

# “On Top of *Time* & *Tide*”

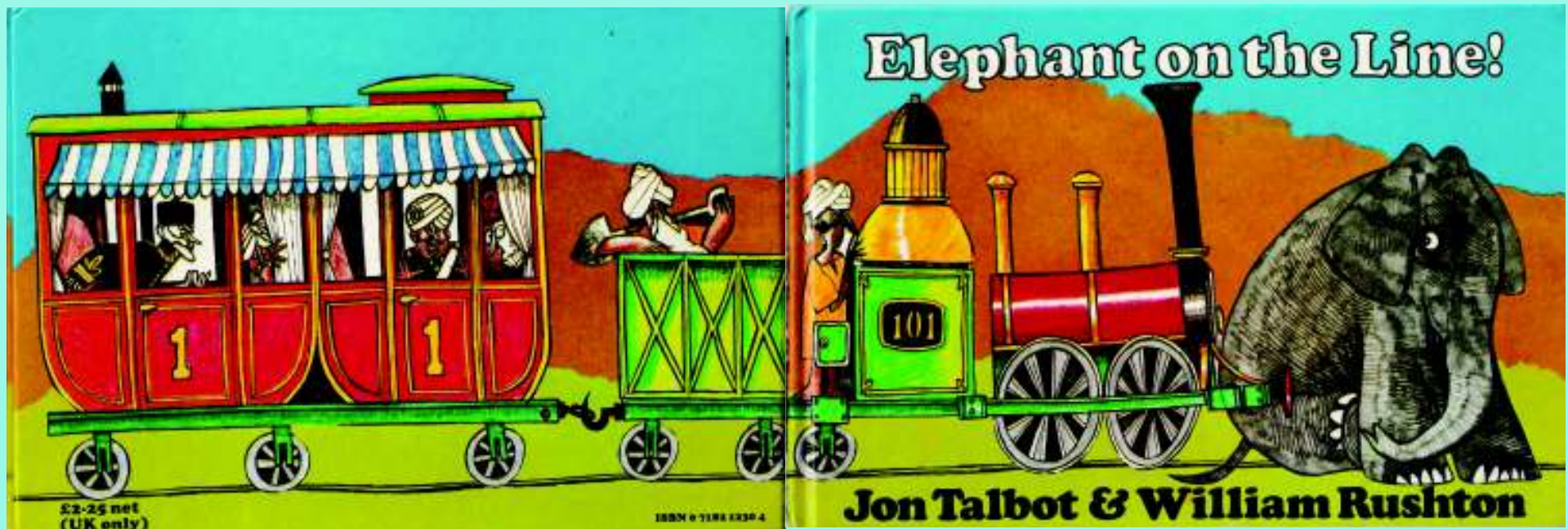
## My Co-Presenter, John Talbot



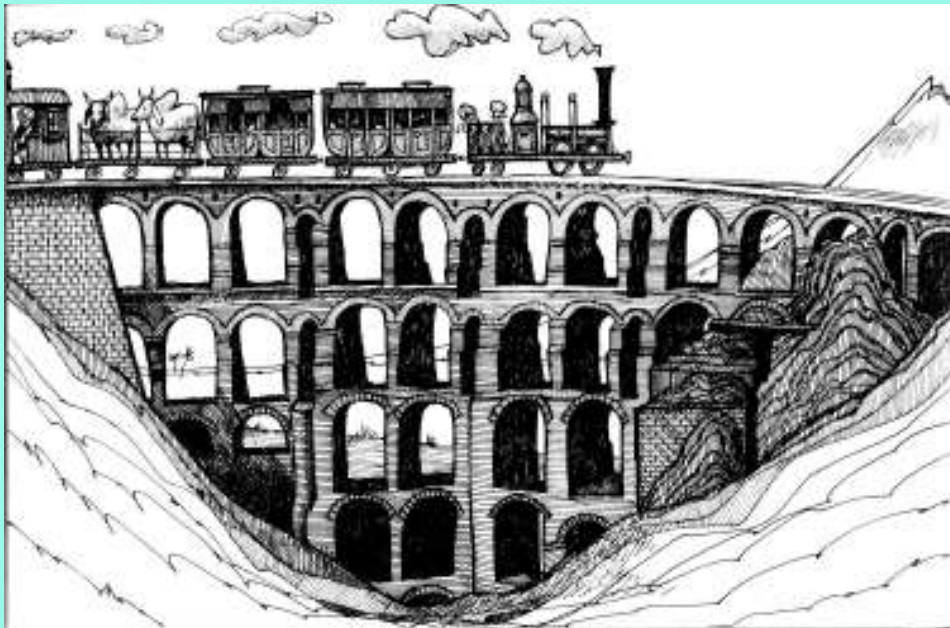
### • Jon's Own History

- 1937 Swansea
- Maternal grandfather a pit manager who died as a result after pit rescue accident;
- Father RAF then outfitter
- 1948 Gowerton BGS
- Left after after GCEs; then worked with domestic radio & tv
- National Service with RAF as ground wireless fitter; served in Singapore & Hong Kong; Philippines with USAF.
- Farnborough married fellow DS student
- Father of 3
- Came to Tewkesbury in 1977 to work in the new Electronic industries – Group 4; Securitas & Moog
- Wrote book children: an ***Elephant on the line*** with **Willy Rushton**; ILLUSTRATIONS
- Outside interest is volunteering for MENCAP
- & photography!

