

Eric Noy's Memories of Stowupland Flower Show

My father's name was John Noy, my mother Alexandra (Lexy) Noy and my older sister is called Aileen. We lived at Hill Farm at Gipping, my father renting the farm from Edmund Baker. From the age of 8 years my sister and I went to school in Stowmarket and became involved with the activities in Stowupland. We all went to church there and from time to time and Aileen and I went to Sunday school there; we both had friends in Stowupland.

My father helped to run the flower shows and fetes held at the park at the side of Stowupland Hall Farm. The first of these would be I think in 1946 – I have a prize ticket for that year (3rd prize).



The photo of the line-up of the Fancy Dress parade could well be 1946 as I was nearly 9 at the time and my sister 11 years.

My father is dressed as the cowboy on our donkey called Libby (after the Liberator bomber that flew from Mendlesham base!) I am dressed as the Red Indian on our Welsh cob called Topsy and my sister is the Dutch girl in plaits. The only other person I can name is Ian Shave as 'Chad'.

The 2nd photo is another year with my father and the 'rat' called George McDonald who lived and worked with Robert Black at the Hall. I think John Luxford late of Old Newton Hall was friendly with him along with the foreman Paddy Atkins.

