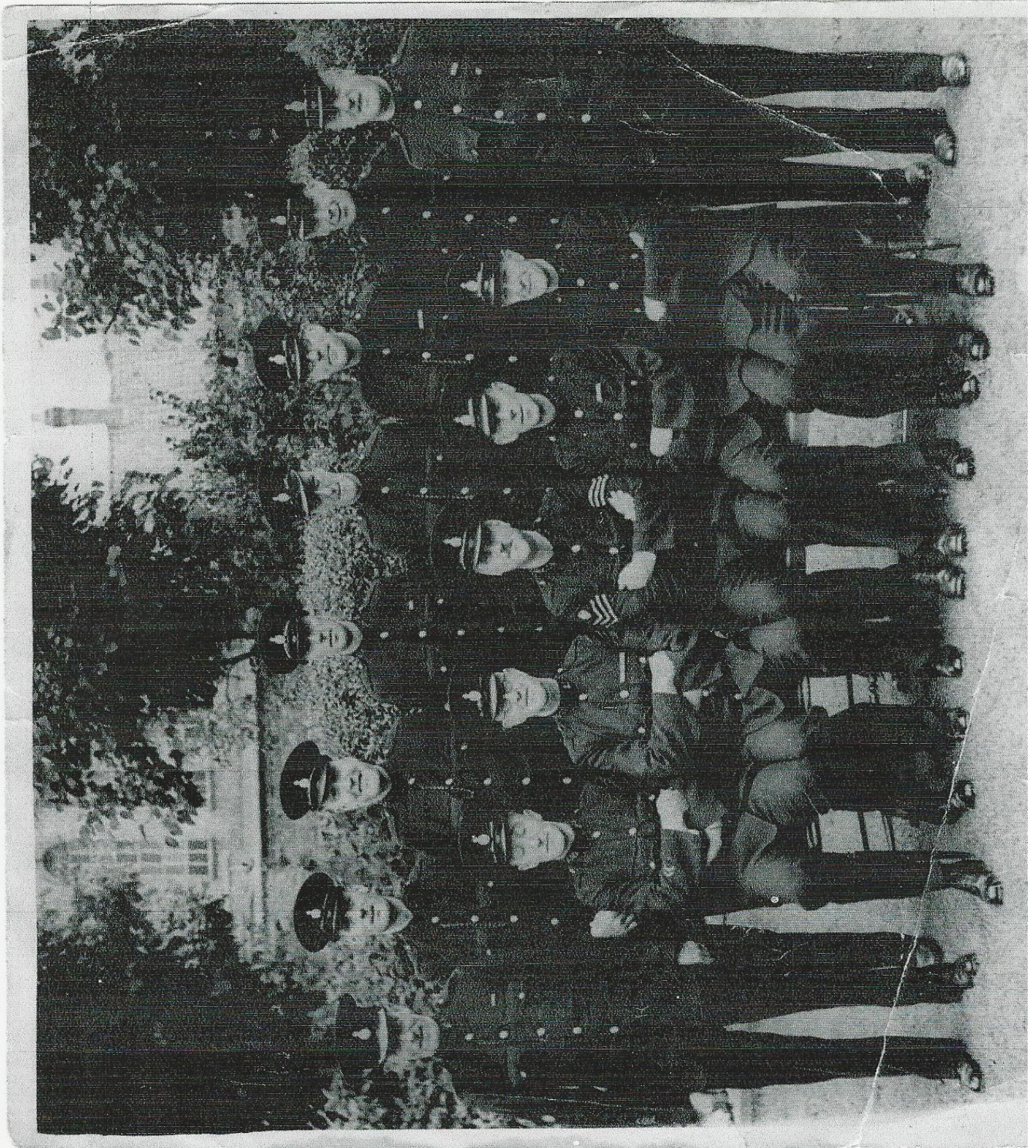


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Welcome to the November - December edition of **Rowell Heritage** newsletter. The picture on the front cover shows the Rothwell Fire Brigade circa. 1930. Do you recognize anyone from the photo? We would be happy to hear from you and possibly hear the stories behind the men in the photo.

