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2024

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JANUARY

A busy Yeovil scene in the Borough with the Town Hall and market stalls around 1914.

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A souvenir of your visit to Yeovil around 1905 may have included this teapot with a colour print of the Borough.

01/ JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

A group of smartly dressed children outside cottages in East Street, West Coker around 1900.

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This Iron Age enamelled crescent brooch was found in West Coker around 1935.

02/FEBRUARY

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MARCH

A photo of one of Westland's most famous aeroplanes of World War Two the Lysander known as the 'Lizzie' .

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The Lysander was painted black for operations with the Special Operations Executive (SOE), or as seen in this dramatic Westland postcard, dropping supplies in Calais in June 1940.

03/MARCH

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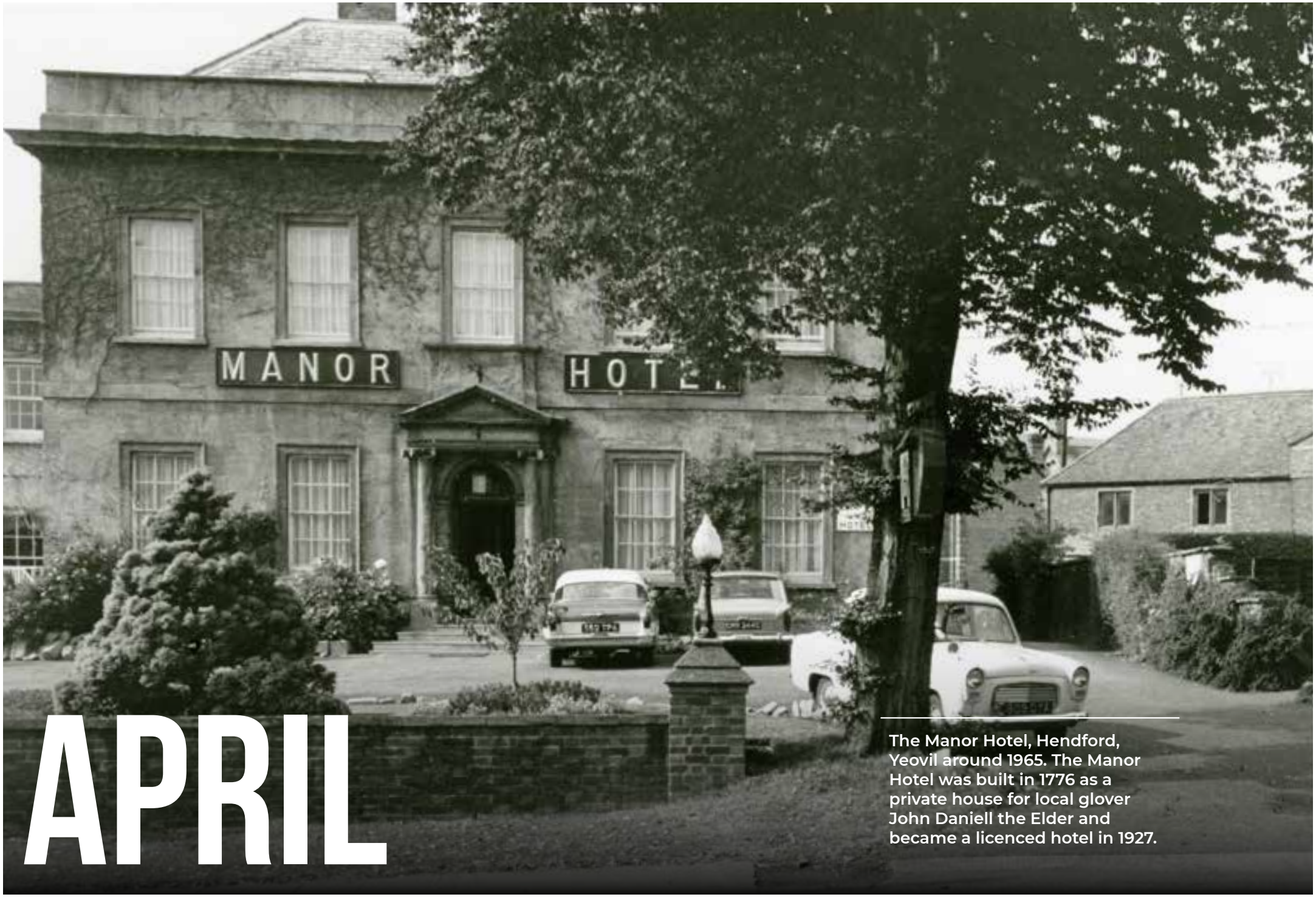

APRIL

The Manor Hotel, Hendford, Yeovil around 1965. The Manor Hotel was built in 1776 as a private house for local glover John Daniell the Elder and became a licenced hotel in 1927.

