

**LOHP ORAL HISTORY PROJECT**

**TRANSCRIPTION OF INTERVIEW WITH MRS. JOSIE GILBERT**

**DATE: TUESDAY 24/01/2012**

**VENUE: MRS GILBERTS HOUSE : Gables Farm Bungalow, High Common, NORTH LOPHAM,DISS,IP22 2HP. Tel: 01953 681320**

**BORN: 23/01/1928 in Easton, NORWICH**

**Moved to North Lopham when married in 1954 (aged 26) Maiden name was Carver**

**2 brothers-remained in Norwich (later mentioned one was killed in 2ndWW)**

**FATHER: Green Keeper for a Golf Course**

**SCHOOL: in Norwich. Left at age 14 during war.**

**HUSBAND: Farmer in North Lopham. Met at a dance-(he was over 10years older than her.)**

**FARMING: Continued to farm. Mainly Arable. Few chickens and pigs and a 'house cow' for milk and butter**

**Farm house had no electricity-oil lamps and generator. Cooked on Rayburn. Now oil fired (approx 20 years ago)**

**Remembers used to cut and stoke wheat and pitch bundles of straw.**

**Grew sugarbeet, wheat and barley (winter barley)**

**Used small lorries,1 man to hedge and ditch. She used to drive the tractor .Harvest time there would be someone come with comblne harvester**

**WILDLIFE: Remembers lots of Rabbits and Crows. Thinks there were more Sparrows and Thrushes then.**

**She had no experiences or memories of River Ouse or the Fens or Flooding.**