We are dependent on advertisers, as their financial income helps us fund our bi-monthly newsletter, however, your contributions are equally appreciated. If you do have anything you wish to contribute to the newsletter please forward this to either The Manager or Editor (Rowell Heritage) at the address below.

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Memories of our Trinity Centre

Sunday School Building

In the 1940s, during W.W.2, my younger sister and I would walk to Sunday School from Glendon. My sister about 4yrs old and me about 7yres old. We had the road to ourselves, no cars to mow us down and no need for an escort. The children from Bunkers Hill Farm also walked to Sunday School but attended the Salvation Army Citadel in New Street.

My sister's Sunday classes were held in the Church School where the library now stands; this was the Sunday School for infants. I walked on to the Sunday School building. We took our Bibles with us and after Prayers we sat in groups to read sections of the Bible. I don't remember attending Church at this time.

We had marks for attendance and a stamp book. Each stamp had a picture from the Bible. Prizes were presented annually for good attendance, usually a Bible or Prayer Book. and the prize giving was held in Church.

On leaving the Sunday School I would collect my sister for the long walk home. We would sometimes meet the men of Rothwell carrying their Sunday joint with Yorkshire pudding to be baked at Essex Bakehouse on the Market Square.

Many of them went to meet friends in the local pubs whilst they waited for dinner to be cooked. It was then carried home under a cloth to keep it warm. The baker was one of the few people who worked on a Sunday. Farmers also had to work but for most people it was a day of rest.

Most children went to Sunday School and classes were well attended. The Methodist and Congregational churches also had Sunday Schools at that time.

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THE COFFEE TAVERN

The Coffee Tavern was a large building located on the corner of Market Hill opposite the Market House. I was born at the Coffee Tavern and my family lived there from the 1920's to the 1970's. It was kept first by my grandfather and then my mother. My grandfather J.W. Burditt was the Liberal Party Agent and so at that time it was used as the Liberal Club. Later it was brought by the Coffee House Company and named it the Coffee Tavern. I thought it would be interesting to describe as it was quite an outstanding place. At the front was the shop with sweets in jars, which were rationed during the war, we also sold cakes and pastries where were supplied by Barlow's Bakery in Kettering and delivered every day. We were also agents for the Evening Telegraph which paper boys delivered to all parts of the town. On Saturday evenings the sports paper the 'Pink-Un' was eagerly awaited by football fans.

Behind the shop was the cafe with tables and chairs and a long wooden counter behind which was a glass over mantle and we always referred to the cafe as 'The Bar'. At the end of the counter was an old musical box which I suppose was the fore runner of the juke box, it consisted of a wooden and glass box with a stamped round metal disc which revolved and played a tune when a penny was inserted in the slot at the side. The tunes were popular during the war with the American GI servicemen who used to visit from the aerodrome at Harrington. I often wondered what became of it, it would be interesting to know if it survived somewhere.

The cafe was very convenient for lorry drivers as they would park on the Market Hill. They came in for teas and a chat and ham sandwiches which were very much in demand during the war. I remember mother having a large gammon delivered from the Co-op butchers every week which she cooked in a large cast iron pot. We provided a mid-day meal of meat and two veg with a dessert for 1/6 pence {16 p}. We served mainly to the workers of local shoe factories, this was before factory canteens came. Most people worked in the shoe factories in Rothwell and work started at 07:30am and at 12:30 the buzzer went for dinner. At 1:30 they all went back to work and finished at 5pm. The sound of the factory hooter would be our cue to start serving and we had many regulars including Miss Briggs the Headmistress of the infant school and Mr Polmateer the chemist, and many others.

There was also a room behind the bar which we called the Commercial Room for travellers and VIP's and these paid 2/- {20p} and had cheese and biscuits and a dessert. I remember when I was quite small delivering a mid-day meal to one of the old gentlemen who lived in Jesus Hospital nearby. There were also two billiard rooms the one down stairs was used by the local lads while the older and more mature players used the upstairs one. The charge was 6p for half an hour and 1/- for one hours play. In those days the game of billiards was more popular than the game of snooker.

