

INTRODUCING CROWLE



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Front cover: Market Place and High Street, Crowle.



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FOREWORD

by the

TOWN MAYOR OF CROWLE, Councillor J. J. McANANEY

12 Windsor Lane,
Crowle,
Scunthorpe,
S. Humberside.

January, 1976

Dear Residents,

It gives me very great pleasure to be invited to write the foreword to the second edition of our local guide.

Two years ago the former Crowle Parish Council decided to break new ground by publishing a new guide-book to Crowle and district. At that time the project was very much an experiment, but in actual fact the Crowle Guide was very well received and was successful in two main spheres.

Firstly, it proved what a wealth of voluntary effort and activity exists in the area as indicated by the coverage given to the local clubs and societies.

Secondly, the book acted as a mine of information for the local resident in setting out the work of local government and the various public services.

Two years have now passed and in view of the many changes arising out of local government, my council feel it is time to carry out its original intention to revise the guide on a bi-annual basis. I have pleasure in commending this second edition to you. One copy is again being supplied free per household, but additional copies may, of course, be purchased if needed for friends or relatives living away.

Once again, the booklet has been a "labour of love", a completely voluntary effort for the guide sub-committee, and I would like on behalf of the Council to express my very great thanks to Councillor Brian J. Hastings for his sterling work in collating the material and generally pushing the project along. We owe also our very real thanks to the advertisers, without whose record support there would be no guide.

Ideas for features and original contributions are always welcome, so do please get in touch with sub-committee members if you feel able to assist in this way for our next edition.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN J. McANANEY

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PEN PORTRAIT OF COUNCILLOR ALF. HILL CROWLE'S FIRST TOWN MAYOR

When Councillor Alf. Hill took office as Chairman of the Parish Council in February, 1973, he scarcely imagined that his period of office would span over two years to see him become Crowle's first town mayor. As Vice-Chairman at the time of Councillor Ted Weddall's death, he took the chair early in 1973 and was Chairman over 1973-1974. It was a tribute to his valuable service that saw him elected for a further year, thus becoming our first Town Mayor following local government re-organisation for the year 1974-75.

Born in Harrogate, Yorkshire, Alf came to the area as a result of his parents moving to Scunthorpe at the end of the 1939-45 war. Alf left school shortly afterwards, taking an apprenticeship at the then Sun Engineering Company, going on from there to fulfil National Service from 1951-1953 as an engine room artificer in the Royal Navy. His marriage to Dorothy Jean Broughton took place at Christmas 1951 and following a return to "civvy street", Alf resumed his engineering career pursuing his education through ONC and HNC at Gainsborough Technical College. Today Alf is Fabrications and Rolling Stock Engineer at British Steel (A.F. Works) with a workforce of 260 plus 30 staff under him. He has two sons, Paul, aged 23, and Martin, aged 17.

Alf joined the Parish Council about 1968 and has enthusiastic views on the role of parish councils and the unique opportunities they have to serve the community. During his office, Crowle's parish council achieved its new title as Town Council, held its first dinner and dance and acquired a mayoral chain and badge of office. Alf feels that this latter move, sparked off by a suggestion made by a member of the public and carried through by public subscription, brought about a welcome re-awakening of local pride.

Alf has been in the area long enough to recall when Crowle was a much more self-contained and self-sufficient community possessing a wide range of shops, businesses, trades and facilities for entertainment. He believes that the period of decline is now over and that Crowle will find its feet again fulfilling a residential role. This will come, he feels, once the M180 has siphoned the bulk of the traffic off the grossly congested A18. By that time, Crowle will be within pleasurable travelling distance of Scunthorpe and other Sount Humberside centres.

In turn, an increased population will inject new life into local businesses and permit a new lease of life to Crowle's High Street. He welcomes the new Community Hall development as a sign that "community awareness" is growing in the area and he hopes that similar action may, in years to come, make possible further recreational and leisure provision.

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PEN PORTRAIT OF COUNCILLOR J. J. McANANEY TOWN MAYOR 1975-76

John McAnaney's first introduction to Crowle came in the closing phases of the Second World War when he was stationed with the RAF at Sandtoft.

Born and educated at Londonderry, Northern Ireland, John joined up with the RAF in 1940, reaching the rank of warrant officer in an operational role of wireless operator/air gunner in Lancaster bombers. John, along with many of his service colleagues, sought entertainment during off-duty hours at Crowle, which was one of the nearest venues for the Sandtoft boys. It was here that he met his wife, Catherine Edith ("Katie") Couch, and married her upon demobilisation in 1946.

In addition to raising a family and taking up employment at nearby Scunthorpe, an interest in local affairs saw him join the Parish Council in 1952 to become Chairman of the Council in 1959/60.

As Town Mayor for 1975/76, he accepts that change is inevitable and necessary but hopes that Crowle can find a new future as a small country town without industrialisation on an urban scale. Rural service and light industries, suitably expanded, plus further residential development, are probably the best recipe, he feels. He also hopes that Crowle's once busy High Street can again become a flourishing town centre.

John, as a family man with three married daughters, Maureen, Janet and Sandra, and two boys, Sean aged sixteen and Mark aged twelve, is also very anxious to see Crowle gain, in the years ahead, a range of badly needed social and sporting facilities.

Quietly spoken and sincere, John McAnaney admits he is still an "in-comer" after twenty-nine years. He has identified himself with the area and is aware of its shortcomings as well as its attributes. It is a measure of the fact that he loves Crowle so much that he is prepared to work for its improvement.

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Councillor J. J. McAnaney (Town Mayor)
Councillor Miss A. M. Cranidge (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillors J. B. Chafer, E. Chapman, A. Cryer,
B. J. Hastings, J. P., R. J. Isle, C. C. Ovington,
Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. P. W. Ramery, K. Sherwood,
A. B. Wise and Mrs. E. J. Wise.

Councillor J. H. West resigned in July 1975. The casual vacancy thereby created was filled by the election of Councillor A. J. M. Byiers.

The Chairmen from 1948/49 to 1973/74 were listed in our last edition. Details since are as under:

1974/75 Councillor A. Hill*
1975/76 Councillor J. J. McAnaney*

* The Title became Town Mayor from 1974/75 onwards

TOWN GUIDE SUB-COMMITTEE

Members in 1975-76 were: Councillors E. Chapman, A. E. Cryer,
B. J. Hastings, A. Hill, J. J. McAnaney, P. W. Ramery and K. Sherwood.

The next Town Council Elections will be held on May 6th, 1976.

NEW MAYORAL BADGE AND CHAIN

Arising out of a suggestion made by members of the public at the first annual dinner and dance organised by Crowle Town Council, a subscription fund was organised by several local personalities to raise the cost of a mayoral badge and chain of office for the Town Mayor of Crowle. The fund was launched in the summer of 1974, and a sub-committee of the Town Council was convened to select a suitable design. This happy gesture on the part of the townspeople of Crowle led to a successful conclusion when on April 8th, 1975, at a pleasant gathering held in the lounge of the Manor Gardens Grouped Dwellings (by kind permission of the Boothferry District Council), the new badge and chain of office were "handed over" to the Council. Local businessman and personality Mr. Dick Spivey made the presentation to the first Town Mayor of Crowle, Councillor Alf Hill after being introduced by Deputy Mayor Councillor John McAnaney who explained the change in name and status of the Crowle Parish Council following local government reorganisation. Councillor McAnaney referred to the local decision to choose the new title of Town Council and the re-style the title of Chairman as Town Mayor. This, and the acquisition of mayorial regalia, would

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restore some status to the town of Crowle and he felt sure would lead to a re-awakening of some civic pride.