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This Manor Hotel letterhead printing block, and print is a new donation. These are believed to date from the 1960s.

04/APRIL

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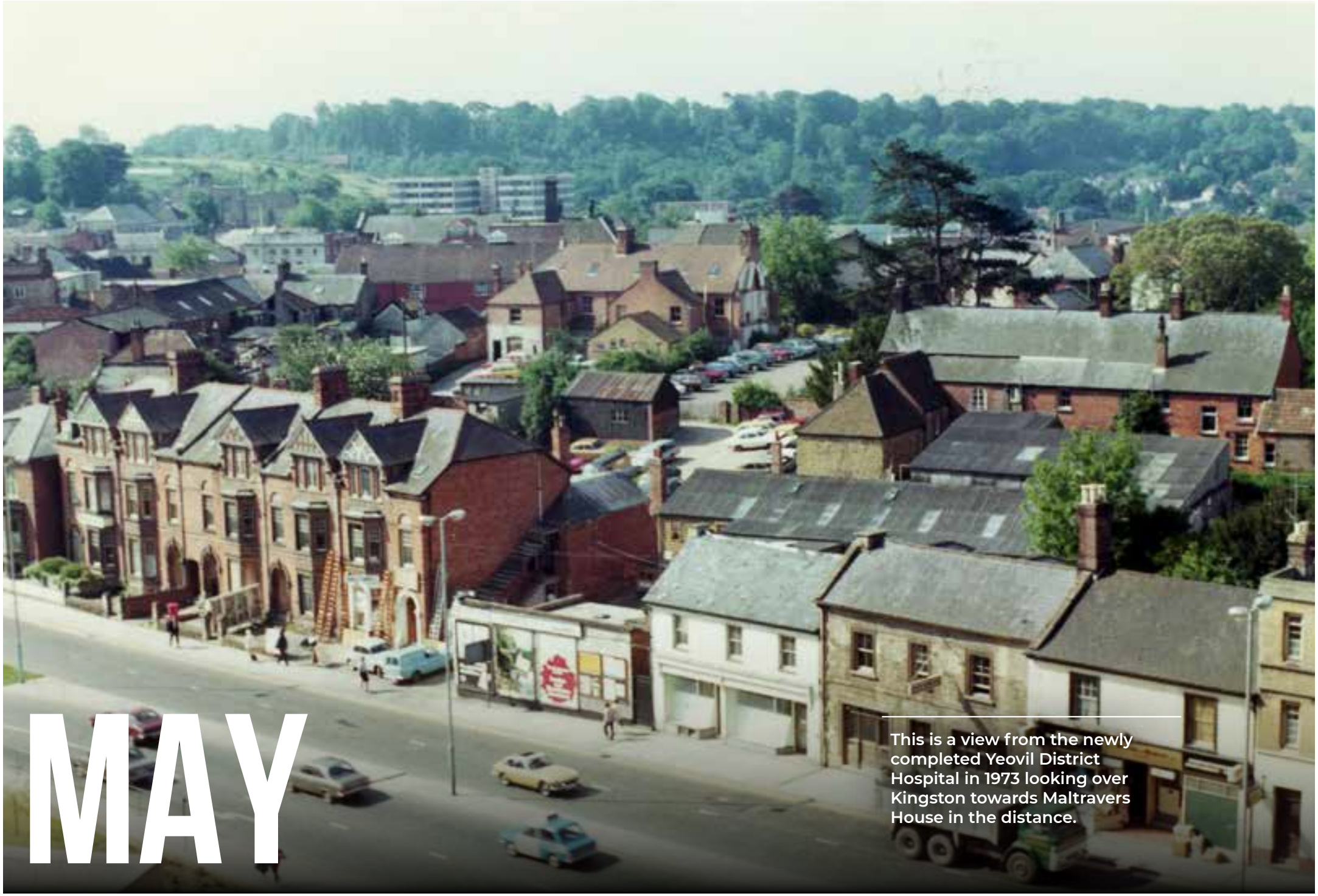

MAY

This is a view from the newly completed Yeovil District Hospital in 1973 looking over Kingston towards Maltravers House in the distance.

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Yeovil County School for Boys was opened by John Aldridge in 1850 on the site of the present hospital.

