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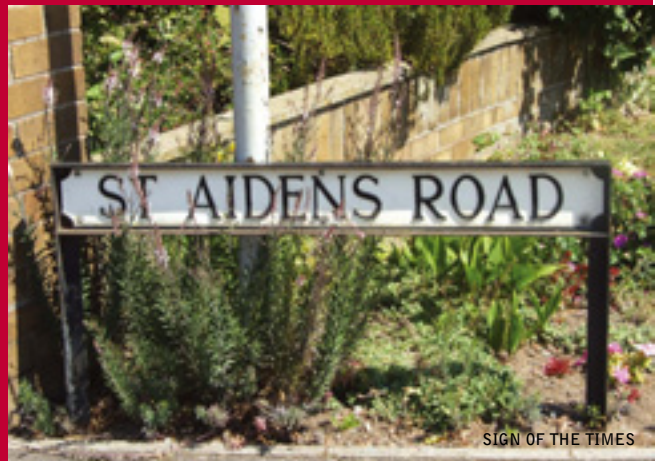
Regarding a correspondence that I understand has been running since earlier this year, regarding a query from a Mrs Lucas. I reply on behalf of my mother, Mrs DE Lingard who is no longer able to write at length. There is a reply from a Peter Byrne of Louth in the June edition which suggests that Mrs Lucas must have been referring to Hartsholme Hall in Lincoln.

My mother says that she knew Mrs Lucas and that she would most definitely be referring to Hykeham Hall, which stood until the 1960s on the site now occupied by ASDA on Newark Road in North Hykeham. A small shop nearby which Mrs Lucas mentioned in her original letter would be the wooden hut occupied by local cobbler, Mr Whitney, which stood on the East side of Newark Road between the drive down to the Hall and a point opposite St Aidens Road. Details of Hykeham Hall can be found on page 29 of the book 'North Hykeham in the Twentieth Century' by Bill Wilson and John Marriott (ISBN 1873257155).

PS St Aidens Road was originally (and CORRECTLY!), signed as St Aidan's Road. Following work to lower the height of the carriageway on Newark Road by several feet in the late 1950s, the sign was

replaced with a miss-spelled one. Repeated requests to have the correct spelling shown fell on deaf ears and eventually, the correct spelling has since been accepted as the definitive version. My parents and I lived on the road throughout that period, but when letters to our house that had correctly been addressed to 'Aidan' even had the word deleted by the Post Office and 'Aiden' substituted, efforts to change the sign ceased as being pointless...

John Lingard (via email)



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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM DAME HELEN MIRREN

Imagine you are nine years old. Today you fixed breakfast for your younger brother and sister and your mum. You put some washing on, got your siblings ready for school, gave mum her medicine and tidied up the kitchen. Imagine that you did this all before school.

Across Lincolnshire there are more than 1,900 young carers, many of whom do not get a break all year. Caring for a loved one, while juggling school and social life, can be challenging yet immensely rewarding. The Children's Society and YMCA Fairthorne Manor celebrate the 10th Young Carers Festival this summer. The festival gives this forgotten group of children a moment to enjoy their

childhood and a chance to have their voices heard.

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and sunny festival in 2009. I know for many young carers the festival is your only chance to come together, meet friends and enjoy a weekend away from everyday responsibilities. I hope this year gives you all that and much, much more.

I invite all your readers to send a personal message to the young carers which will then be posted on their website in time for the festival. Visit www.childrenssociety.org.uk/youngcarers.

With all good wishes

Dame Helen Mirren DBE

RED LEAS FARM

I have a photograph of my great grandfather George William Marshall working at Red Leas Farm, South Cockerington, and on the back of the photograph it reads Red Leas Farm – South Cockerington, 1928-29. It's of my great granfather

using an old-fashioned horse drawn plough with three horses. As he was a labourer I'm assuming this must be from a set taken.

Do any readers have any photographs of Red Leas Farm at all? Or know where the best place to look would be? Any help would be much appreciated.

Kevin Beaumont (via email)

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