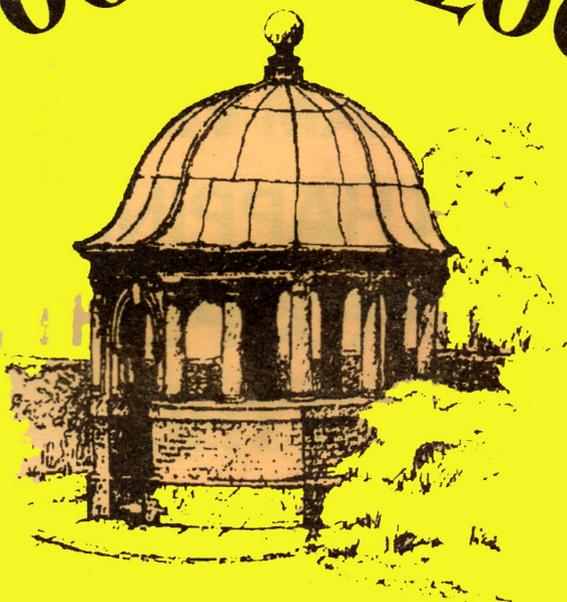


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# The Evening's Programme

Doors Open 7pm

General Music Starts at 7.30

followed by

1900 - 1930 mixed eras music

1940s See song sheets for a sing-a-long.

Special appearance by the 'Andrews Sisters'

1950s Rock and Roll featuring dance

demonstrations

1960s Maybe one of the most memorable decades

1970s Disco Kings and Queens time - with ABBA

1980s New Romantics - any proposals?

1990s Not long to go 'til the

## Final Countdown

*Have you got your tickets? - Raffle to be drawn*

*Auld Lang Syne (not Cliff!)*

*Dance 'til the early hours*



## THE SPIRIT OF ELSENHAM

Much has recently been recorded about the Parish Council's 100 year's Centenary and the Millennium History of the village. I would like to reminisce about the spirit and achievements I have found so impressive during my experience since joining the village in 1959.

No doubt, in the past, Elsenham, being a very small village, had its problems, but modern times have brought in many dictates from 'higher up' and more rigorous procedures, ie, Charity Commission's enforcements, etc. The large, almost double, expansion of the village in the early 1970s brought many problems. Fortunately, with foresight, the Parish Council acquired our 9 acre Playing Field which helped to inspire many aims in different directions.

The Community Association became more active and, with the Parish Council and many energetic people, the village came into the real 20th century. Obviously, I cannot name them all, but foremost of those that come immediately to mind are Peter Budden, with whom I spent some visits to the Charity Commission to sort them out, regarding the sale of the Village Hall and the Working Men's Club. Frank Robinson and Gordon Barker who assisted us as Trustees of the Club.

The tennis club was formed and the courts built with much fund raising and self-build! This theme has survived up to today, with the Memorial Hall and now the Bowls Club green and building. Many other village organisations have impressed and with their enthusiasm and success, notably the Annual Elsenham Flower Show which improves each year beyond belief.

I have always been grateful that my 3 children had the advantage of their early education at Elsenham C. of E. Primary School, under the capable leadership of Pat Ackerman, which has stood them in good stead ever since.

Yes, the Spirit of Elsenham is very much alive and I feel very proud and honoured to be part of it. Long may the village continue to be a shining example throughout the next Millennium.

John Hurwitz  
Chairman, Elsenham Parish Council

# 1900 - 1920s

**March 1909**



The foundation stone of the village hall was laid by Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart, in the presence of numerous residents and others. The school children and teaching staff were also present.



**November 1914**

We greatly regret to report the death of Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart, which occurred yesterday at his residence, Elsenham Hall, after a long illness, borne with great patience. The county of Essex, and the world of agriculture, thus suffer a significant loss. Sir Walter was 83 years of age.

**October 1920**

## **Village War Memorial**

A memorial cross of Clipsham stone on three steps was unveiled at Elsenham by Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart. The cross stands on a site given by Sir Walter in the centre of the village, and its commanding column, 14 ft. high.

Elsenham did well in the war, as out of a population of 400, no fewer than 107 served their country, of whom 25 fell.



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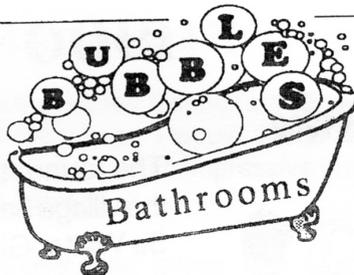


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# 1930s & 1940s

## May 1934

The nursing association held their annual fete and baby show in the grounds of Elsenham Hall by kind permission of Mr & Mrs D Wilson, on Whit Monday. The occasion was honoured by a visit from the Countess of Warwick, who declared the fete open, and spoke of the good work done by the nursing association.