This was painted by A.C.S Fox. The school Motto “Esse Quam Videri,” means ‘to be, rather than to seem.’

CREDIT: OLD YEOVILIANS ASSOCIATION.

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JUNE

Construction of the Quedam Shopping Centre, Yeovil around 1984 looking towards Wyndham Hill.

PHOTO CREDIT: BRIAN HAIGH.

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Councillors including S.C. Harding *(first left)* pictured at the topping out of the Quedam Shopping Centre, Yeovil.

This trowel was presented to Councillor S.C. Harding at the 'topping out' of the Quedam Shopping Centre on 19 June 1984.

06 / JUNE

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JULY

Children and shopkeeper in Ilminster pose for the camera around 1905.

07 / JULY

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The A303 Ilminster Bypass opened in July 1988, and these are the scissors in their presentation box that cut the opening ribbon.

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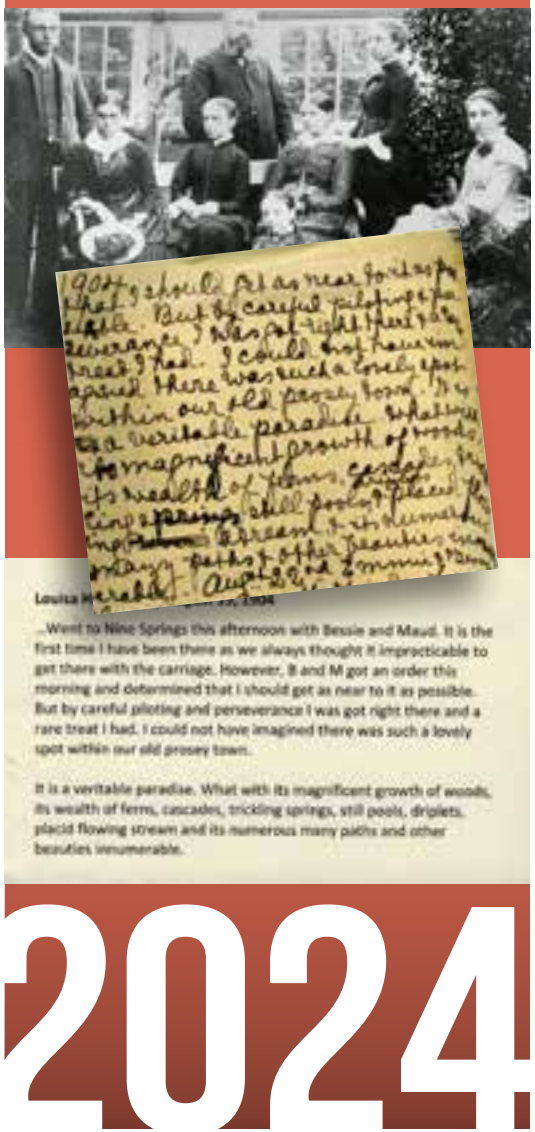
AUGUST

Ninesprings was created as a pleasure garden for the Aldon Estate in the 1830s and now forms part of Yeovil Country Park.



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Louisa Harris (third from left) lived with her family in Clarence Street, Yeovil and wrote a diary between 1887 and 1920. As a wheelchair user, Louisa never thought she would visit Ninesprings, but did so for the first time on August 19, 1904, 120 years ago.

