**Camp 233** **Summer House, Ravensbourne, Kent (aka Ravensbourne)**

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| **Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003** |
| OS NGR | Sheet | No. | Name & Location | County | Cond’n | Type 1945 | Comments |
| TQ 407 691 | 177 | 233 | Summer House, Ravensbourne, Bromley | Kent | 5 |  | Site currently a college |

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| **Location:** The NGR above places the camp in the grounds around what was Stockwell Teacher Training College.This is contradicted by various other sites, placing it in Beckenham Place Park – Summer House Hill which seems a lot more likely! TQ 383 703.1946 - [View map: Ordnance Survey, OS Air Photo, 50 inch to the mile (1:1,250), Sheet 51/3870 S.W. - Ordnance Survey Air Photo Mosaics, 1944-1950](https://maps.nls.uk/view/238420708)**Before the camp:** **Pow Camp:** Italian and then German pows. Tented accommodation until it became a satellite camp.**11 May 1946** – Camp magazine number 1; [Spiegel der Zeit : Lagerzeitung des PoW Camp 233 Bromley/Kent - The Wiener Holocaust Library](https://www.whlcollections.org/image/112864/) . Stopped soon after, when the camp merged with 237.**Summer 1946** – the camp became a satellite camp for Co-ed Bel Camp 237 with c460 pows, (camp number 233 was re-allocated to Findo Gask in July 1946).**October 1947** – Ravensbourne hostel was administered by Shirley Church Road Camp 239**After the camp:** The teacher training college returned to the site. 2020 Civic buildings.**Further Information:** |  |
| Aerial photo 1946 |