

EXTRACT FROM THE WEBSITE WITH IMAGES OF THE SEVERE WINTER OF 1962/63 REFERRED TO IN RICHARD'S REPORT



Photo: Colin Wootton

Snowdrifts blocking the road between the village and Stuchbury.



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Snow drift near the Magpie.



Photo: Unknown.

Snow diggers in Helmdon Road. (Left to right at the back: Sandy Munro, Geoff Reynolds, Colin Wootton, Harold Wootton, Mark Moore, Ken Lake).



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A full gang is deployed on the road north of Helmdon.



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Snow diggers along the road to Helmdon (L to R at the front: Sandy Munro, Mark Moore, John Young)



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Snow diggers along the road to Helmdon (Far right: Dick Wills)



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Snow digging along the road to Helmdon (Harold Wootton)



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Snow digging along the road to Helmdon (L to R: Lew Clifford, Sidney Wootton, Oliver Wootton, Ben Wootton)



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Snow digging along the road to Helmdon (Anthony Parker)



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Tea break from snow digging along the road to Helmdon (L to R: Albert Lockett, Unknown, Dick Wills.)



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Inspection of the snow digging works along the road to Helmdon.

Sidney Wootton, time book in hand. As the local builder he was empowered to set men on and keep a record of their hours. Northamptonshire County Council then paid out the sum of 3 shillings per hour (15 pence).



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Snow digging along the road to Helmdon.

Sidney Wootton discusses the progress of the works.



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The road to Helmdon remained frozen in this condition for almost six weeks, during which time I drove along it twice daily on the way to Strutt and Parker's office in Oxford and frequently to appointments in Hampshire and Dorset. Fortunately there was very little traffic in those days.



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Desperate animals came into gardens to make what they could of the winter greens. It was not unknown for frozen birds simply to fall dead from the trees.