Elmton - East Midlands – Britain - in Bloom - 2018

East Midlands in Bloom 2005 - Elmton first entered Bloom in 2005 receiving a bronze award with 115 points. From 2006 to 2014, Elmton received a silver award, winning the category in 2010 and 2011. Elmton was the category winner with 150 points achieving silver gilt in 2015 and 2016. In 2017 Elmton increased its score to 160 points achieving a silver gilt and its fifth win in the competition. This resulted in the nomination to the Britain in Bloom finals in 2018.

For the first two years, Elmton was entered into Bloom by Elmton with Creswell Parish Council. Since 2007, Elmton Community Association has entered the competition on behalf of the village. Prior to entering the competition the village had just two main village events, the Well Dressing in June and carol singing throughout the village in December. Bloom is now a year-round project with much more continuous community involvement.

For 2017 and 2018 we called our campaign ‘Going for Gold’ to improve our score and achieve gold status. We introduced the Elmton Festival that linked the Well Dressing events to our five Open Gardens (NGS) and Bloom competition.

Britain in Bloom 2018 - Support for our 2018 campaign has come from Glapwell Nursery, the Parish Council, Derbyshire County Council and Awards for All (part of the Big Lottery). Many of the farms that are within the Elmton boundary are owned by the Chatsworth Estate and we have been delighted to receive support from the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Steve Porter, the head gardener at Chatsworth, was able to visit us in Elmton and walk through the village. We discussed our ideas for development with him and he gave us the benefit of
his considerable professional experience. It was a wonderful occasion and we benefitted greatly from the meeting.

**Involving the local community** and documenting initiatives has been key to achieving success in the Bloom. Elmtonians are clear that whilst wanting to do well in Bloom and working towards the judging criteria, the village should still maintain the rural feel it has and fit naturally into its agricultural surroundings. The village community has had opportunities to discuss their ideas for improvement and decide how developments should take place. Reaching a consensus has been a priority.

Recent developments have included the creation of a community orchard next to the newly renovated Carriage House. This area and that of the installation of a picnic bench on the Green were intended as spaces where families, ramblers or cyclists could take a break and enjoy the village scenery. This has proved to be the case.

Other developments have included tidying and planting at both wells, the replanting of the School Room garden and a concerted effort to keep litter off The Green. Volunteers aged between eight and ninety have been actively involved in all these activities. Water butts and compost heaps are now in place in the working areas. Where water is not readily available plants have been chosen for their sustainability. The churchyard has also undergone a bit of a transformation with roses planted along one of the verges and more colour added elsewhere. Around the village, new interpretation boards have been designed and placed. These inform passers-by of the rich history of Elmton Village. A QR code on the boards allow for those who are interested to walk along a Village Trail that links with the boards.

A community defibrillator has been added to the Carriage House and training sessions for residents has taken place in the School Room. As a result, the villagers have set up a VETS scheme (Village Emergency Telephone System) providing first aid and emergency support for villagers by villagers.

An on-going community archaeological project has run throughout 2017 enhancing and improving our knowledge of Elmton as a medieval village. Local schools have visited the sites and have taken part in practical activities learning more about their local area from Neolithic times to the present and getting to grips with how to work as an archaeologist.

In 2017 a marquee was purchased for village use. A celebration event was held with a jazz band and a BBQ in the garden of the Elm Tree Inn. This was part of the Big Lunch initiative. Three Quarters of the Elmton population attended and spent a wonderful evening listening to music and chatting to neighbours. Plans are in place to repeat this in 2018.

**Looking after the environment** - Bloom has made us look carefully at what occurs naturally in Elmton and work with the environment. The judges were pleased we were working closely with the DWT (BO204) to conserve the Green in an appropriate way, such as reintroducing the rare saw-wort. Volunteers have germinated seeds and the plants, at the time of writing, are ready to be planted. The judges also recommended acquiring some additional disease resistant Elm Trees to replace those that gave their name to the village. These have been sourced and will be planted during 2018.

Magnesian Limestone has finally been located to rebuild the Pinfold. This work will begin in late 2018. Until that time it has been decided to ask the council not to cut the grass inside the Pinfold to let the native grasses and flowers grow freely. The new sheep sculptures will be happily left to graze within!

