

Letters to the editor

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STAR LETTER

CROSSING THAT BRIDGE...

Thank you to David Ford who was able to provide these fantastic photographs in answer to a query sent in to the Letters page in the January issue. He was forwarded the letter to his home in Northumberland and he was able to shed light on the footbridge since he once worked for a time in Branston. Mr Ford has sent in two photographs, the first depicting a Lincoln Central Class 40 40110 with westbound parcels taken on 13th August 1977 and the second showing a Lincoln Central Class 03 transfer freight to Midland Line in July 1970, taken from the footbridge.



SMOKE OUT

I am researching my Father's family history. They came originally from Cleckheaton and Goole but settled in the late 1800s. My Father's Mother had three sisters, all born in the late 1880s. One of the sisters gives her occupation on the census as a cigar maker. I really would like to know if this was a local firm. Can anyone tell me?

Elizabeth Hancock (via email)



A BRIDGE TOO FAR

Regarding James Seaman's email in the January 2010 issue asking when the old footbridge over the railway in Lincoln High Street was demolished, a fellow member of the Lincoln Railway Society tells me that it was dismantled when the old crossing gates over the High Street were replaced with barriers around 1989/90. The bridge had to go to make way for the barrier lifting mechanism.

I have also been told of a subsequent proposal to extend the pedestrian underpass under Wigford Way to pass under the railway, a project that might have been carried out during the major re-signalling scheme in the summer of 2008. I understand that objections were received from one shop that would have been 'by-passed', but it seems more likely that the project was shelved simply because adequate funds were not available at the time.

Maybe a reader can confirm this?

Jim Sparks Chairman, Lincoln Railway Society

SEARCHLIGHT SITE FOUND

Regarding the 'Star Letter' in the February edition from J W Archer concerning searchlights. We had a site on our farm at Normanby le Wolds during the Second World War.

J E Brant

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