

Elsenham

Memory Lane

*A selection of posts on Social Media at the end of January 2018
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Julie Tassie Dunn

I have a question for long term residents of Elsenham. I've heard there used to be 3 petrol stations in the village. Could anyone tell me where please and bonus points for names.

Sharon Hackett

I moved there in 82 and the only petrol station I know of was Barkers

Tess Salmon

Who remembers the chickens and the white pony in the field which is now the croft...and Glebe End being an allotment

Sharon Hackett

I remember the chicken field, we used to dare each other to go into it. I remember someone being in the field on one occasion and another person shouting that the farmer was out with his gun! We never went back.

Wendy Hyman

Me

Cate Scott O'Regan

Pony was called Mary. Kids love her x

Elizabeth Gillett

Blimey Tess you have a better memory than me! I remember taking the monthly bill from the garage down to Robinson's yard which was opposite the One Stop. I cannot remember a field there. One of my jobs at the garage when I was still at school was to deliver all monthly accounts around the village. But mainly serve petrol and use the till, which incidentally was a till that didn't tell you the change so I had to work it out for myself. That was the best thing my parents could have done for me as it gave me confidence, maths skills and the ability to talk to your elders. I still know people that I use to serve nearly 40 years on!
Love village life

Liz Cook

I remember the field so u must Elizabeth Gillett, the tumble down cottage painted a mustard sort of colour opp one stop, house was behind run down flint wall covered in blackberry bushes, we used to eat them on the way to school Victoria Richardson with Kerryanne. Were ponds in Paget Court and Croft area. Hence why we have newts and frogs and toads still in our gardens

Abi Loverage

I remember the toy factory where Saunders Close is now. I'm sure my Mum took me there just before it shut to be demolished and we bought some toys ?
xx

Teresa Soper

I used to play netball there too in their car park that they made into a netball court

Janet Shaw

The toy factory used to have a sale just before Christmas – I remember getting great presents there. Didn't it burn down?

Wendy Hyman

My mum worked there it was called Willis Toys

Teresa Soper

We knew the owner well, as usual sold it for development

Cate Scott O'Regan

Willis toy factory

Jayne Steele

Oh yes the toy factory Wow that was many moons ago

Liz Cook

Teresa Soper I remember that Teresa we used to play in there at guides didn't we?

Sue Gibbons

The toy factory was opposite our flat when we moved to the village in 1988. I remember Liz Cook as a youngster working in the greengrocers!

Teresa Soper

We moved here 1977, hubby worked station garage, was called station garage, run by Kerry Langley, used to do mechanical and body work and petrol, it was then cliff

Cate Scott O'Regan

Was also called Willis x Bob helped out there in 1966 x

Rachael Whitehead

I'm loving reading all these lovely memories – being a relatively new person (10 years) I'd love to see more pics if anyone has any to share

Julie Tassie Dunn

Me too. I have a couple I'll put on later.

Nikki Woodbridge

Me too!

Georgina Wickens

Ambrose corner , the post box



Patrick Meads

And the police house on the left of picture

Elizabeth Gillett

Georgina.....that single storey building is the Post Office not a Garage.

Georgina Wickens

I know, my dad said there was a garage, there many moons ago , it was just an old pic I found x

Georgina Wickens

I think it was only one pump x

Julie Tassie Dunn

Georgina, is there a date on this photo? Or is anyone clever enough to date it by the car?

Patrick Meads

Looks very much like a Hillman Imp manufactured between 1963 until 1976, but I'm sure that was taken mid 60's

Sue Albiston

The car is a Hillman Imp. I had one as my first car in 1985. I used to have to take extra water everywhere and a huge rag as it would book (*boil?*) up after about 7 miles. My girlfriends were horrified when ever I took them out.

Joe Newell

There was a "boy racer" version of the imp...the Singer Chamois Sport..a fearsome machine, with awesome performance.. 0-60 in two and a half minutes

Darren Calder

Hahaha **Julie Tassie Dunn** that's because I told Paul about it and he didn't believe me...

Georgina do you remember them when we were at primary? I also said about the bridge over the railway being built and you had to walk over the planks of wood.

Georgina Wickens

My memory from primary is very vague, what year was the bridge built, the only thing I remember about that was not being tall enough to see over it lol and was to weak to pull myself up, and also that on that bridge was where my mum got hit in the head with a tractor.

Darren Calder

I remember when that happened to your mum. I think we were a few behind you. Not sure when it was built it was just vague memories, I have quite a few vague memories though... the old triangle that use to be opposite the spar, Veg shop and butchers, I remember when the houses that lead into the park was all fields, the factories when they were all fields, and we use to walk through the grave yard and come out on the main road somewhere near the new drs.. many more to mention too

Georgina Wickens

Oh and have to mention the good old rocking horse in the park 😊, and I sat up my bedroom window watching them get built

Darren Calder

Still there after all these years too.. I remember the rocking horse in the old drs down robin hood rd.. they took it to the new drs, is it still there?

Liz Cook

The doctors was in station road opp side to it is now & nearer the roundabout before it moved to Robin Hood road, I remember that when it opened!

Georgina Wickens

Remember that to lol and no there isn't even a children's waiting room any more.

Alex Lockett

I'm sure the Drs use to be opposite demandavile behind the tall beech hedge??

Liz Cook

Dr Lee's house was further up towards shops on opp side **alex** if ur thinking of that

Richard Segar

Dr lees is called crossways my parents bought it in 1974 and it still had some old meds in the shed .

Barbara Pether

So many changes, thought when the de mandeville site was developed that would be it, how wrong was I 😊

Georgina Wickens

I know the change from my dads generation, to then my generation and now is unbelievable it's changed so much so quick, I understand that we need more housing but fix all the derelict buildings first and don't ruin lovely villages in the process.

Gavin Calder

This one? Still going strong



Georgina Wickens

Glenn Wickens do you know the names of the 3 petrol stations in elsenham. Opposite the school opposite the station and where the shop and post office are.

