

The Red Barn Mystery

Huby J Fairhead must be given the credit for raising the matter of this interesting story of the Second World War.

RAF No 2 Group were predominant in the area in early 1940 when they became concerned about the activities of the East Anglian Real Property Company. They were buying up parcels of land across the area, on some they were building large hangar - type barns, removing hedgerows and rolling cultivation flat, giving the overall impression of an aircraft landing ground.

The Chief Constable was also concerned; he had a list of directors and managers who were all Dutch. If the Home Office would sanction it he would arrest them. With this done the sites were handed over to the War Office who had them camouflaged and obstructed.

Those arrested were probably incarcerated for the duration.

Some of the sites could still be identified into the 1960s.

Between them, the RAF and the Chief Constable may have saved the country from invasion before the Battle of Britain.