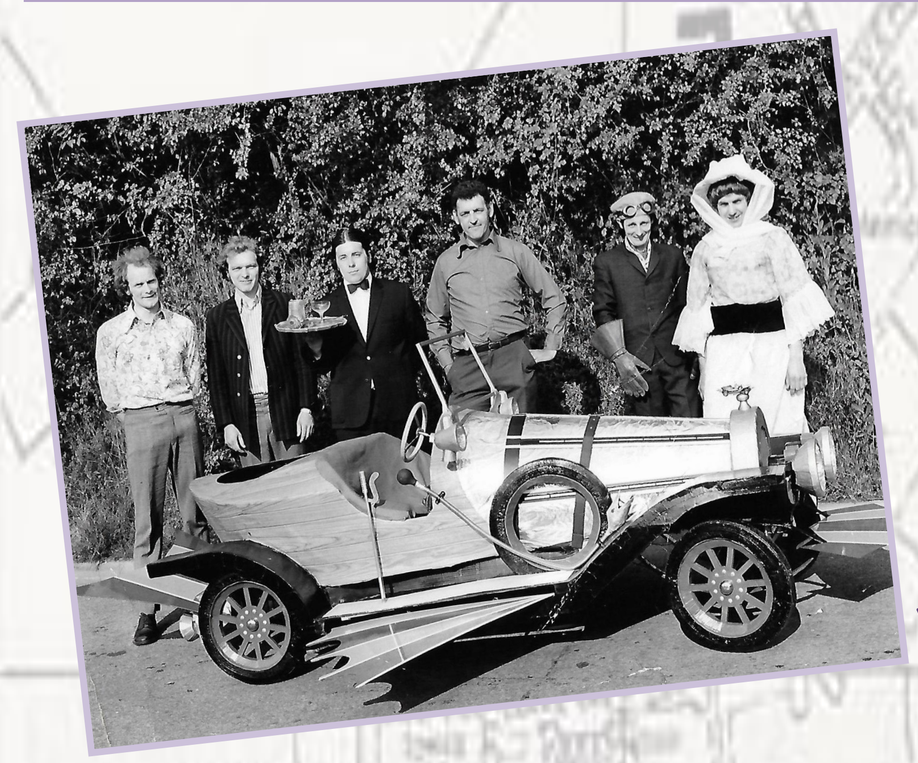
HAVERHILL AT WORK

Sports & Social Clubs

The Sports and Social Clubs were an important part of working life. They were typically created and run by employees but often funded or part funded by the company. Their focus varied from firm to firm but they did support the wellbeing of the employee and their family. For those who moved into the town during the expansion years they provided an opportunity for establishing vital new social networks. There were a wide range of activities that everyone could enjoy.



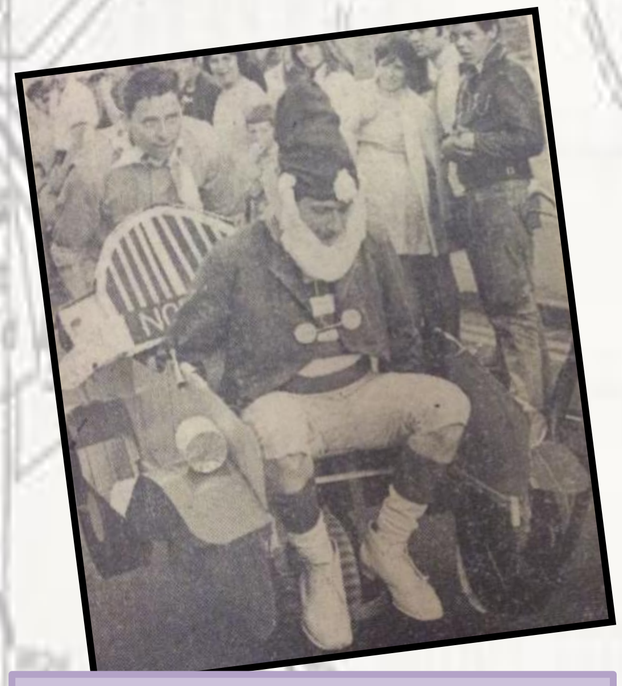
Steve Mead, Chris Pordage, Steve Beadle, John King, Ron Ager and John Lewis with Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Julie Andrews – watch out!

Believe it or not this is actually a wheelbarrow! Built by a team from Hille, it was entered in the fondly remembered Wheelbarrow Race. They didn't go fast enough to win but they easily won, for the third year running, a prize for the best decorated wheelbarrow.

Hille: *"They spent a lot of hours building Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and in their own time. It was done at night time, Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings but it was one of the best. It was donated to one of the playgroups. They loved it."*

It's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Haverhill Rotary Club sponsored a WHEELBARROW RACE through the town on the 20th July with prizes for the fastest moving barrows but unfortunately the barrow entered by members of staff from Hille Haverhill didn't go fast enough to secure a place.



Mansols Dave James and George Spiking enter Noddy's car into the wheelbarrow race.

Wheelbarrow race draws the crowds



All systems go for the Koch Light moon bug.

A special third prize was awarded to Koch-Light for their silver moon bug complete with flashing red lights and headlights. It was guided on its mission by Ray Esdale and Don Macphaile.

Other entries included two from HMP. One with a play on initials depicted two criminals in arrowed prison garb as Her Majesty's Prison and the other using spare parts from slaughtered pigs caricatured Pinky and Perky, the puppet pigs.



As usual wheelbarrows were designed either for speed or fancy dress.

Frankenstein's House from Hille Metals was judged the best fancy dress wheelbarrow by local MP Mr Eldon Griffiths, his wife Sigrid and Mr Jack Smart.

The large cumbersome "Frank's House" was wheeled by a gruesome looking Frankenstein, John Lewis, aided by a bloodied doctor, Stephen Mead.



Addis Sports and Social Club entered raft races at Southend and Cromer in August 1980. They built the raft using two aircraft drop tanks with Hille and Signpost Paints supplying parts to help.



Hille Tug of War team