## 1939 - 1945

On Sunday September 3rd 1939 at 11 am, Neville Chamberlain, announced we were at war with Germany. A plane load of bombs were dropped through the centre of the village, the first fell on Cunnegar hill, the next went in the swimming pool at Elsenham Place, the third fell in the croad next to Elsenham Place, the fourth James Percy's grave in the cemetery, the fifth fell in George Waterman's garden in Station Road and the last two fell in Alsa Wood. The bomb disposal squad never retrieved the bombs that fell in the swimming pool and the croad owing to the difficulty of running sand. No bomb exploded.

The long school at the paddocks that was built of wood was set on fire by incendiary bombs, and burnt to the ground. The whole village was illuminated by this massive fire.

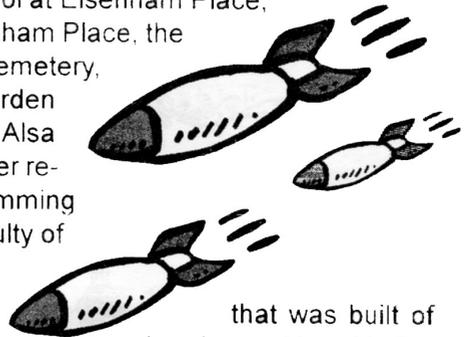
A Mosquito plane came down to the left hand side of Old Mead Road, and a Hurricane came down in Park Field close to Elsenham Hall, skidding across the meadow and burying its nose in a laurel hedge, the pilot was unhurt.

The R.A.S.C. were stationed at Elsenham Place. The Officers were based at the friends Mission House, now Harleigh House in the high street.

Charles William Anderson of Priors, Tye Green, was head ARP Warden. The head quarters were at Miss Eleanor Bourne's The Old Post Office next to the Memorial Pump in the High Street.

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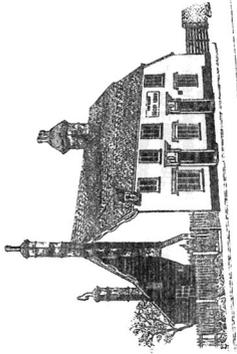
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# Views of Elsenham



Elsenham Pump and the old Post Office



Robin Hood public house

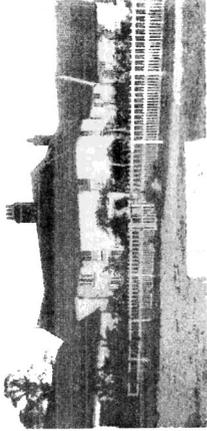
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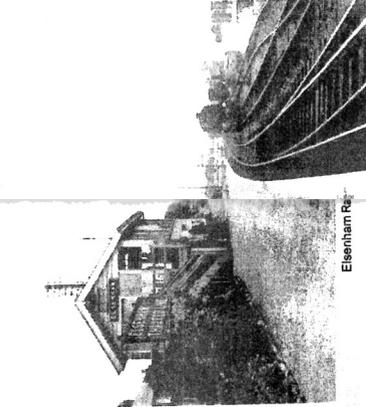


Elsenham Hall - with ground

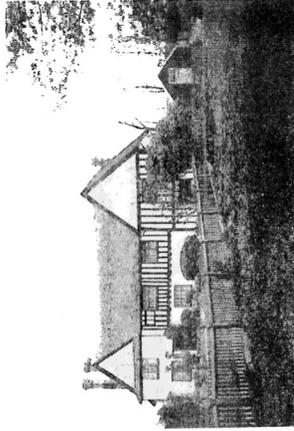
and gardens of 50.61 acres



Elsenham Place - 1952



Elsenham Railway Station



Broom Farm

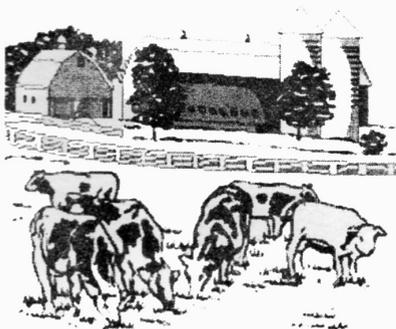


# 1950s

**May 1953**

## **Airport Runway Extension Threatens Farm Land and Homes**

The man who will be hardest hit if the proposed extension is carried out is Mr F H Patsen, tenant of New House Farm, Elsenham, which is owned by miss Dorothy Paget. He has already suffered one loss due to the airport. When the aerodrome was first constructed during the war he was farming the 220 acre Coopers Farm, which was requisitioned. Under the present plan he will lose 60 of the 270 acres at New House Farm, and in addition, the house in which he is living will be demolished. The house dates back to the 13th century.



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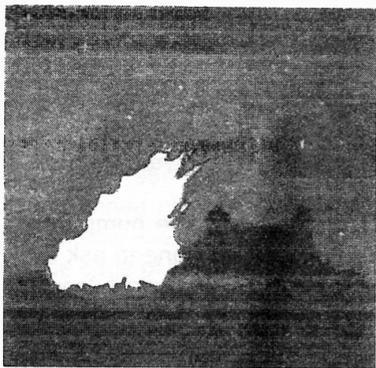
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# 1960s

November 1969

Fire Sweeps Jam Factory



Starved of vital water supplies, firemen watched helplessly at times on Saturday as fire swept through Elsenham Jam Factory causing £150,000 worth of damage, threatening the jobs of 70 employees. While the fire was raging, Mr John Hurwitz, the firms Managing Director, broke into the factory office and rescued secret recipes for the "most expensive jam in the world". This week, he announced that he had found alternative accommodation until the factory could be rebuilt.

