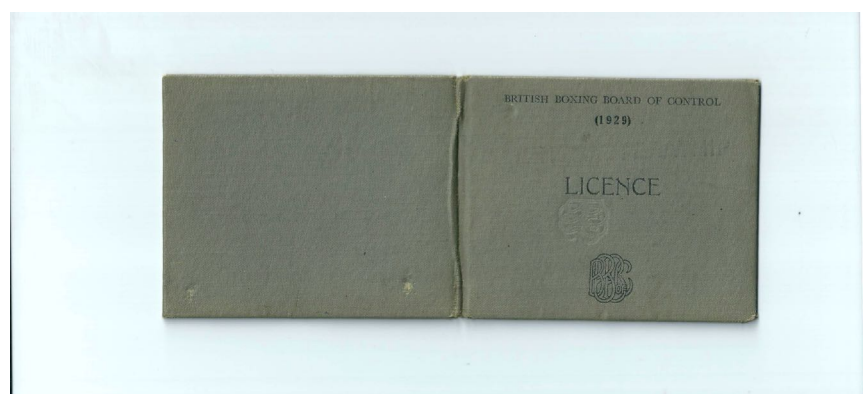


# Fred White

## Bluntisham's First Boxing Promoter

Bluntisham has surprisingly strong links to the sport of boxing. The first in a series of articles on boxing in Bluntisham. We hope soon to be adding a video which includes Fred, along with more photographs and details.

Fred White, originally from Bayswater, an area of London, came to the area as a young man working on water and drainage systems later becoming a Local Government Officer. He met his wife Mary Moor from Earith and settled in Rectory Road Bluntisham. He then met Andy Smith, a Scot who was to become Joe Bugner's manager in the Crown Public House in Earith in the mid 50s. At that time Andy was lodging at what used to be known as "The Guest House" in Earith.



It was shortly after they met that they set up the St Ives Boxing Club in Crown Yard, St Ives. Andy Smith was the trainer and Fred White the 'match maker/promoter' for tournaments arranged at the Corn Exchange in St Ives.

As the boxers they trained started to turn professional, the club moved to Mr Cecil Rose's farm in Heath Road, Bluntisham. Fred and Andy started Anglia Promotions in the early 70s with Andy Smith as the trainer and manager to some of the boxers and Fred White as the promoter. They then put on shows at the Cambridge Corn Exchange.



The photograph above, shows Linda White, Fred's daughter-in-law and wife of Fred's son Bev, in her garden in Holliday's Road, holding the Lonsdale Belt Joe Bugner was awarded after defeating Henry Copper in 1971.

Bugner defeated Cooper over 15 rounds and became the British, Commonwealth and European Heavyweight Champion.

Presented by Malcolm O'Neil with contributions from Bev White.