There was also a meeting room upstairs which was called the Concert Room and this was used for a variety of purposes, it was hired out for social gatherings such as wedding parties etc. We catered for these and also some visiting football teams providing a meat tea after the local match. The cricket club also had their weekly meetings there. The living quarters consisted of a room behind the commercial room and two bedrooms upstairs. When my grandparents retired to the cottage next door my mother took over the business until she had to close it down due to ill health in the 1960's. Later my cousin next door ran the business for a while and then in 1977 it was redeveloped into flats and a Chinese takeaway.

By Kathleen Chapman

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ROWELL SWIMMING BATHS IN THE FIFTIES

The Rowell Swimming Baths were housed in a dark green corrugated iron enclosure which had no roof, so was open to all the elements. It was situated at the bottom of the rec and because of its colour, was hardly visible from the top of the rec. However the shrieks and squeals from the swimmers could be heard from quite a distance. You entered the baths via a turnstile and paid the swimming pool attendant/life saver, Ron Cross, the princely sum of twopence (1p in new money) for admission. The baths were only open during the summer months.

As you entered, you would always cast your eye over the surface of the water to see what debris was afloat. There were always dried leaves, twigs, dead flies, dead wasps, dead spiders and sticking plasters bobbing about on the water; occasionally there could even be small frogs swimming around. You can imagine how enticing this pool was for a nervous young child!

Next came the biggest challenge.....getting changed! The changing rooms comprised a row of small, wooden, adjoining cubicles situated at the side of the baths. The cubicles were very dark inside, slightly smelly and often had a couple of odd socks or a dirty handkerchief on the floor – left by previous occupants. They were extremely basic with just a wooden slatted bench on the side. No pegs! I doubt if they were cleaned regularly. Before changing, it was wise to check the wooden partition walls between your cubicle and those on either side. Invariably, there would be one or two holes in the walls, often with an eye peeping through.....the boys liked to watch the girls getting changed! I always took bubble gum with me to block up the holes in the walls! I changed in a hurry – my eyes darting to the walls on the left and the right, in case anyone next door had poked the bubble gum out! When you went for a swim, you left your clothes piled on the bench in the unlocked cubicle, as no-one would steal anything.....we had nothing worth stealing!

The water was always bitterly cold, and would certainly not pass any hygiene tests, but we all survived and enjoyed ourselves. There were no armbands to assist young children – instead we used old tyres as floats. I doubt if the tyres were cleaned before they entered the water! My swimming costume came from the Symingtons factory at Market Harborough where an aunt could buy them very cheaply. Mine was of the elasticated variety, a bubbly sort of material – hardly flattering, but most girls wore similar costumes.

Despite the primitive conditions, many youngsters learned to swim at Rowell Baths and no-one, to my knowledge, became ill as a result of swimming there.

Helen Cox (nee Chapman)

Sunday School Building continued from page 2...

In 1952 I met my husband, Waiter Jones, at a 21st birthday party held in the upper room of the Sunday School building. We were married in 1956 and lived with his Mother and Father, Ada and Bill Jones. Bill was a Church Warden and Ada was a member of the Mothers Union. Ada was kept very busy, helping with Lent teas, jumble Sales, and other fundraising events which were held in the Sunday School building.

The Mothers Union met regularly and many of the members such as Ada and Eva Kilborn would make aprons, nightdresses and embroider pillow slips and table cloths etc., for sale to help church funds.

Ladies could pay weekly to purchase these items. The meetings would always start with a prayer and a hymn. The Lent teas were always well attended in anticipation of the lovely home-made cakes. None of us worried about putting on weight as we walked everywhere.

My three children all attended Sunday School and later joined the Church choir. They would walk to choir practice with their friends and enjoyed their time together. In time they joined the Youth Club which at that time was run by Betty Cobley, and they all took part in the pantomimes held each year in the upper room. Their school friends were encouraged to join them in these productions.

Parents and families were very much involved; costumes made, scenery painted etc., refreshments served, doors manned and a good time was had by all. Betty produced 48 pantomimes and her youth club was very popular. Two of my children met their life partners through her club enjoying Beetle Drives, Table Tennis, Whist Drives, Snooker and Coach Trips etc.

Many Happy memories of times in the Sunday Building.

