

Lakenheath Heritage Group

Buildings

0001B - Allsop and Flack, High Street, Lakenheath. This shop was originally owned by Susie Morley and passed to Gordon and Lily Norman who in turn sold it to Billie and Margaret Allsop and Charlie Flack. Their daughters, Jean and Daphne Allsop ran it for several years before it passed to Margaret Allsop when the shop became known as Margarets. It ultimately was bought by Peter Vine and became the Butchers Shop. When Peter retired it reverted back to a residential dwelling.

0002B - Callis Butchers approx. 1968. After being the butchers, the shop became a furniture shop followed by an antiques shop before being destroyed by fire and replaced by a terrace of houses.

0003B - Chemists Shop and Goward House, 124 High Street, Lakenheath. The Chemist was Mr Taylor. The original house was built in the 1655. Eventually it became Lakenheath Hotel but in 2016 reverted back to Goward House the former home of George Goward

0004B - Clift's Barber shop approx. 1938. Mr. Clift and Miss Elsie Flatt in the doorway. This shop was in the High Street opposite the church.

0005B - Control Tower, RAF Lakenheath. This was removed in 2009 having been constructed in 1946.

0006B - Cottage in Back Street, now demolished.

0007B - Cottages in Eriswell Road

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0009B - Curtis Bros. High Street, Lakenheath after closure.

0010B - Drug Store, High Street, Lakenheath c 1987. Originally this was the telephone exchange.

0011B - Entrance to the Drive, Lakenheath Retreat Hall c. 1919. Note the railings which were removed during the second world war to be melted down for the war w

0012B - Flacks shop later Drews, High Street, Lakenheath

0013B - British Railways May 1953, Lakenheath Station 3 miles outside the centre of the Village

0014B – Looking North Goward House, 124 High Street, Lakenheath, the first large building on the left with the Firs in the background. The pipe on the right-hand side was the overflow drain from the pond. Where the cart is this was the location for the butchers and the abattoir.

0015B - High Street and Post Office Lakenheath c.1905. The two houses immediately on the left is where the Co-Op stands today, 2018.

0016B - High Street, Pond, Church and War Memorial Post card was stamp dated 1929

0017B - Independent Chapel, Now Assembly of God Church, Back Street 1911. The house to the left is now demolished.

0018B - Lakenheath St Mary's Church.

0019B - Lakenheath Retreat Hall as from the Drive c. 1919 Note the thatched roof.

0020B – Lakenheath Electric Cinema in the High Street almost opposite the Church. Programmes were changed twice weekly. Showings were Mondays to Fridays 7 pm. Saturday matinee for parents and children at 2.30 pm and an evening showing at 6.30 pm. A newspaper cutting dated 11.12.1920 states that Monday to Wednesday 3 to 5th January 1921 the film was Man of Might – Episode 2. A thrilling serial of adventure by Land, Sea and Air featuring William Duncan. Together with Easy Street, a Charlie Chaplin comedy and finally Marvels of the Universe, Pathe Gazette, Thursday to Saturday January 6th to 8th the film was Told in the Hills. A tale of Indians and the Rocky Mountains followed by Up in Alf's Place, a comedy and finally Travel, Pathe Gazette and Pictorial.

0021B - Lakenheath School 1906. Note the Bell tower which it is said was lost in a storm with no money available to replace it at the time.

0022B - Cottages Mill Road demolished to form the entrance into Lilac Drive

0023B - Lakenheath Schools early 1900s

0024B - The Schools Lakenheath A Pencilled Drawing

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0026B - Lakenheath Station Signal Box. No longer in use and now fallen into disrepair and due to be dismantled.

0026BB - Lakenheath Station Signal Box circa 1916

0027B - Lakenheath Station approx. 1906.

0028B - Lord Kitchener's Ancestors House 1927 now Rookery Farm

0028BB - Lord Kitchener's Ancestral Home 1905

0029B - Lummis Butchers, 44 High Street, Lakenheath Christmas 1894. This became Wortley dairy and in 2017 became a Japanese restaurant and take away.

0030B – The Brewers tap with Mrs Miller's Shoe Shop to the right in 1907

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0032B - The Old Post Office, London House, High Street, Lakenheath run by the Household family.

0033B – Pooley and Rackham's Garage, 133 High Street, Lakenheath where now stands CJs sandwiches and garage. The car is a Ford Consul and the board on the roof rack is advertising the Monte Carlo Rally.

0034B - Rectory at Eriswell 1907

0035B - The retreat from the Drive, Lakenheath 1919

0036B - Pergola at Lakenheath Retreat Hall, Lakenheath

0037B - Retreat Lodge and gate 1924

0038B - The Retreat Lakenheath Hall

0039B - The Retreat, Lakenheath circa 1920

0040B - Sizers Butcher, Plough Lane, (Now Mill Road) Lakenheath now the Newsagents 2018.

0041B - Tea Rooms Anchor Lane and High Street corner approx. 1984 after the fire and now demolished.

0042B - The Bell hotel c 1905

0043B - High Street Lakenheath looking south. The trees are in the area where the garage is in 2018 and the Doctors surgery today just beyond near the bungalow in the background.

0044B - Thomas Rutterford outside his house on Mill Road 1920's near the school

0045B - Topyard on the left now the entrance to Highfields and the entrance to the Cemetery on the right in Cemetery Road, Lakenheath

0046B - West View, The Green, High Street, Lakenheath opposite the former Royal British Legion Site.

0047B - Lakenheath Hotel in the High Street which was previously Goward House 124 High Street

0048B - Independent Chapel, Back St., Lakenheath October 1976 - built in the mid C19. It is now the Assembly of God church.

