

Kingwell Hall Boy's Preparatory School

Kingwell Hall was built in 1840 by Capt. George Treweeke SCOBELL and was home to members of the SCOBELL family for over 80 years. It started life in High Littleton parish and ended in Timsbury, as a result of boundary changes.

Following the death on 19 April 1920 of George Barton SCOBELL, Kingwell Hall was inherited by George's younger brother Walter Barton SCOBELL (1887-1960). Walter lost a leg in the Great War, was a bachelor and was running a market garden at the time he inherited. Kingwell Hall was not at all suitable for Walter's way of life and after a year he moved out and made his home at Greyfield House nearby.

A tenant was sought for the substantial mansion house with extensive grounds and its own cricket pitch. The property proved ideal for a school and c.1921/2 Kingwell Hall Preparatory School opened under joint headmasters Charles Greville ROACH and Frederick A. LACEY. The school was a boy's boarding school.

In 1925 Sydney L. ALLAN became principal and he remained so until the beginning of World War II, when the school closed. Kingwell Hall later had brief but unsuccessful spells as a Nudist Colony, a Hotel & Country Club and there were plans to convert it into flats. Latterly, Walter SCOBELL sold the property to A.V. Terry WILTSHIRE.

The main part of the house was destroyed by fire in 1953 and the remains pulled down a few years later.

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