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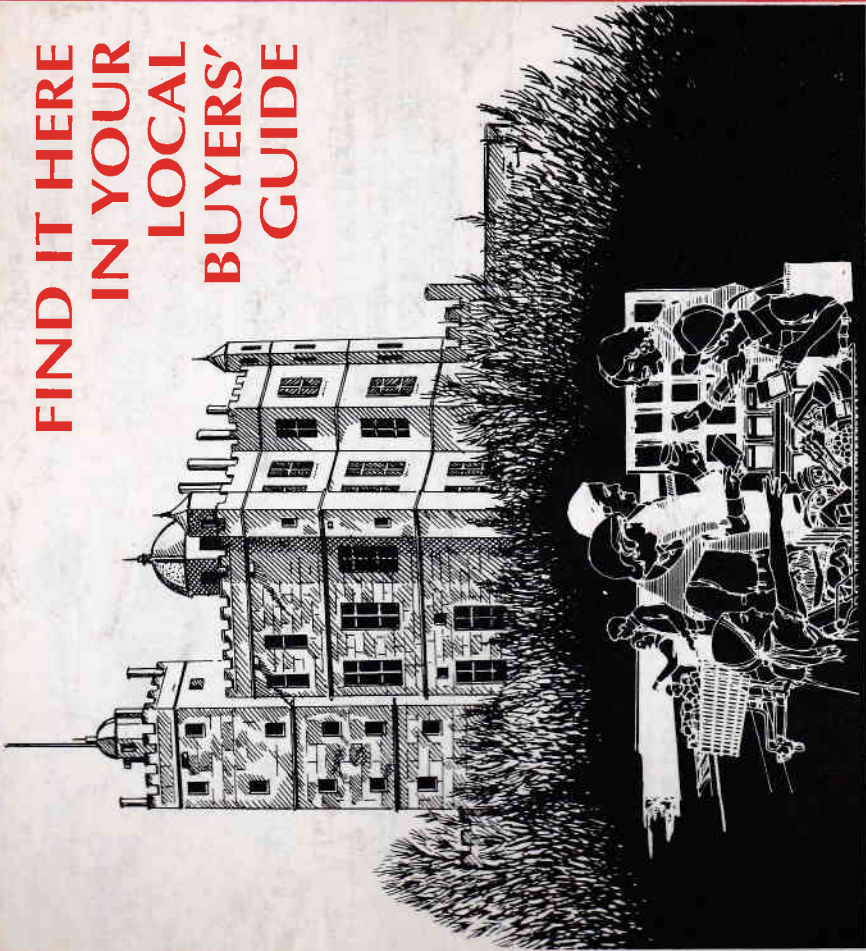
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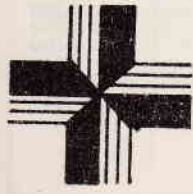
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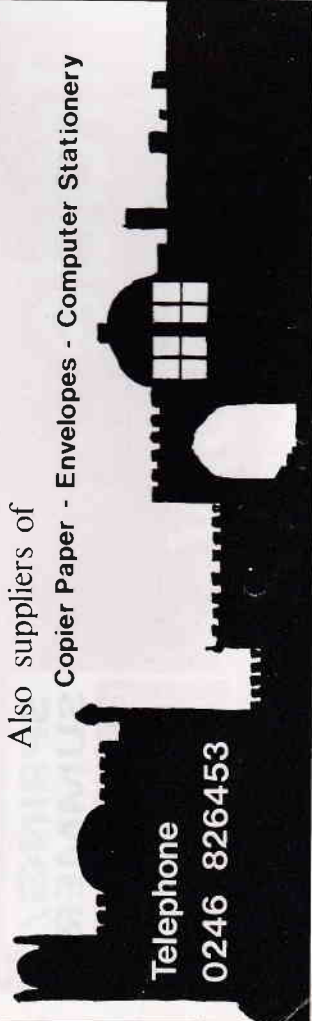
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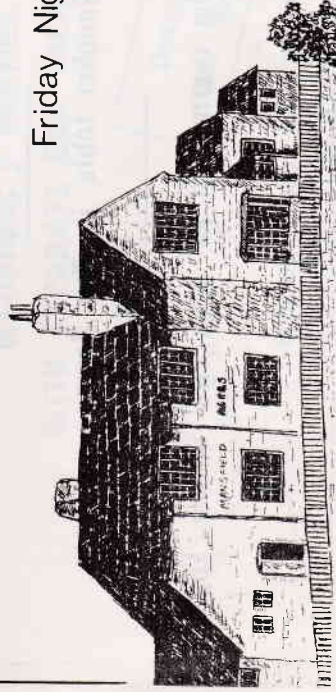
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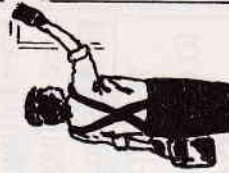
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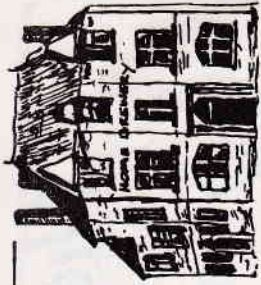