Thanks were expressed to all who had contributed to the fund and to Councillor Miss A. M. Granidge who had undertaken the administrative duties in connection with the fund.

PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS AND THEIR WORK

Parish Councils have been in existence since the Local Government Act of 1894 although, of course, at Crowle the Parish Council was formed only in 1936 upon the dissolution of the former Crowle U.D.C.

In 1974, a further local government re-organisation saw parish councils receive strengthened powers and the opportunity to re-name themselves local councils or town councils. As is generally known, at Crowle the latter course was chosen and your nearest unit of local government is therefore now called Crowle Town Council.

A recent leaflet published by the National Association of Local Councils sets out in question and answer fashion most of the facts concerning the role of parish, local or town councils in local government. We feel it is worthwhile reproducing, in full, as a summary of their powers and duties at the present time.

What is a Parish?

There are two sorts of parishes which do not always coincide. These are the Ecclesiastical Parishes each centred on a church with a parochial church council under the chairmanship of the vicar or rector, and the Civil Parishes some of which are called towns.

What is the Civil Parish?

A civil parish is a unit of administration and democracy. It has a Parish or Town Meeting consisting of all its electors and in most cases (where the electorate exceeds 200) it has a Parish or Town Council. Over 10 million people live in such parishes.

What is the Parish Council?

A parish council is a small local authority. Its members are elected for four years at a time in the same way as any other council. It is the corporation of your village. There are 7,200 of them. In a Town, as at Crowle, the chairman is called the Town Mayor.

What can the Parish Council do in the Village?

The parish councils can do more things than are often suspected. Nearly 2,000 light their streets. Many more provide allotments. Still more look after playing fields, village greens and other ways of getting exercise such as swimming pools. They have a hand in rural communications by maintaining or guarding such things as rights of way, bus shelters and public seats; a very important thing in which they are concerned is the provision of halls and meeting places.

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How do they do it?

The parish council can do these things by actually providing them itself or by helping someone else (such as a volunteer or a charity) financially to do them. Parish councils thrive on volunteers and are made up of people willing to work together for the good of the community.

What else do they do?

Plenty of things. Some provide village guides or leaflets to new comers, or help the Meals on Wheels system, or a local bus service. Several have made traffic surveys. At least one runs a launderette. Many provide car or cycle parks. Others provide public conveniences, litter bins and seats, and can prosecute noise-makers or litter bugs. Many appoint charitable trustees and school managers. Very often the cemetery is managed by the Parish Council. They have the power to improve the quality of village life by spending sums of money on things which, in their opinion, as at Crowle, are in the interests of the parish or its inhabitants.

How much do they cost ?

Parish councils are the most unbureaucratic and the cheapest kind of local authority in existence.

What else is important ?

Parish and Town Councils have lately become more important because the district councils have become larger and more remote.

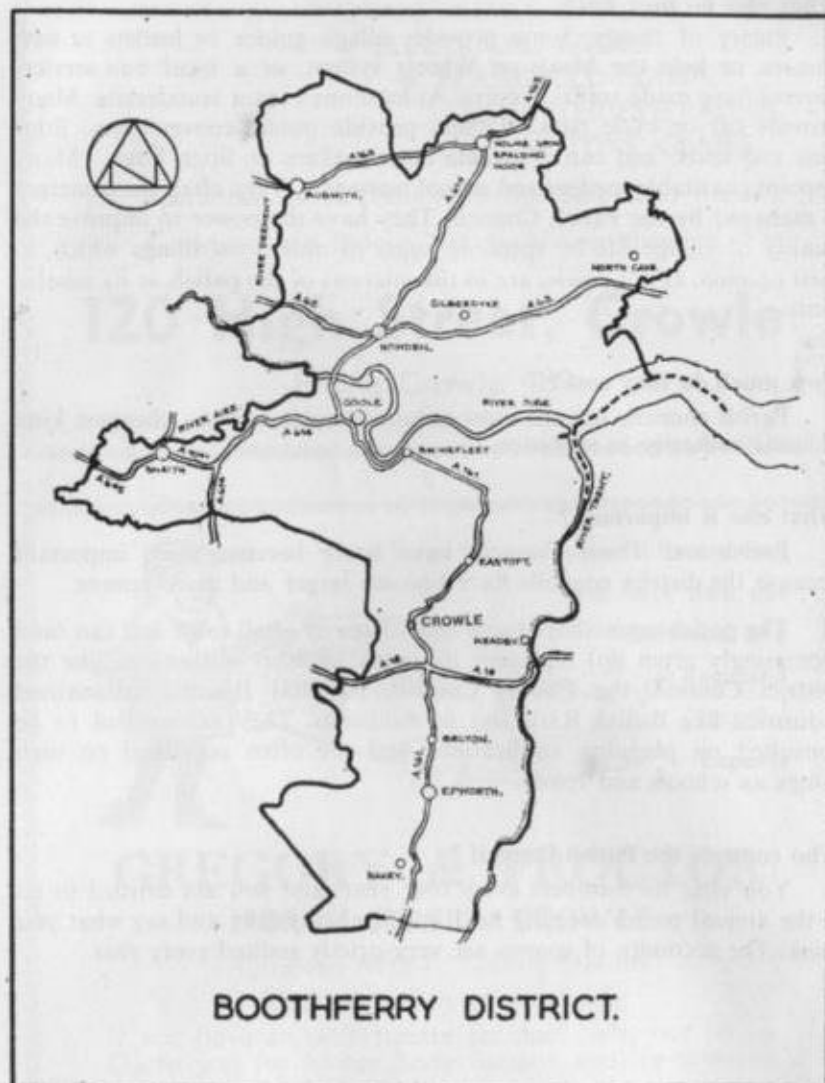
The parish councillors know the village or small town and can (and increasingly often do) represent its views to other authorities like the District Council, the County Council, Hospital Boards, nationalised industries like British Rail, and to ministries. They are entitled to be consulted on planning applications and are often consulted on such things as schools and roads.

Who controls the Parish Council ?

You elect its members every four years and you are entitled to go to the annual parish meeting held in March annually and say what you think. The accounts, of course, are very strictly audited every year.

BOOTHFERRY DISTRICT COUNCIL

The authority acts as the district council for an area of 159,178 acres covering the former borough of Goole and the old rural districts of Goole, Howden and the Isle. Within this area is a population of 55,800 and an electorate of 42,014. The headquarters of the Council are at



Goole and Howden with a district office at Epworth. Principal officers are as under :

Chairman: Councillor Alan B. Wise (Crowle)
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Frank Atkinson (Goole)
Chief Executive Officer: Miss Marion H. Sindell
Treasurer: Mr. John J. Anderson
Chief Administrative Officer: Mr. John W. Barber
Chief Health Officer: Mr. Derek H. Hibbert
Chief Planning Officer: Mr. D. K. L. Learoyd
Chief Technical Officer: Mr. Alan Johnson

The addresses of the principal departments are as follows:

Chief Executive, Secretary, Treasurer: Council Offices, Stanhope Street, Goole. Tel. Goole 5111.

Chief Health Officer, Chief Technical Officer and Housing Officer: Council Offices, Carlisle Street, Goole. Tel. Goole 3291.

Chief Planning Officer: Council Offices, 41 Hailgate, Howden, Goole. Tel. Howden 30286.

Epworth District Office: Council Offices, The Gables, Epworth, Doncaster. Tel. Epworth 872607.

The Council has thirty-five members of whom ten represent six Isle of Axholme wards. The two members for Ward No. 17 (Crowle and Ealand) are:

Councillor Arthur E. Proctor, 2 Wharf Road, Crowle. Tel. Crowle 239. Councillor Proctor serves on the Housing and Environmental Health Committee and the Development, Planning and Amenities Committee.