# *Children's Book Writer*



# Illustrated by *Willie Rushton*



## ELEPHANT ON THE LINE!

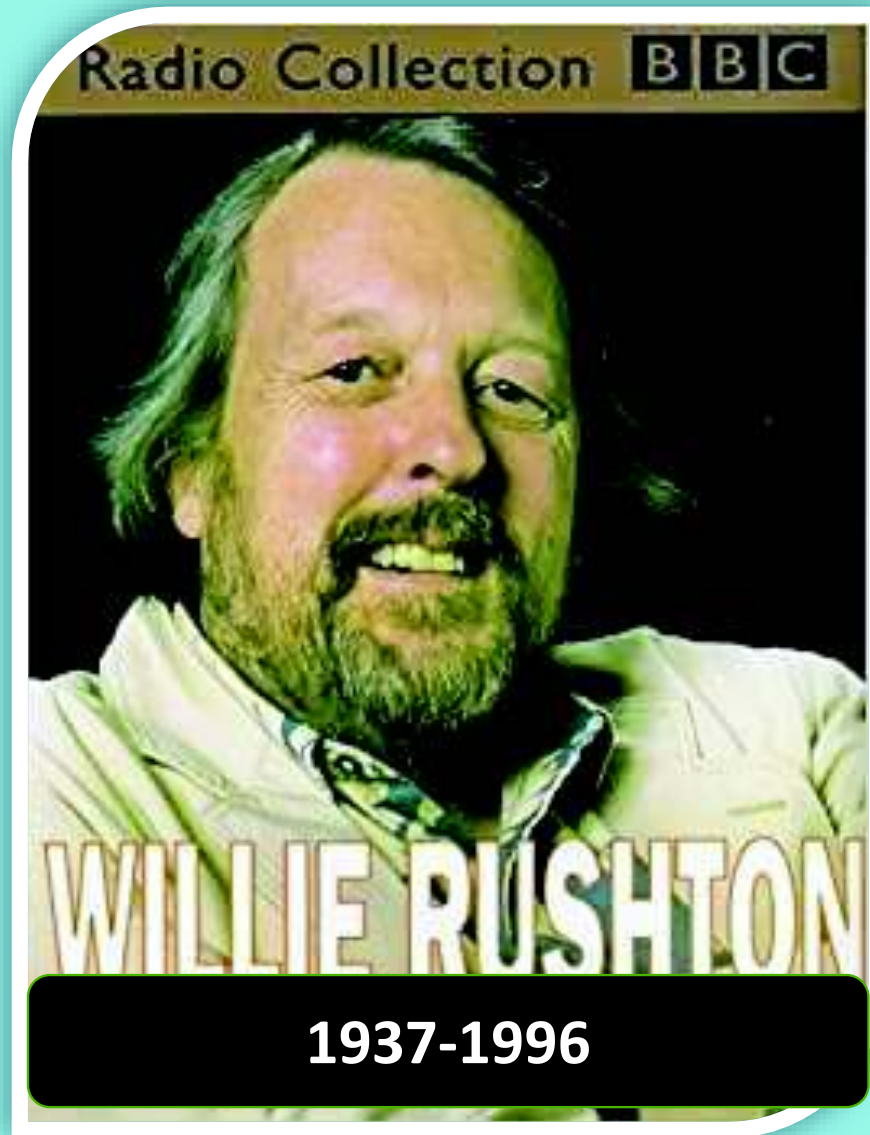
by Jon Talbot

illustrated by William Rushton

*Best wishes*  
*from Jon H. Talbot*  
January 1980

KAYE & WARD · LONDON

Illustrated by



**1937-1996**

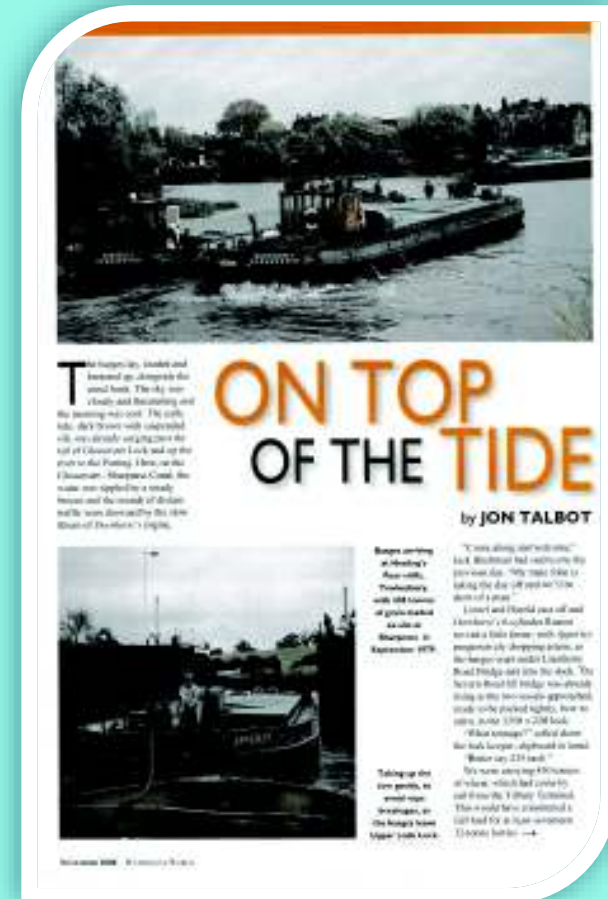


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**Photographs by  
Jon Talbot**

**Presentation by  
John Dixon  
For THS**

**19 November 2020**



*Time: Barton Road & Watlege Close, 2018*  
*“When is a newcomer regarded as established?”*



# Time: *Barton Road & Watlege Close, 1980*

*from Jon's front window of his 1900 semi  
bought in with a £510 mortgage in 1977!*



# Time: *Watlege Close, 1981*





# Time's Challenge – with spelling!

**READERS WRITE to Tewkesbury Direct**

## Watlege in a different light

A letter from Tewkesbury Direct reader Simon Hayward gives a different perspective to the 'Then & Now' feature in last year's November issue.

Dear Tewkesbury Direct: I read with great interest your article in the November edition, regarding the property (Watlege House) that once stood on the grounds of the more recent Barton Road Surgery.

"I am delighted to be able to provide an alternative photograph. It portrays the property in an entirely different light to the one in your feature."

"In 1871, the Osbaurnes who owned the property described it as a 'handsome villa'."

"This was endorsed by my father's vivid recollections of his family home. He recalled the multi-bedroomed house, with extensive gardens, croquet lawn and stable block - which formerly garaged the motor cars belonging to George Hayward in the 1920s."

"Describing the villa as 'not-so-handsome' is the only known photo of a partly demolished



servation would surely not grant permission to demolish such a substantial property.

"Before the developers did demolish it, however, they should have taken note of the house name on the front pillar. Consequently the modern day Watledge Close should not contain the letter D!"

"One of the two photographs shows the Hayward family seated on the east side of the house around the time of the First World War. The other view from the south side, clearly shows the correct spelling of Watlege."

