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Village Tales via Gwyneth Gerloch

This idea is not an original, in fact it is something Pat Chapman told me she wanted to write in what she called The Elsworth Cookery Book. No run of the mill or ordinary cookery book but one compiled by people living in Elsworth and with a big difference. The difference being that alongside a well-loved recipe would be a favourite story either about the village, about village people, a property, it could be ancient or modern; something that happened to you or that you heard about.

From talking to people in the village I know that there are so many stories funny, tragic, true or apocryphal. Indeed, already I have heard some very spooky tales and I am sure there are a whole lot more like them and it would be a shame to let them be forgotten or not shared.

Stories can be from rank incomers like me or stories that have been passed down through families; and the gentlemen do not get away Scot free either - if they don't want to contribute a recipe, a favourite food would be a good enough connection.

Perhaps you have some tales to tell but no time to write them down; that is not a problem, just tell me the tale, I will make notes and write it up for you. You can tell me whether I got it right or wrong and how I could make it better.

It would be nice to print at least one tale (depending upon length) and recipe in each issue of The Chronicle so here is a tale to get us started.

The Keg of Ale

This one was told to me by a gentleman who now lives in Knapwell but whose family lived in Elsworth for generations. In fact the namesake of the subject of this tale was married in Elsworth in 1822, and raised his family in Brook Street.

Martin was a tall, strapping man and, reputedly, the life and soul of any party. One evening he and a group of friends were drinking at The Plough - they had, I imagine, been there some time - when somebody bet Martin that he could not walk across to The Bakehouse, pick up two sacks of flour, carry them back to The Plough on his back, walk around the table and return them to The Bakehouse. It must be said that a sack of flour then was about 3 cwt. and when you consider that a sack of cement today is 1 cwt., he must have been a strapping lad! He actually did this and won the bet. The prize? A gallon of beer which I am sure was enjoyed by all.

The original teller of this tale is very partial to Blackberry and Apple jam.

Your tale will probably be much longer than this: if you want it to be anonymous then that is all right too. If you have a tale to tell do give me, Gwyneth Gerloch, a ring on 267412.

Blackberry Butter

Recipe

Equal quantities of apples and blackberries. One pound of sugar (ordinary) to one pound of pulp.

Method

Wash the apples. Cut into slices without removing skins and cores. Pick over blackberries. Put all fruit into a preserving pan with only just enough water to keep them from burning. Gently simmer until reduced to a pulp, stirring frequently. Rub through a (hair!) sieve. Return the sieved pulp to a clean saucepan with sugar in the above proportions. Stir constantly for fifteen minutes. Add one ounce of butter and continue stirring until the mixture thickens (about five minutes). Remove from heat. Start to cool quickly. Pot as required. Can be served with cream, ice-cream or spread on toast.

CAMBOURNE

By this time next year it is anticipated that the first dwellings at Cambourne will be in place - the initial shoots of a new town will have appeared, at the beginning perhaps of little substance but eventually to assume a size greater than St. Ives or Bar Hill, with 3,000 new homes; that is some 8,000 people and a business park.

Cambourne is to be located on Monkfield Farm, as most readers will know. It would seem a nonsensical site. How absurd to develop a new town in an area where traffic congestion is already a major problem and where there is a high likelihood that the residents would use the site as a base for commuting to and from London - good rail links from nearby St. Neots, St. Ives, Huntingdon and access to the M11 - rather than accommodating the housings needs of locally employed people.

Incredulity at the proposed location is far from being the reaction of but a few. At the planning enquiry held at Ely, the view was expressed time and time again by the District Councils South Cambs., East Cambs., Cambridge City - the County Council and planning bodies that if a new town was to be built it should be away from the congested area west of Cambridge and located so as to provide a springboard for future growth towards Ipswich and the eastern ports.

In spite of the evidence of the planners to the contrary, the Inspector concluded that the disused Bourn airfield was the best site for the development but even in that case he couldn't recommend development because insufficient consideration had been given to traffic impact, particularly on Bourn. Subsequently MacAlpine submitted a plan to South Cambs. for Monkfield Farm which took due note of the Inspector's comments regarding Bourn airfield. By this time the County Council had produced a new Structure Plan in which it was stated that a new town along what is now the A428 was not required. The matter seemingly had to be resolved by South Cambs. which could give or withhold permission. In spite of overwhelming opposition, councillors duly gave their consent.