Councillor Alan B. Wise, 'Alwinton', 51 Mill Road, Crowle. Tel. Crowle 578. Councillor Wise sits on the Development, Planning and Amenities Committee, the Finance and Policy Committee and the Establishment and Personnel Sub-Committee. Councillor Wise is Chairman of the Council for the 1975-76 year.

The Council has three main standing committees:

1. Housing and Environmental Health
 Chairman—Councillor J. Hewson (Howden)
 Vice-Chairman—Councillor Mrs. J. G. Crawford (Goole)
2. Development, Planning and Amenities
 Chairman—Councillor A. Taylor (Goole)
 Vice-Chairman—Councillor H. W. E. Timm (Airmyn)
3. Finance and Policy
 Chairman—Councillor R. A. Hornsby (Keadby with Althorpe)
 Vice-Chairman—Councillor F. Atkinson (Goole)

The next District Council Election will be held on May 6th, 1976.

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The work of the County Council is divided into departments covering seven major public services. The size of Humberside County makes it necessary to divide the county into divisions for ease of local administration. If you have need to contact a County Council department the addresses of the nearest respective divisional offices are as shown below:

SOCIAL SERVICES:

Crowle is served by the Scunthorpe, Glanford and Boothferry Division. Divisional Office is at 34 High Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 69512. There is an Area Office dealing with Crowle services at Westfield Avenue, Goole. Tel. Goole 4327. (This office deals with Home-Help provision.)

CONSUMER PROTECTION:

Crowle is served by the Scunthorpe, Glanford and Boothferry Division. Divisional Office is at P.O. Box 200, Carlton Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 3463 Ext. 319. Help and advice on any consumer matter can be obtained there or at the Oswald Road, Scunthorpe clinic. A clinic is also held at Goole Library each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from noon to 4.30 p.m. Local consumers who wish to avail themselves of the consumer protection service may collect a form from Councillor K. Sherwood, 'Taywood', High Street, Crowle or from Crowle Library. On completion, the form can then be posted or handed in at the Scunthorpe office.

FIRE SERVICE:

Crowle is served by 'D' Division based at Scunthorpe. Divisional Office is at Laneham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 3232. PLEASE NOTE this number is for administration or contacting the fire prevention service. CALLS FOR FIRE SERVICE should be made through the '999' facility.

LEISURE SERVICES:

Crowle is served by Scunthorpe Division. Divisional office is at the Central Library, Carlton Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 60161. An area office exists at the Central Library, Carlisle Street, Goole. Tel. Goole 3784. See also the feature on the Crowle branch library.

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POLICE:

Crowle is served by 'E' Division. Divisional office is at Laneham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 3434. PLEASE NOTE this number is for administrative purposes or contacting the Crime Prevention Service. In any emergency the '999' facility should be used.

Your County Councillor D. H. HAYNES, Meredyke House, Amcotts, Nr. Scunthorpe. Tel. Eastoft 349 will be pleased to help you with any problem concerning County services and facilities. For the convenience of electors Councillor Haynes holds a monthly "surgery" at Crowle Library at times and on dates advertised.

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05.05, 06.40, 08.09 NSu*, 09.00 TW*, 10.18 M Th F*, 10.51 SO*, 13.05, 13.45 M Th *, 13.57 F S Su *, 14.50 S Su *, 17.08 SX*, 17.09 SO*, 17.50 NS Su*, 18.29*, 21.05, 22.53. An extra journey to Ealand, New Trent Corner, leaves from the County Primary School, Fieldside at 15.30 on school-days only (This journey does not serve the Market Place.) * Indicates via Ealand Village.

Departures to Eastoft and Goole leave at:

09.30 (WO), 13.35 (SO), 16.53 (SO). There are additional shoppers' journeys to Eastoft only at 08.58 (M Th F), 10.00 (M Th F), 10.33 (SO) and 13.35 (FO).

The Service 126 Limited Stop Express service serves Crowle Cross Roads (Junc. of A18 and A161). Departures to Doncaster are at : 09.52, 13.22, 20.07 N Su, 20.22 Su. Departures to Scunthorpe/Grimsby at 12.03, 14.53 and at 22.28 to Scunthorpe only.

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CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

The Council wish to bring to your attention that an Entertainments Committee has recently been formed. The object of this committee is to offer what advice and assistance they can to anyone organising entertainment in the area. The committee also hopes to organise entertainments, and with this in mind, the committee would welcome your suggestions. What would **you** like to see?

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Full details of services may be obtained from Scunthorpe enquiry office (Tel. Scunthorpe 68784) (08.00 - 21.00) or Doncaster enquiry office (Tel. Doncaster 61481) (08.00 - 21.00). The nearest railheads on Sundays are Scunthorpe, Goole, Thorne North or Doncaster. All train times are subject to revision from May 3rd 1976.

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Police:

Crowle Police Station (not continuously manned) Tel. Crowle 222
Epworth Police Station (not continuously manned) Tel. Epworth 872222

'E' Divisional H.Q., Laneham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 3434. In all cases of emergency dial '999' and ask for "POLICE".

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Humberside Area Health Authority, Scunthorpe Health District, Ambulance Service, Laneham Street, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 2325. (Dial '999' and ask for "AMBULANCE" in emergency).

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Humberside Area Health Authority, Scunthorpe Health District, Trent House, Hebden Road, Scunthorpe. Tel. Scunthorpe 65815.

Humberside Social Services. Westfield Avenue, Goole. Tel. Goole 4327. Crowle Health Visitor—Crowle 684. District Nurses: Mrs. S. Burkhill, Mill Road, Crowle. Tel. Crowle 435. Mrs. Y. Collinson, Eastoft Road, Crowle. Tel. Crowle 776.

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The Samaritans :

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Marriage Guidance Council :

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In need of a Home Help?

Contact Humberside Social Services, Westfield Avenue, Goole. Telephone Goole 4327.

In need of Employment :

Nearest Job Centre is at 1 Gilliatt Street, Scunthorpe. Telephone Scunthorpe 68522.

Pensions, Supplementary Benefits and National Insurance :

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Local Authority Problems :

See under Crowle Town Council, Boothferry District Council or Humberside County Council, as appropriate.

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Feb. 1974	(Electorate 61,672)	Oct. 1974	(Electorate 61,749)
Kimball (Con.)	22,177 (44.2%)	Kimball (Con.)	19,163 (41.5%)
Blackmore (Lib.)	15,967 (31.8%)	Blackmore (Lib.)	15,195 (32.9%)
Lansbury (Lab.)	12,011 (23.9%)	Lansbury (Lab.)	11,797 (25.5%)
Majority	<u>6,210 (12.4%)</u>	Majority	<u>3,968 (8.6%)</u>
Vote	50,155 (81.3%)	Vote	46,155 (75.3%)

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Mr. Marcus R. Kimball, M.P. Constituents wishing to consult him should contact him at 37 Market Street, Gainsborough (Telephone Gainsborough 2450) or write direct to: Mr. Marcus R. Kimball, M.P., Member for Gainsborough, House of Commons, Westminster, London W.1.

