

SPENCER HOUSE, Spencer Road

This began its life as the boarding house for a private Girls' School called Portpool. The schoolroom and classroom block was at the southern corner of the block in what is now 9 Shakespeare Road. This was the home of Miss Kathleen Phillips J. P. for many years. Spencer House became a home for elderly people in the 1960s (?) and for many years was run by Barbara Hayden and her husband Dr John Hayden. In its early years, the house stood in glorious isolation among green meadows, criss-crossed by footpaths, as one early postcard shows.