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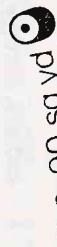
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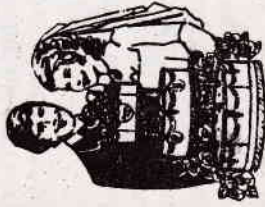
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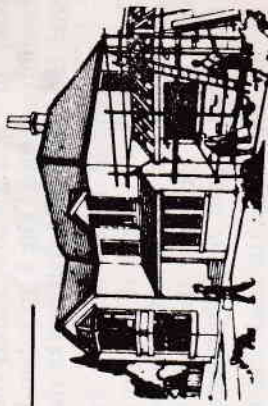
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A STROLL UP TOWN END IN 1906

(Centre Page)

The pawnbroker's sign of the three balls symbolised the fine dividing line between abject poverty and survival that was the daily fact of working class life right up to the second World War and the beginning of the welfare state.

In Bolsover the pawnbrokers situated at the turn of the century on Town End was owned by Tom Britain. The boy in the white apron standing underneath the barbers pole is Oswald Coupe, then serving his apprenticeship as 'lather boy' under Percy Kerry the town barber. In later days young Oswald started his own business on Station Road, opposite the 'Black Bull'.

Progressing further along we pass Evans the greengrocer and the 'foreign meat shop', (then officially classed as low grade inferior meat). The boy in the cap is Johnny Rowland, eventually to become the owner of the stone building housing his butchery business, now Wilkins and Vardy. In 1906 this was a private house owned by Mr. Haynes who had his joinery business to the rear.

Behind what is now the fish and chip shop stands a derelict stone dwelling with red pantiled roof, which in 1906 was a fine property complete with stables and cartsheds, housing the business of Mrs. Elizabeth Coupe and her youngest son Oscar. Together they managed a thriving road haulage concern comprising six carthorses, two carriage horses, four carts, a horse drawn removal van and a wagonette.

What is now Alan Harrison's jewellers shop was still a private house owned by Miss Johnson who took in boarders, often young clergymen. We then reach Watkinson's bakers shop, now Town End Pharmacy. Outside the corner doorway, today merely a window, stands the bakery staff. The cottage down the side, in 1906 transformed into 'The Edwardian Lady', eighty years ago had a communal well in the yard. Today a stone slab marks the well opening.

Arriving at Ford's drapery shop, this in 1906 was occupied by the 'Star Tea Company Ltd', where, if you purchased ¼lb of tea you received a free gift such as spoons or a tea caddy. It was common lore and legend that some newly weds set up home on free gifts from the 'Star Tea Company'. The properties beyond, on this side of the road remain virtually unaltered to this day.

Stepping across the road, and avoiding the horse droppings, permanent features in any Edwardian street scene, we find Mrs. Emily Fern with her young son Charlie standing in the doorway of confectioner A. Coupe. This little boy later owned his own barbers shop round the corner on Cotton Street in what is now A.L. Wilson and Co.

The archway at the side led through to the area still known locally as 'the garden', later becoming the council yard and leading into Church Street. The stone Chapel-like building at the end of the row and architecturally so typically Bolsover was built of magnesi limestone and red pantiles. At the time this photograph was taken it was used as a mechanics workshop, garage and smithy by the Pitkin family. Its multi-use emphasises the early twentieth century changover from horse power to the internal combustion engine.

When the Plaza Cinema brought moving pictures to Bolsover Mr. Pitkin became the manager and his son Donald the projectionist. Rowland Pitkin retained the garage. Older readers may possibly remember Alfred Pitkin who, as a fighter pilot in the 1914-18 war used to land his bi-plane in the Lord's Close, an area now used as playing fields for Castle Hall school and part of the Ridgedale Road residential area. It was naturally a star attraction for miles around. Alfred was killed during the Great War.