Our newest planting area is found on the church triangle. This area is thought of as the centre of Elmton geographically and it was felt that a cultivated area would confirm that. As a very
windy and exposed area, without a water source the plants have been chosen to be tough and drought resistant. The design has been chosen to reflect the views of fields and trees from this spot. The chestnut tree planted there in 1972 and stands proudly in the centre of this area is getting damaged by the mowing. We will include this within the new cultivation area to protect the roots from further damage.

The pub has supported the gardening group with its wish to take over the raised area by the road. The area has been tidied and bulbs and new plants added to add colour and structure. The pub has entered Bloom for 2018 under the Best Pub Garden category.

Because of the publicity from Britain in Bloom, we have been offered a bee hive by a local group trying to combat the decline in the bee population. The hive will be in the old stack yard next to the schoolroom and hopefully provide honey to support our work for local charities.

Bloom has been an opportunity to bring the community together in a joint venture, making Elmton a place that residents and visitors can enjoy and be proud of. The competition provides a focus for continually making improvements to our lovely village. Since entering Bloom, the legacy can be seen all around us in improved planting, wildlife areas, seating and recognition of the village’s heritage.

Thank you everyone

- To each and every resident, their families and friends and to the wider rural community who are very much integrated with the residents. It is very pleasing to report up to 80% of the village is involved with ‘In Bloom’
- To the funders and sponsors Derbyshire County Council; Elmton with Creswell Parish Council; Glapwell Nursery; the Elm Tree Inn; Buckingham Insurance; Chatsworth Estates; Elmton, Creswell and Hodthorpe Big Local; the Heritage Lottery Fund; St. Peter’s Church
- To our supporters, the community, the wider rural community, to all those communities highlighted in the portfolio and to our families and friends, to the many and varied communities who are integral to Elmton - indeed are Elmton.
- To Man Friday and the large group of residents who continue to make regular and excellent contributions to this portfolio and the ECA web site.

And a very big thank you to the Chair and Committee of Elmton Community Association who have led the project.

This portfolio started as a draft document linked to the website in late 2017. Every draft has been available to download from the website. The final document is as a result of very many contributions from the community edited and produced by Man Friday.
Planting the Elm Tree, unveiling the Blue Plaque, carol singing around the village, removing the Christmas lights. Elmton gets high speed wifi Broadband from an aerial on the Elm Tree Inn.

Looking after the community.

Elmton Village Emergency Telephone System, eVETS; one number to alert trained responders from the village if you need urgent help. A defibrillator, on the Carriage House and training in CPR free to all residents. The old men play cricket, opposite the Elm Tree Inn.
The Carriage House

The small derelict barn was renovated with funding co-financed by Limestone Journeys Landscape Partnership through the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. It remains the property of Chatsworth Estates who lease the barn to Elmton Community Association on a peppercorn basis. A worthwhile project transforming an eyesore into a useful facility.

The Village received two visitors, sisters, whose father was born in Elm Tree Farm in 1918, and three generations of the Jacksons had lived there between 1852 and 1932. The photo, opposite, shows them in the garden c.1923 – the picture shows their father William (known as Henry), their aunt Muriel, and their grandparents George William and Harriet. They had their father’s notes on Elm Tree Farm, and they very clearly described the Small Barn as The Carriage House.

The Carriage House provides valuable storage. Other uses include the location of archaeological and local history exhibitions, as a stopping off for mulled cider with an open fire during the annual carol singing, the location of the main well dressing and is a facility open to all residents.

The Village has always known the Carriage House as Spinsters Cottage, Widow’s Cottage, Little Barn or even Small Barn.
The Community Orchard in the Environment

The Community Orchard was but a dream in the summer of 2016. However, a grant from Elmton, Creswell and Hodthorpe Big Local in early 2017 made the dream possible. Soon permission to reclaim a lost corner of a field was granted and work started in early Spring 2017. Contractors cleared the land, erected fences and brought in top soil and by June 2017 the orchard was getting established.

May-2018

The fruit trees are maturing, and herbs have been introduced. The introduction of more edibles into the orchard will continue. Looking good, a lovely spot to stop, rest and wonder. Penny for your thoughts.
The Bug Hotel

Bugingham Pallets after Breaston.

