

KESSINGLAND REUNITED

Maureen and Eric Long

The Book of Kessingland featured a microcosm of life in the village since Domesday, but this volume is a snapshot of Kessingland history and families within living memory; that is, for the last seventy or so years.

Once nicknamed 'Klondyke', 'the richest village in England', due to the fishing industry, there are now very few fishermen sailing from here, except a few privately owned non-commercial boats.

This book chronicles the decline of this once-great industry, the wartime years and how the village reinvented itself as a holiday resort in the post-war years. Once separated by farmland into two 'villages', with friendly rivalry between, an influx of people from London and Hertfordshire bought new houses and bungalows built on the former agricultural land, which joined up the village geographically and made for an even greater ethnic mix.

A wide range of photographs, representing people, places, events, groups, sport and personalities encapsulate the life of this vibrant community in the later twentieth- and early twenty-first centuries.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Maureen and Eric Long have retired from their village retail business and now produce the local magazine, which is distributed to the over four thousand residents in Kessingland and to the neighbouring large village of Carlton Colville. Small booklets of village history have been compiled in the past, and Maureen is still involved with the Suffolk Village Signs series of books, as well as the occasional article or short story in other publications. Eric is a keen gardener and they have both been involved all of their adult lives on the local church scene. They are members of the Association of Christian Writers, of Life, the national pro-life organisation for which Maureen was a counsellor and speaker in schools and colleges for many years, and the White Ribbon organisation. They help with the local Heritage Centre, which is opening a museum extension this year.

They have three married children, ten grand-children and three great-grand-children to enjoy in their leisure time.

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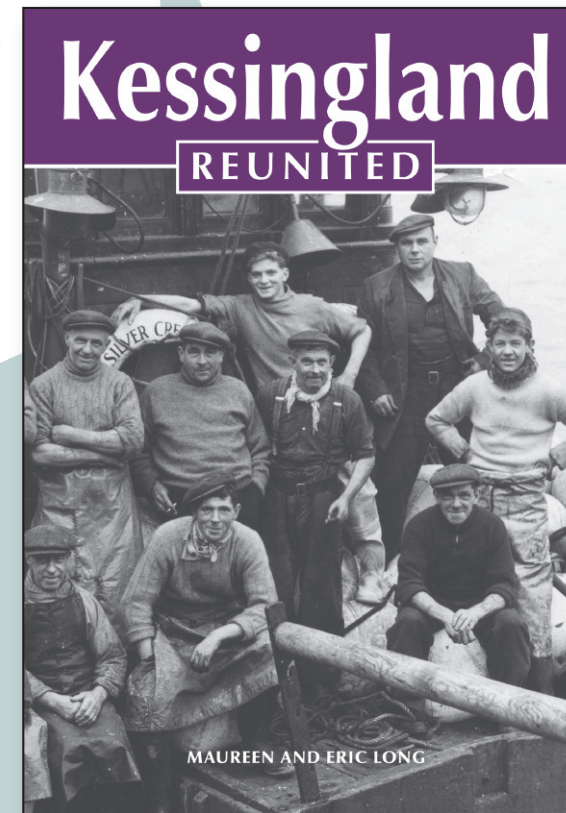
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Large group of children playing 'Down the Lane' in the summer of 1956.



The Kessingland Youth Club 'Hang Out' was officially opened in May 2002.



First Carnival and Regatta after the War, 1949.

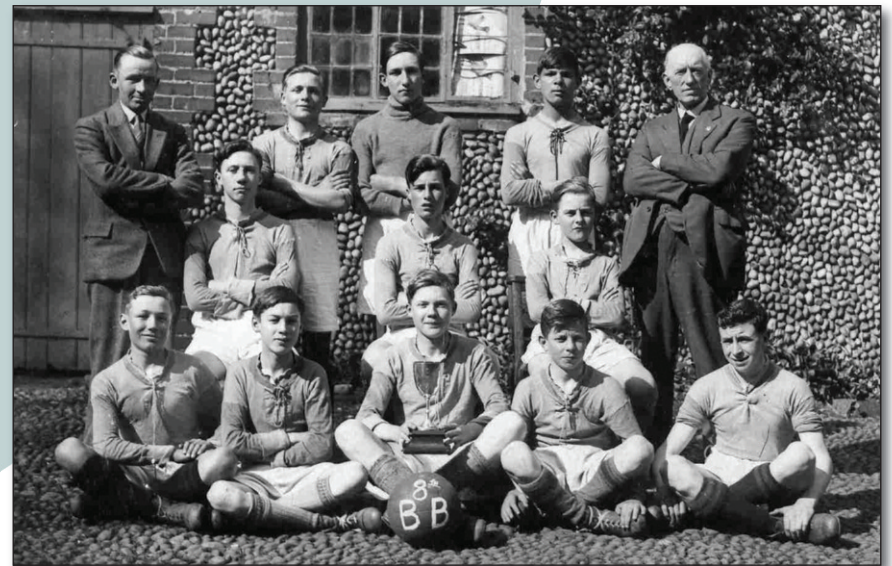
Right: Kessingland Upper School Class of 1947-8.



Below: Bertha Strowger, Kessingland's oldest resident, died aged 102 years and 11 months in 1984.



Example of a double-page spread.



Boys Brigade football team.