



POST BOX

Letters to the editor

▶ *Star letter - All Aboard*

Postbox once again tickles the memory box and off I go floating along yesterday's dreams and recollections. The minute I clapped eyes on the old hos 'n' cart with the boy's knobbly knees dangling over the side, memories flooded back of when my sisters and I joined in the celebrations of the Sunday School anniversary, that consisted of riding around the village streets singing our heads off with all the new hymns we had learned especially for the occasion.

The old wooden benches were brought from the schoolroom and hoisted up onto the freshly swilled boards of the farmers' drays. There must have been four dray loads of us Methodists young and old. Some sang in tune and had learned the words and those that hadn't just hummed the melody pretending to sing.

We had a lovely ride and the Lord must have been with us because I cannot remember even once when the sun didn't shine for us! There were no fatalities on our journey but a little lad called Geoffrey rolled off onto the road. Not much chance he would be run over by a car as there were only four cars in the village at that time in the 1940s. The day ended in everybody returning to the Sunday schoolroom where several ladies had been busy making sandwiches and cups of tea, conjuring up what food they could muster during the food rationing days.

I can't put the magazine down until I have read Maureen Sutton's contribution. That's a lass after mi own 'art. Thank you Maureen for such lovely memories and it's surprising what we learn about local folklore too. Great stuff.

Mrs Wright
Gainsborough

▶ *Horse-Play*

I wonder whether any reader can enlighten me? I am trying to trace the firm of Hodgson, a Lancashire firm who made the horse-drawn Albion binder used in the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. I would be so grateful if you could get in touch.

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▶ *Impish Behaviour*

The 'Gentleman's Carriage' constructed by Messrs, Ruston & Hornsby (see page 100, Lincolnshire Life November 2007) displays, clearly and with pride, the Lincoln Imp

The Lincoln Imp



mounted on the radiator cap - as did all their models. (Perhaps this even predated the better known 'Lady' on the Rolls Royce!).

In 1951 I was able to purchase such a mascot from an antique shop on Steep Hill. It has been on all the many vehicles I have owned since then. Being a Freeman of the City of Lincoln, this gives me greater pride than might otherwise have been the case.

David A Ashley Hall

▶ *Spin Cycle*

I was travelling by bicycle in Holbeach town this summer and saw a mural across the street from All Saint's Church depicting a famous bike racer. Could someone tell me who this cyclist was? Thank you!

Lisa Dorrill
Carlisle, Pennsylvania USA

▶ *Boston Bar*

I would like to ask a question to the readers out there regarding a temperance bar in Boston. In the 50s I used to go to the pictures in Boston with my dad. After the film it was either fish and chips or a visit to (I think) a temperance bar. Does anyone remember this or have any further details...maybe a photograph?

Many thanks
Tony Blissett



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