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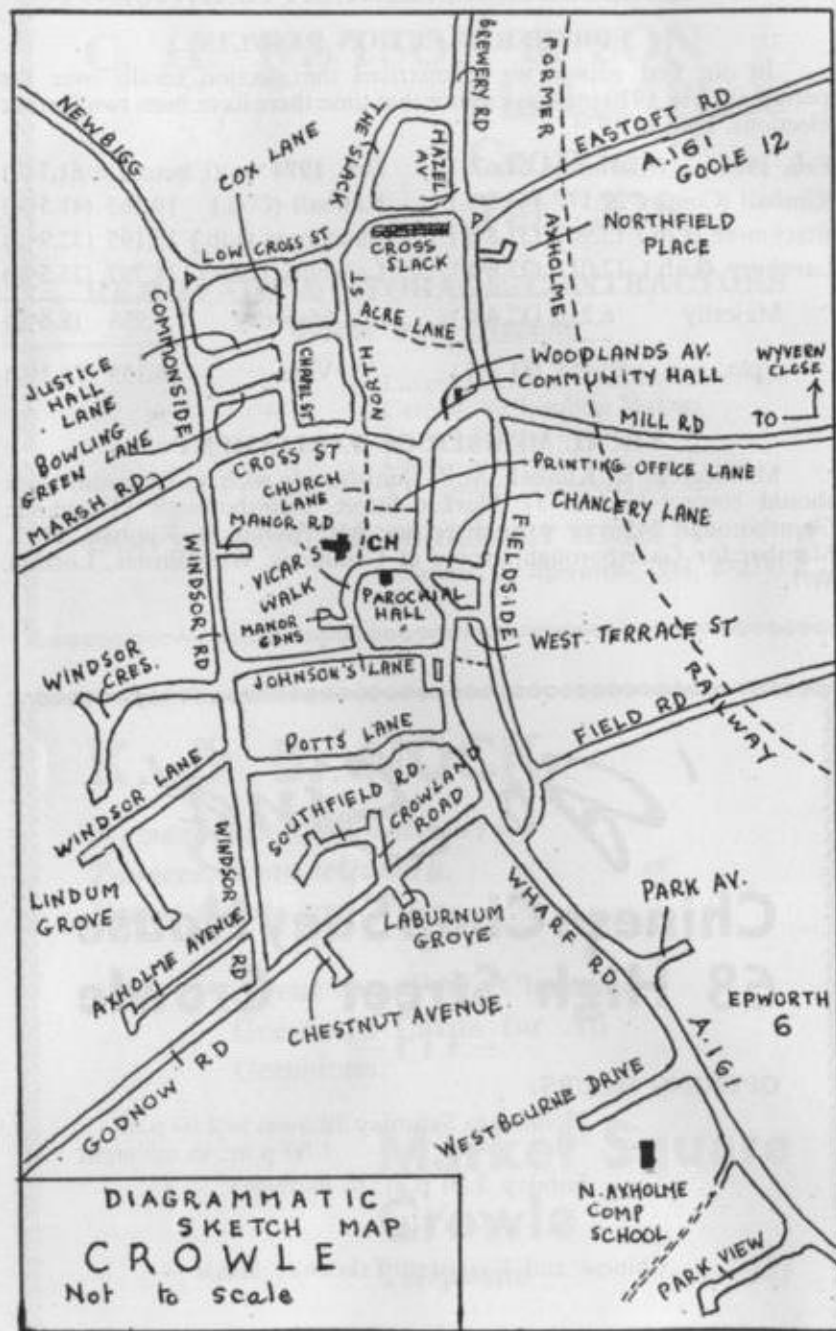
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Fund raising must continue at a high level to absorb the continuing effects of inflation and there is a current appeal to help the committee raise an estimated remaining balance of about £4000 in 1976. In addition a "Buy a Chair" appeal is to be launched to encourage people to subscribe the cost of a chair for the furnishing of the hall later in the year.

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CROWLE POPULATION DATA

Year	Population	Year	Population
1801	... 1343	1891	... 2641
1811	... 1424	1901	... 2769
1821	... 1729	1911	... 2853
1831	... 1889	1921	... 3010
1841	... 2262	1931	... 2833
1851	... 2548	1951	... 2980
1861	... 2648	1961	... 3010
1871	... 3122	1971	... 3043
1881	... 2826		

Many readers expressed interest in the population figures published in the first edition of "Introducing Crowle". These of course were confined to the post-war period, but we have now been able to obtain a complete record of the Isle's population figures from 1801 to date. From this data, the above table in respect of Crowle has been prepared.

At the commencement of the nineteenth century Crowle's population was only 1343, giving it third place in the Isle rank order. Haxey at that time was the most populous place with 1541 people and Epworth second with 1434. By 1821, Crowle had achieved second place and Epworth in the lead, and ten years later Crowle became the largest Isle town in terms of population, followed by Haxey, then by Epworth. It is interesting to note that Crowle has remained in this lead position throughout both centuries, with Haxey second up to 1861 and again from 1911.

Crowle's population growth throughout the nineteenth century was no doubt encouraged by various factors. The Enclosure Acts of 1813 and 1822 encouraged the improvement of agriculture and brought additional acreage under the plough following further land drainage improvements. The opening of the Sheffield and South Yorkshire Navigation Canal in 1798 had improved access for goods to and from Crowle Wharf and as land drainage improved so also did the road system so that Crowle was less isolated. By 1859 the arrival of the South Yorkshire Railway with stations at Medge Hall, Godnow Bridge and Crowle Wharf still further improved the quality of communications and encouraged the local growth of industry. By 1871 Crowle's population had reached the 3000 mark at the peak of Victorian agricultural prosperity. A slight decline common to most Lincolnshire rural areas occurred towards the close of the nineteenth century, but the total had recovered again by 1921.

The mushroom growth of Scunthorpe, the opening of Keadby Bridge in 1916 and tremendous improvements in public and personal transport has subsequently seen the decline in status of Crowle as a major Isle centre. Scunthorpe's development has superimposed new patterns of employment and leisure over a wide area and Crowle has been one of a number of places to decline in consequence.

Nevertheless, with the promise of new motorway communications to serve the Isle, the population of Crowle may well see a gradual in-

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crease as the town assumes a new role as a residential area for commuters travelling to Doncaster, Scunthorpe, or other areas of South Yorkshire. This, coupled with the encouragement of rural service and light industry to improve local employment prospects should do much to maintain the present population figures.

FOCUS . . . AN OCCASIONAL FEATURE

This is a new section in our guide in which we take a closer look at one of our local amenities and find out a little more about it. When we went to press with our first edition, the new Crowle Library had been open only a few months. Now after two and a half years, it has established itself as an attractive amenity not only for Crowle but for the whole of the north of the Isle. It enjoys increasing patronage, but in case you are not a regular user or have yet to find out what it can offer, we are making the library the subject of our first focus . . .

CROWLE LIBRARY

The library is administered as part of the Scunthorpe area of the Humberside Leisure Services Department and is a modern building of interesting design opened in July 1973. It contains a stock of 10,000 volumes of which 4,000 are adult fiction, 3,000 adult non-fiction and 3,000 children's books. In addition, to satisfy special requests, the library has access to the whole stock of the Humberside libraries and also access to the library resources of the whole country.

There is a small, up-to-date, collection of reference material available and requests for information can be routed through the County Information Service run by the Humberside Leisure Services Department. Holiday brochures, details of local evening and day courses and minutes of both Humberside County Council and Boothferry District Council meetings are among the material available for consultation.

Within limitations of space, the library will always consider displaying publicity of local events and also holds exhibitions of handicrafts, etc.

Children's story times are held in the library and the library staff will be pleased to supply further information on these. The staff will also give information on councillors' clinics which are held in the library.

The library is only one of the various services provided by the Humberside Leisure Services Department and the library staff will be pleased to accept enquiries for information on the other activities organised by the Department, e.g., Entertainment, Sport and Recreation.

In addition to the stock of books at the library, a small collection of books is also maintained at the Crowle Grouped Dwellings for the use of the residents.