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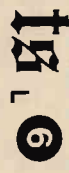
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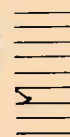
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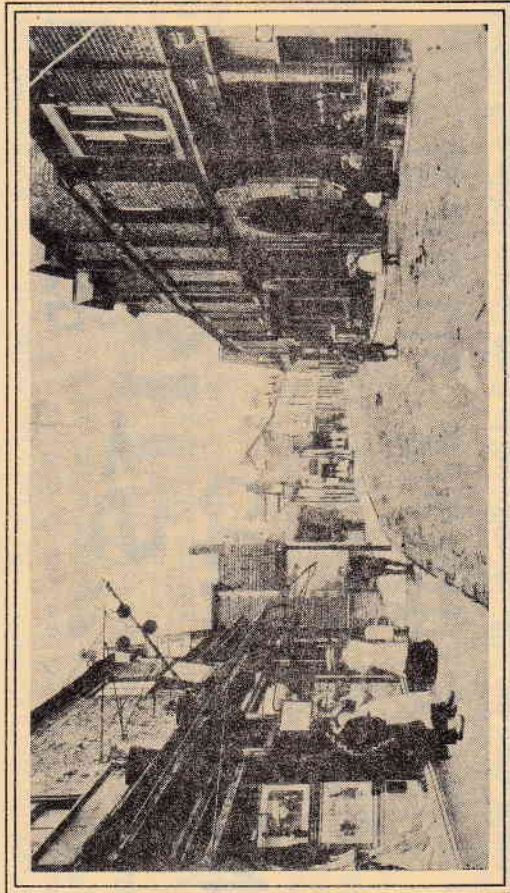


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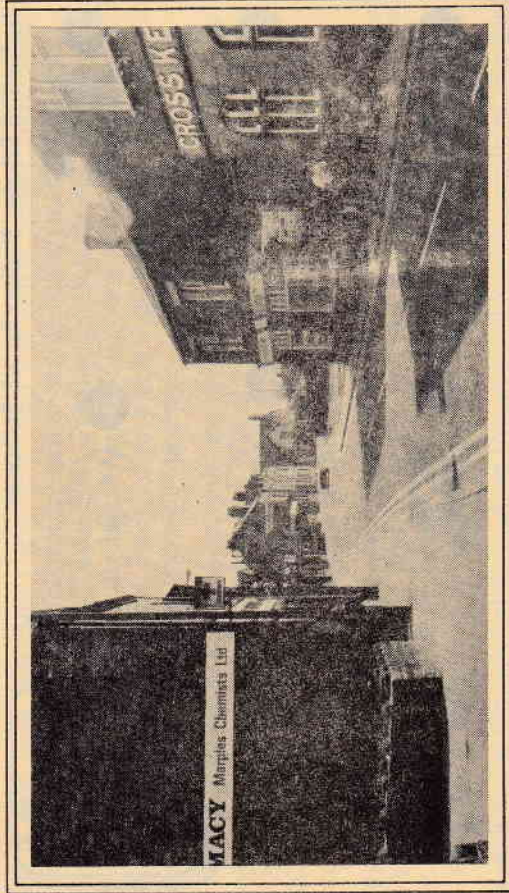


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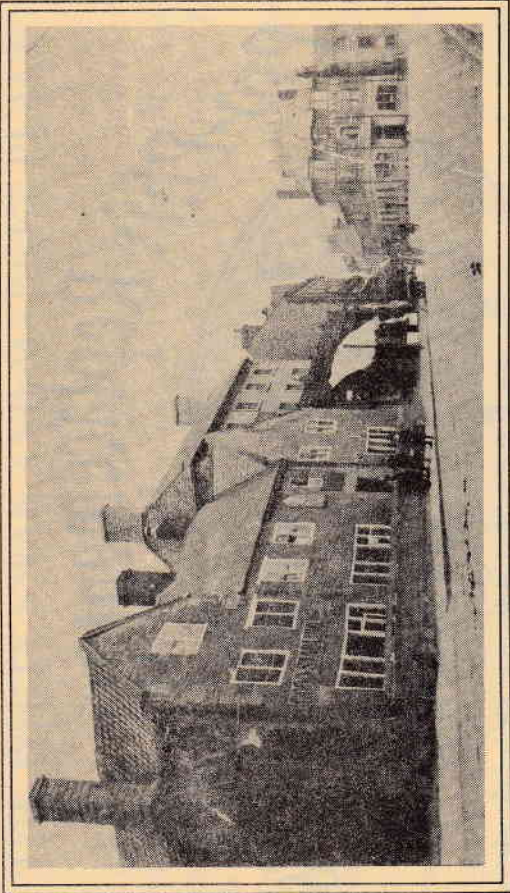


