

HGY/2023/0328: DYNE HOUSE

APPENDIX 5 HISTORICAL NOTES ON GYMNASIUM

Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee consider that the Gymnasium cannot simply be written off as a derelict building. Consultation on the SPD and the application for the Dining Hall happened to coincide. We noted the name of the architect of the Gymnasium was on the drawing as it is now: Oswald P. Milne FRSA FRIBA. We also noted that the design bore a very strong resemblance to Highgate School's Dining Hall. The Heritage Statement for that application did not mention the architect but we suggested it could also have been design by Oswald P. Milne. The Heritage Statement for the Dining Hall was then amended following research, presumably of the School's archives, stating the Dining Hall was designed by Oswald P. Milne. As a young architect he worked for a number of prestigious members of the profession.

From wikipedia: "Amongst Milne's commissions in London were the interior of [Claridge's Hotel](#) and the Eleventh Church of Christ Scientist, [Baker Street](#). He was responsible for buildings at [Bedford School](#), [Blundell's School](#), [Cheltenham College](#), [Christ's Hospital](#), [Dame Alice Harpur School](#) and [Highgate School](#). Milne and Phipps designed the [County of Pembroke War Memorial](#) in Haverfordwest, erected in 1921.^[5] He was the architect of [Coleton Fishacre](#), which was built in 1925–1926 for the D'Oyly Carte family.

Drakestone House in Gloucestershire first started by Ernest Gimson in 1908. By 1919 he had formed a partnership with Paul Phipps (Phipps & Milne) concentrating mainly on designing country houses. In 1923 Milne designed Coleton Fishacre a house inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement with clean lines and of simple design. A later partnership saw him working with Alfred Underhill in 1927.

Milne was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a chairman of Council in 1959 - 1961 and Vice President.

Other houses include: Dartington Hall, Totnes; Forbes House, Ham Common; No. 2 Hyde Park Street; Peter's Oak, Wentworth; Rhowniar, Towyn; Sprowston Court, Norwich

Several of Oswald P. Milne's buildings are listed:

DRAKESTONES HOUSE AND ATTACHED STABLE BLOCK, AND WALLS, WOTTON ROAD, Stinchcombe, Stroud, Glos. Grade II*. From the List Entry: "House should have been designed by Gimson, but his costs too high, according to information from Mr Mildmay, son of the original client. A very splendid and restrained example of the Cotswold Country House style of the period, virtually unaltered."

COLETON FISHACRE, Kingsweir, Devon. Small country house in landscaped gardens 1925-6 by Oswald Milne for Rupert d'Oyly Carte Grade II

FRANDEAN, 245, ICKNIELD WAY, Herts. From the List Entry: "Cottage in the vernacular style, and one of the best of the 1905 Cheap Cottage exhibits." Grade II

TEXTILE MILL INCLUDING BRIDGE Dartington, Devon Grade II

HUNTERCOMBE PLACE HOUSE AND ATTACHED FORECOURT WALLS, HUNTERCOMBE PLACE DRIVE, Nuffield, South Oxfordshire Grade II

CLARIDGES HOTEL AND ATTACHED RAILINGS, 45-57, BROOK STREET W1 Grade II

88, 90, 92, WROXHAM ROAD, SPROWSTON, NORFOLK Grade II

FOXHOLE, FORMER DARTINGTON HALL SCHOOL Grade II