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Friday	9.30 a.m.—12 noon	1.30 p.m.—7.00 p.m.
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For further information please contact either the library staff (Tel. Crowle 221) or Scunthorpe Central Library, Carlton Street, Scunthorpe. (Tel. Scunthorpe 60161).

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS . . .

by Joan Saunders

Do you remember Crowle as it used to be
Umpteen years ago
When you and I were only kids
And time went very slow
There wasn't much money as I recall
Except for the chosen few
And the popular form of transport
Was a bicycle made for two
Motor cars and lorries were few and far between
And a caterpillar tractor was very seldom seen
There was Joey Brant with his grocery cart
Saturday was his day
And many an orange and apple was pinched
When he looked the other way
There was Johnny Hill's bus to the station
If one could afford the fare
A penny I think the charge was
But there weren't many pennies to spare
But we did get a day at the Seaside
Once a year on Sunday School trips
And nothing ever tasted quite
Like Cleethorpes fish and chips
And oh! Those August Carnivals
And how those jazz bands played
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And who needs a lollipop Lady
To hold up the odd horse and cart
I don't think we ever were hungry
But we certainly weren't overfed
There weren't such things as fish fingers
Just plenty of tatties and bread
Now we've all got our cars and our fridges
Stereos and coloured TV
And lots go abroad for the holidays
Not just one day a year to the sea
So the next time you feel like a grumble
Or a moan at the cost of the food
Remember just what it used to be like
For we've never had it so good.

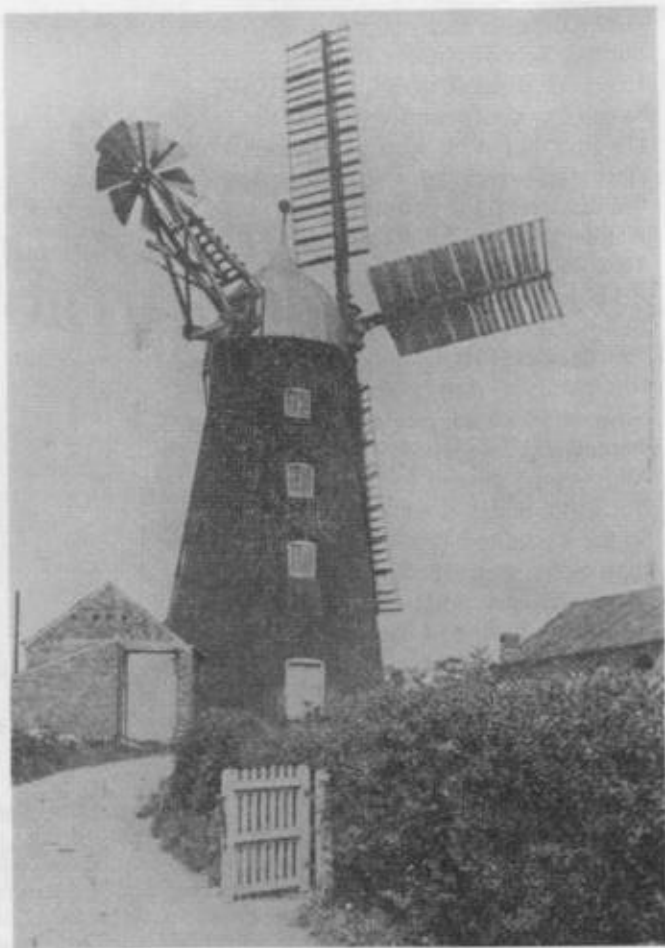
WINDMILLS IN THE ISLE OF AXHOLME

by W. E. R. Hallgarth

Windmills, those graceful products of the mind of the inventor, were for centuries a familiar sight in the cornfields of Lincolnshire. At one time there were over 800, all working away grinding corn from the fertile fields of the second biggest county. Lincolnshire, not Yorkshire, had more mills than any other county, and also—most important, had the finest millwrights. So when the time came to replace the little post mill, in service for many a generation, by the giant multi-sailed tower mills, the Lincolnshire type, with four, five, six, or eight sails was a supreme example of the art of the millwright.

A map of windmills in the county is a sure guide to the best arable land, and after the drainage of the Isle of Axholme, and its conversion to, among other crops, the growing of corn, the Isle had its fair share of windmills. For years the small, cruder postmill battled against the new-comer, but faced with a more efficient working rival, it gradually fell into decay and was replaced. The invention of the fantail and the revolving cap, which kept the sails always facing the wind, was a tremendous asset to the tower mills.

In the first Ordnance Survey Map of 1825, the mills in the Isle were marked accurately for the first time, though their types were not stated. Luddington had two, Amcotts one (a post mill, and a photograph



survives), Keadby had one, West Butterwick two, Belton four, Epworth had four, Haxey three, Owston Ferry three, and Crowle four. The photograph of 1909 shows one of Crowle's mills, identified by some local people as in Godnow Road, and by others in Mill Lane. Where could it have been?

Windmills were by no means cheap to build. One of the mills at Epworth, later called Maw's Mill, cost £376. Forty seven thousand bricks brought from Thorne cost £20. John Chamberlain was paid 3 shillings "for counting them over". He certainly earned his money. The date was 1783. Much of the transport, as one would expect in the Isle, was by water. What immense tasks did those millwrights tackle.

ECHOES OF OUR PAST

by M. D. FELCEY

(Mr. Mike Felcey is an amateur field archaeologist who is currently undertaking an archaeological field-study of the Isle of Axholme. This contribution represents an interim report on his fascinating work with special reference to the early history of Crowle. It reveals the need for further active field-study to discover the early settlement of the Isle of Axholme, an area which, sadly enough, has been negelected or even dismissed by field archaeologists and students of local history as an area of little interest.)

References to Crowle in Domesday Book, to the fine remains of a late Saxon Cross in St. Oswald's Church, to the work of Dutch drainage engineer Vermuyden and to the early existence of the old "White Hart" Inn at Crowle have all been made in various publications attempting to deal with the history of the Isle of Axholme. All of these are indeed echoes of our past. But historians dealing with the Isle have in the main concerned themselves with events within the last 1500 years.

Yet the Humber Lake which had formed after the last Ice Age had completely drained away by at least 12,000 BC, thus making the surrounding area habitable for man and beast. The fascinating story of the arrival of the early hunting cultures, of the early farmers, of the Bronze Age, Iron Age and Romano-British settlements can only be proved by the discoveries of the field archaeologist and my own task is to cover the vast gap of knowledge representing 12,000 years or so which is missing archaeologically speaking, in the pre-history of Crowle and the surrounding aea.

Early Antiquarians would have us believe that the Isle was, in the main, just a watery waste. Yet after only two years, recent study has produced enough evidence to suggest that there were perhaps just as many people living here in Roman times as there were at the time of Domesday Book. Evidence suggests that sophisticated road and drainage systems accompanied this settlement.

Much is always made of Roman road systems yet by far the object of greatest local importance, in the realm of communications, were the canal and river transport systems in this area.

Now, most towns or areas of any importance in any given period in time have owed their very existence to the fact that they were on or near a river or major water course, simply because of the opportunities of easy travel, trade, etc. This puts Crowle and the Isle of Axholme as a whole, in rather a unique position. For here in the distant past we have had not one river on our door-step, so to speak, but three rivers, the Trent to the east, the Idle to the south and the River Don to the west.