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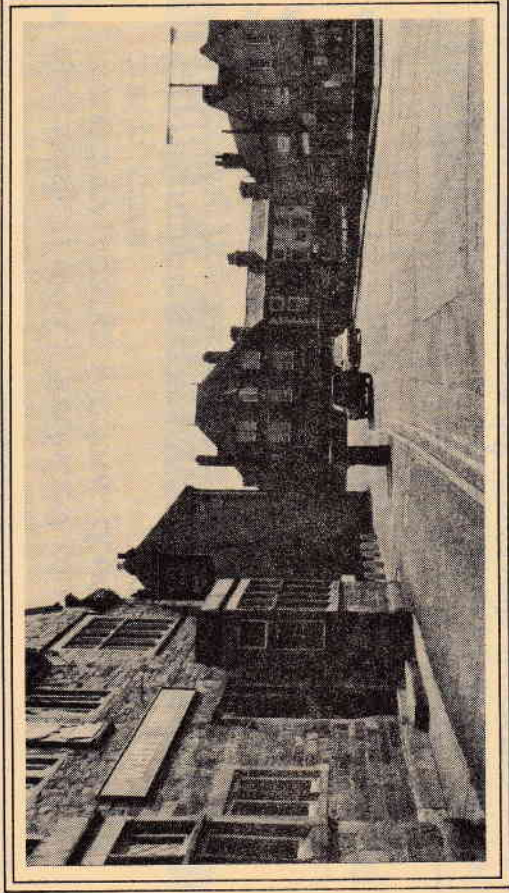
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OLD BOLSOVER

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Bernard Haigh is presently compiling a *Town Trail Walkabout* with designs by Ian Walvin to be published in spring this year by the Bolsover Civic Society. His next book hopefully will be an oral history of recollections by Bolsover people.
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THE WHITE SWAN AND MARKET PLACE

(Centre page)

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The old pub sign, a coronated swan, its neck encircled by a chained crown remains above the door and carved in stone.

Next door to the Swan stands another fine, but this time Georgian building. This, a grand four-storey ex-farmhouse, had, by the time this photograph was taken, been converted to shops with the addition of an extended ground floor frontage and a beautiful example of Victorian wrought iron work.

At the far shop we can see the hanging carcasses outside J. Brumby's butchery business. Pubs and butchers shops appear to have featured very strongly in the life of 19th century Bolsover.

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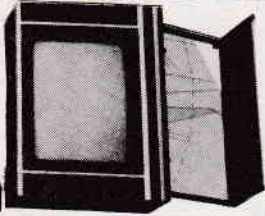
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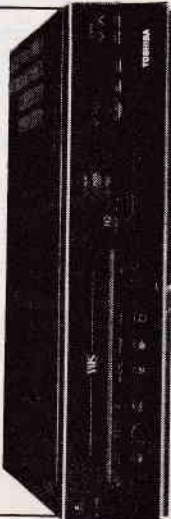
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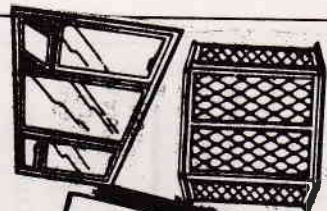


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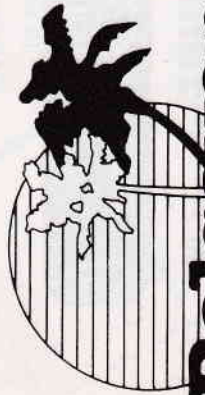
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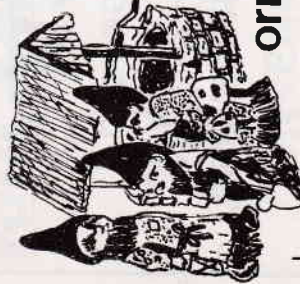
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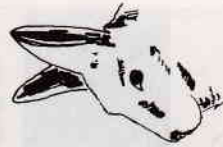
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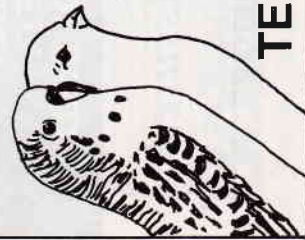
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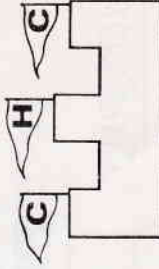
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