

Newport (Mon.) Union
**New Workhouse and
Infirmary**

STOW HILL, NEWPORT

26th March 1904

Programme
of
**Opening Ceremony, General Statement
and Descriptive Report of Buildings**

ITHEL THOMAS, Clerk to the Board

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS

AT THE
FORMAL OPENING

BY

MR. THOMAS DUTFIELD, Chairman of the Board
of the

NEW WORKHOUSE AND INFIRMARY

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Mr. ITHEL THOMAS
Clerk to the Board
of Guardians

Capt. EVAN DAVIES
Master of the Workhouse



THOMAS DUTFIELD, Esq
Chairman of the Board
of Guardians



T.G.C. MACORMACK, Esq
MA, MB, CM
Workhouse Medical Officer

Mr. BENJAMIN LAWRENCE
The Architect



Newport (Mon.) Union

BUILDING COMMITTEE,
AS CONSTITUTED AT COMMENCEMENT OF THE ERECTION
OF THE WORKHOUSE AND INFIRMARY
1898

Chairman: MOSES WHEELER, Esq., J.P.

Colonel CHARLES LYNE
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Mr. JOHN MONKS
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Mr. R.J. SEARLES
Mr. W.P. NICHOLAS

**The Rev. H. ABRAHAM. Nonconformist Religious Instructor at the
Workhouse will open the formal proceedings with prayer.**

TOAST LIST

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| 1. | THE KING, QUEEEN & ROYAL FAMILY -
The CHAIRMAN | 5. | The ARCHITECT -
Proposed by: Alderman,
THOMAS GOLDSWORTHY |
| 2. | The LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD -
Proposed by: The VICE-CHAIRMAN
Reply: Mr. F.T. BIRCHAM, L.G.B. Inspector
Mr. W.G. COX, District Auditor | 6. | The OFFICIALS of the Board -
Proposed by: Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS
Reply: The Clerk, Mr. ITHEL THOMAS |
| 3. | The MAYOR & Corporation of Newport -
Proposed by: Alderman GEORGE JONES
Reply: His Worship The Mayor, Councillor
W. CLIFFORD PHILLIPS
Councillors: L.S. ABRAHAMSON,
Wm. EVANS and R.J. SEARLES | 7. | The LADIES -
Proposed by: Mr. R.T. JAMES
Reply: Mrs. A.R. BEAR |
| 4. | The CHAIRMAN of the Board of Guardians -
Proposed by: The Rev. D.B. JONES
Reply: The Chairman,
Mr. THOMAS DUTFIELD | 3. | The PRESS -
Proposed by: The Rev. W.H. WILLIAMS
Reply: Mr. J.D. STENTIFORD |

Sing first verse of National Anthem

BENEDICTION

The Rev. D.A. LEWIS, Church of England Religious Instructor

**All the Guardians, Officials and Invited Guests will meet at the front gate,
and will proceed to the entrance door of the Workhouse, at 1.30 p.m.**

Mr. THOMAS DUTFIELD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GUARDIANS,

WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A SILVER KEY OF THE BUILDING,

by Mr. BENJAMIN LAWRENCE

**the Architect, as a memento of the occasion, who, after opening the door,
will be conducted through a portion of the buildings to the dining hall,
where LUNCHEON will be provided.**

The Chair will be taken by Mr. THOMAS DUTFIELD.



NEWPORT (Mon) UNION NEW WORKHOUSE and INFIRMARY Stow Hill, Mon (1904)

Constitution of the Union, Population and Rateable Values, Chairmen and Clerks

The UNION was formed under the provisions of the Poor Law Amendment Act, 1834:

The first meeting of the Guardians was held on the 2nd August, 1836; Sir Charles Morgan, Bart., being the first Chairman.

The Population of the Union in 1836 was 24,252; at the last census (1901) it was 115,450.

The earliest record of the Rateable Value of the Union is the year 1864, when it was £224,107; it is now £655,812

The Collections under the head of Poor Rate, in 1841 (earliest record) amounted to £11,402; in 1864, to £26,392; and for the year ended 25th March 1903, £116,682.

There have been six Chairmen of the Board since its formation:-

Sir Charles Morgan, Bart	1836 to 1840
Lieut. Col. Sir Digby Mackworth, Bart.	1840 to 1853
Sir Charles Morgan, Bart. (afterwards Lord Tredegar)	1853 to 1876
Philip Woodruff, Esq	1876 to 1883
Colonel Charles Lyne	1883 to 1901
Thomas Dutfield, Esq	1901 to (present day)

There have been four Clerks, viz:-

Mr Henry Splatt	1834 to 1842
Mr W. Downing Evans	1842 to 1892
Mr John Powell	1892 to 1901
Mr Ithel Thomas	1902 to (present day)



OUTER GATE AND PORTER'S LODGE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDINGS

THE BUILDINGS are erected in 21 Blocks, the principal Block being the ADMINISTRATIVE, containing the Entrance Hall, Master and Clerk's office, Master's Dwelling House; the Dining Room with Cooking Kitchen, Sculleries, Serving Room, Cookery Stores, Dairy, Larder, &c., adjoining. The Dining Room is a large apartment 75ft x 35ft and 25ft high, with an open timbered roof and boarded ceiling. This room is well lighted by the windows on the South side and at the East and West ends, and there is a recessed elevated platform on the North side from which a clear view can be had of all the inmates when at meals. There are corridors 8ft wide



MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR, MASTER'S HOUSE AND OFFICES

surrounding the Dining Room, Kitchens and appurtenances from which access is obtained to them at all necessary points. The Kitchen is a room 30ft x 26ft and 18ft high, and is fitted with steam boilers, steam ovens and gas ovens of the latest and best make and quality. On the East side of the East corridor are the various stores for bread, meat, groceries and chandlery, and the various provisions are delivered into the Receiving Hall from the Men's B Yard, where they are weighed and checked before storing. In the Basements underneath these store rooms are a number of other store rooms for reserved goods and utensils. The four corridors are extended to the several Ward

Blocks to the full width, the principal one going from East to West and towards the Infirmary.