*Simon Hayward*



Watlege House: the correct spelling is shown on the gateway pillar

house seems most unjust. The Planning Authorities in this present day climate of cen-

The Hayward family at the east side of Watledge House around the time of the First World War



# Time: Deceptive Facades

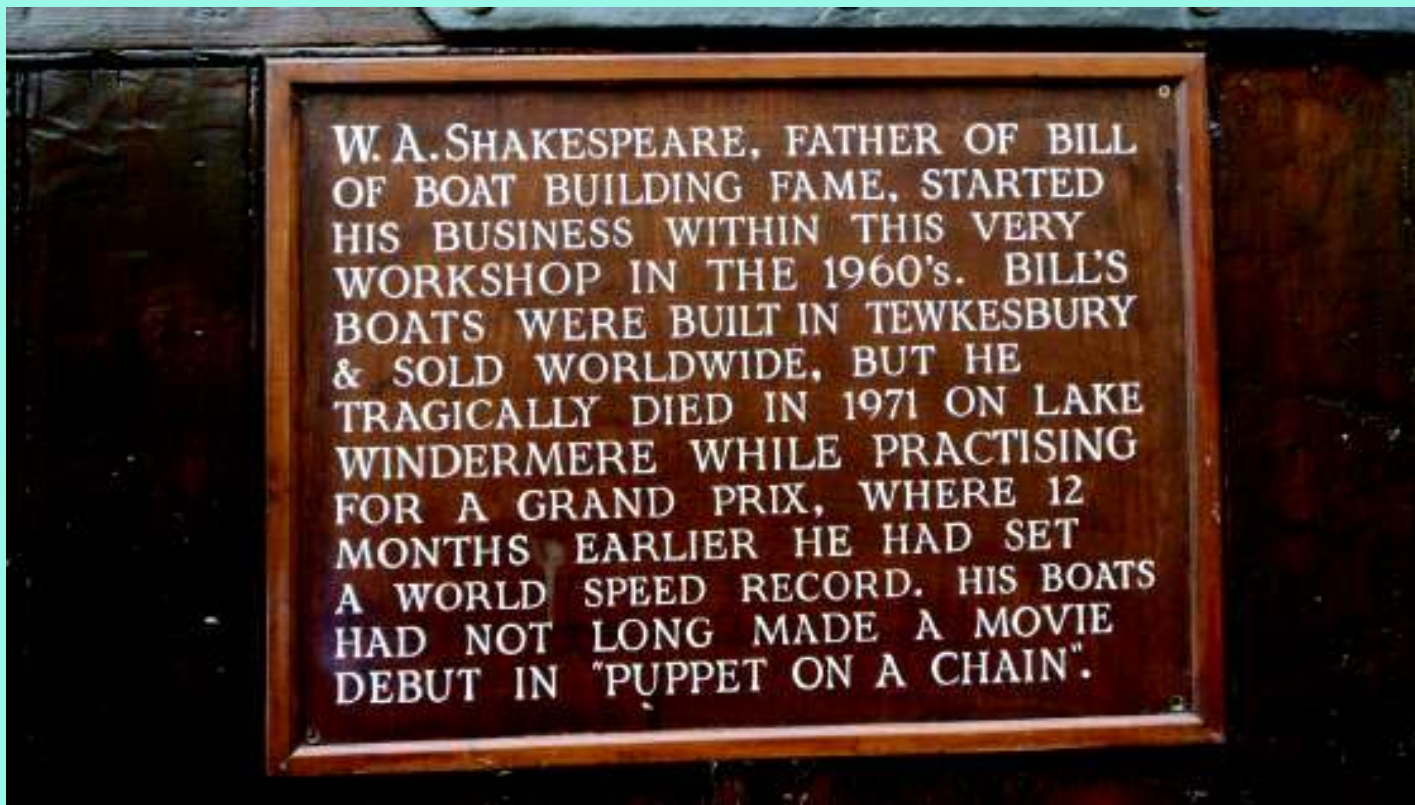


**Bill Shakespeare's 1<sup>st</sup>  
Workshop**



**Jon's photo of  
Healing's Barges**

## Time: Remembering the Bill Shakespeare – our Tewkesbury Hero





# Time: *Bathurst* Predecessors of *Shakespeare*



*Emma Butwell*

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P.C. Stoneham

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# Time & Tide: 1962-1963

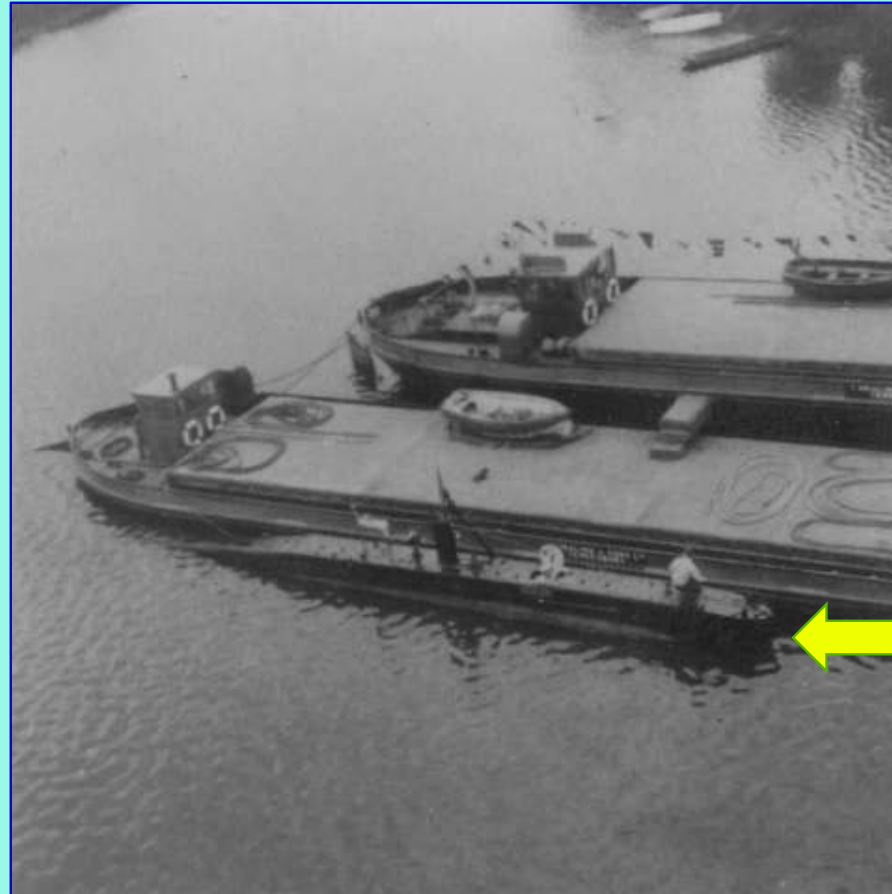
## Robinson [WWII] & Bathursts [1900]



# Tide: Healings in Flood with its Historic Barges - from *Avon* to *Severn*



*“I joined the Navy to see the .....” 1960s?*



**← A Submarine?**

# On the *Tide*: Accidents can Happen?





# Stopping the *Tide*: A ‘Dumb Barge’ Entering Upper Lode Lock



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# Stopping the *Tide*: Upper Lode Lock, 1979



280 tons of grain

# Working the *Upper Lode Lock*

Harold Walker