From the flint tools found to date, we now know that from at least 8,000 BC onwards, man had explored these rivers and had arrived in the Isle to stay, hunting and fishing the lower lands and making his

main camping sites on the high ridges of wind-blown sands at Haxey, Epworth, Belton and at Crowle on Grims Hill (or "Mill Hill" as it is known today). If you look carefully one can find the now discarded small flint blades which these hunters and fisher folk used to make up their composite tools used in every day life. They lived by hunting, fishing, wild fowling and stalking red deer etc. which would have been in abundance in the light birch forest covering the surrounding area.

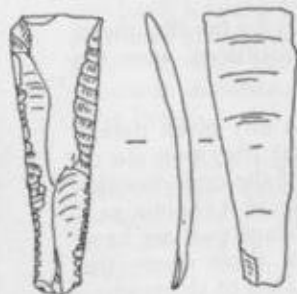
By 4,000 BC new people started to arrive only this time not overland but reaching us instead by boat (for by this date the seas, still rising, had cut the land bridge to the continent of Europe). These people arrived in the Isle bringing new ideas of animal husbandry. No doubt it was only a gradual change, but slowly and surely the land took on a new appearance as it was cleared for sheep and goats and for the growing of an early form of cereal crop mainly used for coarse bread, gruel and perhaps (just as importantly) for beer. These people, with their new culture, come under the general type name of 'Neolithic' and with the advent of farming a more settled way of life can have begun to arise in the Isle.

Stone and Flint tools of Prehistoric date from "CROWLE"

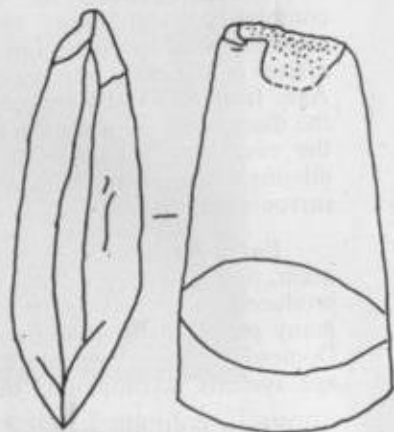


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M. 9000-4000 B.C.
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FLINT KNIFE. [E.B.A.]



Polished Stone Axe. [n.]



FLINT SCRAPER [N.]



FLINT ARROW HEAD [N.]

These Drawings are $\frac{1}{2}$ size.

All around the hill here at Crowle Neolithic type worked flint is to be found. Flint scrapers and knives for the preparing of skins and bone, not to mention wood, all were of prime importance to these people. A nice leaf shaped flint arrowhead was found just off Field Road. This arrowhead dates from the same period and also a beautiful polished stone axe from off Wharf Road which was found by Graham Wraith and very kindly loaned to me for photographing and drawing. This axe at present is at Nottingham University Geological Department for test. Their answer will tell us from which part of Britain the stone itself belongs to geologically speaking, thus giving us some indication of contacts these Neolithic people had with each other.

The next major migration of people into this part of Britain started around 2,200 BC. They are known as the Beaker People (so named after the style of their pottery which they produced). Their type of flint work is found all over the Isle and at Crowle the concentrations are mainly on the east side of the Hill. A dense find at this point suggests the possibility of hut sites, although up to date none have been located even from air photographs.

In Scunthorpe Museum there is a barbed and tongued arrowhead which was found a few years ago at Ealand. This too is a type of arrowhead which belongs to the same period as the Beaker People.

Regarding the Bronze Age, very few tools have come to light so far although a large amount of flint waste belonging to this period is scattered over the fields in the surrounding area. Of the few tools found to date the best example is a flint knife-cum-saw which is also in Scunthorpe Museum. It was found just to the north of Crowle on the flat land.

To date, it must be admitted that no objects (artifacts) of the Iron Age have been found on the surface of the fields. But (and a large but!) most of the air-photos of the Isle showing the Roman British farm systems are seen to overlay earlier field and farm systems which can only date from the late Bronze Age and Iron Age. The true identity of these earlier systems will only be ascertained at a later date by actual excavations.

It is perhaps in our knowledge of the Roman period of the Isle of Axholme that the greatest advances have been made to date with this Field Study Project and as yet (if you will excuse the pun) we have only scratched the surface. Even in up to date publications on this period of the Isle's history it still is regarded by historians as on the whole a waste, watery land and a place that was avoided by the Romano-British population. This is a strange conclusion indeed, considering the importance that the Romans put upon the River Trent and the major role that it played in military phases and indeed in the Romano-British period as a whole. It is a known fact that the Trent was part of the northern boundary or demarcation line of the early Roman advances and, in later phases of the occupation when northern Britain and Scotland were under pressure, the Trent became the southern boundary of the Military zone.

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In AD 47 the Roman Frontier had been established on the River Humber and by AD 70 the Ninth Legion had built a fortress at York. The fastest and easiest way to ship supplies to the north with goods in bulk, military or otherwise, would have been by water on the River Trent and then up the Ouse. One could go into far greater depths regarding this period in time but enough has been said to show that the Isle of Axholme was by no means a so called back-water but was right in the thick of it so to speak. The Isle as a whole is interlaced with a large road system. So many that in fact, from the air, under the right crop conditions (they are mainly seen when and where cereal crops are growing) they look like a giant spider's web on the landscape. As the former trackways are only seen through cereal crops, naturally it will take a number of years yet before a complete plan of the Romano-British road systems in the Isle can be drawn. To date, these road systems appear to belong to the second century onwards and, if not belonging to some sort of Imperial Roman Estate, at least they prove some sort of important administration in the Isle existed at that time.

But what of Crowle itself and the surrounding area? Most of the fields around here produce odd broken potsherds, showing that the land was farmed in Roman times. To the south of Field Road is one Farm House site, although the buildings themselves were probably only made of wood and soft stone with a thatched reed roof.

A great variety of broken potsherds are found here, including locally made grey wares (no pottery kilns have been found to date in the Isle as yet but perhaps some will be discovered during the 1976 excavations at Sandtoft). Colour coated wares and imported Samian wares from Central Gaul have also been found. There are two other sites which from the amount of R.B. pottery found are possible house sites. One lies on Violet Hill and the other to the south of the Field Road

track. No doubt there are many Romano-British house foundations under present day Crowle for the local community would have looked to the old River Don for their main communications. To the north there was a small farm on Mr. E. Fillingham's land at Leam Farm and to the south as far as Mr. Stubble's land at Hirst Priory pottery is turned up by the plough. From the air, roads out on the flat can be seen in the east towards Keadby Power Station. And to the west there is a causeway close to Crowle Waste of possible Roman date. At the back of the field known as Crowle Park there appears to have been an orchard of Roman date. It can be seen quite clearly from the air. So no doubt there is a R.B. Farm House waiting to be rediscovered close by.

Only two years have been spent on this survey so far which covers the Isle of Axholme as a whole and it goes without saying that there is a tremendous amount of work still to be done over the years ahead.

