

LOCAL HISTORY RECORDER'S REPORT
EARL SOHAM - 1975

January was an exceptionally mild month with heavy rain and some flooding: spring flowers were out.

The newer phone exchange was extended and the old building razed .

The house on the west side of Little Green was re-roofed and the chimney repaired whilst work on the cottage at the N.W. corner was well advanced; hazel rods had originally been used on the stud work to provide a key for plaster.

In February, 16 trees were planted in the ^{STREET} ~~street~~ by the Town Trust replacing the Lombardy poplars, deemed unsafe and felled in 1974.

The newly formed Anglian Water Authority were tracing 'lost' wells in the villiage; it was said that 36 'unknowns' were located.

A lay-by was constructed on the A1120 road half way up the hill on meadow land given by Sir Andrew Crichton. A few fossils common to the upper chalk were unearthed during excavation of the bank.

Ashfield was joined with Earl Soham and Cretingham is a re-arrangement of Church Parishes under the charge of the Rector of Earl Soham.

In May a concert including Liszt's Missa Choralis was given in the Church in aid of the Bell Fund by the Choral Society. Visiting ^{ing} artist^{es} contributing to the programme included Adrienne Fly, Sally Steen, Clare and Peter Wright. The organisers were disappointed that the audience numbered only 40.

June 2nd was marked by a fall of snow followed immediately by a period of hot weather.

On July 27th the new Royal British Legion Standard was consecrated. The procession ^{of} about 40 men and 40 women from the branch was led from the Green to the Church by the Leiston R.B.L. Band. The salute was taken after the service by branch Chairman Chas. Bowman between the Church and the Village Hall, where tea was provided.

Another successful day was recorded for the annual Horse Show and Pete in August in aid of Church Funds, over £500 being raised.

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