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# The *Tirley* [*“high & empty”*] at the Lock



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# Resting & Working on the Tide, 1982



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# Wages on the Tide, 1932 [Museum]

Motor barge  
"Severn Trader" December 1932

	Trip 1. Under 5 tons	Trip 2. Over 5 tons Under 15	Trip 3. Over 15 tons Under 50	Trip 4. Over 50 tons Under 125	Trip 5. Over 125 tons Under 150	Trip 6. Over 150 tons 9 months	Weekly Average
Captain	4 10	9 9	1 . .	1 14 8	1 10 4	1 12 8	2 10 .
Mate-Driver	2 2	4 3	14 6	19 2	1 4 11	1 7 5	2 7 6
Apprentice (on wage scale)							1 10 .
	7 .	14 .	1 14 6	2 3 10	2 15 3	3 0 1	6 7 6

2020 =  
**£174.80**

# A Biblical Visitor on the Tide: *Pisgah*, 1950



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## Pisgah – what's in a name?

19 A small barge, the PISGAH, which carried about 40 tonnes of grain from Sharpness to the mills by the bridge in Pershore. This vessel could pass through the smaller lock in Tewkesbury town and then away up Shakespeare's Avon. PISGAH, by the way, is the name of a mountain near where the Jordan river enters the Dead Sea.



