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Thomas had two sons: Alan Carleton and Ernest Roy (known as Carleton and Roy) and under their directorship the firm gained even more worldwide acclaim when they produced the very successful Dinkum Digger. Whitlocks in the 1960's was the name synonymous with earth moving equipment. Carleton Whitlock was awarded the OBE in 1963 for services to export and industry. The farm equipment was of equally good quality and local farms still have Whitlock trailers going strong, although the firm stopped production in the 1960's.

After the death of Carleton Whitlock in 1966 the firm was taken over and gradually became no more. Mr Roy Whitlock still receives regular visits from Mr Dick Ruggles, who was employed as gamekeeper. The Whitlock brothers were keen on shooting and Mr Roy Whitlock was overseer of the famous Whitlock game rearing pens and allied equipment, also made at the Yeldham factory.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH GROUP by Clive Stewart

1st June 1998

I have the window stickers and leaflets to distribute to anyone who would like information and will call a meeting soon.

I have not received any information from Braintree Police as yet but I do have a small group of people who are willing to assist me in the distribution when appropriate to do so.

So that's all there is to report at the moment.

VILLAGE FETE

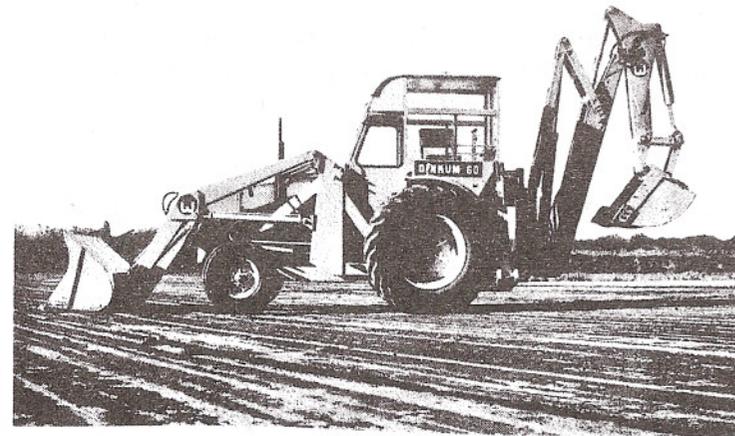
£1,400 profit in an afternoon! What a wonderful village affair it was and how good it was to see so many village people supporting the hard work of those involved in organising this annual fund raising event. Morris men, Line dancing by the School children, bouncy castle, torrential rain, wonderful refreshments, all went to make the afternoon go with a swing. Thank you to everybody concerned.

"WHITLOCKS" by Margaret Ebeling

Following on from the January issue, here is a brief history of "Whitlocks" or to give the firm its correct title: Whitlock Bros Limited. Whitlocks (Gt Yeldham) and Rippers (Hedingham) were two of the main employers, this century, in our area. Whitlocks workforce in 1899 was 12 and this steadily rose over the years to almost 600.

Walter Whitlock (1841-1924) was one of the most successful farmers in the area farming about 1,000 acres (including land at Belchamp Otten). WW became a forage merchant, having his headquarters at Lovelands Farm, Poole Street, Great Yeldham. He was cutting and baling hay for shipment out to South Africa for the army horses in the Boer War. This occupation was such that over 70 people were employed. As spares for his machinery were difficult to obtain WW sent his sons, Thomas and Herbert, as apprentices to engineering firms to gain knowledge and experience (he must have had great foresight). Following their apprenticeship, with the help of their father, they set up an engineering business at Great Yeldham on a site next to the railway station. Here was built a large workshop fitted with lathes, drills and other machines ... and so began the Whitlocks known to many of us.

Whitlock's was founded in 1899 by the two brothers, Herbert and Thomas, who incidentally died in 1954 within five days of each other. They manufactured various agricultural items, including farm carts, hen coops and other wooden farm items. As dealers they also sold threshing tackles and steam engines for Garrett's of Leiston.



The Whitlock Dinkum 60