Glenn Wickens

yes barkers by the school willis by the station and the one by the post office i dont remember selling petro but the pumps were there and the garage was a shop owned by lucas they also had the shop next to barkers garage

Georgina Wickens

we sussed the post office one out, it's was Willis before it moved up by the station.

Tess Salmon

The one by the train station which is now flats was owned by cliff burchett.....

Tess Salmon

It was knocked down early 90's! Who remembers the old hag? She use to drive up and down the village on an orange bike. She lived up green street (jam factory) she was bloody scary!

Elizabeth Gillett

Yes Tess! Scared Will Barker and Neil Tyler out of their lives! Lol

Liz Cook

Jayne Steele & I was often with will & neil, she chased us down fullers end hill on her moped!! lol remember that Will Barker

Elizabeth Gillett

I have got a video of the demolition of my Grandads Garage opposite the school, it was heart breaking to watch happen but glad I have the video of it.

Tess Salmon Who remembers the butchers which is now the Indian takeaway and the fruit and veg shop which is now the post office....what happened to the owners....? They turned the butchers into a fish and chip shop. also who remembers the hall opposite the pump....use to be a youth club and a library.

Elizabeth Gillett

Linda and David Windley owned the fish and chips shop, they moved up to Suffolk I think, Mum and Dad are still in contact with them.

My friend Kenny Taylor use to work in the butchers there back in about 1982, he was a Mod and arrived on his Lambretta to work. I think the one Stop back then was called Budgens but could be wrong!

Georgina Wickens

I remember them and **Liz Cook** working in the green grocer

Sheila Newland

The garage opposite the station was at one time called Willis Autos, my dad used them all the time for fuel and repairs before he went to Australia xxxxx

Jayne Steele

Oh yes I remember the garage 😊 Many years ago -1970/80's

Georgina Wickens

There also used to be a train line that ran from the back of the station to henham and thaxted, it a footpath now

Sheila Newland

The train used to be known locally as the Thaxted flier xxxx

Liz Cook

Georgina Wickens the gin & toffee line!

Janet Ross

I remember Mr and Mrs Buttle who ran the shop next to the Crown!

Wendy Hyman

I've lived here nearly all my life, I'm now 48. I remember the station shop and their penny sweet counter. I remember Mr and Mrs Scholls who used to own the orchard. Me and my brother used to go up there and get our apples, we always got a free one each which we thought was amazing. I loved going to Buttles shop next to the Crown pub. We used to go to the off-licence at the back of the Robin Hood pub to get crisps and cans of drink. Just realised all my memories involve food! Not that I'm obsessed you understand.

Cate Scott O'Regan

Station shop. Mr Deamer owned the shop first, then Mrs Pettitt then Tom Whitley, then Sylvia Bishop

Jayne Steele

Liz Cook we used to go to the Robin Hood and exchange the bottles for chocolate
Popes too – sweet shop

Jayne Steele

That smell of.. when you used to wait round the back of pub. Childhood memories

Liz Cook

Jayne Steele we certainly did empty bottles in exchange for smoke flavoured flakes!!

Sharon Hackett

Cate Scott O'Regan I worked in the shop for Sylvia as a Saturday job when I was about 14 for a couple of years I really liked Eve. Rosemary had it after Sylvia.

Jayne Steele

Liz Cook loved my childhood with you

Martin V Fielding

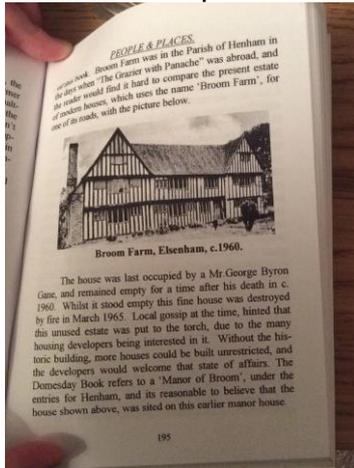
Do you remember the toffee apples?

Liz Cook

Jayne Steele me too!! Good Times

Richard Lee

Developers were a little bolder back then



Denise Shipp

Used to play on all that area amongst the orchard of fruit trees, the newt pond, there was a little bit of the house left & a few steps that must have gone to a cellar, we were scared to bits to go near it.

Ricard Lee

Credit goes to Mr Gordon Barker and Jack Sayers. *(For book extract)*

Carol Proctor

I have lived in Elsenham for 37 yrs can only remember the garage opposite the station where the flats are and the person who run it was called Cliffe. Also Gordon Barker's garage by the school. Can not remember a third.

Elizabeth Gillett

I'm going to check with my Dad because if anyone knows it will be him, if there was a third petrol station in Elsenham. I'm quite certain that there wasn't, I think it might be that the old Post Office on Ambrose corner looks like a Garage in the photo, Mrs Ambrose ran the Old Post Office and I remember going in there as a child.

Julie Tassie Dunn

It was just something someone told my husband and we were curious. They did say it was on the Saunders Close corner but I was hoping for independent opinions rather than putting any thoughts in people's heads

Richard Segar

We moved in to the village in 1974 and I can not remember a 3rd garage.

Heather Barker

The third garage was on the site of the One Stop it was Bill Jennings who was Dorothy Ambrose's father. Dorothy Ambrose ran the Post Office. After Jennings it was run by Fred Naylor who lived in Gilbey Cottages approx. 1950s. The garage on this site was a WWI Nissan hut. Fred Naylor finished on this site & then operated his garage business opposite the station which is now Hunters Court.

Denise Shipp

Dorothy Ambrose was my grans sisters daughter, we called her auntie Dorothy, that's why Ambrose corner stores is called what it is, named after her.

Heather Barker

Denise Shipp I now remember that Dorothy Ambrose was related to you Denise

Elizabeth Gillett

This is the old Village Hall c1910, many a great party we went to in there... **Richard Segar**. We had our school dinners served up in there and the school Christmas parties. And I also remember it had some great Jumble Sales in there with tables absolutely bulging with clothes etc. This is now called Hall house.