Constructed with various materials scavenged from village gardens. Several trips for Joshua with both basket and wheelbarrow ensured plenty of building material to ensure a warm welcome for our neighbourhood wildlife. All topped off with roof tiles to keep out the rain.

Elmton TV

Planting of a disease resistant Elm Tree to celebrate the Queen’s Golden Jubilee.

https://youtu.be/zPF8I-QXBiU

The ceremony to unveil Jedidiah Buxton’s Blue Plaque

https://youtu.be/cks2oM94kp8
The School Room

The School Room now serves the community as the place to meet along with the Elm Tree Inn. As a meeting place for village community meetings, training sessions on the defibrillator and the VETS scheme, Elmton Community Association, the Parochial Church Council and Church meetings, wedding receptions and lots more. The room enables the community to come together.

It is the hub of Elton Festival in use for one week for petaling and, after a swift clean, cream teas and exhibitions.

This press release from the 1998 followed a community meeting where:-

3. It was then agreed that a Constitution be drawn up to finalise the aims and purposes of the group, but that this should be done at the next meeting when S. Robinson would provide examples and assistance in the matter.

4. The group also required a name and it was agreed on Elmton Community Association.

Groups of residents have come together since the 1970’s to organise the well dressings, village fairs etc. This was the start of a formal but informal Association.

Press Release, 1998 - Elton's Old School Rooms will soon be back in use after they received a 5,000 cash boost from the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme.

Derelict and redundant for several years, Elmton Community Association undertook a feasibility study to bring the building back into community use. The Association received funding from the local parish council, the Single Regeneration Budget, North Derbyshire Rural Development Area Partnership, Yollsmind Environmental Trust and through their own fundraising and the Lottery grant was the final piece in the Jigsaw, enabling them to undertake Phase 1 of the refurbishment.

David Broomhead, Chairman of the Elmton Community Association said, 'The village has been without a suitable community hall for some time now and we are delighted that the first phase of improvements can now take place. Once complete, The Old School Rooms will enable us to stage more social activities and extend the opportunities currently available within the village for the benefit of our community'.

Today the garden is being developed and maintained by Elton residents and friends.
Bottoms Up at one of a many session of clearing, repairing, planting, installing a water butt and the best bit, a great turnout by the community. The photographs below, bottoms from ages 9 to 90.
Heritage in the Environment and the Community

The Elmton Research Project started back in 2009 and has seen active research into the prehistoric and Medieval landscape of the modern village in collaboration with – and active leadership by Matt Beresford. Between 2011-15, we worked to undertake document and map research, surveying, planning, excavation and finds analysis sessions.

More recent work at Elmton has involved research into the Medieval village, church and possible castle site. Over the last three years we have assisted with fieldwork including geophysical surveying, test-pit excavations and a larger, open-trench excavation in the summers of 2013 & 2014. 2015 saw us work with find specialists to analyse the flints and cherts recovered during the 2014 season.

Most recently we undertook a further Landscape Survey phase, that ran September 2016 – September 2017. This was part of the new Elmton Revealed Project. Its purpose is to increase participation in the wider project, provide training for new volunteers, deliver educational sessions for local schools, and support the creation of a village exhibition.

Matt, our regional archaeologist, delivered update sessions in the School Room for residents and in local schools. The research is fully documented on

http://www.mbarchaeology.co.uk/current-projects/elmton-research-project/
The Pinfold in the Environment

A high-walled structure most commonly used to hold stray sheep. The current structure has been partially restored by residents over many years. The judges for EMIB suggested full restoration with 'sheep' would be a benefit to the village environment. After several months of searching a supply of used magnesium limestone stone has been acquired paving the way for the development of a bid to Viridor Credits for a grant to complete the restoration work later in the year.

The Wildlife Area on the Village Green in the Environment

Elmton Green is a rare environmental habitat for grassland and wildflowers, due to its underlying magnesian limestone rock and the fact that it has had no artificial cultivation. This habitat is not only rare in England, but in Europe too. As Natural England (formerly English Nature) has said, the Green is a very special place that we should be proud to conserve. Accordingly, the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust surveyed the Green and confirmed the abundance of important grasses and flowering plants. The Parish Council agreed to work with the DWT and leave the upper, most flower-rich area, uncut during the summer months to allow seeding and conservation, and this section of the green is now a registered DWT Wildlife site (No 204). Visitors enjoy spotting the iconic Bee orchid and the other flowering plants and the 15 different grass species. We have mowed paths through the area and provided information for visitors explaining why this section of the Green looks ‘untidy’. This important conservation effort has been recognised by judges of the East Midlands in Bloom award scheme and Elmton residents are proud to live beside this important site and care for it.

