

Grenham House School - c. 1934

This aerial photograph of the school was taken in about 1934. The Bay Hotel can be seen on the top left horizon, with the main school buildings nearest the camera. 'Weston' of Warwick took the photo. After the young man had sold this particular image to a delighted Henry Jeston, he was summoned for 'low flying over an inhabited area'. When the case came before the Bench, Henry Jeston was the presiding Magistrate - an awkward moment for them both!

The road beside the school was at that time known as Lyell Road and it stopped at the corner of Semaphore Road. Mr Butterworth, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the Council lived in Semaphore Road and it was at his insistence that the road was made up thus far, having merely been a sandy track until then. Beyond the end of the road can be seen what was locally known as the 'Tar Path'. This led between the cornfields to the top of St Mildred's Avenue, where it met up with Sea View Road. The Tar Path was not made up into a proper road until about 1952-3.