# Meeting on the Tide, approaching Healing's Mill

**Harold Walker  
&  
Lionel Langford**



# Riding the Tide: a Not-so *Dumb Barge*



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# *Riding the Tide - & Changing Tack?*



*Nora Easting*  
River Trent

# Working the Tide: a Young *Tom Foxon*



Now a Canal Historian  
&  
Tewkesbury Resident



# Edwardian Pleasure on the Tide: *River King*



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# Above the Tide: The 'New' Haw Bridge, 1982



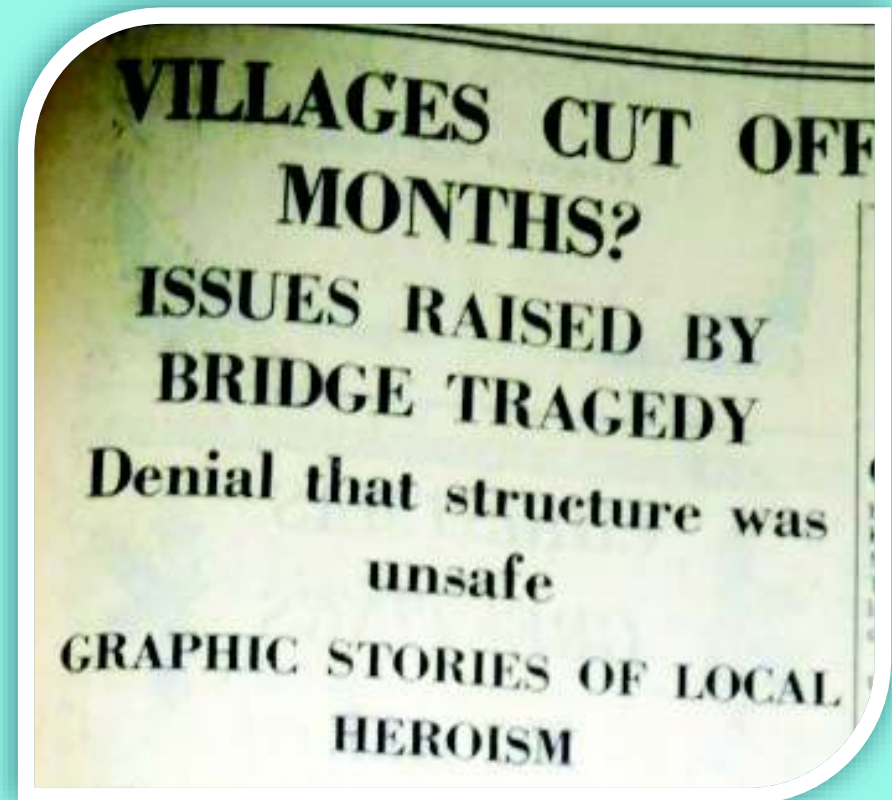
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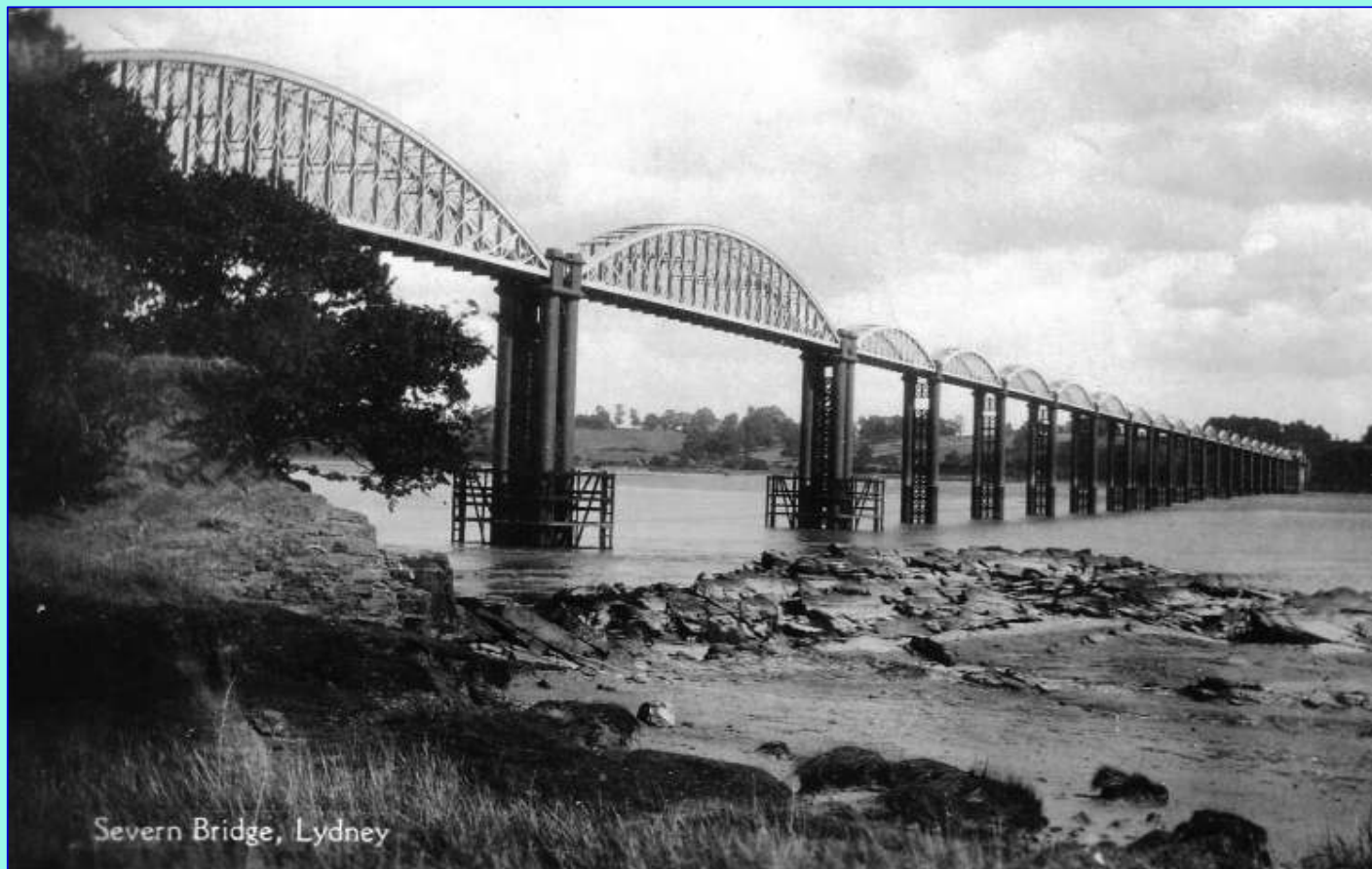


