

## Lakenheath Heritage Group

### Women's Institute

Village shops in 1965 from Marie's Scrap Book prepared for the Women's Institute

0001WI - J. Bradshaw - The Mace shop owned by Miss J Bradshaw and Joe Louis. The Assistant was Miss Kathleen Gathercole.

0002WI - J. W. Flack Electrical – Paints, Hardware etc including Garden requisites and Do-it-yourself aids where the Funeral Parlour and the Filipino restaurant is in 2018.

0003WI - Co-Operative Drapery Department - (The Library in 2018). In 1965 the assistants were Barbara Clements and Judy Fenn. It was noted that for the year ending 2.10.1965 there had been a decrease in sales which was given as the main cause of a lower dividend from the 1s. 2d. to 1s. in the pound. The Co-operative Butchers Department, Cashier, Rosalind Whall, was next door, where the Lakenheath News shop is in 2018. The grocery department was across the road opposite Mill Road.

0004WI - Mrs. E. Drew – The oldest shopkeeper in the village in 1965. Located in what is Little India Restaurant in 2018. She sold Chocolates, sweets and cigarettes in part of her house.

0005WI - Rutterfords – Mrs Rutterford outside her new shop on Sharpes Corner. It was part of the new bungalow on the bend at Sharpes corner as a general grocery store.

0006WI - High Street Dairy – This was once Lummis's butchers' shop which business transferred to Peter Vines Father before it became a Dairy owned by Mr Alan Wortley.

0007WI - The Post Office - In 1965 the Sub-Postmaster was Mr Mallett assisted by Mrs. Mallett and Ron Brookes. Adjoining the Post Office was a branch of Lloyds Bank (a private house in 2018) which only opened on a Tuesday 10 am to 12 noon and a Thursday 10am to 3 pm. The bank was based in a room of Mr and Mrs Malletts' house.

0008WI - Neilsons - A small General Store next door to where the Brewers Tap Public House is in 2018. Now a private dwelling. This was where you could obtain pretty much anything. What Mrs Elsie Neilson did not have on show she would acquire for you.

0009WI - H. J. Callis and Sons - Butchers shop which business became a Barbers (Reginald Moss moved to these premises) then a furniture and antiques shop. This burnt down, and was rebuilt as a terrace of private dwellings.

0010WI - Miss Palmer – Dressmakers where curtains were made etc and Materials, linings etc could be purchased. This is now part of the house opposite the Little India Restaurant in the High Street.

0011WI - Mary Gathercole - Grocer and Greengrocer on the High Street behind and to the right of where the Village Sign is in 2018. It is now a private dwelling. This shop changed hands in August 1965 when Mary retired to her new bungalow and a Mr and Mrs Dows from Bishop Stortford took over the shop.

0012WI - Henry Flatt – A cycle and Toy Shop. Cycle repairs were carried out in the rear barn by Fred Flatt whilst his sister Miss Elsie Flatt sold Jewellery, toys, Christmas and Birthday cards in the shop. This provided the village's first filling station and motor mechanic's business. Their brother George ran the adjoining general stores. This was considered as the hub of the old village. George had a listening ear for all the old villagers and a helping hand for everyone in need.

0013WI - David's – David Raven the proprietor sold drapery to include the teenage fashion wear. This shop was on the corner of Wings Road and the High Street where the Fish and chip shop is in 2018.

0014WI - Peter Vines – Butchers now a private house, next door to the opticians.

0015WI - Mrs Colemans – A shop built approx. 1960 attached to their house situated in Eriswell Road. It ceased trading in 1966 and became a part of the private house opposite the entrance way to the Pavilion today.

0016WI - Chemists Shop – This was within the dwelling house “Goward House” 124 High Street owned by Mr Taylor the Pharmacist and assisted by Mrs. Taylor. The shop later became the Lakenheath Hotel and is now a private residence. A room in Goward House was used by Mr Wiggin a Registrar for the registration of births, Deaths and marriages in Lakenheath only on a Tuesday, 11.30 am to 12 noon.

0017WI Another view of the Chemists Shop.

0018WI - Hammonds Bakery – This was one of the last old-fashioned Bakeries in the village. It closed and was put up for sale following the death of Mrs Hammond at 95 years of age. Mr Crane (son-in-law) and Mrs Crane (daughter) baked and delivered bread until the death of Mrs Hammond and then retired. The business of Bread delivery was then taken over by “Betabake” who provided bread, pastries, cake etc brought in from Kings Lynn daily.

0019WI - Hunters - for the provisions of Grocery, Bakery and Greengrocery. This original shop and the house next door were knocked down to make way for the current store built in its place which is now the Co-op. This used to be the supplier of National Health food distributed amongst the Village.

0020WI - Reginald Moss – The Barbers, originally where the tea rooms were at the top of Anchor Lane now a Hairdressers and Sushi bar, where in 1965 a haircut was 3s. 6d.

0021WI - The Fish Shop – This was in the house to which the Trawlers Catch fish and chip shop in 2018 attached. The part which is the fish and chip shop in 2018 was once the restaurant to the original shop.

0022WI - S and D Rutterford the home of Mr and Mrs Charlie Palmer in 2018, was a General small shop attached to the house which was run by their daughter, Johanne Rutterford as pictured

0023WI - Mr Tom Rolph – Plumbing, radio and electrical goods which in 2018 is the House and Property Shop in the High Street.

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