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In 1864 the fountain at the front of the Senior School was built

The first Chairman of the Governors was Mr William H Rogers Esq.

He commissioned a memorial fountain to be built in honour of his late wife, Mary Rogers.

The Committee of Wolverhampton Water Works Company offered to supply the water to the fountain free of charge.



Stone carvings depicting verses from Matthew 25, can be seen on each face of the fountain.

It has six carved panels showing Six Acts of Mercy. One panel on the fountain in front of Senior School states:

“Providing for the orphans”



Another, on the side facing the road, as the public drive past, says

“Teaching the ignorant”.



It was designed by P. E. Masly of London and sculpted by W. Farmer, also from London.

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By 1886 the number of children had reached 100 and by 1875 annual subscriptions amounted to nearly £1,800 and the income from endowments amounted to £1,400.

In 2022 an Old Royal in Australia, Frank Nelson, funded a renovation of the fountain in memory of Gwen, his wife. The extensive renovation work is expected to be completed in 2023. It has exposed previously hidden vibrant colours and it has been brought back to its original splendour so we can appreciate the beauty and sentiments expressed here.