Richard Segar

Liz I can not see us in the photo

Richard Segar

And I do not remember Alan Ackerman on a bike

Liz Cook

I remember the pantos & a really funny take on generation game, I can remember people on stage shaving balloons covered in shaving foam and actual wooden doors for "the scores on the doors"! Miss Ford ! I was widow twangy in a school production on the stage in old village hall & of course the children's school Xmas shopping started then too! Still going on today there's a wonderful tradition! My sisters 16th birthday party was in old hall, the dark walk to the toilets was always full of cob webs and had to go there to get broom and dustpans etc, weird the things I remember & the smells that stay with u!

Liz Cook

Richard Segar lol

Sharon Hackett Richard Segar

Mr Ackerman was every child's nightmare I think. We could probably do with a few more like him nowadays.

Elizabeth Gillett

He scared the living daylights out of me

Richard Segar

I think he was great ,standing in the play ground with a fag in his hand. Mrs was more scary

Steven Murnane

Acko chew backo..... as he affectionately he became known as. He retired in 86, the year I left Elsenham primary. Had a nickname for everyone. God bless him..

Cate Scott O'Regan

Mr Wright who owned the Coal yard near the station

Liz Cook

Having lived next door to them both in their later years was a pure joy to help them and Benson our dog loved going round to see them! Pat always had a treat for him, a very special couple who did a lot for us as kids!

Denise Shipp

Village disco held in there, back in the day I can remember the record Monster Mash being played !!

Richard Segar

Dont forget the panto's now they were great

Tess Salmon

Remember the gang shows???

Richard Segar

Whitch one .

Tess Salmon

Babes in the wood?

Mel Wray

Glebe end used to be allotments

Elizabeth Gillett

I have now asked Dad and [Georgina](#) you were correct there was a Garage at Ambrose corner before the Post Office, it was run by the Jennings who were Dorothy Ambrose Mum and Dad.

Fred Nailer then started to rent it from the Jennings and eventually moved it to where the flats are now opposite the station, he ran it for a while before the Willis's took it over. So yes there have been 3 garages in Elsenham but only 2 garages working at once.

Liz Cook

The Jennings family are related to us, Ambrose corner was named after my auntie Dorothy who was the post mistress. The old post office was on same site it is now as I remember going in there as a very small child to see my auntie behind the very tall counter and loved the forms and stamps! Was a bakers in Robin Hood road and the Robin Hood pub. Dorothy lived in bungalow top of Robin Hood road it was demolished after she died and it's semi detached houses now, 1st ones after the bungalow on right as u go down. The Croft & Paget court was Robinsons builders yard and the island opp for car to drive round, remember the one way system part!

Happy mementoes and happy days growing up in a much smaller village. 😊

Elizabeth Gillett

So Sarah Ambrose is your cousin [Liz](#)?

Liz Cook

Elizabeth Gillett yes and john but slightly more distant than 1st cousins. Dorothy was actually my mums cousin I think... but always called her auntie as u did, her son Reg and children Sarah and john

Denise Shipp

Dorothy's mum Nelly was our granny Bennett's sister.. Good lord, does anyone remember Nelly's sneeze!!!

Claire Fielding

Love reading this post. I remember lots from when my grandparents lived here and then when we joined them and moved into old mill farm in 1985 . The station sweet counter , popes , Barker store by the crown pub , Barkers garage I used to get bits for my bike and then fuel later and new tyres . The shop used to have a post office in it . And a fab butchers and green grocers shop. The pot holes outside weren't like today! And they had small Christmas trees up high as well as one big one too as I remember . My uncle Peter Ward ran the garage at some point down by the station well before me being here . My grandmother was Arkela of the Cubs . Dorothy Fielding

Liz Cook

She brought me into the world! Used to love going down to see her with my sister Denise who did her hair. Lovely memories!

Mel Wray

My grandfather used to have a dairy at Tye Green and delivered milk to the village.

Liz Cook

How can we not mention Ernie, Reenie and Puggie!! Newspaper deliveries on Sunday mornings! Smoke flavoured choc brought from the small window at the back of the pub u had to knock on to return Bishops Stortford mineral water company bottles of empty lemonade, taking enough back to buy bar. Box or packet of crisps!

Mel Wray

I used to help Puggie on Sunday's with the paper round as a child, and so did my children. They used to leave the crates of empty bottles at the back of Robin Hood so we used to take them to the window and get some crisps.

Sue Gibbens

Puggie delivered my eggs to me x

Cate Scott O'Regan

Not forgetting 'little Jim 'who had calliper on his leg and rode his bike everywhere

Michelle Simon

There was a butchers called Shakespeare's, I think the owner was Brian, we ordered our Christmas turkeys from him

Cate Scott O'Regan

Correct, I knew Brian well.

Shirley Wilcock

I used to get my meat from him too and veg from the green grocers next door. Lovely times

Richard Segar

Well i didnt know that .Ambrose corner

Liz Cook

What didn't u know??

Margaret Shaw

Lots more here on the evhs website <http://www.elsenham-history.co.uk>

Margaret Shaw Chris Bush ,Paul Salvidge ,Raymond Franklin

have you seen all these lovely reminiscences and photos?

Martin V Fielding

I used be a partime bar man at the Crown Inn when Barbara and Ian Goode were the landlords, circa 70,early 80s.Twas a great Inn with great customers and atmosphere.

Cate Scott O'Regan

Go back to the 60s when a lady named Dot Heath had the Crown . This village had 2 great village pubs that were both packed out at the weekends.

Claire Fielding

Your lucky **Martin V Fielding aka uncle** Martin you don't live here now This area is becoming really truly awful . It's ruined 😞

Martin V Fielding

I believe so Claire, its bloody sad. Its no longer a village.

Claire Fielding

Martin V Fielding you should see all the houses and rubbish and all the cars . Know one cares . I live in fear riding down what was quite lanes. People drive to fast .

Martin V Fielding

Cate, I remember her too, we kids used to go to her off sale's at the back for pop and crisps etc.

Martin V Fielding

Claire, We are planning a few trips back to the UK this year. We will be at Stansted Airport. May well hire a car and look around at the damage being done. We haven't been to Blighty for 5 years or more.