Plans of the lay-out of the settlement itself and the architectural styles of buildings proposed look quite attractive. This is not the problem. Anxiety arises from the impact of the settlement on our already congested main roads and the consequent influx of vehicles on narrow village roads as drivers seek alternative routes. The A14 at rush hours, in particular, presents difficulties and dangers - soon the A428 could present similar problems for it is already heavily used and the new settlement will clearly make matters worse. What of the future? Could it be that Elsworth will be cut off from Cambridge for considerable periods? Perhaps not, but maybe the future lies with the helicopter - following a local lead - or even with micro-light aircraft. One of the latter has been seen flying over the village in the last year or so!

A.W.F.

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THE HOLWORTHYS OF ELSWORTH



THE MANOR HOUSE

The Holworthy family, who were Lords of Elsworth Manor from 1697 to 1836, descended from Sir Matthew Holworthy, a wealthy Hackney merchant. He was knighted by Charles II in 1665 and was distinguished for his charity and piety. These virtues shone through his successors down the years. A memorial in Elsworth church erected in 1756 by Samuel Holworthy to his grandparents Matthew and Elizabeth reads:

"...late Lord and Lady of this Manor, whose exemplary Piety, liberal and extensive Charity, Proberity, Humanity and Candor were equalled by few."

Matthew Holworthy and Elizabeth Disbrowe were married in 1697 in Hackney, where the Holworthys had a fine residence. It was the custom of the time for landowners to live on their country estates for only part of the year, and then to have long stays in their London homes. But this couple were held in Elsworth by their strong family ties with the Disbrowes of Eltisley and Huntington. Elizabeth had inherited the Manor of Elsworth from her grandfather, Samuel Disbrowe, in 1690 when she was only eleven years old. But on her marriage she and her husband made it their permanent seat and established a home to be greatly enjoyed by the generation that followed. The Manor House was a social and administrative centre, and the Steward of the estate, who ran the farms and woodlands, had his office there. It was a sizeable house with stables, kennels, gardens

and park. There was much entertaining: and domestic and outdoor staff would have been drawn from the village.

A few years ago a footman's crested livery button was dug up in the garden of No. 10 Church Lane. The button makers, Firmin and Sons, have suggested it was probably of the family of an earl, possibly the Earl of Sandwich. There were close links between the Montagues (family name of the Earl of Sandwich) and the Holworthys, and perhaps the footman was an Elsworth man whose home was in Church Lane.

A short revealing picture of the happy family life the Holworthys had in the early nineteenth century is given by Matthew, the eldest son of Matthew and Ann (nee Desborough). He was born in 1783, joined the army and became a Captain in the 63rd Foot. He was a recruiting officer and wrote a diary for a short time from 1803. The following excerpts describe his delights when on leave and his homesickness when away from Elsworth and his family:

10th March 1803 (on rejoining his regiment). "Bid adieu to a pleasant and dear home where I had been spending a pleasant winter, and as lively as an unhappy event still fresh in our sad remembrances would allow."

(The unhappy event probably refers to the death of his sister Anna, who died in January 1801).

22nd March 1803. "The beauty of the morning had only the painful effect of bringing those scenes to my mind or mind's eye which I had not the power to enjoy, namely Home. And the first sounds of the birds only make me think how much sweeter they were singing in the garden at Elsworth. Practice on the violincello."

29th March 1803. "Letter from home and all are well. Dear Emma is employed in putting violets and lilies of the valley in pots for me."

(Emma was his sister, aged ten. Her birthday fell on 4th May and Matthew had a phantasmagoria for her. This was the latest invention whereby a show of optical illusions could be produced by means of projecting a lantern).

4th May 1803. "Emma was in high spirits on account of it being her birthday. I established the phantasmagoria very successfully. A fine moonlight night and I drove back furiously over bad roads."

(Matthew frequently walked about the village with his father, who was also Rector of the parish).

25th May 1803. "Took a walk about the village and called on some poor people."

