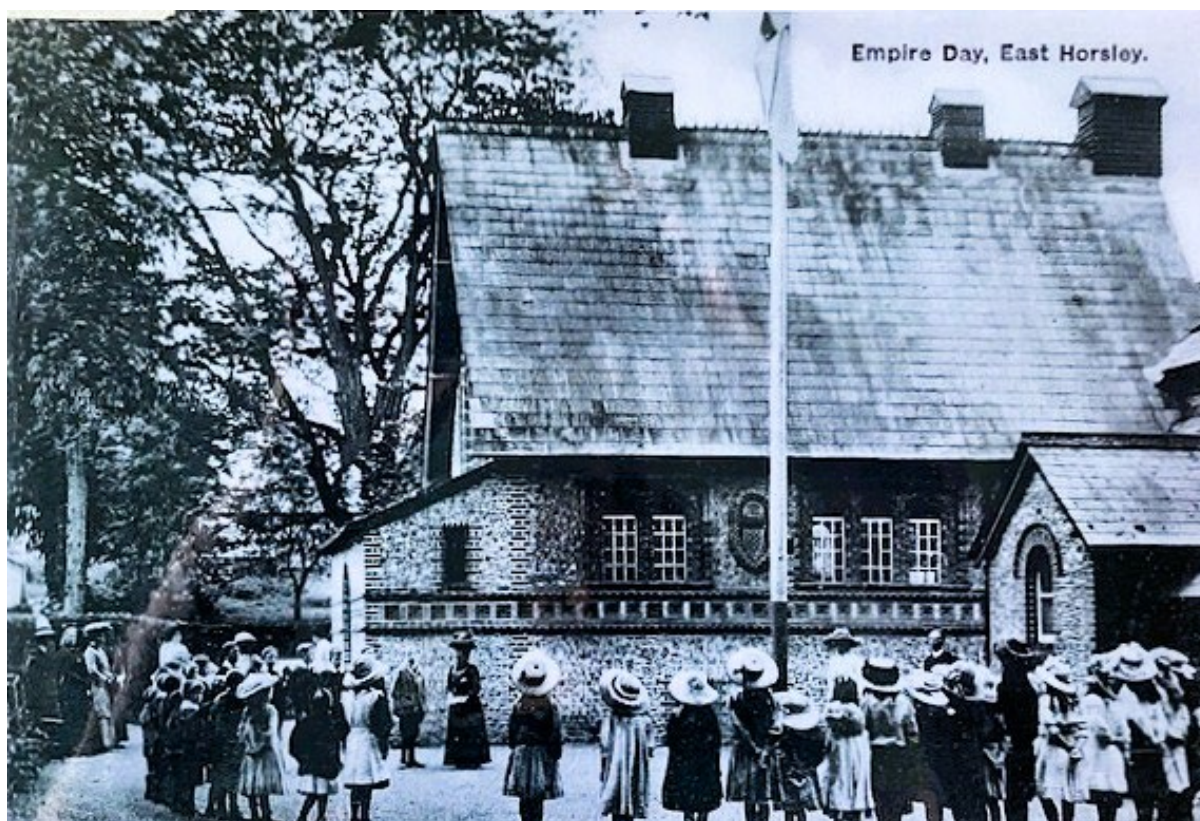


## **Remembering Horsley's Old Schooldays c 1900-1930**

### **St Martin's School – East Horsley**

St Martin's School in East Horsley was built as a one-room village school by the Lovelace estate in 1860. It was located near to St Martin's Church on Ockham Road South, and was later enlarged to include a schoolmistress's house on the north side and an infant's classroom in 1891.

Early photographs from c1906-8 show the children celebrating Empire Day in the playground. Empire Day was first celebrated in May 24<sup>th</sup> 1902, on the birthday anniversary of Queen Victoria, and was celebrated for many years until it became Commonwealth Day in 1958.



**St Martin's School, East Horsley c1906-8**

Later photos from the 1930s show the children in the classroom at St Martin's and at a pageant at Horsley Towers in 1936.





St Martins School c 1930







**St Martin's School Pageant at Horsley Towers 1936**

St Martin's School closed in 1964 due to a drop in attendance after the Raleigh School opened in 1960. The building however still exists and is now St Martin's House Business Centre.





### St Mary's School – West Horsley

In West Horsley, St. Mary's School was built a year later in 1861 by Rev. Henry De Cerjat, Rector of the Parish of West Horsley on land which he had purchased. There had been a small wooden school opposite The King William IV in 1813, built by a previous Rector, Rev. Weston Fullerton.

St Mary's School was built on the site of an old cottage along Ripley Lane and the junction with The Street, and the garden became the children's playground. There was also an orchard which was rented out with the funds given to the school. The style of the building is typical of the popular Gothic Revival mid 19th century village school, with moulded arched windows and a pitched roof.



**St Mary's School c1900**

St. Mary's School closed in 1989, and the building is now five apartments. The orchard belongs to the village and is a place where people can meet and relax.



**St Mary's School today – now apartments**