Claire Fielding

Martin V Fielding its quite upsetting . But be lovely to see you 😊

Cate Scott O'Regan

Martin V Fielding Martin V Fielding how about those huge Arrowroot biscuits for a penny

Martin V Fielding

Anyone remember Wren's mobile fish and chip van "I can still hear the bell" and the Corona lorry?

Carol Proctor

Anybody remember franks hardware shop next to barkers garage

Nat Glover

The garage was open opposite the school when I first moved here . I used it once and not long after it was closed .

Tess Salmon

Liz you are so taking me down a memory lane... the village hall, the cold toilets and that stage and the piano. The heating system were them boilers behind guards... and eating our school dinners in there ...x

Elizabeth Gillett

Yes, I remember those guards! Mark Casper and John Burgess used to be the DJ's when we had a party in there x

Wendy Hyman

Semolina and a dollop of jam for pudding. YUCK!

Denise Shipp

It was pugesy, Paul Barnes (I think) and Russell Dowsett who seemed to spin the 45's back in the day at the old village hall regular disco... Mick Shorter & myself used to spin the 45's at the youth club, my mum & dad ran the YC for a while... I think Paul Barnes also may have played some music there as well.

Martin V Fielding

And Mr Chianchola (I think the spelling is correct) who used to operate the youth club in the village hall?

Elizabeth Gillett

Don Chianchola used to operate the car gates at the Fullers End crossing back in the 70's

Roger Marshall Read

Great way to start the day sitting remembering all the stuff talked about

Martin V Fielding

Mr and Mrs Akkerman, the primary school teachers?

Denise Shipp

Martin, is that you ? Dorothy's son? We were buddies years ago, I also done your mums hair ☺

Cate Scott O'Regan

And lovely Mrs Bailey the School Secretary

Martin V Fielding

Yes Denise, That's me xx

Liz Cook

Hilda and Nancy Gilder were lovely dinner ladies. Can't remember the dinner ladies name lived up Park road jet black hair always up in a bun?

Elizabeth Gillett

Was it Mrs Austin? Or maybe Mrs Bailey?

Liz Cook

Mrs Bailey was in the office

Wendy Hyman

All your posts make me really appreciate my childhood and what we had in this village. Sadly no more ☹

Kerry Joynson

Richard Braulik

Kerry Joynson



Kerry Joynson

Looking at the nurses cottage, looks so different.. wonder what year this Was?

Elizabeth Gillett

About 2005

Martin V Fielding

Mr Lucas and the fab butcher on Ambrose Corner ?

Kerry Joynson

Can someone tell me please who is was that owed this garage was it will

Susan Beeston

Mr Barker

Martin V Fielding

The Barker's

Kerry Joynson

Was just looking at the w.barker and son on the garage wonder what the w stood for 😊

Martin V Fielding

William

Martin V Fielding

I think he was known as Bill

Martin V Fielding

What happened to Fred Harris ??

Elizabeth Gillett

Fred Harris moved to Suffolk.

Martin V Fielding

Mr Keeble the village Bobby and PC Ayres on his nobby bike from Stansted....Wow, what memories.I could easily write a book !!! I had better stop, far too many great memories !!

Martin V Fielding

I certainly loved my upbringing living at The Old Mill Farm, I thank my late parents for that.

Martin V Fielding

I can remember the mansion down Station Road that caught fire, I think it was called Gainses ???

Susan Beeston

Yes it was My mum Mary Buttle was in service there.

Martin V Fielding

Were you a relative of John Buttle ?

Martin V Fielding

We used to think it was haunted !!!

Kerry Joynson

Can i ask was the nurses cottage next door to barkers garage belong to the barkers?

Elizabeth Gillett

No It didn't belong to them.

Kerry Joynson

Looks so new in the picture.

Elizabeth Gillett

The house in the photo is not the nurses bungalow, that was to the right of that. The house in the photo was owned by my parents, Gordon & Heather Barker. Will is my brother. Where did you get the photo from Kerry?

Kerry Joynson

Ohhh Okie. Am just fascinated by the history all looks so lovely. The picture was on Google images. X

Elizabeth Gillett

Oh ok, the Garage was run by my husband when that photo was taken. He leased it from my parents.

Elizabeth Gillett

Was you an Elsenham girl then Kerry?

Kerry Joynson

Just recently moved to the village and have been looking into the history. All very lovely xx

Kerry Joynson

Saw this post and been reading all the lovely comments.. it's a lovely village x

Martin V Fielding

Not sure, it may have been owned by a Mr Reeve , he used to use it as a sweet/grocers store.

Martin V Fielding

Kerry, It was a fab village when I was a child. My brothers and I ere raised at the farm, just off Stansted Road, I have seen some pictures of the housing surrounding the farm house, to me its very sad to see these villages being ruined.

Kerry Joynson

Yes I totally agree with you. Very sad. X

Chris Bush

I look after the Elsenham Village History Web Site. I could add a new section "Memory Lane" if Elsenham Folk think it's a good idea, either email us on evhs12@hotmail.co.uk or go to our web site www.elsenham-history.co.uk and go to committee on the top menu and select web co-ordinator

