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## LOST PEAKLAND

### HISTORIC VIEWS IN AND AROUND THE PEAK DISTRICT

*Doug Pickford*

During the 1930s, through the Second World War and into the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Mr Gerald Hine a bookseller and stationer, walked the hills, moors and dales of Staffordshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

He recorded the flora and fauna, the history, the characters and the spirit of the places he visited in words and in top-quality glass-plate photographs. He also collected older photographs of his favourite haunts in the area which has now become the Peak District National Park and its surroundings. Later he formed the Macclesfield Field Club and lectured on their walks, illustrating the talks with the atmospheric glass-plate photographs he had collected over the years.

When Mr Gerald Hine died the photographic plates, cased in fine oak boxes and bound together with leather straps, were stored away in Mr Hine's granddaughter's attic. Now she has given them to newspaper editor, author and broadcaster Doug Pickford to share with all lovers of the glorious countryside that is the Land of the Three Shires set around the Peak District.

They show travellers, tinkers and one-man bands; one of the last of the button makers from Flash, the highest village in Britain; well-dressing preparations and celebrations; an ancient cockpit where farm labourers bet on cock fights; old cobblers and fiddle-makers and a host of landscapes, village-scapes and views of places which have changed over the years or, in some cases, have remained very much the same.

Altogether the 200-plus plates and Doug Pickford's knowledgeable captions bring to life the reason why this area was to become the second most visited National Park in the world.

**Doug Pickford** has been a newspaper journalist all of his working life, both in and around the Peak District. For the past thirty-five years he has been an editor on local newspapers in towns as varied as Macclesfield, Stockport, Wilmslow, Leek, Cheadle (Staffs), Congleton, Biddulph and Uttoxeter. At one time he worked as a sub editor for the *Daily Telegraph*, the *News of the World*, *Daily Express* and also the *Sunday Mirror* and was a regular and founder contributor to an international magazine. He has also been a regular broadcaster on several BBC local radio stations, has appeared on a variety of television programmes and has lectured extensively in colleges and to countless organisations.

A keen folklorist, he has studied the origins of myths and legends of the three shires – Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire – for a considerable time, and has written six books on the subject. He inherited this interest from his family who lived for many centuries on The Roches, one of the rocky outcrops that mark the southerly tip of the Pennine Chain, and who are descended from the famous Pickford Removals family – starting as jagers and packhorsemen across the rugged roads of the Peak District centuries ago.

He is also a keen historian, having written a further eight books on historical matters as diverse as the history of Macclesfield to the origins of The Bridestones, a prehistoric burial site on the Cheshire/Staffordshire border.



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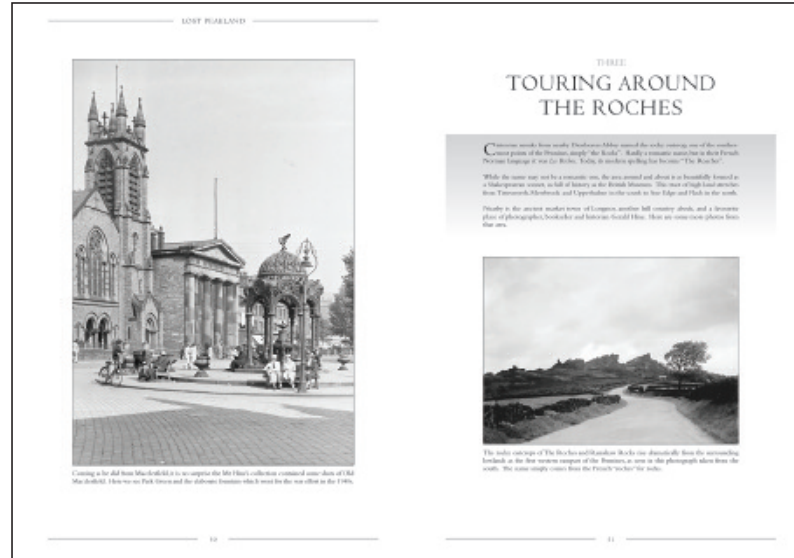
Mrs Horobin died in 1913 in her eighty-ninth year. At the time of her death she was one of the oldest tenants of the Duke of Devonshire.



The beautifully-decorated Church Avenue, Tideswell, in 1956.



Tissington's duck pond has attracted photographers ever since cameras were invented.



Example of a double page spread.



One Man Band "Heather Jock", pictured at Cheddleton Heath. His hat is of tinkling bells, with drum and cymbals on his back, and he is playing an accordion.



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