Flowers on Elmton Green, including bee orchids, harebells, quaking grass, eggs and bacon.
Elmton Festival in the Community

Well Dressings viewable by the public, Gardens open to the public as part of the RHS, National Gardens Scheme, a Brass Band, Cream Teas, amazing public spaces including the wildlife area, the community orchard and new Church triangle, a wedding, Church open all weekend and a local history exhibition in the Carriage House.

After the amazing effort preparing for the Festival the residents of Elmton and their families erect the marquee and enjoy a party together, bringing the community together to celebrate. Just one week to go to the Festival.
Well Dressing

Barry and Pam - History from the Elmton Fair when blessing of the Wells was on Saturday 14:00 followed by the opening of the fair on the Green

From last year’s clay to this year’s dressing, the steps.

Removing and powdering the clay from last year’s dressings.

Saturday, May 5th

Putting the well dressing surrounds (boards) into the pond to soak.

Sunday June 3rd

Puddling the clay, the children and grown-ups love this, and filling the boards ready for petaling.

Sunday June 24th

Petaling week Jun 26th-29th

Set out the design, select and pick the flowers, remove the petals, place every tiny petal with great care to form the picture.
Residents and visitors tour the exhibitions

Classic cars for everyone to check out

Visitors enjoy a brass band in the Court Yard at Elm Tree Farm.

Cream Teas, always a favourite

People learn the art of Flint Napping

Plant sales in full swing

Jam selling by super sales boy, Josh
National Garden Scheme, Open Gardens in Elmton

The community of Elmton has been opening its gardens to the public since 2013. Gardens opened have included Wilmots, Pinfold, Elm Tree Farm, Elmwood House, Ash Lea and Pear Tree Cottage.

In 2017 there were slightly fewer visitors compared with 2016, but with the garden entrance fee increased from £4 to £5, takings were £2213 up from £1886 the previous year. This was donated to the NGS nursing charities, such as Macmillan & Marie Curie. Altogether a splendid weekend, it makes you proud to live in Elmton. Over 400 visitors enjoying a visit to Elmton.

In 2018 five gardens will be open Wilmots, Pinfold, Elm Tree Farm, Ash Lea and Pear Tree Cottage. The gardens will open as part of Elmton Festival. As well as supporting NGS nursing charities, the open gardens group has agreed to donate a proportion of the income to the Church breakfast club for children in the neighbouring village of Creswell.

Photographs of the gardens five gardens in June?
The Elm Tree Inn in the Community

Along with the School Room the Elm Tree Inn is the major meet, chat and socialise facility.

Chris, his family and his staff are very much a part of the community. The Elm Tree Inn hosted:

- A coffee and cake morning to raise funds for national deaf children’s society, the Elmton residents’ annual get together, refreshments after events in and around Elmton Church, several gourmet evenings very well attended by residents and the regular Friday evening 6:00pm gossip and drinks sessions.

Elm Tree Inn, finalists in Licensee of the Year, British Institute of Innkeepers.

The families from the farms and properties that surround Elmton are very much a part of the community. The occasional use of farm machinery such as grass cutters, bailers, diggers etc. is a real bonus as are the sheep and lambs being driven through the village from time to time.
The Local History Group in the Community

People have lived in Elton for at least 1600 years. We know this from the large collection of chert, worked flint, arrow heads etc. which they left, and which have been collected over the years from certain fields in the village. In other parts, finds from the Viking age, through Romano British, Elizabethan to the Victorians have also been found. It was not until 1086 that written records were kept and which now we are able to see. From these we know that a Viking, Swain Cilt, owned the land and that there was a church and a priest living here along with a small group of men who worked the land. After the Norman conquest, Elton was given to the Daincourt family who held it for around 400 years. The early church would perhaps have been replaced by at least one other. In two wills of the 1500s it is named as St. Nicholas’ church. Then there is a record of a three aisled church which was gradually falling down because either the then owner De Rhodes or the villagers who were responsible for its up keep hadn’t the money for its repair. The church of today, built 1771 and dedicated to St. Peter replaced this and is a fine example of Georgian architecture. From the Daincourts, Elton passed through the hands of the De Rhodes and Portland families and now the land belongs to the Chatsworth Estate.