Two of the corridors go from North to South - to the several blocks for both sexes - and these corridors are divided into sections by glazed doors for the purpose of classification.

The roofing of these corridors forms an asphalted walking-way with guard rails on each side, providing through communication for the officials on the first floor, and is for the best of the Inmates.

Beneath the corridors runs a subway the whole of the way from the Boiler House to the Engine Room and to the Infirmary, and in this subway all the main pipes for cold and hot water and steam, together with the tubes for electric wiring, gas, &c., are fixed, so as to be easily accessible for maintenance and management.

The several blocks of buildings for the inmates are ten in number, four of which are for men, four for women, one for eight married couples in separate rooms, and one for infant children.

This gives a complete classification of each sex according to their age, character and ability for work; and these blocks are internally subdivided for the purpose of further separation into smaller groups.



DINING HALL

There are two Sewing and Work Rooms for the best class of women, and the Infants' Nursery comprises four convenient rooms with Nurses' sitting room and bedroom over. Every block is well fitted with with glazed fire-clay baths and ranges of lavatories supplied with hot and cold by Stott's steam boilers.

Appurtenant to every block is a sitting room for one of the officials, which ensures a complete supervision of the inmates by night and by day.

There is a separate yard and garden to each block of ample area and so arranged as to be open to the sun the greater part of the day. The Receiving Wards are built to the East side of the Entrance and in full view from the Lodge. These wards include two rooms for each sex with fitted bath room and offices and a room for the Medical Officer between the two.

Adjoining the South side of this block is a chamber fitted with Lyons' Steam Disinfecting Cylinder, and extending Southward therefrom are a Smith's Shop, Boiler House and Timber Sawing and Wood Chopping Workshops. Over these workshops is a flat asphalted terrace from which a fine view is obtainable of the surrounding country and the Bristol Channel. Extending further South are a range of enclosed Workshops for Carpenter, Plumbers and Painters, Tailors, Shoemakers and Matmakers with Store Rooms beneath, and in the Men's D Yard are six Cells and a Store Room for oakum picking.

The INFIRMARY, which was formerly two storeys, has had an additional storey on the third floor - containing bedrooms for 10 nurses with bath rooms in the centre block and two additional wards with pavilion ends at North and South containing the bath rooms, w.c.'s. linen rooms and other offices, with secondary staircases therefrom to the ground floor. The whole of the bath rooms and w.c.'s have been refitted with glazed stoneware baths and lavatories and wash-up sinks of the latest and best class, and the Operating Room, Surgical Room and Dispensary re-modelled.



INFIRMARY WARD

The HOSPITAL has been extended at both ends with new Nurses' rooms, bath rooms and linen rooms, and at the South end a new Detention Ward with padded room has been erected.

On the South Boundary the LAUNDRY BLOCK has been erected, which comprises a general washing room, 75ft x 36ft; a sorting room, 36ft x 16ft; a foul linen wash-house, 36ft x 22ft; a drying room, 36ft x 28ft; and a laundry, 70ft x 40ft. The whole fitted with Bradford machinery, washing troughs, and tables for hand work.

The Engine Room is in the basement, and a subway runs through therefrom to the whole length of the Building, in which the Shafting is fitted, and from which all the machinery is underdriven.

At the West end of the foul linen wash-house is the Mortuary and Post Mortem Room, fitted up with glazed ware table, sinks, &c.

At the North end of the Infirmary are the Stables, Ambulance House and Storage.

Cooking and Laundry Work: This work has been executed, together with the Machinery, by Messrs W.A. BAKER & Co., Ltd., Newport.

The whole of the Buildings are Electrically Lighted throughout, and are also fitted with complete Telephone System; this work has been completed by the WALSALL ELECTRICAL Co., Ltd., and the supply of Electricity is taken from the NEWPORT CORPORATION.

WOOLASTON HOUSE has been remodelled in the interior, and now consists of Committee Rooms with waiting room, lavatories, &c., on the ground floor, and the two upper floors are completely fitted up with shelves, lockers, &c., as clothes stores.

The Administration Department and Wash-houses and Laundry are of larger dimensions than at present required because it may be considered necessary in the future to extend the accommodation for the inmates on the adjoining Springfield Estate, purchased by the Guardians.

The Drainage throughout has been very carefully considered, and is of the most perfect character.

The Buildings will accommodate 600 Inmates.



CHAPEL and part of INFIRMARY

	£.	s.	d.
The TOTAL COST of the Buildings and Appurtenances will probably amount to about:	58,900.	0.	0.
Purchase of Woolaston House	1,400.	0.	0.
Valuation of Old Buildings	7,200.	0.	0.
Purchase of Springfield Estate for Extension Purposes	10,750.	0.	0.
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BENJAMIN LAWRENCE

Architect to the Board

**BUILDING COMMITTEE
IN OFFICE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS OF
COMPLETION OF BUILDINGS**

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Mr. THOMAS DUTFIELD**

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Mr. W. M. EVANS

Mr. E. A. TAYLOR



The late COLONEL CHARLES LYNE



The late Mr. JOHN POWELL

**CHAIRMAN and CLERK of the Board at the commencement
of the Erection of the Buildings**