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# 1970s

March 1973

## Villagers Removed Fence Surrounding Pump House

The people of Elsenham regard their pump house highly. When someone fenced it in they reacted strongly. Within hours a crowd of 100 villagers gathered round the fence and minutes later all that remained was the fence planks and posts stacked in the back garden.

Mr Harry Lodge, who had lived in the village all his life, gave his version. *"It was a spontaneous reaction by the villagers,"* he said. *"They were flabbergasted and outraged at what happened."*

The people of the village had intended to hold a meeting at the pump and when they found the only gate in the fence locked, some had gone to ask for a key. *"Some time elapsed and the crowd got impatient,"* said Mr Lodge, *"some started pulling down the fence with their hands."*

The pump house was built at the turn of the century by Sir Walter Gilbey, Bart, in memory of his wife, who had died in 1897.

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## 1980s

### February 1982 - Elsenham to get a new Village Hall

Work should begin soon on the £205,400 combined village and school hall at Elsenham. The County Council has given the go-ahead to the plans and the parish council is hoping to complete a "sharing" agreement with the county council in the next few weeks. The hall will be built of red brick to match the Victorian school and extra car parking will be provided.

## 1990s

### February 1994 - Hands Off Our Village Church

The planned closure of a 900 year-old village church has sparked an unholy community row. Residents in Elsenham are angry at proposals to shut St. Mary's on the edge of the village and replace it with a modern, purpose-built church with meeting rooms. One possible site for the new 220-seater building, which could also incorporate social housing, would be the old Willis Toy Factory. Local historian and anti-closure campaigner, Gordon Barker, said the whole community was "up in arms" over the plan which, he claimed, were the village's most controversial in more than 100 years.

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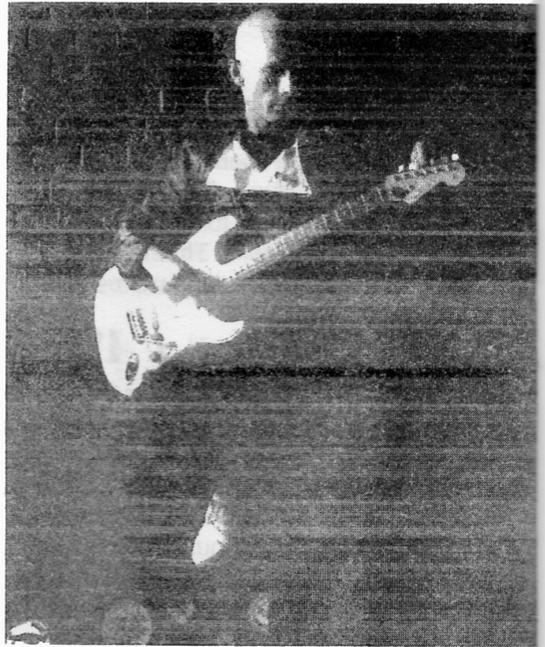
## DAVE HOWMAN

I had been a professional musician from the age of 17, touring with big acts of the '70s like *'The Sweet'*, *'Mud'*, *'Suzy Quatro'*, and dare I say it.... *'Gary Glitter'*. I composed music for *Showaddywaddy*, *The Drifters*, *Kelly Marie*, and *Monty Python's 'The Life of Brian'*, and the academy award nominated *'Sperm Song'* from the film *'The Meaning of Life'*.

I formed *The Boyfriends* ("Band of the Year" according to *Melody Maker!*) in 1984. I had a near fatal car crash in the same year. I moved to *Elsenham* in the winter of 1984-85, and after several years of recovering, I came back with my *One Man Show* in local pubs and clubs.

I wrote the background music for the first series of *One Foot In the Grave* (currently showing) 2 cartoon series for *ITV Rubbish King of the Jumble* and, last year, *The Wind and The Willows* film, with *Terry Jones*, *John Cleese*, etc.

Next year, in 2000, as well as the *One Man Shows* which you can catch locally, there's a new film, "*Mumbo Jumbo*" starting January, and starring old British Comedy stars like *Windsor Davies*, *John Inman* and *Michael York*. March sees the start of my own travelling musical, "*MoMotown*" which features a 9 piece Soul Band (myself on guitar) playing all the hits from the wonderful *Motown/Stax* era.



## Acknowledgements

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5. On Mother Kelley's Doorstep
6. Bless 'Em All
7. Lambeth Walk
8. Run Rabbit Run
9. When You'r Smiling
10. We'll Meet Again
11. Bunch of Coconuts
12. Daddy Wouldn't Buy Me A Bow-Wow









