

## Stickney Silver Jubilee 1977



On 18<sup>th</sup> January 1977 a meeting was held at Alan Bulls home, Greystone, Hall Lane and it was first decided to write to all the organisations in Stickney for details of any events that had been arranged before June 7<sup>th</sup> in order to prevent any clashes if possible with a Silver Jubilee Gala. The organisations in question were:

The Football, Badminton, Young Mothers and Old Hockey Clubs. The Woman's Institute, Youth Club, Primary School, William Lovell and the Parochial Church Council. The Old Peoples Welfare club and the Bowls club. They were also asked if some of them would be willing to run various side shows for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June

It was agreed that specially printed envelopes were to be distributed to every house by members of the committee with a letter regarding the Jubilee Queen Contest. A permit would be arranged to make house to house collections and this would commence after Prince Charles had made his Jubilee broadcast to the nation on 24<sup>th</sup> April. The money hopefully raised would be used to defray the expenses of the village festivities and it was said that forty pounds had already been promised in donations so far. Mr Haigh had managed to obtain twelve collection boxes from The British Legion and it was decided to place them in the pubs, the shops and both garages.

Every child still under the age of 16 and living in the Jubilee catchment area on the 7th June 1977 was to be given a Silver Jubilee commemorative mug. The area was defined as being all of Stickney and the West Fen, up to Medlam Drain bank. Folly Lane as far as Hagnaby Lock. Midville Lane and East Fen Lane which included the Leake Fen Area. Mr Kemp being the chairman of the New Leake Jubilee committee was informed of this.

Various fund raising events were planned and organised. Mr Ken Burman held a fishing match on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Hobhole Drain at Midville. It was a very successful event with 49 pegs out of the 50 being sold and a trophy for the seniors was donated by Mr Burman. Thirteen younger boys also fished for a trophy that was donated by Derek Cammack. Mr Gates had organised the junior section and the total profit raised by the fishing contests was £12.40. Ken offered to arrange another match later in the close season.

A Disco Dance was provisionally arranged at the William Lovell by Mr Tempest on 12<sup>th</sup> March but because of the excessive price of hiring the school hall it was rescheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Youth Centre, and raised seventy five pounds.

A Whist Drive was held in the Youth Centre on 23rd April. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Green allocated the large number of prizes that were donated. Thirty people arrived for a seven thirty start and made a good profit of £33.27

Mrs Bull booked The Four Tone Quartet for a Ballroom dance at Eastville on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. With the group costing fifty pounds and the hire of the hall at fifteen pounds, too few tickets were actually sold to cover the cost, and the event made a deficit of twenty two pounds, although it was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended the evening.

The Woman's Institute held a rummage sale on May 14<sup>th</sup> which also included a bottle, and a cake stall. Many items were gratefully received or collected by the ladies, and an overall profit of £92.50 was raised by the many people who attended that afternoon. The coffee evening from 7 o'clock at Dr Yates house and the bring and buy that Miss Nicholls had arranged on March 31<sup>st</sup> raised £19.50 for the Jubilee effort.

Sponsor sheets were circulated in the village by Mrs Greenhill from the Young Mothers Club with a proposal to hold a Knit-in on 26th April in the Youth Centre. It

was decided that half the money raised was to be given to the play area. Refreshments were provided free for all those that participated, and the very successful occasion raised eighty pounds for the Jubilee fund.

Eight thousand raffle tickets were ordered and printed with the intention of selling the majority of them in April & May at 25p a book. The draw was to be held on the 7th June with the first three cash prizes of £25, £15, and £10. Many other prizes were also donated for the raffle.

The sponsored walk organised by Mr Tempest on the Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April started at the Church at 2pm and consisting of a eight and a half mile walk around the parish. It was hoped that it would be a family occasion and ninety nine people of all ages arrived and took part. It turned out to be a tremendous success and eighty six people actually walked the full distance. It generated a lot of interest and raised £97 although, nine pound of that was taken up on insurance cover.

The bowls club ran a doubles tournament on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> June. This was specifically arranged to start at 2pm, just before the Jubilee Parade commenced from nearby. Seventeen pairs of bowlers took part in the competition and the winners of the day were Mr and Mrs Potter



An anything auction was organised by Mr Wilson in the Youth Centre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and was presided over by Mrs Sherriff who was presented with a bouquet of flowers for conducting the auction in such a proficient way. The net profit made was almost £204

The best kept gardens competition, arranged by Mr Tempest was judged on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The six winners were Mr Compton, Mr Canfield, Miss Doncaster, Harry Butler, Mr Colquhoun and Brian Lenton. A total of fifty people entered the contest and managed to raise twenty five pounds for the Jubilee fund. First prize was a box of groceries worth £5 that was donated by Mr Plant from the post office.