# Disaster on the Tide: *Haw Bridge Disaster, 1958*





# Disaster on the Tide: *Severn Bridge* before 1960



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# Disaster on the Tide: *Severn Bridge* after 1960



## Disaster on the Tide: *Severn Bridge* after 1960

This railway bridge, below Gloucester, was destroyed in 1960, when the oil barges ARKENDALE and WESTERNDALE struck the bridge. Five of the eight crewmen were killed. The bridge was never rebuilt. Many schoolchildren had to change schools, permanently, as a result, since the railway was closed.

# Below the Tide: *Purton Hulks*



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# Crossing the Tide: The former *Aust Ferry*



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# *Time stops for No Man: De-Industrialisation*

**2001**



**2005**



# *Time stops for No Man: De-Crafting, 2002*

## *Ye Old Cobblers*



## *The Last Cobbler?*



# *Time stops for No Man: Need for Housing, 2002*





# *Time stops for No Man: A Dispensable Historic* Bowling Green



# *Time stops for No Man: Need for Housing, 2002*

**Abbey Schools**  
**Built 1911**



**Century Court Apartments**  
**Replaced 2005**





# Happier Times in the *Hollams*, 1981?



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## *Happy Time? VE Day, 1945*



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## *Time stops for No Man: Excess Space?*



## *Time stops for No Man: Need for Health, 2016*



# *Time stops for No Man: Need for Health, 2016*





# Timeless Beauty?





# Timeless Beauty?



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*Jon Talbot*

*We Missed You!*

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