All finds, drawings and notes, etc. are always recorded at Scunthorpe Museum for, without a record, this survey would be completely worthless. To the archaeologist there is always the thought that someone in the Isle has found an item or two in the past and never realised that

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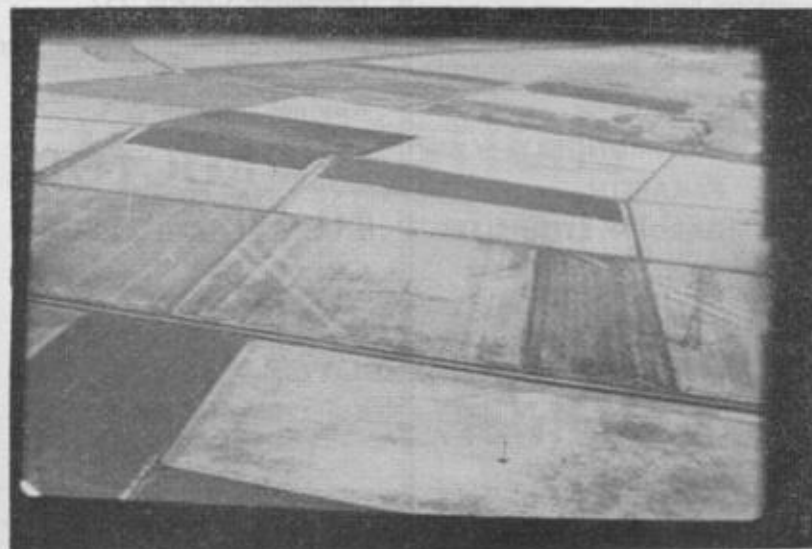
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they were worth mentioning to anyone. I cannot stress too much the value of reporting such finds and I am always anxious to receive on loan any such specimens so that they may be recorded and drawn. Many an object has come to light at a later date when time has erased all memory of the exact spot where it was found. Sometimes an object of tremendous interest has no real historical value because this vital knowledge is missing. It is all very well having a Roman Coin or a Bronze or Flint Axe in the attic that Grandad once found years ago, but the object assumes greater interest and value if its original location is known and plotted.

The study of today's events and the forecasting of future events is a necessary exercise but so also is looking at the past. It may be hard at times to see the road that Man is taking but we owe it to ourselves to study our heritage and the contribution made by past cultures. Yesterday is indeed history but history is not dull; it is the record of Man's development.

I would like to thank all of the numerous farmers in the Crowle area, and the Isle of Axholme as a whole, for without their permission, patience and kindly interest in allowing me to walk their land, none of my field-work would have been possible.

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Roman roads showing as crop and soil marks
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**CROWLE'S ORGANISATIONS AND SOCIETIES
EDITORIAL NOTE**

Once again we have made every attempt to contact all of the clubs, organisations and societies representing the cultural, social and sporting life of Crowle and district. Most organisations have responded well to the opportunity provided by this booklet to acquaint both old and new residents of Crowle with details of their officials for 1975/76 and the date, time and place of their regular meeting place. We regret that some organisations may still be without mention because they have failed to reply; members of such bodies should approach their secretaries to ensure that an entry is claimed in future editions.

For the basic information on each organisation we have relied upon material supplied by an authorised officer. Changes may well have taken place subsequently because of the long period which has elapsed during the collation of data and production of the Guide. Nevertheless we trust this book will provide a comprehensive guide to the many organisations providing leisure and other interests in the area and that as such it will be of value to both old and new residents.

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The aims of the Society are to promote and augment facilities already provided by the Social Services. This includes raising money for holidays and social outings, and helping with provision of aids for the physically handicapped.

Clubs meet at Epworth and Crowle twice per month. At Crowle the meeting is in the Youth Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. A handicraft instructress is provided by the Social Services Dept. Games and other activities are arranged by the voluntary committee members, assisted by the WRVS who make the refreshments.

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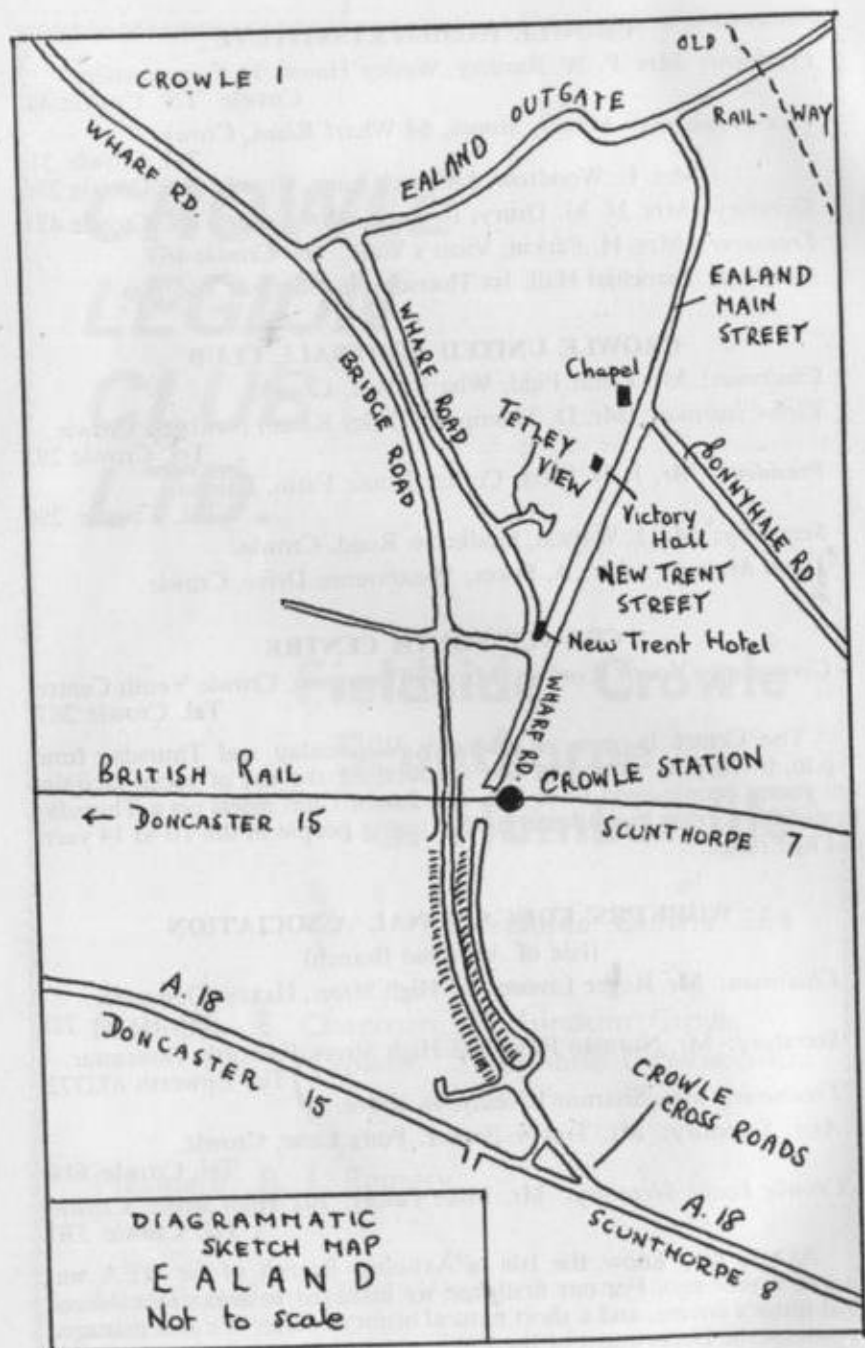
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As you may know, the Isle of Axholme Branch of the WEA was formed a year ago. For our first year we managed to organise a 9-week local history course, and a short natural history course. We also managed to prompt the Department of the Environment into excavating a possible site of a mediaeval Mowbray manor house in Epworth.



For the coming year we have been able to spread our activities to more villages in the Isle, to introduce topics of a more general nature, and to provide day schools for the first time.

For those who do not know of the WEA, it is a non-political, non-sectarian organisation which exists to improve educational facilities for adults, particularly by providing classes such as the ones outlined here. The Isle of Axholme branch has already provided also a friendly meeting place where people from all walks of life can get together and broaden their knowledge. No academic qualifications of any kind are required to take part in any of our classes, and no previous knowledge of the subject is needed either. Membership of the branch is automatic for anyone enrolling on any one of our courses or day schools, and we can assure you of a friendly welcome if you decide to attend any one of them. We hope that you will.