Matthew himself was to follow his father's example. He took orders on leaving the army and was appointed curate to his father, taking over the living when Matthew Senior died in 1826. By then the family fortunes had declined and the estate had to be sold. However, Matthew continued to live in the Manor House until he died in 1836. He never married although his diary reveals secret thoughts about a certain Miss Jones whom he meets with his Conington and Fenstanton friends. His death marked the end of an era. Changing attitudes brought about new styles of living, and never again will the Lord of the Manor reside in his country seat at Elsworth.

Betty Evans

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Karen Desborough, of Summerlin Farm, Boxworth Road, is to be congratulated on her success at the John Moors University at Liverpool where she gained the only first class honours B.Ed, degree awarded in Art, Design and Technology.



We wish Karen every success in her future teaching career. In the meantime, she is much involved with organising youth work in Liverpool.

THE JUBILEE CLUB

If you are free on the afternoon of the first Thursday in each month then do come along to the Jubilee Club meeting. You will receive a warm welcome, entertainment, usually an illustrated talk, tea and enjoy a raffle and 'bring and buy' stall.

We meet in the School Hall where members and friends have, during the last six months, been entertained by a variety of speakers. We welcomed in particular our friends, Mr. David Hollier, (who gave a talk on his visit to Sulawesi, a part of Indonesia where visitors are infrequent and tourists welcomed with cries of 'Hello Mister!') and Mrs. Betty Evans who gave a very interesting talk about 'Cargo Boats'. This was illustrated by beautiful slides taken by Dr. Robert Evans, many of which were of historical interest. The Rev. Mosedale gave a talk about his life and how he came to Elsworth, Knapwell and Boxworth, after first working with a large congregation in Liverpool. 'David's Destiny' was the dramatic offering from the 'Dragonnaires' - an adaptation by Patience Manle-Horne of Dickens' 'David Copperfield' - the early life.

We also had a speaker from Cambridge, Mr. Little - who recounted the history behind many of the names and fables of the city and offered to take a group on a guided tour of Cambridge one evening in autumn, Miss Hazel Halter who spoke of her experiences of nursing in Uganda and Mrs. Bache on making pottery.

If you are interested in our activities, do contact the Secretary.

Beryl Andrews
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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

THE NEW COUNCIL

Nine nominations for places were submitted, but as one was deemed inadequately completed by the District Council and another didn't reach the organisers by the stipulated date, it was necessary to co-opt two members. Roger Fensom and Robin Grange were duly invited to join the Council following an election within the Council. At the same meeting, Alan Farrow was elected Chairman and Louise Maddison Vice Chairman.

The composition of the new Council is:

Maggie Blackman, Alan Farrow, Roger Fensom, Louise Maddison, Robin Grange, David Nuttycombe, Terry Stevens, Maureen Stevens and John Thurley.

The Clerk to the Council is Elizabeth Sim.

NEW SETTLEMENT - CAMBOURNE

The Parish Council is supporting pressure from the County Council and others for a dual-carriageway from the Caxton Gibbet roundabout to the existing dual-carriageway near Hardwick. The reinstatement of a roundabout/bridge at the Knapwell A428 junction has also been urged and undertakings regarding surface water runoff sought.

ELSWORTH SCHOOL SERVERY- COMMUNITY KITCHEN

A new cooker has been purchased by the Parish Council for the community kitchen. The School and the Parish Council have reviewed the working arrangements for the maintenance of the servery, the latter being responsible for the provision of equipment and the School for meeting the cost of electricity. Users, who will now find a book for comments at the School, are reminded not to take cutlery away.

POSTAL FACILITIES

The Parish Council supported a proposal from Ian Penfold that a post box capable of taking large envelopes should be installed in Smith Street in order that the posting of larger than normal packages might be facilitated when the Post Office is not open. Now in place, the postal collection on Sundays and Bank Holidays is from this box and not the Post Office.

SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION AT FARDELL'S LANE

In the February 1994 edition of this magazine, it was noted that information regarding need, drainage and possibly conservation issues were to be addressed by the District Council. A survey of need involving all households which was duly undertaken by South Cambs. Council indicated that a need did not exist and therefore the District Council decided not to proceed with development. However, the result was not felt to be acceptable by some people in the village, and a public meeting was held at which the Parish Council was urged to conduct its own survey. This was done: the results were duly published and the questionnaires sent to the District Council. It will be recalled that seven in the village indicated a personal interest, 116 had no objections to the development of such accommodation at Fardell's Lane, with 48 opposed. The percentage return of questionnaires was just under 60%.

V.E./V.J. DAY CELEBRATIONS

During 1994, tentative enquiries had been made regarding the nature of possible celebrations to make the cessation of hostilities fifty years ago. Provisional bookings had been made and soundings taken in the village. However, at a meeting of representatives of various organisations which would be involved, it was felt that days of reflection rather than celebration would be more appropriate. Accordingly, it was decided to restrict activities in the village to church services, one for V.E. and one commemorating V.J. Day.

TRAFFIC CALMING

The present position regarding reducing the speed of cars in Elsworth was outlined at the Parish Meeting in May. For those not present on that occasion, a summary is given below:

- a) The County Council has been unable to finance a scheme in Elsworth as, fortunately, our accident rate gives us low priority. However, we make applications annually.
- b) The County Council has been unable to give consent for joint funding with the parish, again because of priorities elsewhere.
- c) We could finance measures ourselves providing the scheme was approved by the County Council. Having considered many possibilities, the Parish Council has opted for speed cameras and has asked that Elsworth be considered when placement of cameras is being reviewed. In this regard, we are in the hands of the police, for the number of cameras in use is dependent on their resources for processing.
- d) Speed cameras, if shared with a cluster of, say, ten villages, are probably the most effective, least obtrusive regarding the environment and by far the cheapest of the recognised measures.
- e) We have put in our bid, as it were. The matter now rests with others - with occasional prompting from the Parish Council.

Readers might be interested in alternative traffic calming measures considered. In reaching a decision, the Parish Council was much influenced by the long awaited Department of Transport's national study. A summary is given overleaf.

Traffic Calming Measure

Comment

1 Narrowing road at village entry points

- a)** Department of Transport study group report states that the entrance gateways fail to prevent speeding again after the initial sector has been passed if other measures are not installed within the village.
- b)** As narrowing of the highway would necessitate vehicles diverting from course to that of on-coming vehicles, or finding on-coming vehicles diverted to their lane, there is an element of danger. [Accident reported at a national study site].
- c)** Conspicuous warning measures are required prior to obstacles.

Cost Examples

- a)* £43,000 in Fife. But 60% still exceed 30 m.p.h. in village.
- b)* £2,000 at Matfield in Kent, but found inadequate -'30' roundels plus enlarged nameplates.

2 Road narrowing at village entry points together with other calming devices within the village.

- a)** Points [b] and [c] above.
- b)** Most favourable speed reductions in the study were 12 m.p.h.

Cost Examples

£63,000 at Roade, Northants.
£50,800 at Gisburn, Lanes.

Traffic Calming Measure

Comment

3 Road humps

- a)** It is necessary to slow down the traffic before the hump is reached, otherwise the hump could cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle.
- b)** To prevent accidents, humps would have to be prominent and an eyesore to some.
- c)** Several humps would be required.

Cost Example

From £500 each (round top),
£3,000 (flat top), plus signs and lighting.

4 '30' Roundels

Not effective, although initially seemed promising (Cambs.).

5 Speed cameras

- a)** The least conspicuous and least urbanising of calming measures.
- b)** Oxfordshire 40% decline in fatal or serious injuries, 20% decline in accidents. 20% speed reductions in West London.
- c)** Equipment relatively inexpensive if villages combine.
- d)** If a camera is in a vehicle, other motorists will not be sure of its location.
- e)** Warning notices at entry points to village essential.

Cost Example

£25,000 for equipment.
(£2,500 each if ten villages involved).

Traffic Calming Measure

Comment

6 Chicanes

Might be regarded as unsightly. Would need to be used with other restrictive measures every 70 metres or so.

Cost Example

£700 each.

7 Rumble Strips

Noisy. Cambs. will not allow them within 200 metres of dwellings.

8 Mini-Roundabout
(Knibbs Corner)

Cambs. will not grant permission.