08/AUGUST

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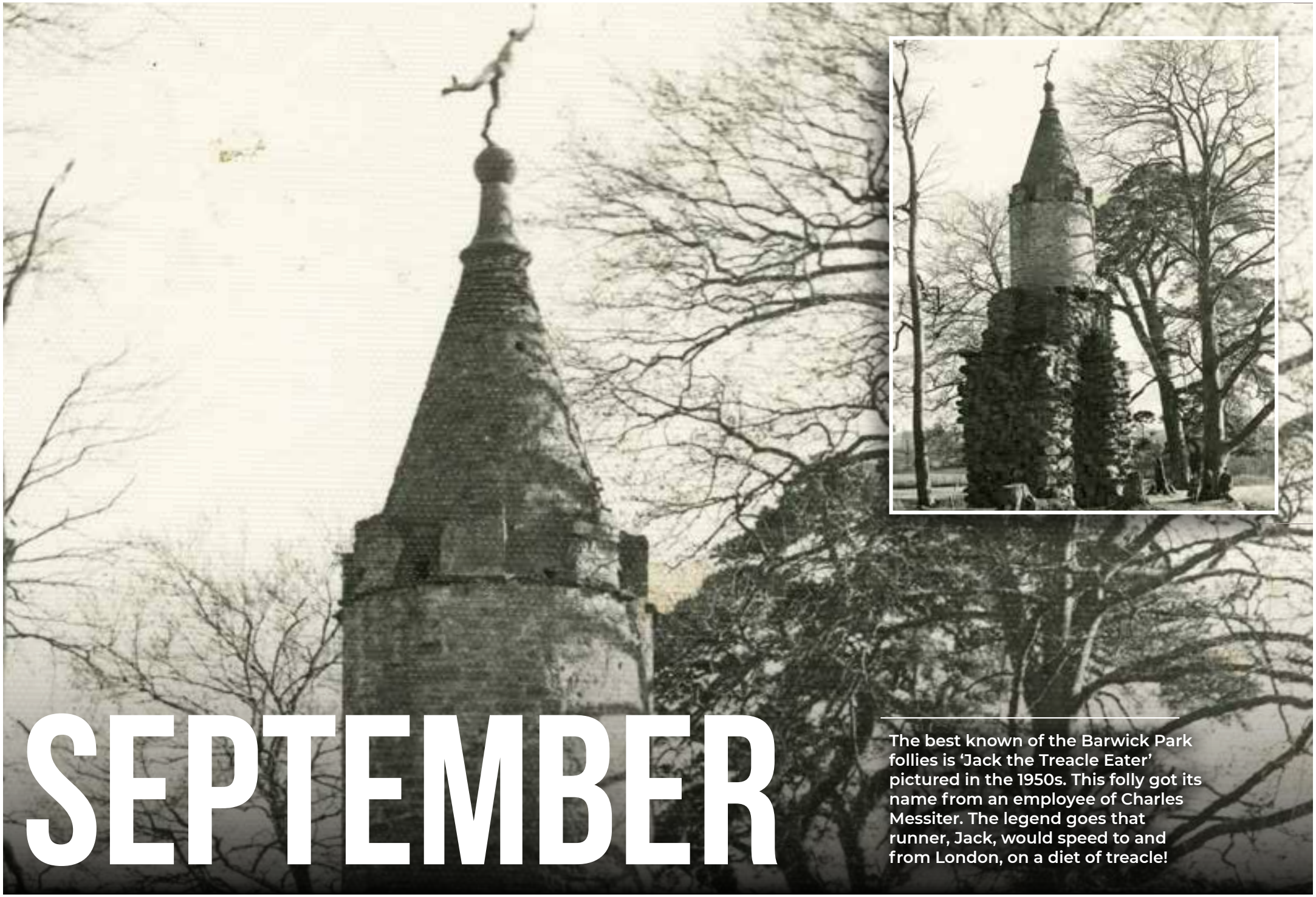

SEPTEMBER

The best known of the Barwick Park follies is 'Jack the Treacle Eater' pictured in the 1950s. This folly got its name from an employee of Charles Messiter. The legend goes that runner, Jack, would speed to and from London, on a diet of treacle!

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This Holy Trinity and All Saints Scout uniform includes a badge showing 'Jack the Treacle Eater.' The Scout shirt dates from the 1980s.

09/SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

Inside Edwin Robbins' Ltd glove factory, Alexandra Road, Yeovil around 1936 with Edwin known as 'Tink' Robbins in the back.

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Several of the Robbins glove factory ladies were also part of a cup winning football team, with games organised by E Robbins and robins on their kit.

10/OCTOBER

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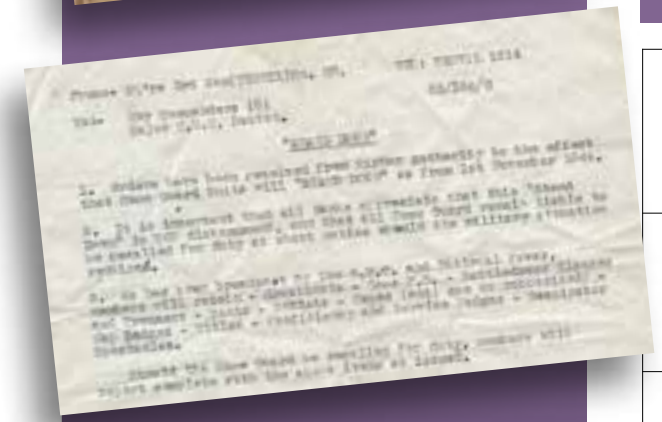
NOVEMBER

Yeovil Borough Company Home Guard around 1944 had their headquarters at Little Aldon. Colonel Herbert Copeland Cary Batten DSO has the dog group mascot.