Out of the twenty eight pairs that entered the darts competition in the Rising Sun, Bet Peel and Steve Tuplin were the winning couple on the night. This successful tournament raised £6.50 and began at 8pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

A Dance was arranged by Mr Young and Mr Brooks on behalf of the Football Club on 21st May in the William Lovell School Hall. The band called Hit and Run provided the music for the evening during which the Silver Jubilee Queen contest took place assisted by Miss Smith. The entrance to this was free and fifteen local girls bravely took part in the competition. The judges were Mrs J Pearson, Head of the Catering, Fashion and design department at Boston College, Mrs Taffinder the local doctor's wife, the advertising manager from the Lincolnshire Standard and Mr Bell the chairman of Boston and district sports council.

A Director of Norprint and the Manager of the Trustee Saving Bank in Boston, were both asked as judges but could not attend. Carolyn Howman was finally chosen as the Jubilee Queen with Yvonne Collier and Julie Newham as her attendants. Mrs Hazel Collier, being the coronation queen in 1953, had agreed to crown the Jubilee Queen and to present the two assistants with their sashes. A Lincolnshire Standard photographer attended and was present during the whole ceremony.

The prizes awarded to the three girls were vouchers for a Health and Beauty salon in Boston to the value of, ten pounds for the Queen and two at five pounds each for the attendants.

## **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**



The Silver Jubilee Parade started at 2pm from the Old Railway Goods Yard just after the opening of the Tournament at the Bowls Club nearby. The two horse drawn wagons that were loaned by Panton Brothers had been expertly decorated by Bob Howman with white lilac, peonies and carnations. The parade

travelled along the main road watched by many people who had congregated along the street. The leading wagon carried The Jubilee queen and her two attendants through the village to Colliers Lorry Yard where it turned around and proceeded to the entrance of The William Lovell School, passing under the large banner that had been prepared by Mrs Greenhill. Following the two wagons were a number of vintage tractors and two conventional fire engines borrowed from Tom Couplands collection. A classic car driven by Arthur Cottingham preceded several decorated bicycles and a tandem. A marching band had been considered to lead the procession but one was not obtainable on the day.

The Gala was officially opened at 3pm by the Jubilee Queen and was very well attended considering it had much competition from the Boston Carnival and the Coningsby Air Display. There was also an international football match on the television the same afternoon.

The police had originally suggested that the parade should go straight to the William Lovell School instead of the preferred route to Hunters Corner but eventually agreed to the compromise.

The Pet Show that was arranged by Mrs Green and Mr Head commenced at 1pm. Mr Lake was the Judge and it turned out to be very popular with thirty pets entered. The prizes ranged from £1.50 to 50p. The winners were Elaine Whittermore with her Great Dane, Helen Burrell with a goat and Mandy Smith with her dog. Michelle Brooks showed her pet guinea pig, Simon Tempest brought his Terrapin and Elaine Staples also got a prize with her dog.

The Battle of Britain Flight flew over the village at 3.20pm and the outstanding display they put on was appreciated by everyone there. A donation of twenty five pounds was sent to them and the Jubilee committee received back a letter of appreciation from their C.O.

A free coach was laid on to take the "over sixty's" to the gala. It was to leave the Jolly Sailor at 1pm and proceed down Folly Lane, on to Hall Lane, down Horbling Lane and turn left onto Midville Lane. Across the main road and down West Fen

Lane and then proceed to Hunters Crossroads and then turn back to the William Lovell School for 1-50 pm. It was only used by a few old people on the Saturday but was appreciated by all of them.

The Children's corner was arranged to be at the sports field sand pit but was cancelled because of the rain, although the Ice cream van turned up as arranged and did a fair trade in the afternoon

An Arts, Crafts and Bygones Exhibition was held in the William Lovell School and it was mentioned afterwards that even though this was very successful it was a pity that it wasn't over a longer period, as many had missed out because they were involved with other activities. There was no charge made to exhibit anything and Mrs Barton even agreed to receive small bygones at her home on the Friday before, although any delicate items had to be taken on the Saturday morning. The event also displayed a wide range of skills and hobbies and the section for the children's painting competition was organised by Mr Gates, Mr Lewis and Mrs Greenhill.