Visual Impact

The Department of Transport Working Party's report draws attention to the fact that signs and markings need to have a strong visual input which might conflict with aesthetic requirements or rural village settings.

POSSIBLE RESURRECTION OF FEAST DAY

Under the Parish Council News, reference is made to a Parish Council initiative earlier in the year which related to a possible village day to celebrate joint V.E./V.J. anniversaries. Although the feeling of village organisation representatives was to confine activities on those days to services of remembrance and thanksgiving, interest was expressed in perhaps pursuing the idea in the form of further village feast days.

Clearly the suggestions outlined for V.E./V.J. celebrations are not altogether appropriate for a village feast (fun) day. However, in a modified form they could provide food for thought. As such, ideas are presented below, not as firm proposals for a programme but as a springboard for discussion.

For ease of organisation, pre-determined events should be the responsibility of appropriate village organisations or sub-committees, with a co-ordinating committee established to enable harmony and promote the overall view. Thus a concert could be the responsibility of the Church with all that that entails, including some profit perhaps, but such an event would be but part of the day's programme.

The morning of the day could see a limited overs cricket match - Elsworth v. a neighbouring village - not on this occasion the team which plays in the South Cambridgeshire league, but made up entirely of residents in the village. Lunch could be taken on trestle tables by the Poacher, if fine, accompanied by a brass band which would remain until time for tea.

The afternoon could be marked by events involving even more of us. There could be inter-street competitions - the final round of a croquet contest; putting; tug-of-war; children's games and races; side shows, with this section of the day culminating in a village tea. An evening concert in the church could well conclude the festivities.

What is the purpose of such a day? Hopefully for villagers to come together, rekindling and strengthening feelings of fellowship. Originally it was thought a combined Victory Day might have provided such an opportunity, but it was not to be. If, though, villagers would seriously like such an event to be considered, they are asked to let a Parish Councillor know as soon as possible. If the idea doesn't appeal, let us have your views nevertheless. Remember, indicating an interest does not mean you will necessarily be made to work - unless of course you so wish!

A.W.F.

ELSWORTH SPORTS CLUB

Football

Last season Elsworth finished fourth in Division 5A of the Cambridgeshire League. Paul Reason distinguished himself, being voted Player of the Year, as did Alan Dolby, named Clubman of the Year, and Lee Draper, who was the Top Goal Scorer.

Cricket

The first eleven had a difficult season in Division 2 (South) of the Cambridgeshire C.C.A. League. However, as the last two games were won, the team hopefully will not be relegated. The second team fared slightly better in Division 6 (South) of the same League, finishing in the middle. At one time, the team was top of its section.

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ELSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The inspection report records that Elsworth is a happy orderly and caring community in which children thrive. Relationships throughout the school are excellent and the headteacher, Anne Dixon, supports staff and pupils with strength and sensitivity. As to the future, the inspectors' report encourages the school to maintain its achievements, to link its development plan more closely to the budget, to develop further strategies to meet the needs of the most able pupils and to offer more opportunities for spiritual development, by which is meant reflection on knowledge and experience.

ELSWORTH NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

We now have 28 members and meet approximately every 3 weeks. Meetings are usually held in members' homes. The themes of meetings vary greatly from discussion groups to social outings and gastronomic evenings.

Over time we have been ten-pin bowling, had personal safety talks from Cambs. police, aromatherapy and fashion demonstrations, lively discussions as well as cinema and theatre trips.

Our programme will be seen in *"Dates for your Diary"*.

Intrigued? For more information, contact Mary Ronan on 267239 or Jean Howard on 267569. All meetings start at 8pm. If you would like to come along to any meeting to participate or just to observe you will be very welcome.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

In March we had our Annual Meeting, when two dozen beautiful shawls were exhibited. These had been made by members during the winter months for the elderly and were gratefully received by Chesterton and Hinchingsbrook Hospitals.

Dr. G. Hales gave us a one-man play, "Three Men In A Boat" at our April meeting, and in May Mr. Wyatt brought along a large collection of Victorian musical boxes, all in working order. In June Miss Hersey showed us some of the delights of central France and this was followed in July by one of our most popular speakers, Mr. Adrian Arnold, who had sailed round the world the wrong way round - a most fascinating talk with slides.