Elizabeth Gillett

Great idea **Chris** 😊

Heather Barker

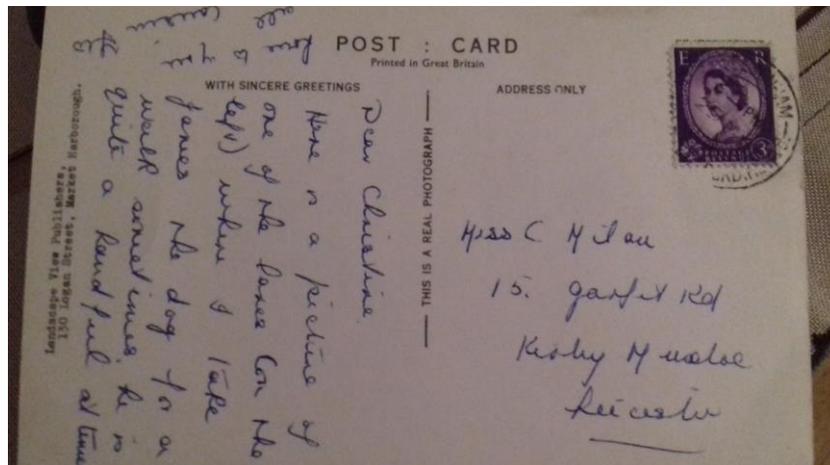
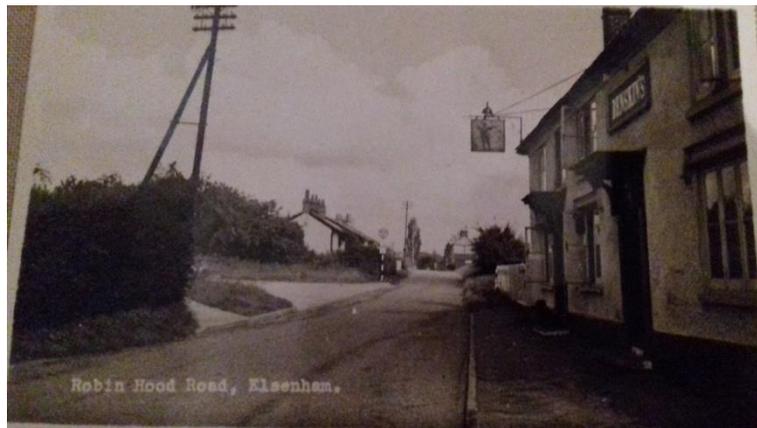
That is a good idea. I am sure there would be a lot of interest 👍

Avril Braidwood

First class idea Chris many in the Village would appreciate that as would former residents on Facebook.

Julie Tassie Dunn

The Robin Hood pub, early 60s?



Julie Tassie Dunn

"Dear Christine, Here us a picture of one of the lanes (on the left) where I take James the dog for a walk sometimes, he is quite easy a handful at times. Love to you all, cousin Flo"
Postmark is illegible but stamp was 3p

Jayne Steele

Fab picture 👍

Jayne Steele

Love old pics 😊

Elaine Bright

Pub looks a wreck

Jon Day

There's more alcohol in there now!

Joe Newell

Yeah, I don't think JD Wetherspoon had conquered the market back then..

Cathy West

Loved that pub.

Tommy Munro

Proper pub Many a good night spent there.

Gary Munro

Holsten pils , Rum n Black dayz 🍺🍻

Cathy West

It was what a village pub should be. Thursday night for the fish and chip van and Friday night to pay your Christmas club money.

Denise Shipp

That wonderful green fish & chip van used to stop right outside our house in Robin Hood Road, bell ringing to let us know he had arrived, but you'd smell the most wonderful odour of their chips 1st wafting through the village..

Matthew Brister

Rod Brister, Lynda Brister, this picture looks like it was taken from your driveway!

Richard Segar

Many a good time in there.

Richard Segar

Me and my Dad looked at bying the Robin hood years ago but i think it was brewery would not sell it.

Debbie Law King

Used to have a drink there when Ian Law and I were together. Must have been all of 19!!

Barbara Pether

That was my husbands watering hole back in the early 70's till it closed really.

Denise Shipp

Mrs Agate who lived opposite The Hood used to make her own toffee apples & sell them out the front of her property..

The bungalow on the left is like Liz cook says was our grandparents place, I remember my parents taking me there for a look round & the garden seemed huge & I couldn't atop doing cart wheels in it, was very sad to see it pulled down just recently..

Yes Mel, i remember Fred & his German shepherd..

Denise Shipp

I think the bungalow was called The Laurels when our grand parents live there Liz..

Paula Boulton

I can remember the pub ,and the doctors surgery ,some where down that road ,am i right ?.

Jayne Steele

Oh yes the docs was in Robin Hood road !

Paula Boulton

Can anyone remember when they did Apple picking at the jam factory ,it was one of the highlights of my grans summer ,also i worked for about 2 weeks taking pip stones out of cherries, by hand ,for the jam ,messy job ,but fun .

Sally Banks

Used to apple pick when we were kids got picked up in tracker and trailer

Paula Boulton

Reminds me of Darling buds of may .

Sally Banks

Was very like that then prams in orchard all the kids picking apples

Paula Boulton

There was a warehouse ,that stored be-ro flour ,on the corner near Gilbey cottages .

Jayne Steele

Paula Boulton ohhhh don't remember that !
What year approx ?

Paula Boulton

About 1960, us ladies was picked up at our house in stansted, and taken to our destination that day, and we went door to door ,with bags of recipe books ,and a sample of flour ,a great job ,at the time .

Annabel Viola

Jayne Steele the Be Ro flour factory was where, Saunders Close is now.

Jayne Steele

Annabel Viola oh cool Thank you My brothers may remember
They are a bit older than me 😊

Jayne Steele

Paula Boulton was it by coach ? My family are Dons of Dunmow

Paula Boulton

Jayne Steele No the firm had several transit vans ,with bo-ro slogans wrote
on them .

Jayne Steele

Paula Boulton 👍 wish businesses had transport nowadays to pick up their
staff !!

Jayne Steele

What great memories -B/S born I was bought up in tye green in early 70's
then moved to elsenham in 76? Had to move in 1980 only to B/S then back
again in 2004 - couldn't stay away !!

Paula Boulton

Jayne Steele would be great ,it was so much fun ,as far as i can remember
,we got as far as Canvey Island .

Jayne Steele

Paula Boulton that's further than me !!
Born and bred - family here for over 150 Years
How can I ever move away 😊

Paula Boulton

Jayne Steele I was a Stansted girl ,one of 14 children ,until i got married ,and
moved to B\S, but now live in Ugley .

Paula Boulton

Jayne Steele My maiden name was Luckey

Ann Harris

Remember that pub 😊

Georgina Wickens

My grandad was always in that pub, as was only staggering distance from
home in mill close lol

Michelle Osborne

Anyone know of the Dixon's from Elsenham/ugley???