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Stand Down Instructions received by Major H.C.C. Batten in November 1944.

This is believed to be a Home Guard Map showing a one mile area around 1941. This section shows the land around the former Aplin & Barrett Creamery close to Watercombe Lane, Yeovil.

11/NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

Santa arriving in Princes Street, Yeovil around 1990.

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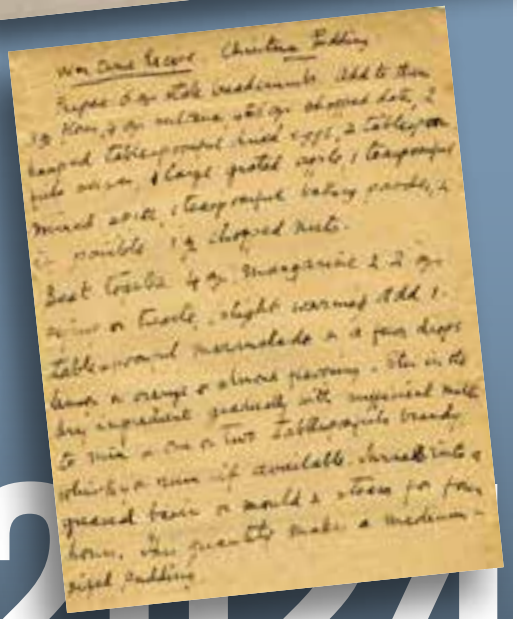

12/DECEMBER

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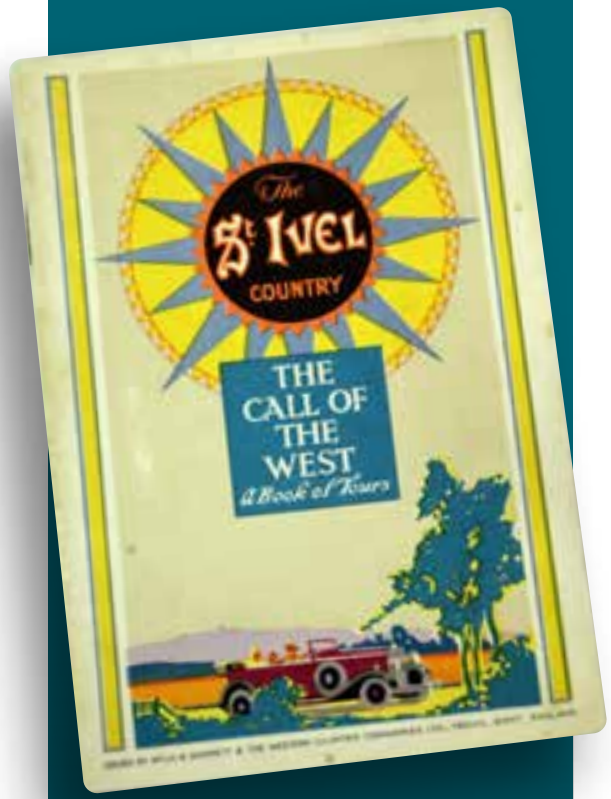
This Denners of Yeovil Christmas Toy Leaflet is believed to date from before 1971.

This Wartime Recipe for Christmas Pudding was written on the back of an envelope addressed to Wiltown Cottage, Curry Rivel.



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KEY DATES IN 2025:

Wed 1 January – New Year's Day
Fri 14 February – Valentine's Day
Sun 30 March – Mother's Day
Fri 18 April – Good Friday
Sun 20 April – Easter Sunday
Mon 21 April – Easter Monday
Mon 5 May – Early May Bank Holiday
Mon 26 May – Late May Bank Holiday
Sun 15 June – Father's Day
Mon 25 August – August Bank Holiday
Fri 31 October – Halloween
Wed 5 November – Guy Fawkes Day
Wed 24 December – Christmas Eve
Thurs 25 December – Christmas Day
Fri 26 December – Boxing Day
Wed 31 December – New Year's Eve

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A booklet entitled The St Ivel Country, The Call of the West, a book of Tours issued by Aplin and Barrett and the Western Counties Creameries Ltd, Yeovil, Somerset, England. There is a St. Ivel product pictured for each destination.

FRONT COVER: 2024 marks 80 years since D Day on 6 June, 1944. This is "Salute the Soldier" week in Westminster Street, Yeovil, from this time. The Air Training Corps band are marching to Huish Football Ground. The men in the foreground are understood to be American soldiers, based at Houndstone Camp, Yeovil and were shortly to leave for France and D Day.

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