For information on the rest of our programme for the current year, see *"Diary Dates"*.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Subscription £12.00 per year. We have 42 members - come along - you may enjoy the meeting and you will know plenty of people there!

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The Editor very much regrets the lengthy delay in publication and apologies to contributors who had met deadlines and to readers of the magazine. The problems encountered by the publisher then involved were completely outside his control. We have now changed publishers - The Chronicle is now in the hands of 'Type It' of Oakington.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

1995 saw Elsworth fall from its position of glory as the Best Kept Village in Cambridgeshire to one where it was eliminated in the first round of the South Cambridgeshire division.

The judges for the competition came unannounced and unseen, but a summary of their findings relating to the tidiness and appearance of surrounds was sent to the Parish Clerk. There is not room here to note their comments in full, but perhaps attention should be drawn to points of criticism so as, hopefully, to guide us for the future. In so doing, it must be emphasised that most of the comments were favourable.

Points of Criticism

Gardens and General Appearance: 'Generally tidy but Roger's Close could do with a little effort on the part of the residents'.

School: 'Area fronting school clean - a little further down the road a small amount of litter'.

Absence of litter: 'A few odd pieces of litter seen'.

The judges' comments were meant to be constructive; let us hope next year all will be mindful to make the village as attractive as possible. We have such a delightful setting and so many seek to add to its beauty. Aspects of this have been reflected in the results of the East Anglia in Bloom competition, noted below.

EAST ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Elsworth was joint second in 1995 in the East Anglian Tourist Board trophy competition, along with Whissonsett and Bawdsey. Aldeborough won the trophy. Congratulations to all who contributed and contribute to the display of flowers visible from the lanes and roads in the village. Second place over such a wide area is a magnificent achievement.

This result and our success in the Best Kept Village competition in 1994 clearly gives us every reason to be proud of our village. First place in both competitions would not seem beyond us, but an overall effort would be required.

A.W.F.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



Ian Moore and the Cambridge Singers brought to Elsworth on 30th April Handel's Messiah. It was a delightful occasion, thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

For the time being music in the church is somewhat muted as the organ is undergoing renovation. Singers are not without accompaniment, however; a keyboard, kindly lent by Clive Baker, assisted for a while to keep the congregation in tune and together and now a temporary organ is in place.

The V.E. and V.J. Day services brought many to the church. At the close of both, tributes were laid at the memorial by representatives of many village organisations in memory of those who gave their lives for their country.

A.W.F.

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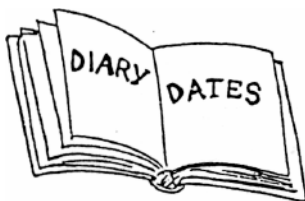
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MARCH

- 2 Football - Elsworth v. Barrington Reserves
- 7 Jubilee Club - 'Birds & Wild Life'. Talk by David Garner
- 13 W.I. - Annual Meeting
- 16 Football - Elsworth v. Saffron Rangers
- 19 N.W.R. - 'African Adventure' - meal at Cambridge Regional College
- 30 Football - Elsworth v. Steeple Morden Reserves
- 31 Holy Trinity Church - Ian Moore Concert

APRIL

- 17 W.I. - Interior Design
- 18 N.W.R. - Quiz evening with Bar Hill group.
- 18 Jubilee Club - Dragonnaires

MAY

- 2 Jubilee Club - Flower arranging
- 7 N.W.R. - 'What would you put in a time capsule?' 9 Paddock Row
- 8 W.I. - Diet and health related fitness
- 18 Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12 midday.
'The Limes', Box worth Road

JUNE

- 3 N.W.R. - Walk from St. Ives to Houghton with obligatory pub stop
- 6 Jubilee Club - Mystery Coach Tour
- 10 W.I. - Jewellery: hall marking, birthstones, etc.
- 26 N.W.R. - Planning meeting. 30 Roger's Close

JULY

- 4 Jubilee Club - Lintonaires
- 10 W.I. - Buildings in East Anglia
- 18 N.W.R. - American Food. The Willows, Boxworth Road
- 29 Church Fete