

Letters to the editor

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STAR LETTER

BEACON OF HOPE

I am seeking all known Searchlight sites in Lincolnshire during World War II. A short while ago I came across an old log book I had compiled during the war. It concerned the location of Searchlight sites. Only eleven years old at the time, I would ride my bike around the countryside after watching the night skies, and endeavour to find the location of the 'skysweepers.'

I am now attempting to piece together all confirmed sites and to identify exactly where they were positioned.

Readers would have to be over seventy years old to recall those far-off days. I wonder, please, if those who can remember the sites near their homes would very kindly write to me naming the sites and give me any known details. All information will be acknowledged and a refund of postage. Thanking you.

Yours, John W Archer, Suffolk

Editor's note: If any reader has any information please send it to us and we will pass it on.

ST MARTIN'S

I saw a reference to St. Martin's in the December 'Lincolnshire Life' and I was reminded of an incident which happened at St. Martin's Church, Lincoln (now no longer in existence) which was situated on West Parade, at its junction with Orchard Street and Victoria Street.

During the early years of the war, people were concerned about the possibility of a German invasion and we had been told that the signal for an invasion would be that church bells would be rung.

My mother, father and we children were sitting quietly at home reading one evening in 1941 or 1942 and were shocked and frightened to hear the bells of St. Martin's ring out loud and clear.

My father and another man (both members of the Home Guard) went to St. Martin's Church to see what was happening. The vicar told them that a dispatch rider on a motorbike had said he had a message about an imminent invasion and he should ring the bells. The two men persuaded him to stop! We never did hear the reason behind it all but perhaps that was because we were too young to be told!

I wonder if any reader who lived in that vicinity recalls this occasion and can cast any light on the matter?

Yours, Mrs Sheila Evans

TALKING POINT

Have any readers got any stories of a snowy nature? Have you got a story to tell that you would like to share with our readers? If you have, let me know and we will publish as many anecdotes as possible in the next issue – along with a brand new 'Talking Point.'



SWAN LAKE

Thank you to Zoe Homes of Sleaford who sent in this lovely picture of the swans on the Brayford during our snowy spell last month.



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