

## WOODLANDS, Shaws Lane

One of several iron-clad bungalows, commonly found on Burrell properties.

(1887)

*"Thanks to the kindness and liberality of Mrs Christie of Woodlands, our children enjoyed a thoroughly happy and successful treat on Tuesday Aug. 23rd. The School children, accompanied in most cases by their mothers who were also included in the invitation, assembled at Woodlands soon after 3pm., and at once sat down to a capital tea in a tent that had been erected in a beautifully situated meadow in front of Woodlands House. When all, young and old, had finished their tea, the tent was cleared and the company were entertained by some first-rate conjuring tricks performed by Mr Enrique, who succeeded in keeping his audience thoroughly amused through the long and varied programme.*

*After this Mrs Christie, assisted by members of her family and Mrs Andrewes, presented each of the children with a suitable present; those for the choir boys and children who had done well at School being specially selected.*

*As the evening closed in, many of the fathers of the children, having finished their day's work, came to join the festivities, and receiving a hearty welcome from Mr. Christie, were invited to partake of the good things he had provided for all his guests. It was quite a representative gathering of Southwater people, for very few were absent. A display of fireworks, followed by a verse of the National Anthem, and three rounds of cheering for our most kind host and hostess, which were taken up with a right good will, terminated one of the brightest days that Southwater has ever had the good fortune to see"*

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Captain and Mrs Custance lived at Woodlands in 1899.

William Stewart painted this picture from memory in 1964. He recalls that: *"originally Woodlands was corrugated iron outside and wood panelling inside. I believe that Colonel Shelley had it clad in cedar wood shingles, and that's how it was when we came there in 1947"*



After a fire in the 1960s it was demolished and replaced by the present house.