

Peter Chopping on Jack Elliott's visit to Dartford Folk Club

Peter: The lady – Mrs Combes – that owned the pub was very friendly. She charged us nothing for the hall. She was happy with the beer she sold. But it was very, very popular.

Sue: I was going to say, and how did it go? I mean did it take off straight away, or?

Peter: When Jack Elliott came down [laughs], we picked him up from London in my dad's little Morris Minor. Got back to home, my mum, who was busy trying to get ready for him, and get him a nice meal before he had to go and play, came to the door in her carpet slippers, you know. You know the furry ones? And Jack stood there with his Stetson hat on, and his cowboy boots and everything like that, and he said [in an American accent] "Howdy ma'am, mighty fine pair of boots you've got there!" [laughs]. I mean, that's... Believe me, it's true.

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