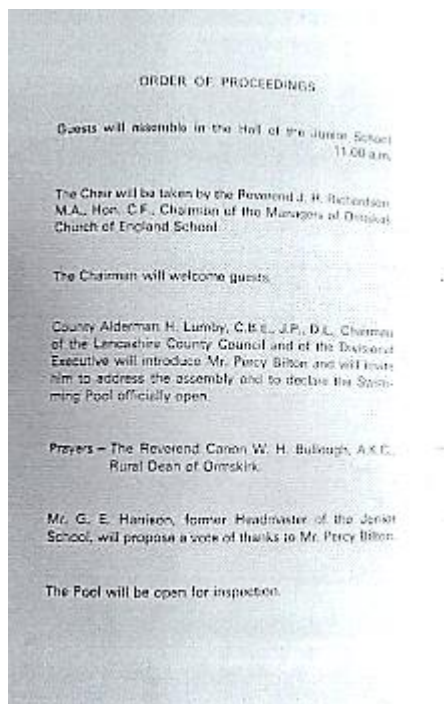
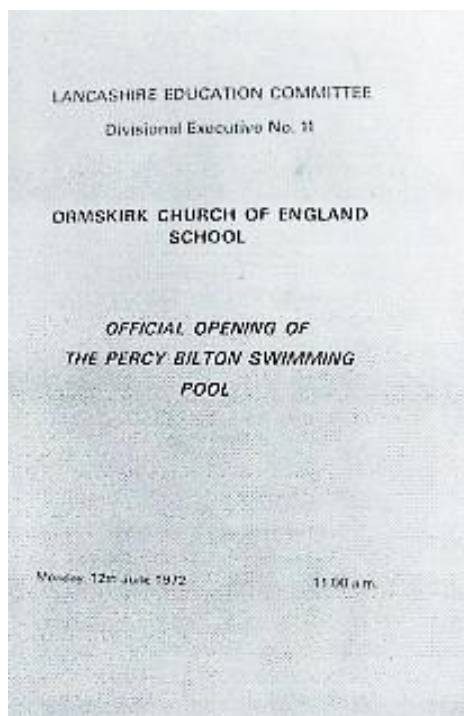


The Percy Bilton Swimming Pool – Official Opening – 12 June 1972

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Transcript: Early in January 1969, Mr. Percy Bilton, who, as a boy, attended Ormskirk Church of England School, made a very generous offer to contribute a substantial sum of money towards the cost of building a Learner Swimming Pool at Ormskirk Church of England School. The Lancashire Education Committee responded to the offer by agreeing to meet half of the cost of the Pool, providing that the pool was also available for children attending other primary schools in the district. Generous contributions towards the cost have also been received from the Ormskirk Urban District Council, the West Lancashire Rural District Council and from residents of Ormskirk and district following an appeal launched by the "Ormskirk Advertiser". As a result it was possible to start building the Pool in August 1971 at a total cost of some £17,000.

The Pool will be used by 22 primary schools in Ormskirk and district.

The Swimming Pool is 40' 0" x 20' 0" by 3' 0" constant water depth made of pigmented glass-fibre reinforced polyester resin, with white non-skid base, and polished blue sides, incorporating 12" wide walk-way on 18" high upstand, inlets, outlets, surface skimmer boxes and spun glass-fibre handrail.

The Pool Hall is constructed of laminated selected Douglas Fir posts and beams, factory treated to withstand the humid conditions, and finished with two coats selected varnish after erection. The side elevations are of softwood impregnated curtain walling, with high level glazing, and lower level of aggregate faced composite panels with Melamine face internally, to give required "U" value, and maintenance free surfaces. The Changing Rooms are lined with Melamine faced maintenance free panels.

The roof is constructed of 2" and 3" Western Red Cedar Decking and covered with three layers of built-up felt roofing.

The Filtration is by means of a medium rate pressure sand filter complete with all necessary pipework and control valves and capable of maintaining the water to comply with the Health Authorities' requirements.

Chlorination is by a metering pump, capable of break point chlorination.

Water and Space Heating is from a combined boiler and warm air unit. The Pool and Shower water is heated through indirect calorifiers, and the space heating is by ducted warm air.

Electrical installation is carried out in M.C.C. cable and lighting is to Ministry requirements.