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AND WE WENT ON HOLIDAY TO CROWLE!

A Holiday interlude described by
Brian and Elizabeth Hastings

It was the start of our summer holidays. We had decided on a Dorset coast vacation and we were busy poring over our collection of maps. The idea was to drive down in easy stages, to potter down and enjoy a farmhouse bed and breakfast somewhere off the Fosse Way, perhaps in the Cotswolds. So, whilst Elizabeth thumbed through the farm holiday guide, I took a closer look at the relevant maps. Then I saw it. The village of Crowle, about four and a half miles east of Worcester. I had been vaguely aware that the Lincolnshire (sorry, South Humberside) Crowle place-name was repeated somewhere in that area. The opportunity for visiting became too good to miss. We decided to put Crowle into our holiday itinerary . . .

So it was that we followed the Fosse Way down to the Shakespeare country and the A422 across to Alcester and Worcester. That night we turned in at a truly medieval farmhouse for bed and breakfast at the village of Grafton Flyford.

Early next day we drove the couple of miles or so into Crowle. We found it was an attractive close knit village on the east facing slope of a pronounced ridge running north-south about four miles east of Worcester. The main settlement we found had a population of about 700 with a smaller settlement known as Crowle Green, rather like Ealand is to Crowle, lying about a quarter of a mile north with a population of about 200. The two settlements were visually separated by a minor bridge and were quite clearly distinct units.

It was time to explore. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Marks at the Post Office cum petrol station in Crowle Green were useful contacts. They confirmed the total population figures and said the parish covered 1735 acres. They told us, too, of the rapid population of the parish since they came to the area (and our own investigations revealed 1931 figures as being 435 souls and the 1953 totals as 503). Within twenty years the village population had practically doubled. We parked the car close to the church of St. John the Baptist back in Crowle proper. Local enquiry revealed that the Vicar, Rev. D. S. Wells, was on holiday and we were directed to the delightful thatched cottage of the sexton, Mr. H. J. Holt, a sprightly 77 years old retired joiner who, with his wife, was able to tell us so much more about our "holiday" Crowle.

The medieval village had originally been to the north west of the original church. Little remained of the old village site but in the present main street there were still about sixteen 'listed' buildings including many cottages of special interest. The local Conservation Policy for the area produced in 1969 listed and mapped all of these to show those pre-1500, 1500-1700 and post 1700. The same document referred to the "informal and harmonious relationship of buildings to each other", and pinpointed how this was achieved "without a loss of identity and privacy of individual buildings".

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Crowle Parish Council was alive to all of these problems and the County Planning Officer in the Crowle Village Plan had referred to the active social life of the area, as represented by a whole host of clubs and societies. He had written that "in the past each of these interests might have met their needs separately but it is now apparent that a co-operative effort is desirable and is more likely to achieve the common aim to provide facilities which can be shared by the various sectional interests within the village." He was referring to the need for a new community hall (and we realised then we were really home from home!)

Mr. Holt told us more about the organisations. There was an active W.I., a parish hall Ladies' Club, a Foresters' branch, a Royal British Legion, the Crowle Agricultural Discussion Society, a Youth Club, a Guide Company, a cub group, a Brownie pack, the Rifle Club, and a table tennis club. The primary school catered for under-nines; those nine to thirteen and over thirteen went respectively to middle and senior schools in Droitwich. Further education facilities were at Worcester or Droitwich. There was a weekly welfare clinic for mums and a call from a regular library van. Dustbin day was Thursday and with a full collection and return of bins.

Mr. Holt, besides being sexton, was a member of the Parochial Church Council, a teacher at Sunday School and an active parish councillor. It was clear from conversation with him that Crowle in Hereford-Worcestershire had so much in common with us. There was the same problem of declining bus services (four times on weekdays, six times on Saturdays!), the urgent need for community hall and recreation provision, the need to retain Crowle and Crowle Green as separate identities by limiting ribbon development (shades of Crowle and Ealand), the need to safeguard the remaining historic buildings, the need to retain local facilities (i.e. local nurse, policeman and so on) and the general aim of preventing the whole area becoming part of West Midlands "commuter-land". It had been a fascinating morning but the sun was now high and those Dorset beaches were an inviting prospect . . .

We made our farewells and set off with pleasant memories. But if ever you are driving down the M5, turn off the motorway at Junct. 6

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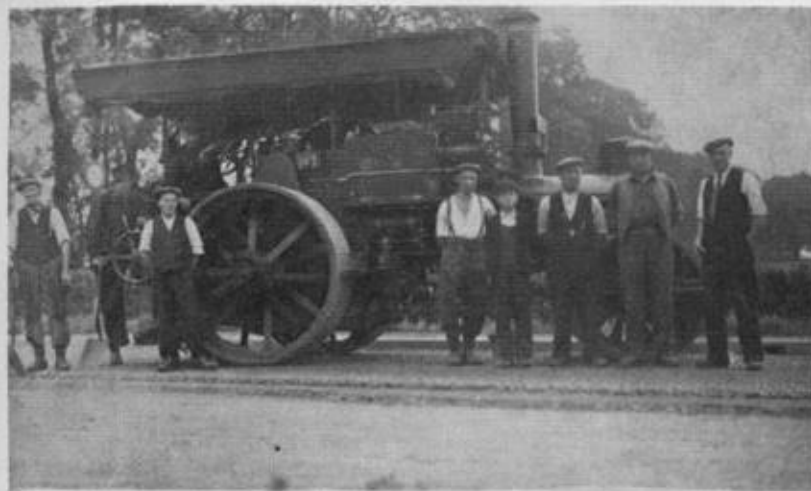
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(Warndon), take the A4538 Evesham road and left again for Crowle in Hereford-Worcestershire. Your curiosity will be well rewarded as indeed so was ours. The name was the same and so were the problems of rural community life. Our visit had been highly fascinating and the detour amply worthwhile.

KING OF THE ROAD

by B. J. HASTINGS



The majestic steam-roller with gleaming boiler, copper-capped chimney and burnished motion was a familiar childhood sight and very much a part of the old rural scene. Complete with living van and water cart, the roller went from parish to parish producing a firm surface of water-bound macadam and later of tarmacadam or following the horse-drawn tar-sprayer to roll in the gravel chippings. As road making and repairing techniques changed, the days of the 'steamer' were numbered and the survivors today only in enthusiasts' collections. Nevertheless, the steam-roller has left us with more than a memory for has not the machine given us a new verb in our twentieth-century language? Colloquially his replacement, the diesel, is still called a steam-roller.

The picture above was taken on the A161 just south of Crowle Wharf at the original Curlews Farm entrance. The roller appears to be a Marshall double crank compound, probably BE 9078, a 10 ton machine new as No. 62616 in 1913 and scrapped in 1952. Alternatively, it may not be a Lindsey C.C. roller but a hired machine from one of the roller hire companies then in existence.

The driver is Mr. George Smith, now retired and living in Manor Gardens, Crowle. Third from right is Foreman Percy Shaw of Belton, whilst second from right is Mr. "Goldie" Broderick of Crowle (now deceased). The rest of the highways team are Lindsey C.C. men from other villages.

Incidentally, the old Isle of Axholme R.D.C. roller, a Marshall 8 ton No. 87884 of 1936, registered No. FW 8035 was transferred to Lindsey C.C. ownership in 1948 and only "retired" in 1966. It survives in an enthusiast's collection in Yorkshire.

One last question which might be answered by some reader is whether Crowle U.D.C. ever owned its own steam roller and highway tackle. If so, to whom did they pass on disolution in 1936?

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