Lynda Brister

I met "pop", Ivy Dixon when I moved into Wells Cottages. Her husband was
born in my house.

Jayne Steele

A George comes to mind ? Think my grandparents knew him ?

Liz Cook

Lots of Dixons in Elsenham pop in Robin Hood road, top of fullers end, George live nr pub.

Liz Cook

Delivering them mum's homemade apple pie was an adventure, u know what I mean swinging in the wind!!

Michelle Osborne

That I believe was an uncle or someone related to me? Use to call him uncle sherbert! I think my grandads brother? Lloyd Dixon **Denise Shipp** 🙄

Liz Cook

Michelle Osborne Herbert & Jack lived next door to Pop, the Robin Hood road gang!

Michelle Osborne

Liz Cook wow that sounds interesting!!!

Annabel Viola

Lynda Brister I remember the Dixons they lived just up the road from my grandparents and my Aunt Sybil, who use to live in the old school house on Robin Hood road, Avril lives there now.

Mel Wray

Michelle Osborne I used to live next door to you in mill close.

Mel Wray

My nan and granddad used to live next door to pop Dixon, she used to be a post lady.

Liz Cook

Do remember my mum being post lady? Stopped when heavily pregnant with me biking round Elsenham the green etc

Mel Wray

Liz Cook yes I remember your mum being post lady and remember you as a tiny baby.

Jayne Steele

Liz Cook that's how we met 😊

Steven Murnane

Howard Dixon owned The Bungalow, Fullers End(now called The Innescrone)which my parents bought in 1968..

Sally Banks

I lived 2 doors away in Mill close from Vera and gerald

Michelle Osborne

Sally Banks hello Sally that is my mum and uncle 😊

Sally Banks

I remember when I lived there till I was 13 same school year as Gerald even when your mum and dad got married and moved to cottage opposite the flour mills

Michelle Osborne

Sally Banks wow.

Sally Banks

How is your mum ??

Michelle Osborne

Sally Banks she is fine thank you. Remarried when my dad died and very happy.

Sally Banks

So pleased to hear that thank you

David Morgan

A Mrs Dixon lived in my parents house on Station Road from the time it was built in the 1930s until we moved in during 1986

Michelle Osborne

David Morgan looking to go back further in time! But thank you for the info.

Helen Watts

So lovely hearing all these stories! My grandparents, John & Ethel Cracknell, lived in the road opposite at the time this picture was taken. They spent a lot of time in that pub!

Annabel Viola

Helen Watts, your kidding I lived over the road from your grandparents, I knew them so well, your granny was such fun, happy days.

Helen Watts

How funny! My Nan was lovely, I spent a lot of time at their house as a child. As you say, happy days 😊

Mel Wray

Helen Watts I lived next door to your nan and granddad. I was a lodge, when I married I moved into the Buntings house when they moved into a bungalow. Is your dad Elmer?

Helen Watts

Yes that's right, my Dad's Alma. I remember your family, we used to play with your children when we visited.

Mel Wray

Sorry spelt his name wrong, hope he's keeping well, yes my daughter Nicola spent a lot of time with your Nan if I couldn't find her I didn't need to look far.

Helen Watts

That's right and after Grandad died she used to pop round a lot & keep Nan company. Dad's keeping well thanks, hope you & the family are too

Mel Wray

Yes we are all keeping well thank you. Say hello to you dad from me.

Helen Watts

Yes I will, he enjoys reminiscing about the old days in Elsenham! X

Denise Shipp

I used to do Mrs Cracknells hair for her at her home. Your grandad was quite a character in the village, always wearing wellingtons.

Denise Shipp

What about Jack, he wore a specially made boot on 1 foot & rode a bike in a most unusual way.. He spent a lot of time at Gordon Barkers garage..

Liz Cook

Helen Watts no way!!!! I didn't know that! I loved your grandparents. Mr Cracknell looked sooooo tall and thin as a small child. Was a highlight going round to see them, such a wonderful couple. Helen u have really surprised me! Are u related to Carolyn then?

Liz Cook

Annabel Viola I didn't know u lived in mill close too! What was your family name?

Liz Cook

Mel Wray I remember Nicola and me being with mrs cracknell, great memories!

Annabel Viola

Liz Cook Hi there, my maiden name was Roberts we lived next door to the Jennings family, and my grandparents were Ken and Marg Rattey they lived on Robin Hood

Helen Watts

Liz Cook I'm full of surprises lol It's so nice hearing everyone's memories of Nan & Grandad. Not sure I know Carolyn but you never know I might be related to her too!

Liz Cook

Annabel Viola no way!!! Mr Rattey I remember him so well as I used to walk passed their house every day to school, always remember the red paint on their house, always been my fav colour. Wow such surprises! Mrs Jennings I know very well too and her son who was butcher in bs and stansted.

Liz Cook

Helen Watts lol Carolyn cracknell lived in glebe end brother Simon, I can't remember her parents names tho, may not be related tho. She was a year below me at elsenham school

Wendy Hyman

Mrs cracknell played the piano for my ballet lessons 😊x

Michelle Osborne

Who was the rattey that lived in Mill Close? Nina their daughter, same ratteys as Robin Hood road?

Michelle Osborne

Trying to find out if anyone knows of these guys? Piggott then Dixon in elsenham She is Annie Dixon was Annie Piggott. Had a son, Bert Dixon, ring any bells with anyone?

**Sally Banks**

Nina rattey lived at the top her in laws lived in Robin Hood road daughters Anna bell and isabel Anna bell still lives in Elsenham

Helen Watts

Wendy Hyman Can't believe we've never had that conversation! My Nan was a fantastic pianist & loved playing, especially for the ballet class

Annabel Viola

Michelle Osborne she was daughter in law to my grandparents, their son John was my Uncle, Nina was their daughter, have no idea where she is now.

Liz Cook

Annabel Viola Nina moved away near her daughter I believe last time I spoke to her. Michelle will ask my dad he may know x

Annabel Viola

Liz Cook My uncle passed some years ago, and has moved somewhere near Huntingdon with her other daughter Pauline.

