

John Crichton (1859-)

Character in the Sherborne Pageant:

Ethelbert, episode 3.

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On a bier adorned with green foliage and draped with a magnificent purple pall, is borne the dying king Ethelbald, who come to seek reconciliation with his brother Ethelbert. And behold! Riding forth from the wood opposite comes Ethelbert with splendid pomp, followed by Osburga the Queen-mother, a radiant and majestic figure to behold, in jewelled robes of white and velvet mantle of crocus yellow. And beside her on his tiny steed rides Alfred, the youngest brother of the three, a beautiful fair-haired boy of seven summers, clad in white and gold and green, a golden circlet upon his brow.



John Crichton was born in 1859 in Shoreditch, London, the son of John Crichton, a pocketbook maker.

He was awarded a BA (London).

In 1897 he married Emily Harper in Islington, the daughter of Thomas Harper, a pianoforte maker. They had one son, John Gordon (1899-1969).

In 1900, John Crichton was appointed Headmaster of Foster's Grammar School in Sherborne. He resigned in April 1907 and moved to Finsbury Park where in 1911 he was described as 'retired'.