

R.O.F. Ranskill—Part 1

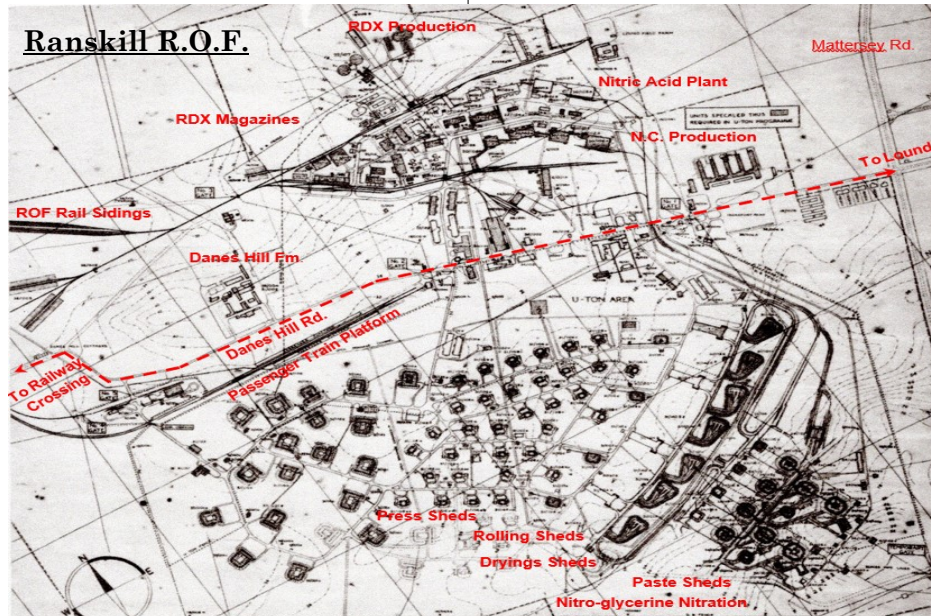
In 1939 to increase the production of solventless cordite for WW2 alongside R.O.F. (*Royal Ordinance Factory*) at Wrexham and Bishopton a new production site was urgently needed. (*cordite is a family of smokeless propellants developed and produced in the UK since 1889 to replace gunpowder as a projectile propellant*).

A suitable site was required and for safety reasons in the event of an explosion, it must be far from populated and industrial areas. It also required good road and rail access together with an accessible labour force. This site also needed a supply of cooling water, so a nearby river was essential.

Ministry of Works Surveys indicated a suitable site near Retford at Danes Hill between Lound and Ranskill being the perfect location.

The land requisition covered 517 acres south of, and 366 acres north of the road between Lound and Torworth and within an electrified security fence a factory area of 450 acres. In addition, 6.8 acres adjacent to the River Idle at Bellmoor for a water settling lagoon, 13 acres at Ranskill for a hostel, 12 acres at Lound crossroads for staff bungalows (*6 for the Fire Brigade and Police, 8 for senior staff*) and 40 acres at Mattersey Thorpe.

Workforce memories of Ranskill R.O.F.



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Happy New Year

Celebrate Burns Night

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 25TH**

**LOUND VILLAGE HALL
7.30pm**

Join us for a wee dram to celebrate Robbie Burns with haggis, neeps and tatties, whisky, Scottish cheddar, oat-cakes, coffee and shortbread.

Bring your own booze. Scottish dancing, Scottish attire optional. There will be a special prize for one numbered ticket....!

Tickets: £12

Available from Viv French on Tel: 818305 and Sarah Austin on Tel: 818089 by January 20th LATEST please for catering numbers.

Vegetarian option available by request.

Lound Phoenix Group

Our December meeting was a Christmassy musical evening which included recorder playing by some U3A members, group singing of Christmas songs and carols, a poem by Tessa and piano pieces by Lorraine. Everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 21st January** at 7.30pm. Janet Lewis will be talking about her experience of volunteering in Bethlehem. All Lound ladies will be made very welcome.

Bawtry Art Group

The Bawtry Art Group start classes in the New Year on Wednesday 8th January. This is an informal art group for all abilities at the New Hall, Bawtry. If interested to join, contact Sue on Tel: 01909 731020

Lound Lingerers

Following all that scrumptious Christmas food, why not join us for a New Year walk on **Friday 17th January**.

If the weather is fine enough we plan to park at the Clumber Park Hotel and join the Robin Hood Way which leads up a gentle slope to a wonderful view across the valley to the lake and Clumber Chapel. The rest of the route is through fields and woodland to the lake. The walk is about 3 miles long with lunch at the Hotel.

Please let Gee know if you would like to come on Tel: 01777 818792 so we can book a table. We meet at Willow Cottage at 10.45am.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

December Crier Correction and Apology



Location of Site NP21 should have read "land east of Town Street between No. 111 (not 101) and Hilltop".

Volunteer Drivers Needed



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Do you enjoy driving? Would you like to help others?

Do you own a car and have time to spare?

We are in urgent need of volunteer drivers for our **Community Car Scheme Service**. This service enables users that can't access transport to get out into the community, attend appointments and socialise.

If interested in volunteering please call us on

01777 709650

Parish Council

Planning Issues- Applications:

19/01512/OUT—Outline Application with Some Matters Reserved (Approval Sought for Access) Erection of a Dwelling Land Rear Of The Bluebell Inn Town Street Lound.

Danes Hill Road:

The overgrown vegetation in the hedge bottom on the south side of Danes Hill Road has been cut back and cleaned out. The road has also had some of the damaged surface repaired.

'Four Score Draw'

December £20 Winners

128	David O'Reilly
125	Sarah Etchells
56	Judith Kettlewell
55	Bob & Ann Lane

Premium Prize Winner



No winner —> Rollover
**January Premium
Prize = £150**

Special £50 Xmas Bonus was won by Derek Bainbridge

St. Bartholomew's Church



January Services

5th Songs of Praise for Epiphany 9.15am
12th Holy Communion 9.15am
19th Family Service 9.15am
26th Worship for All 9.15am

Defibrillator

Date for your diary...

LOUND DEFIBBERS AGM

Sunday 8th March

12:00 Village Hall

All welcome

More details next month

Linghurst Lakes



Maintenance work has taken place around the lakes recently to tidy and cut back all the old brambles and self set trees. This has been around and in front of the seating areas which were overgrown blocking the lake views. Once the weather improves, you will once again be able to sit, relax and admire the wonderful Linghurst Lake vistas.

Tai Chi Class >>>NEW

Tai Chi Beginners Evening Class

Wednesday 7.00-8.00pm
from 15th January

Monday Beginners class continues 9.30-10.30am. Newcomers welcome. Cost £5 for one class or £8 for both classes.



These gentle classes are suitable for all people of any age or level of fitness. Please wear comfortable clothes, trainers or flat shoes. For more information please contact Lynn.

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