0049B - The North Lodge October 1976, Station Rd., Lakenheath - this is one of two lodges at the two entrances to the drive to Lakenheath Hall. The iron gates were taken for the WW. II scrap metal collection.

0050B - Undley Hall, Lakenheath October 1976 - as the case with Lakenheath Hall, the present building is relatively modern and is not on the actual site of the medieval hall - which stood some distance to the north. Undley, although a hamlet in Lakenheath parish, was a separate manor of 900 acres. It was seized by Henry VIII in 1536 and sold in 1555 to Sir Simeon Steward for £26.13.6d.

0051B - The 'Bell Inn'. Lakenheath October 1976 which was mentioned in 'White's 1844 Suffolk'. It was the oldest, and once most prestigious, public house in Lakenheath. It stands on the site of part of the demesne called 'The Orchard' - probably largely meadow. According to the aforementioned directory "a few farmers and corn buyers" met there every Monday. In more recent times it fell into decline, was renamed the 'Cromwell' and is now no longer a public house.

0052B - Shippea Hill Stores October 1976- a brick building at Sedge Fen (another hamlet in Lakenheath parish) showing the result of building partly on peat foundations - which have sunk and caused the building to crack in two from roof to floor. The store, long closed, flourished as a general store, when the Chivers company had there farming estate at Sedge Fen.

0053B - Bliss Farm, Lakenheath October 1976 - originally one of the village's small fenland farms, it later became the residence and later the office of the manager of Bryant & May's 'Biss Estate' poplar tree plantation, (of near 1000 acres). This forestry venture - timber production for matches - was sold in the late 1970s and most of the timber cleared and the land turned to arable. Part of this, between the railway and the Little Ouse river, was in turn sold to the RSPB who have turned it into a wetland nature reserve.

0054B - High Street Lakenheath showing the Tea Rooms on the junction of Anchor Lane with the High Street

0055B - The Tea Rooms 1982 in the High Street on the corner with Anchor Lane, Lakenheath

0056B - Retreat before Sir Wm Dunns' enlargement

0057B - Gate House to The Retreat

0058B - 34 High Street, corner shop with Anchor Lane

0059B - Dog groomers in the premises which were previously occupied by Curtis.

0060B - Fern Cottage, 18 Mill Road, formally No 6 taken prior to demolition Lakenheath

0061B - Flatts. High Street, Lakenheath which later became Curtis

0062B - Mill Road, School side. The cottages now replaced with modern houses.

0063B Goward house, 124 High Street with cottages

0064B - Goward House, 124 High Street, Lakenheath early 21st century

0065B - Goward House, 124 High Street, Lakenheath Late 1880's. The Little girl on the left is the Late Barry Hemsby's Mother

0066B - Goward House, 124 High Street used as a Hotel.

0067B - High Street behind the Pond

0068B - Land Army Hostel now Quayside Court and used as sheltered accommodation.

0069B - Lord Kitchener's House, Rookery Farm, coloured

0070B - Post Office and High Street, Lakenheath 1907

0071B - Post Office pre-1914

0072B – J. E. Raven (known as Easy Raven) High Street, Lakenheath where the Sandwich bar is 2019.

0073B - School Smock Mill with School in background

0074B - Spring Pump House with Rookery Farm in the background

0075B - The Chestnuts. Mill Road Postcard post marked 1910

0076B - Westview, High Street behind the Green

0077B - The Wool Shop

0078B - 4 Wings Road on the corner with Cross Lane Close

0079B - Wings Road. This was almost opposite Wings Road Close and occupied by the Mortlocks. Now demolished.

0080B - Lakenheath Hotel built originally 1655

0081B - Hammonds bungalow during development of doctor's surgery

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0083B - Lakenheath Windmill at Mill pond Undley Road

0084B – John Parsons old house in the High Street, Lakenheath. It became the home of Lloyds Bank which eventually closed their doors in October 2018.

0085B - Back of the Retreat

0086B - Central Garage Lakenheath (Albert Whitehead the Proprietor).

0087B – Fincham’s Stores, High Street, Lakenheath pre 1914 as The Tap is seen still as a single storey

0088B - Hammonds Bakery, Lakenheath High Street.

0089B - Hammonds Bakery Lakenheath with William Currie Hammond

0090B - Hammonds bakery with Esther Sizer in the doorway and William Currie Hammond outside the shop.

0091B - Chicory Factory 1970's. The factory started operations in 1935 when it produced 300 tons of dried chicory. By 1964 it had a capacity of 3000 tons a year and was the largest chicory factory in Europe. It was owned by Samuel Hanson & Sons, Ltd. During WWII it was bombed and a worker killed. It closed in the 1980s and then became a carrot cleaning, grading and packing depot.

0092B - Lakenheath Youth Club 1965.

0093B - Lakenheath School 1930's.

0094B – Mortlocks’ bungalow, Wings Road.

0095B - Mrs Drews sweet shop, High Street, Lakenheath.

0096B – The Brewers tap Public House and Neilsons General Stores Late 1960's.

0097B – Smiths, The drapers. Next door to what was then Harold Flacks house western side of the High Street.

0098B - Street Farm, Lakenheath approx. opposite what was The Half Moon PH and now Palmer Drive.

0099B - Street Farm sited where Palmer Drive, Lakenheath stands in 2020.

0100B - The Post Office, High Street Lakenheath.

0101B - Lakenheath Service Station, High Street, Lakenheath September 1971.

0102B - 11 Back Street, Lakenheath with Mrs D Rolph