There were many sideshows in the afternoon and these included Table Skittles, Pig pelting, Bean bag board, Darts board and football penalty shooting. Most of them being 10p for a go and a winning prize of between £2 and £5. A Horse racing game and a speed challenge on the Scalextric track was very successful as was the Tombola at 10p a ticket and also the Wheel of fortune. Other games that were popular included the Can Shy, Balls in a bucket, and Marbles in a plant pot and Fishing for a bottle of pop. A small prize of sweets was given to some of the children for participating. Mr Burmans Jubilee Souvenir stand did a good trade alongside the garden produce stall and another one selling homemade cakes and more raffle tickets. A small treasure hunt around the field was also made interesting. Guess the weight of the cake and the name of the doll also raised a small amount of money on the day.

Ron Tuplin provided the outdoor public address system for the day, and Mr Young arranged and bought the refreshments of 1000 bottles of assorted pop from Thomas's and several boxes of various flavoured crisps at wholesale prices. These

did not sell as well as expected mainly because of the damp weather but many were sold on the Jubilee Tuesday

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

A cricket match was arranged by Derek Cammack on the William Lovell sports ground. A drinks licence had been granted and the Rose and Crown provided the bar in the afternoon. The Jubilee committee paid the school for the hire of the pitch, and the final results were; the Single men 58 runs for 4. And the Married men all out for 57. It was hoped to arrange a mixed Hockey match for the same day but there were difficulties in organising this and it did not materialise.



The Thanks giving service was very well attended with many people present that did not regularly go to Church. The service started at 6.30 and was conducted by Margaret Barton and the accompanist was Joy Borrill and Graham Coulam. The programme for the evening included duets and solos from Judy Coupland and Maxine Ireland and musical performances with Denise Fothergill playing the saxophone and a trombone solo by Robert Green.

An art and crafts exhibition was instigated by Rev Turner and displayed in the Church and this also included a display of poetry.

## **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

A vehicle was arranged by Mr H Casswell for anyone requiring transport to the over Sixties Welfare Committee Tea that took place in the Youth Centre on the Monday. More than one hundred people turned up for this event which was quite significant as only fifty five usually attend to the annual tea. Murial Dodds made and iced a large cake for the occasion which everybody enjoyed, and many said afterwards that they will come to the next annual tea. Everyone present was given a packet of Jubilee Tea as a souvenir and a tin of biscuits or chocolates which cost the committee over £280 to arrange. The raffle prizes were given out by Miss Caroline Howman the Jubilee Queen, and a letter of thanks was later sent to the Sibsey Old-

Timers for providing the entertained.

The oldest lady present was Mrs Haw at 84 and the oldest man was Mr T Wilson being 90 years old.

A good suggestion was made by the East Lindsey District Council that every Village should organise a community bonfire on the Monday evening. This eventually took place on the land behind the Rising sun and not in the old Station Yard as was first proposed. The event turned out to be well attended and a very popular gathering with no apparent damage done to any property and a slight raise in trade for Mr Haigh. Mr Tempest announced that he would arrange another one for November 5<sup>th</sup> and asked for any volunteers.

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

A Long John race begun at 10am from Horbling Lane end and proceeded to the junction at Hall Lane and back again with compulsory stops for refreshment at the Rising Sun and the Rose & Crown. Wheelchairs or any forms of human powered transport were allowed in the race and a small entry fee of fifty pence was levied on the twenty contestants who took part. Nigel Young, Ken Tempest and Sam Shaw won the prize for the best vehicular contraption. Mr Haigh the land lord of the Rising Sun promised to give half pint of beer to each entrant. The event was very popular but could have done with a few more stewards to watch for oncoming traffic.



A five-a-side football tournament that was arranged by the football club on the Primary School Field was strongly supported and enjoyed by the eight teams who participated with only one player being sent off for arguing with the referee. Ken Tempest sustained cracked ribs in a game and was off work for a short while. The Football Club unfortunately lost the final game to the better team from the Badminton Club. A licensed bar had been suggested but instead light refreshments and ice cream were available during the afternoon. Fortunately some of the surplus crisps and bottles of pop from the Saturday event had been stored in Mr Stevens

Garage and were made available throughout the day. Mr Tempest kindly brought his own pony and gave many of the children free rides in the afternoon. Richard Lenton also assisted with this and looked after the pony from time to time.