Liz Cook

The bungalow on corner of Robin Hood road in the pic (pulled down recently now semi detached houses) was called cobwebs my grand parents Walter & violet hedges lived there

Mel Wray

I remember your nan and granddad living there, used go round and see them with Denise.

Liz Cook

Anyone remember mr Saunders rode bike, trilby hat and long rain mac, lived behind my parents, he used to scared me to death!!!

Michelle Osborne

Was he called Draco or something?

Liz Cook

No Draco was in stansted

Anne Jarvis

I remember him Liz, really scared if I had to pass him walking past your mum and dads!! 😬 x

Mel Wray

Anyone remember Fred Barke who built the bungalow opposite the Robin Hood, with the brick wall around it. Not in this picture. He used to be a policeman he always used to take my brother to school if he caught him playing truant.

Richard Segar

Just.

Annabel Viola

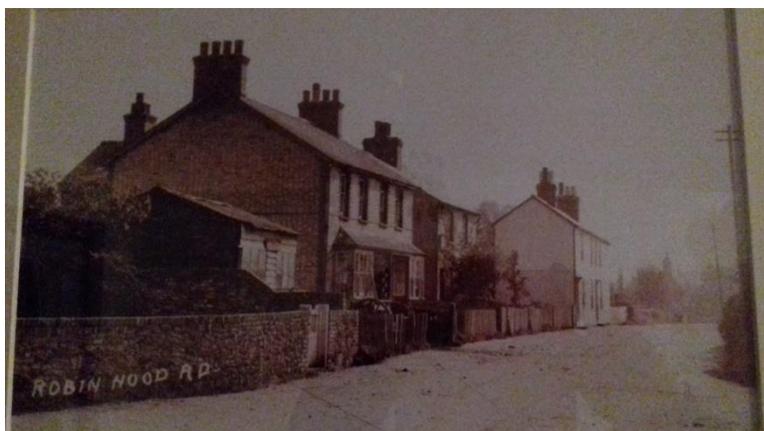
Yes I remember him very well, got a feeling he was a ex- policemen, as children we all talked to him over his wall, I recall he had a beautiful garden.

Mel Wray

Annabel Viola yes he did eventually retire, and brought a derelict house opposite start hill garage, did that up and built a wall around that would you believe. Then moved to Norfolk and built a bungalow, sadly he passed away a few years ago, but I'm still in touch with he's wife Rose.

Julie Tassie Dunn

Looking down Robin Hood Road, approx 1911.

**Julie Tassie Dunn**

Can kind of see our house in this which is why we have it framed in our living room.

Faye Bentley

Wow it's so nice to see old photos like this. I'm trying to find a photo of the cottages that are just down the road in this pic. Xx

Julie Tassie Dunn

Wells cottages? X

Faye Bentley

Yepp 😊xx

Graham Turpin

I reckon they would be to the left of the smallish tree on the left middle of the photo. The tree grew to quite a size. I lived in 2 Wells Cottages for over 15 years.



Faye Bentley

I found this picture yesterday and noticed the huge tree. And you were my dad old neighbour, you helped my sister when she locked herself outside in the back garden 😂

Graham Turpin

Spot on, although I am sure she wouldn't want to be reminded of that!

Faye Bentley

nope... she did feel rather embarrassed about that. Will always remember it though 😊

Graham Turpin

And now everyone in Elsenham also knows about it too.....

Graham Turpin

This shows my old cottage, and your parent's place as well. It even has my old car outside too !!!!



Faye Bentley

Oh wow I'm gonna show Dad this 👍. Thanks **Graham Turpin**

Matthew Brister

Rod Brister, that wall that's falling down is an old barn!!



Liz Cook

Must have pictures of the crossing gates at bottom when it was manned and gates opened for cars to drive over into fullers end. Will have to ask mum. Steam trains used to stop at fullers end to fill up

Elaine Bright

Assume they knocked down the old cottages to build the bungalows Robin Hood Road and the old properties are often used as promotional material for new builds.

Faye Bentley

My dad still lives in one of the cottages today. It's probably one of the oldest buildings in Elsenham I'd say. 16 century I think 😊

Elaine Bright

Faye Bentley I was thinking of the ones on the left before the pub.

Faye Bentley

Elaine Bright ahhhhh I see. Yeah they must be gone as I didn't even realise there were other cottages before. Think there's a few bungalows there now

Julie Tassie Dunn

The white ones in this picture were knocked down and a house is now there. The others are still there. I'm not sure there was anything else between these and the pub? Doesn't look like it to me.

Denise Shipp

The 1st cottage was where my auntie Dorothy lived while she was Post Mistress, so at some point what was the old original post must have been built adjoining the cottage.

Mr & Mrs Andrews lived in the adjoining cottage, then theres the lane, now was it a bakers or blacksmiths there? The 1cottage of the next semi detached property I used to live in as a child, next door was Terry & Vivian Applin.

Julie Tassie Dunn

The house down that lane now is called the old bakery. I live in the fourth cottage now.

Susan Beeston

Terry and Viv great friends of ours sadly Viv died last year and Terry not well

Simon Gomez

Love this. I have the pleasure of living in Robin Hood Road now. Look how much it's changed. Wonder what it'll look like in another 100 years or so?

Julie Tassie Dunn

👋 hi neighbour 😊 I'm in Robin Hood Road too.

Simon Gomez

Hi neighbour, lovely to meet you too 😊

Avril Braidwood

And I am happy to have you all a neighbour too Simon!!

Debbie Law King

Is the white building Robin Hood pub?

Julie Tassie Dunn

The white building is no longer there. In the background you can just see the pubs chimney.

Liz Cook

Yes it is debbie

Liz Cook

Fullers end luckily still looks the same, my childhood memories!



Susan Beeston

My mum lived in the first cottage with her Mum and Dad also Brother Jim Buttle who owned Buttle stores

Elaine Bright

I can't work out where that is in Robin Hood Road. I thought the white building to be the pub

Julie Tassie Dunn

It's the very top of the road. Taken from approximately the junction with Stansted Road.