We were pleased to contribute to funding for the improvements to this lovely old building but times have changed. Many of us still look forward to events held there such as St. George's Day celebrations and Maundy Thursday Tea. We also enjoy a warm welcome and coffee every Monday morning. Cheerful ladies from 'Rothwell Churches Together' serve tea and coffee, soup and toast. An oasis in our busy lives.

The Market stall holders are also grateful for delivery of warm drinks and use of our toilet facilities. It is very sad that our congregation can no longer sustain the upkeep of this useful building and it will be put up for sale.

Let us hope the new owners will take care of this much loved building which holds so many happy memories for so many of us.

Have you, dear reader, any memories you would care to share with us?

By Ann Jones

Two Rowellians Marry

Our story began when we met as a Girl Guide and Boy Scout, aged 11 years and 16 years at The Salvation Army, New Street, Rothwell. In our late teens we led different lives, Margaret going to teacher training college in Nottinghamshire in 1964 and Malcolm marrying a Desborough girl.

Margaret's parents were Derrick and Mary Tibbett of Glendon Road, Grandparents Harry and Edie Arch of Kingsley Road, where Margaret was born as her Father had gone over on D Day June 6th 1944. Malcolm was one of five boys born to Rose and Albert Harris of Spencer Street, Rothwell.

We met at Rowell Fair 2004 when Cousin Councillor Glenda Weston invited Margaret as Mayor of High Wycombe to attend the 800 years celebration.

Margaret then moved back to Rothwell in April 2011 and we met along Bridge Street and enjoyed the easy familiarity of old friends. Years passed, we met again in Bridge Street, went out together, became engaged and married at The Salvation Army Hall Rothwell on Saturday August 16th. Majors Richard and Pauline Cook and The Reverend Canon John Westwood officiating.

The reception followed at Rothwell House Hotel. Our Honeymoon was touring the Highlands and Islands of West Scotland, a very beautiful venue blessed with good weather!

We are now settled into happy married life in High Hill Avenue. Our family and friends have been very welcoming and supportive of us and we look forward to many years together.

Margaret & Malcolm Harris



THE LORDS AT ROWELL RACES

5 September 1672

We went to Rowell (Rothwell) races, which are held in a suitable spot enclosed by hills, from which there is a view down on to a level stretch two miles long and four hundred yards wide. They go twice round this course before passing the post. Four horses ran, first Lord Exeter's ridden by Lisle, the second Lord Cullen's which he rode himself, the third Lord Brudenell's, ridden by Mr Washbourne, and the forth Lord Sherard's, whose rider was Lord Westmorland. Thee prize was set (two silver candlesticks) and they mounted and waited the signal with tight rein, when the horn sounded its clarion note they leapt away from the starting-point and a great shouting rent the air. Cullen at first rode far ahead, next came Westmorland and third Lisle, and Washbourne followed Lisle...

...They headlong seize the plain and lay on their blows, and at length Westmorland outstripped the rest and won the first race. The whole amphitheatre resounded with applause and the shouts of men.

Meanwhile they rested their limbs and wiped the sweat from their horses. Mr Mulsoe of Finedon and Somers, Cullen's servant, have a dispute about the venison that Mr Mulsoe brought.

When this race was run the jockeys dart forth again from the starting - point and strive for long, while the issue is in doubt, but on almost the last lap, as they were coming up to the post, Lisle went ahead to win.

The last race now came, in which there were only three competitors, as Washbourne had retired in the previous race. They take their places, fired with love of glory, and suddenly dart over the plain at the given signal. Lisle rides ahead, mad with excitement, but when he was filled with hope of bearing off the palm, he rode down a man and, poor fellow fell from his horse!

Then the two last, Westmorland and Cullen, were filled with joyous hope of passing the laggard Lisle, Westmorland takes first place and, fired by his own success, plies the cracking whip and passes the post first, flying 'mid the plaudits and cheering shouts of the mob' - while the hills resound with the clamour.

I rode the brown horse, and as soon as I came to the course a veterinary came up to me and offered me eighteen pounds for the animal, he approached my father with the offer, but father declined.

The Diary of Thomas Isham of Lamport 1671
- 73, translated by N. Marlow.

EXTRACTS OF POEMS FROM THE BOOK **THE VILLAGE OF THE WELL**

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OWEN RAGDALES'S HOSPITAL.

