



ROADE VILLAGE SCRAPBOOK 1953

Roade Village Scrapbook 1953 was Roade's entry in a Coronation Village Scrapbook competition run through the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council and sponsored by the Mercury and Herald. So far, efforts to track down the original Scrapbook have been unsuccessful. A few later photocopies exist but the copies of the photographs are poor.

As the Queen is now celebrating her Diamond Jubilee, Roade Local History Society has decided that it is time to make the village's Coronation Scrapbook available to all. This book is a transcript in the style of the original, with as many of the original photographs as possible and some appropriate additional ones.

In 1953 the village was growing fast and the main means of livelihood were provided by the railway, the PSL factory and the land. The railway station closed in 1964, the factory ceased production in 2010, there is now only one substantial farm based in Roade and Elizabeth Woodville School is now the village's largest employer. Much has changed and a new period of major growth is beginning but community spirit is still very strong and every effort is being made to preserve Roade's village character.

The competition was designed to elicit history within living memory and the Scrapbook gives a lively and evocative account of village life in the first half of the twentieth century and earlier.

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