The children's teas were very popular with 182 attending. It had been decided that all the children under the age of six would use the primary school dining room and



the older children would use the facilities at the youth centre, as the William Lovell Kitchen was not available. The canteen staff of both schools were asked to assist Mrs Greenhill and Mrs Sutton and Mrs Green arrange the teas.

A large number of children took part in the Fancy Dress parade that was organised by Mrs Greenhill and Judged by Mrs Barton and Mr Gates. The prizes for all the competitions, and the majority of the 240 souvenir mugs were presented to the children by the Silver Jubilee Queen. Afterwards selections of cartoon films including Bugs Bunny were shown to all the remaining children.

The Cloud Nine Disco was very good and played an appropriated selection of music at the Jubilee dance in the William Lovell Hall in the evening. Five hundred tickets were printed for the dance and fancy dress competition



and offered free to all those living in the Jubilee catchment area. Winners of the fancy dress were Bev and Darryl Kemp as pixies, David Woodthorpe appeared as Hilda Ogden and Yvonne Collier was second as Gretel. Sue Burman came dressed as a Hawaiian girl and Demis Roussos made an appearance in the evening vaguely resembling Graham Tempest.

The Barbeque was very busy from eight o'clock onwards and had just about sold out when the rain started at eleven. Even though it had made a slight loss overall, Mr Bull believed it had been worth doing even though the helpers were over worked. The dance finished at half past one in the morning.

Mr Haigh and Mr Hilditch both apologised for the way the bar was run and said that

the main reason was a problem with bar staff which meant that people had to wait a long time to be served and that the used glasses were not collected as they should have been.

Mrs Green and Mrs Sutton arranged a whist drive in the Youth Centre for those not wishing to go to the Dance. A small charge was made for the refreshments although the admission was free for the thirty players that attended the evening, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

### **After the events**

Mr Brader was given a souvenir and a box of chocolates for arranging a sports competition on the Tuesday, although this took place on the following Saturday because of the weather. The 40 people that did enter and the overall attendance was probably lower than expected because of the postponement. Some novelty sports were also arranged for the younger children.

Seventy five commemorative Jubilee Crowns were purchased to be given as prizes for the sports events and sixty crown cases were donated by the manager of the TSB in Spilsby. The few coins that were left over were sold to the public along with any surplus souvenirs

It was agreed that expenses to volunteers outside the village should be considered at the chairman's discretion and those that participated were given a box of tea or chocolates, and seven members of the school staff were each given a souvenir commemorative mug in appreciation for their help

The committee arranged a social coffee evening in the Youth Centre in November with a display of Mr Howmans thirty minute film and any photographs that were taken at the Jubilee weekend. This evening raised £32 which was donated to the Prince of Wales Appeal, plus another £8 from the collection tins placed in the two pubs.

A Silver birch tree about seven feet high was purchased from Crowders garden centre at Horncastle at the cost of £4.10 complete with a suitable stake. This was planted in the William Lovell grounds on 5<sup>th</sup> November by the Jubilee Queen and a commemorative plaque was erected beside the tree.



Mr Tempest would arrange a mystery tour outing for the old people and one to the seaside for the children of the village at a later date, although this didn't materialise.

It was suggested that there should be a contest between Jubilee Queens within ten mile distance of Boston. The Lincolnshire Standard agreed to support such an event and the Villages of Fishtoft, Donington and Wrangle had expressed an interest and any funds raised from the event being held in Stickney should go to the Village Hall Fund. Unfortunately insufficient interest was shown and the idea was abandoned.

A claim was made by four Junior School canteen staff for payment for helping at the children's teas on the Tuesday. The Education Authority refused to pay them and suggested that the claim be made against the Jubilee committee as they had not been asked to help by the county. The jubilee committee agreed to the terms of the official letting of the canteen but felt they were not responsible or able to make any payment in respect of this claim

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1977 the committee decided the fund raising of the Jubilee committee should now be brought to an end and all members were in favour. The total money in the Jubilee committee Bank account now stood at £320. This was eventually given to the Village Hall fund raising committee and the bank account was closed in February 1978

The Jubilee Queen and her two assistants took part in a fashion parade at Blackfriars on 31<sup>st</sup> May to model the gown and the sashes made at Mrs Pearson's department by her staff and students. All three girls attended the Stickney events

over the Jubilee weekend and each one was presented with an engraved medallion as a permanent momentum of the unique occasion and as a thank you for the amount of time they had put in.

The Jubilee Queens Crown and gown were given to the Stickney Parish Council for safe keeping until they were required for a Stickney village queen in the future.