

# Letters to the editor

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## STAR LETTER

### SWINESHEAD REVISITED

As is the case in years past, Maureen Sutton has forced me out of my Grandfather's chair to turn to the receipts my mother compiled from his kitchen in Swineshead Abbey at the turn of the last century.

In order that Maureen may get drunk more easily and still have white legs, may I suggest 'Granny Young's Damson Gin.'

Take 3lbs damsons  
Half a gallon of gin  
2ozs bitter almonds  
1/2lb candy sugar  
Prick the damsons and soak in the gin for one year.

Cork tightly and shake occasionally.

If Maureen reads this and has the patience I have a small hip flask for her to fill!!

Yours Sincerely

David A Ashley Hall

NB In her opening lines Maureen mentions a local dentist – it was actually my uncle – small world!

Editor: We trawled our archives and found a previous correspondence from Mr Hall back in 1991 which gave the recipes of some more delicacies from the kitchen of Swineshead Abbey:



### BEACON OF HOPE

We have had an enormous response following the publication of Mr John Archer's letter seeking information on searchlight sites in the county. Lincolnshire Life magazine and Mr Archer would like to pass on much gratitude to the readers who have taken time out to help in his quest for locations.

### A LAMB'S TAIL

Ian and Louise Fairburn have been very busy recently with the lambing season beginning in earnest for their champion breed of Lincoln Longwools. The front cover of this month's magazine pictures pedigree Lincoln Longwool Risby Moonlight and her ram lamb,

one of a pair born last month.

Most of the flock lambs born at the beginning of the year will be well grown for showing from May onwards. To date, the couple have lambed twenty-seven Lincoln Longwool ewes this year, producing thirty-two lambs.

The Risby flock are available to view all year round on the Viking Way national trail at Risby (between Walesby and Tealby). There is also a field information point for visitors displaying details of the flock, their awards and their produce.

Amongst Ian and Louise's awards last year were the Supreme Lincoln Longwool Champion at the Lincolnshire Show and the Reserve Show Champion at the Three Counties Show (from 1,000 sheep entries). They are very much looking forward to this year's show season, beginning with the 'Newark and Notts' in May. The pair have also been invited to attend the Isle of Man's Royal Manx Agricultural Show in August to promote the rare breed.

Readers may remember Louise's fantastic wedding dress featured in Lincolnshire Life, which was made completely from her own flock's wool.

The stunning creation will also be displayed at the Royal Manx Agricultural Show and a little nearer to home at Hatton Church over the Easter weekend as part of an exhibition for Lincolnshire designers and craftworkers.

You can contact Ian or Louise on the Risby Flockline 01673 838377.



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