The Church in the Community

The annual blessing of the wells during Elton Festival and the Rogation Sunday Service are good examples of bringing together the congregation of St Peter’s with the wider community. Note the Community choir singing during the blessings.

The Rogation Service in Elton 2018 brought together the congregations from Elton, Creswell, Whitwell and Steetley. First stop, the Carriage House; last stop after the Service, the community come together in the School Room with chips provided by the Elm Tree Inn.
Bird Ringing in the Community

And one of the events that takes place, usually twice a year, is a visit from a local bird-ringing group (Sorby Breck Bird ringing) to assess the status of the local village bird life.

Netting is put up in a local garden and the birds that are caught are instantly removed, weighed, measured and fitted with a unique numbered ring so that their movement can be traced in the future by other bird ringing groups. It is a fascinating process to observe and the care taken by these fully qualified bird-lovers is exemplary. The results are forwarded to both national and international records to add to the global birdlife records.

It is a revelation to see the outstretched wing feathers of the house sparrow (often dismissed as a ‘little brown job’) and observe the amazing range of wing-colours from black through various shades of brown, grey and fawn – as though designed by an interior design expert. And we learn so much from these people regarding migration, behaviour and about species struggling to survive. It is an honour for Elmton to contribute to the information about these much-loved species with which we share our planet.

Bird ringing team with a collared dove, a great tit and a local Little Owl watching village activities.

Hungry babies, thousands of new residents in the hive, postie Dave retires, the notice board gets a facelift.
2018, A Special Year – Britain in Bloom’s smallest entry

With £4800 funding secured, a full community open meeting took place on Tuesday April 9th. The objective to create a list of projects for 2018. A lively discussion ensued with the following projects being agreed. A project champion and budget were agreed for each project. The list of projects for 2018 – drum roll – new signs ‘Finalist is BiB’ to be placed at the entrances to the Village; the School Room garden and the Community Orchard would continue their planned development; a new area of herbaceous planting would be established on the triangle opposite the Church, the community would adopt the small piece of land at the entrance to the Elm Tree; a number of disease resistant Elm Trees would be planted; an Interpretation Panel for the wildlife area would be designed and erected; new display board would be obtained and support for the varied and many events bringing the community together.

Elmton is some 25 miles from Chatsworth House the home of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. Elmton is surrounded by Chatsworth land and has always enjoyed a privileged link with Chatsworth. To support Britain in Bloom, the Duke offered his support and real hands on assistance. Consequently, Chatsworth’s head gardener visited Elmton in late April.

The Green - He pointed out a broad-leafed plant that he described as a ‘bit of a thug’ that needed to be removed systematically.

The Pinfold – He suggested we might have an area of wildflowers inside the pinfold.

The Orchard – He suggested we look at additional fruits - maybe a plum and some fruiting canes. Try to find a local heritage variety to give more of a back-story.

The Well - He suggested a large split log from a local woodland to make 2 benches positioned opposite each other.

The Church Triangle - He suggested we use low ground-cover plants (one species) throughout with stands of moderate shrubs for contrast, dogwood and geraniums.

The Schoolroom – He was impressed with the selection of plants in the garden and suggested any gaps could be filled with annuals for this year as necessary.

The Bottom Well – He suggested alpines are the best bet - as we have at present

He also mentioned smelly (aromatic) plants near seating areas.

He offered plants, help with planting, flowers for well dressing, a split oak to make a bench and he was available right through the summer for advice and guidance.
### School Room garden

The maintenance and development of the School Room garden continued throughout 2018. Further clearance of overgrown areas was completed and a wide variety of plants introduced.

### Community Orchard

Edibles only was the decision of the Village. Consequently is 2018 a herb garden was introduced.

### Church Triangle

Frustration as Derbyshire County Council provided a grant for plants whilst at the same time requiring the village to obtain a license to cultivate a community area. This process took 12 weeks. Ah!!!!! Hopefully this section will be replaced with better news.
The Elm Tree Inn in the Community

With the permission of Landlord Chris, the community adopted the small piece of land near the entrance to the Elm Tree Inn located opposite the Village notice board.