There was a scholar of attainments great,
From Oxford's seat of learning lately come,
Strangers were entertained
who sought his gate,
He made the poor his heirs – a quiet home,
For aged men he built,
endowed, and named,
And "Jesus Hospital" is justly famed.

THE PRIORY FOR NUNS.

A Priory there was, a sisterhood,
To which world weary souls
for comfort turned,
And from some Abbess
strict of gentle blood,
Hard lessons of submission sadly learned,
While oft from convent cell,
and cloister dim,
Was heard at eve,
the nun's sweet vesper hymn.

SIR THOMAS TRESHAM'S GIFT TO ROTHWELL.

A Market Cross transformed,
each porch and frame,
Gleaming with light where gloom
and darkness reigned,
Restored beyond the founder's
highest aim,
To uses that his age had not attained,
As Public Library and Reading Room,
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for long years to come.

This is a record of MARRIAGES from 1949 - 1967

208	13/06/1964	Michael John	Lynn	Roberts Chambers	18 Bachelor	Printer	Kettering	Sidney Desmond Roberts	Meat porter
209	04/07/1964	Stuart Michael	Catherine	Loveridge Smith	22 Bachelor	Builders labourer	Rothwell	Arthur Chambers	Shoe operative
210	11/07/1964	Malcolm Noel	Christine Ellen	Chapman Chandler	25 Bachelor	Roofing glazier	Rothwell	Cecil Arthur Loveridge	Labourer
211	05/09/1964	Michael	Janice Mollie	Jarvis Clayton	21 Spinster	Clerk	Rothwell	Wilfred Frank Smith	Shoe operative
212	12/09/1964	David John	Margaret	Kyle Oldham	22 Bachelor	Shoe operative	Desborough	Frederick Chapman	Plumber
213	26/09/1964	Richard Bentley	Marie Jo	Baker Hodson	19 Spinster	Clerk	Rothwell	George Chandler	Retired
214	26/09/1964	David George	Diane Ronella	Bates Chambers	25 Bachelor	Accountants Clerk	Rothwell	Harry Jarvis	Box maker
215	03/10/1964	Arthur Gwyn	Daphne	Morris Cottrell	25 Spinster	Bank clerk	Rothwell	Arthur James Clayton	Chemist
216	10/10/1964	Ronald Charles Erskine	Vera Alice	Bateman Blackburn	26 Bachelor	Clothing manufacturer	Rothwell	Dennis Kyle	Shop manager
217	14/11/1964	Trevor William	Ruth Elizabeth	Watts Mabbutt	22 Spinster	Shoe operative	Kettering	George Samuel Oldham	Publican
218	12/12/1964	Barrie	Linda	Lingley Mallender	29 Bachelor	Crane driver	Thorp Malsor	Joseph Baker	Clothing manufacturer
219	02/01/1965	Ian Albery	Alison Louise	Stewart Haigh	20 Bachelor	Shoe operative	Rothwell	Leslie George Hodson	Leather manufacturer
220	27/03/1965	Peter William	Margaret Beverley	Timpson Ellis	20 Spinster	Shoe operative	Rothwell	George Rupert Bates	Lorry driver
221	08/05/1965	Tony Keith	Mollie	Gibson Read	34 Bachelor	Transport driver	Earls Barton	Horace John Chambers	Retired
222	26/06/1965	William James Alan	Brenda Jean	Cosby Richmond	21 Spinster	Shoe machinist	Rothwell	John Morris	Labourer
223	11/09/1965	Barry	Audrey Drusilla	Dixon Johnson	23 Bachelor	Accountant	Edinburgh	William Henry Cottrell	Labourer
224	18/9/1965	Michael William	Janice	Tortoiseshell Linnett	25 Bachelor	Medical laboratory technician	Rothwell	John Bateman	Pharmacist retired
225	25/09/1965	Peter	Margaret Elizabeth	Johnson Abrams	22 Bachelor	Crane driver	Corby	Thomas Whittaker Blackburn	Deputy Borough treasurer
226	14/10/1965	John Allan	Patrica Ann	Tarry Sanders	20 Bachelor	Plumber	Rothwell	James William Wats	Steelworks charge hand
227	27/11/1965	Brian Terence	Janet Marjorie	Green Bevan	22 Spinster	Boot and shoe operative	Rothwell	Samuel Mabbutt	Boot and shoe operative
228	05/03/1966	Allan Sidney	Sandra Loraine	Feasey York	21 Bachelor	Medical student	Nottingham	William Lingley	Painter deceased
229	05/03/1966	Dennis	Ann Margaret	Budworth Hopkins	19 Spinster	English student	Perthshire	Harry Mallender	Bricklayer
230	02-Apr	Victor John	Janet	Willis	24 Spinster	Flying officer RAF	Rothwell	John Stewart	Bank manager
						Pilot officer WRAF	Upwood, Hunts	Herbert Haigh deceased	Electrician
						Gardener	Nassington	William Timpson	Dental Surgeon
						Clerk	Rothwell	William Maxwell Ellis	Gardener
						Acid plant operator	Rothwell	Reginald Gibson	Shoe operative
						Shoe operative	Leicester	Anthony Read	Shoe operative
						Clerk	Finedon	Robert Cosby	Shoe factor
						Shorthand typist	Rothwell	William Ewart Richmond	Railway wagon repairer
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						Motor factors rep	Rothwell	Henry Linnett	deceased farmer
						Hairdresser	Rothwell	Thomas Arthur Stanley Johnson	Shoe operative
						Bricklayer	Rothwell	Arthur Abrams	Road worker
						Builders labourer	Rothwell	William Thomas Short	Grocer
						Shoe machinist	Rothwell	Samuel Dennis Tarry	Shoe operative
						Policeman	Rothwell	Walter sidney Sanders	Shoe operative
						Clerk	Rothwell	Walter William Green	Deceased woodsman
							Rothwell	Ivor Sidney Bevan	Deceased woodsman
							Rothwell	Leonard Feasey Deceased	Shoe operative
							Rothwell	Dennis York	Shoe operative
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 by her family and friends. Will
 be deeply missed and forever
 in our hearts.
 God bless.

