

The main entrance to the school was from the "Chapel Drain" a public path running from High Street to Bests Lane. It is thought that "Drain" is a version of "drang" or "drangway", i.e. "a way between two walls", a local form of this sometimes used is "Drammy Road". The roof of the smaller of the two school rooms can be seen at the back of the chapel in the photograph. The house on the right of the Drain was two at the time — the entrance porch to no. 80 shows at the right hand side of the Drain.



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original line of railings.

The chapel graveyard adjoining the drain is now the property of the Parish Council. Councillor Mrs Ann Wesley writes: "It was decided to turn it into a conservation area with a focal point. Advice was sought from an expert, Doctor Cardy. A seat was purchased. A grant was obtained for five indigenous shrubs and trees which were duly planted, four of which are progressing, one has died. I hope to replace it. I had a good response from Sutton Veny and surrounding villages for plants, most of which have thrived, including comfrey, bluebells, daffodils, cowslips and snowdrops, as well as some shrubs and cuttings. The cuttings were brought on by Mrs Welland and three have flowered this year. It will, like any other garden, be a long term task. I cannot produce an instant Chelsea-type wild garden, and efforts to plant seeds have not been successful and I have instead acquired plants in pots, when available, which hopefully will spread in the future. Any help or advice will be welcomed. I hope one day when it is established, that it will be eligible for the Bishop's graveyard competition! I have kept a map of everything that has been planted. An oak tree given us at the beginning is now four feet high and thriving."

The chapel congregation dwindled, hence its demise. At the turn of the century there was a strong non-conformist following with a Primitive Methodist chapel at Tytherington and a Wesleyan Mission at Sutton Veny, this was in a corrugated iron building in the grounds of 105 High Street. Mrs Wigmore (born 1895) spoke of "us kids" going there with enjoyment.