Faye Bentley

I think the white building is the old pub. Don't recognise the two buildings before it. Were they knocked down?

Julie Tassie Dunn

No Faye, still there. The first buildings in the road, I live in one now. The white one is gone though

Julie Tassie Dunn

Pub chimney can be seen in the background.

Lucy Denial

Has anyone any pics of Tye Green?

Jayne Steele

Oh yes that was my home from a new born til 5/6 years old
My mum - god bless her soul - left cooker on and caught our then thatched house alight Must find pics Luckily house was empty x

Elaine Bright



Denise Shipp

Paul Barnes & myself used to frequent the Hood in our very very young days..

Lorraine Lodge

I can remember the hatch at the back as well.

Barry Felstead

Used to drink there lemonade though lol

Glenn Wickens

I've supped many a gallon there

Barry Felstead Lol was a proper village pub mate

Christine Louise Monk

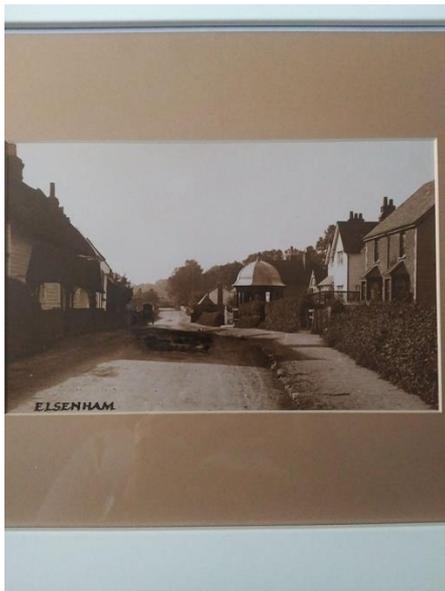
Bridget Linstead..spend many a good time there as kids xxx

Heather Barker

My early memory of the Robin Hood, was going round the back & buying very large arrowroot biscuits from 'the loop'. They tasted so good.

Sue Rawlinson

Someone recently gave us this framed photo of the high street, not sure when but it's still surprisingly recognisable..



Georgina Wickens

Wow is that a horse and cart

Sue Rawlinson

I thought it was the only car in the village but it could be a cart - hard to make out.

Debbie Dumble

It is a horse and cart, but looks like a big pothole in the middle there, but then we're used to them 🤔

Liz Cook

Trying to make out if it is a proper bridge to give idea of date if so railway track is underneath.

Liz Cook

Looks like massive pile of dirt just after pump corner of park road, where Mari & Jeff live now, perhaps that's what the cart is for? Or is it a type of hedging??
White fare in front & at other end u can see pitch roof of the cemetery entrance. If the bridge is there the width of railway doesn't look very wide so must of been single track then?

Denise Shipp

I think you'll find behind the high hedge just before turning to Park Road & The Pump was the Post Office ..

Jayne Steele

What a great pic No cars in sight !!

Georgina Wickens

Look at the rolling fields in the background

Martin V Fielding

That's a great photo with the Gilbeys dome??

Denise Shipp

My school buddies & I used to play amongst those fields and woods, straw dens in the large open ditches beneath the thick hedges. Spring/summer of course !!

Sue Rawlinson



Sue Rawlinson

I'm confused by this photo of elsenham cross - where was this photo taken from?
Any ideas?

Julie Tassie Dunn

Second building on right the crown?

Sue Rawlinson

So it's taken from what is now the crown carpark and there was a shop behind it?

Jenny Walker

Taken from Henham road. I used to get bread from Buttles every day after school. And eat the crust on the way home.

Julie Tassie Dunn

I think it's the front, hall road on left, old shop is closest building?

Alex Lockett

The building in the centre is the school the trees are outside the crown pub you can see the bay windows

Alex Lockett

The white fence is we're you drive in to the car park

Sue Rawlinson

Ahhhh..got it..cheers guys

Jo Blethyn

Ann and Douglas your house on the left!

Jo Blethyn

here is the shop to the right of picture, now



Sue Rawlinson

I can see it now - think I was thrown by the white fence and trees..

David Morgan

Was a good shop when Jim Barker ran it. A big display of Elsenham jam and home cooked hams. Wonder if that was a Barkers in the photo.

Serena Dolby

I think it was Buttles before Barkers in the early 80s. I remember going in with my Mum when I was a child

Sue Rawlinson

Whoever it is has a very jaunty hat..

Barry Felstead

Remember mr buttles always got our shopping on tick and on Friday when dad got paid I would bike down snd pay him ...happy days

Denise Shipp

My mum used to be the Post Lady in the village, a bike delivery, starting from the Post Office she went along the high street, right along to henham turning, back to the village & turn left opposite the crown, down the hill then up to Elsenham Hall & went in side the Hall to deliver to the flats, from there up to where Corr's are now, then back to Gaunts End & all the way down to the bottom of Jam Factory lane as it was known as then (its a very long lane), back down to the Fuller's End/Tye Green turning, all the way up that hill to Tye Green, back to Fuller's End across the Fuller's End Crossing, up Robin Hood Road, Mill Close then back to the Post Office, I would go with her on my little bike, we called in to Mr Buttles shop to get a bag of Lemon Sherberts to give us energy for the long cycle ahead !!

Mum would write her shopping list & Mr Buttle delivered it after the shop closed Saturday lunch time.. Times were so simple then & every one knew one another, a lovely time & glad I was part of it..

Does anyone remember Thompson Fair that used to set up every year on the field (now built on) at the top of Gilbey Cottages, the swinging boats that were set so close to the road!! Candy floss , bubble gum machine & dear ole Mrs Thompson on her hook a duck stall..

Julie Tassie Dunn

How long has Elsenham Hall been flats?

Jayne Steele

I remember the swinging boats x

Jayne Steele

Glad your mum delivered to Tye Green 🍷

Pamela Winter

A friend of mine bought Elsenham Hall in 1973/4 and did the conversion to flats after moving in.

Joan Weyers

To the left of the school is where I live! Do you have this photo/picture?

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