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10. Non Escaped Cow

11. Scottish Hotel Chain

12. Bovine Trip

13. Mrs Bouquet

14. Remembrance

15. Amnesia

16. Basil's Mitten

17. Bird Swearing

18. Chain

19. Fat Drinking Vessel

20. From Amsterdam

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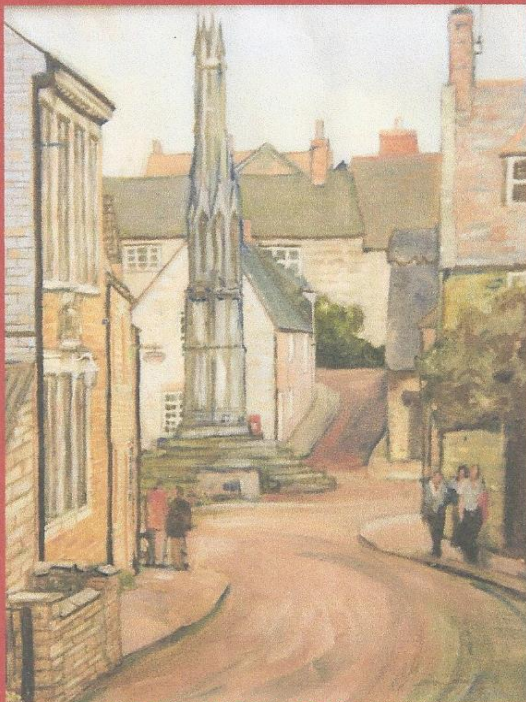
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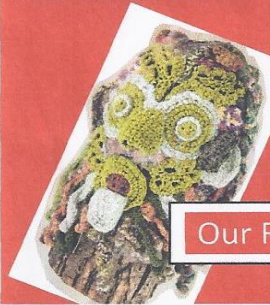


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THE TIN HAT

The Rifle Band Club

'The Tin Hat' so called, was originally a bungalow built end on to the road, opposite Fred Buckby's garage in Harrington Road and was the original home of the Rifle Band Club during the late 1800's and early 1900's.