The tea boy brings non-alcoholic refreshments provided by the Elm Tree Inn.

Disease resistant Elm Trees in the Environment

Two additional disease resistant elm trees will be planted towards the end of 2018 when they become available. Discussions are progressing well around the village as to location.

Interpretation Panel for the wild life area
January

Dull days, time for maintenance. The decaying dragons’ teeth are replaced; autumn leaves are bagged for the compost; and the community gets out to meet but only in the warm of the Elm Tree Inn perhaps!

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust recommended sowing saw-wort to be re-introduced onto the Village Green. Saw-wort in the conservatories, in the potting shed, in the green houses and kitchens.

There was some colour and eventually the sun came out and it was time to plant 1,000 Spring bulbs.
February

Hellebore, snowdrop, iris, primrose, crocus

Planning the new bed to be planted on the triangle opposite the Church. How big is the dream? How big is the plot? How good is the soil? How strong is the wind? How big is the budget?

Bergonia, eryngium, lavender, foxglove, hellebore, brunnera, stachys byzantinia, acanthus, dogwood, euphobia, perovski, anemone hybrid, echinops, heuchera, nepeta
March

The final days of February and the first week of March were particularly cold. Fundraising was coming to fruition with a grant of £500 from Derbyshire County Council, funding for the village ‘Britain in Bloom’ signs from the Parish Council to be produced by a local firm and free plants from a local nursery. Hopefully this is the first of several grants as early efforts had been unsuccessful. It was going to be difficult after the successes of 2017. Several bids are under consideration, fingers crossed.

Talks begin with Elmton with Creswell Parish Council, Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council – BinB signs, planting in public spaces, renovating buildings in public spaces.

March 1st and the village is just about cut off. Indeed, the air ambulance was called into action late morning. The Elm Tree Inn announced lunch time big fires and their full amazing full menu available. Residents and locals dressed up very warm gathered in good numbers for a lunch time get together. It’s amazing how a wonderful atmosphere develops when it snows. People and wet dogs and piles of clothes and hot food and perhaps a drink or two!

The cold continued right up to Easter but the gardening group did manage two working sessions and we receive two pieces of amazing news. First an offer of advice and guidance, practical help, plants and more was received from The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire who pledged the direct help of their head gardener from Chatsworth. Second, we received confirmation of an application to Award for All had been successful. Those projects which dependent on funding are now possible with a grant of £4000.
April

Easter was wet, wet, wet and frustrating gardeners who just wanted to get into their gardens. The weekly gathering decided to litter pick through the village and approach roads. Is it us or is litter becoming a bigger and bigger problem everywhere you look?

New residents Mark and Linda make inroads into a very, very overgrown hedge which opened a blind corner and accident hot spot. Last year the hedge surrounding Elm Tree Cottage was out of control suffering from an accumulation of many years of growth. Severe pruning was carried out reducing the hedge height and depth significantly.

The hedge consisted of predominantly Holly, during the last few months a foragers’ hedgerow has been incorporated, diverse wildlife friendly while providing a varied annual harvest of nuts, hips and berries, including Blackthorn, Quick thorn, Hazel, Wild Pear, Dog Rose, Wild Crab-apple. The verge to the front of the hedge has been planted with a variety of wild flowers, bulbs and other naturally occurring plants, this is still a work in progress addition to Elm Tree Cottage.
20,000 + 1 volunteers helping Elmton stay blooming!

The start of working with the head gardener, Chatsworth House.

Fish night in the Elm Tree Inn, another ‘excuse’ to get the community together.
May

Shopping for plants for the Church triangle. The planting was recommended by the Head Gardener from Chatsworth House. Who wouldn't follow his recommendations?

A recent fire in neighbouring village revealed the fire hydrants to be inoperable. Time to check for ourselves, this one looks good, playing in water, fabulous.

Removing the clay from last year’s well dressing and powdering it ready for mixing in June. Powdering, hitting it with a hammer on a sunny Saturday afternoon, playing with dried clay, fabulous.

Saw-wort ready for planting on the Green.
June
And finally

This photograph was taken on 15th March 1972 and shows the horse chestnut tree being planted; so many children. Note the phone box that is no longer there and Alex’s house that had not yet been built.