

**John and Christine Carter
of
Garford
An Appreciation**

When a young couple set out on their intended life together their hopes for the future are optimistic that with each other they will achieve their goals even though there will be ups and downs on the way. So it was for the young John and Christine Carter who came to Garford in the early fifties to cut out their farm and their home. Both of them always remembered well what it was like at the beginning. Even country life then was far harder than now. To many Millets Garden Farm Centre is the manifestation of John and Christine. That, however, is the product of something sown years before and nurtured through time.

John and Christine were married in 1952 and came to Garford to set up their farm with just two or three cows. The village was so different then from now. What we take to be necessities now were not even thought of, even as luxuries, at that time: how and where were the daily chores done - the washing in the outhouse: who stone-picked the fields by hand?

Through their own personal efforts Millets Farm developed but John was enlightened even then by bringing machinery in at a time when horses had been doing the work. The machinery then was toy sized compared with now.

Christine created a wonderful home bringing up three children, Nigel, Tony and Sally, whilst working on the farm. Latterly she saw that family grow into a wider family with grandchildren. Notwithstanding this she still had time to run many local affairs, act as a Trustee (an "active" one indeed) for the village charities and taking a principal part in all local affairs. John, for his part, was immensely proud of his long tenure of Chairmanship of the parish council and with his friend, the Clerk, he did so much for the village by inspiration and his own physical efforts. In all his public (and indeed personal) works, he strove for excellence - to be a beacon of excellence in a sea of mediocrity.

Both John and Christine enjoyed sport and relaxation and were so generous in opening their own facilities to the village and friends. It was good to see a sportsman chuckle when things don't go as one would wish!

Our world has been enriched by the efforts of John and Christine - visibly by trees and buildings, but to those that knew them and have personal memories of them, their kindness and their joy of life.

Stuart Capel
December 2005

MARCHAM EX-SERVICEMEN'S CLUB

OAP Christmas Presents

As with last year the Ex-Servicemens Club will be organising Christmas Presents for the OAPs of the village. The forms will be available from the Club, Post Office and Wednesday Lunches from 1st December and need to be in end of day Wednesday 14th December. Hopefully the presents will be delivered the following weekend.

Christmas Draw

The draw will be held in the Club on Saturday 17th December. Draw will start at approximately 8.45pm. Squares are available in the club and will be 50p each.

Boxing Day

The club will be open Boxing Day lunchtime from Midday till 3pm. Entertainment will be Danni starting at 12.30pm.

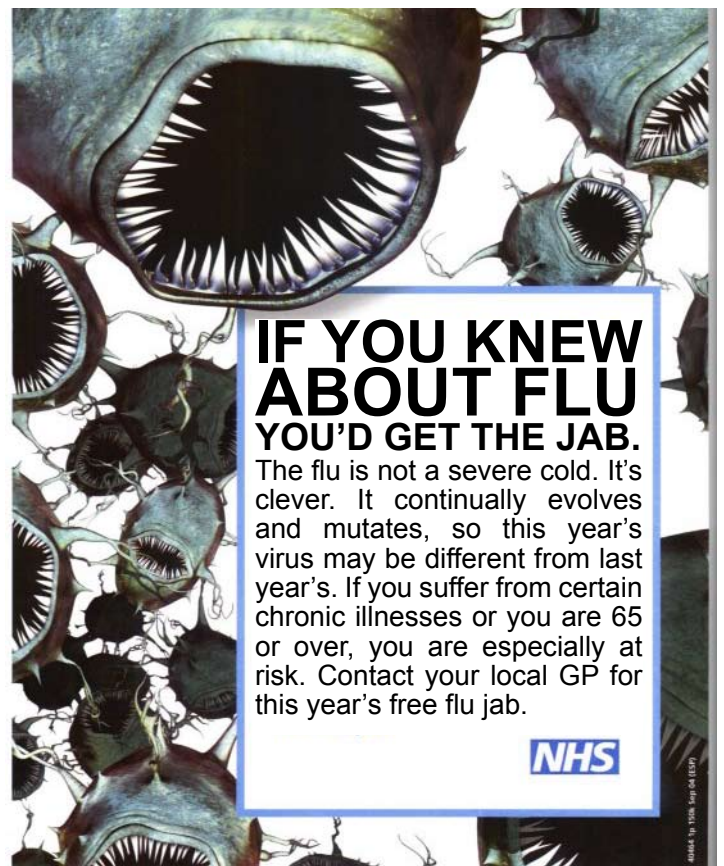
New Years Eve

The club will be open as usual New Years Eve. Entertainment will be available in the bar.

Please see posters for further information.

**HOLIDAY WASTE COLLECTIONS
REFUSE, GREEN BOX & BROWN BINS**

Normal Day	Will be...
December	
Mon 26 Tue 27th Wed 28th Thur 29th Fri 30th	Wed 28th Thur 29th Fri 30th Sat 31 Tue 3rd Jan
January	
Mon 2nd Tue 3rd Wed 4th Thur 5th Fri 6th Mon 9th Tue 10th Wed 11th Thur 12th Fri 13th	Wed 4th Thurs 5th Fri 6th Sat 7th Mon 9th Tue 10 Wed 11th Thur 12th Fri 13th Sat 14th



IF YOU KNEW ABOUT FLU YOU'D GET THE JAB.

The flu is not a severe cold. It's clever. It continually evolves and mutates, so this year's virus may be different from last year's. If you suffer from certain chronic illnesses or you are 65 or over, you are especially at risk. Contact your local GP for this year's free flu jab.