The name 'Tin Hat' was derived from the fact that it had a galvanised iron sheet roof and when it rained the noise inside was deafening, hence the nickname. Sometime later, possibly in 1928? [Mr John March who contributed the following did not say.] The club moved to premises in Gladstone St, previously Reynolds Corset Factory, which may have been a subsidiary of Symington's of Market Harborough. This building also had a tin roof so the name 'Tin Hat' has always been used by the townsfolk when referring to the Rifle Band Club.

Like most clubs it had a committee with a chairman, secretary and treasurer who between themselves managed the daily affairs. It was, of course, licensed premises, and became a flourishing and very busy, family orientated meeting place. Mr Alan Marlow who lived in Gladstone Street tells of his parent's lifelong connection with the club. A part from the pub-like atmosphere, the organisation of various sporting events, with teams entering snooker tournaments, skittles and darts teams, the arranging of the annual seaside outings and the children's Christmas party, most important activities were the Air Rifle Competitions [the rifle range was at the end of the building] and the achievements of the Rifle Brass Band who won the Daily Mirror Challenge Cup at Crystal Palace in 1907. There was also a very large room on the upper floor called the Harmonic Room where the Rothwell Old Time Dancing Club held its weekly meetings on Monday evenings, and Marjory French held her Dancing School training sessions for her young pupils to prepare them for entry into many competitions held around Wales and the Midland Region. Mr and Mrs Norman Mason tells of the family's involvement in escorting the youngsters to various venues, and the pleasure and pride in seeing the children's success in winning several National Trophy's.

There was also "Old Time "dancing on Saturday nights to music of the Mission Band [Congregational Church] or from the Albion Band [Holy Trinity Church]. These two bands joined forces during the second war years to keep the dancing going.

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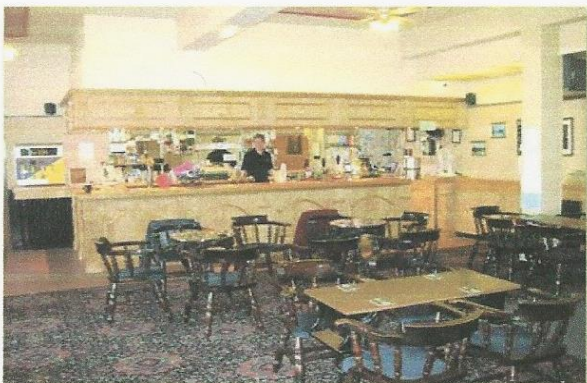
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The Tin Hat

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Things began to change of course, after the second world war, as with the Working Men's Club membership began to fall and other family entertainment began to appear on the scene until finally came the closing of the club. In 1980 it was purchased by a gentleman, Mr Bip who transformed it into a night club still called 'The Tin Hat'. The Harmonic Room had a change too, the beautiful sprung wooden floor was partially covered with carpet, the centre left clear for dancing with tables and chairs set around it. The room was then used for private parties, birthdays, weddings etc. with some success apart from certain problems that occurred in the somewhat rowdy Night Club downstairs!! Unfortunately the Tin Hat finally closed its doors in November 2004 to not a few groans from the youth of the town. In the local evening paper, EVENING TELEGRAPH on Friday September 23rd 2005 was an article stating that the former Rifle Band Club was to be demolished in spite of the local residents several complaints that the plan to build a block of 15 flats in Gladstone St was not feasible. The final blow came when Sheldon Developments application was passed. In February 2006 Mr Mason, correspondent for the Rothwell and Desborough Community News made a last statement saying, 'another of Rothwell land mark buildings has bitten the dust and all that remains are so many memories to treasure.



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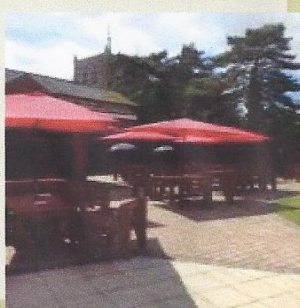
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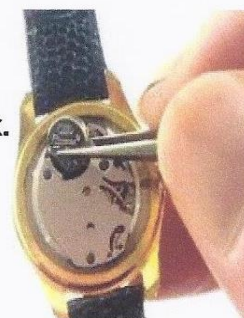
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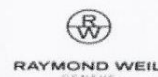


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