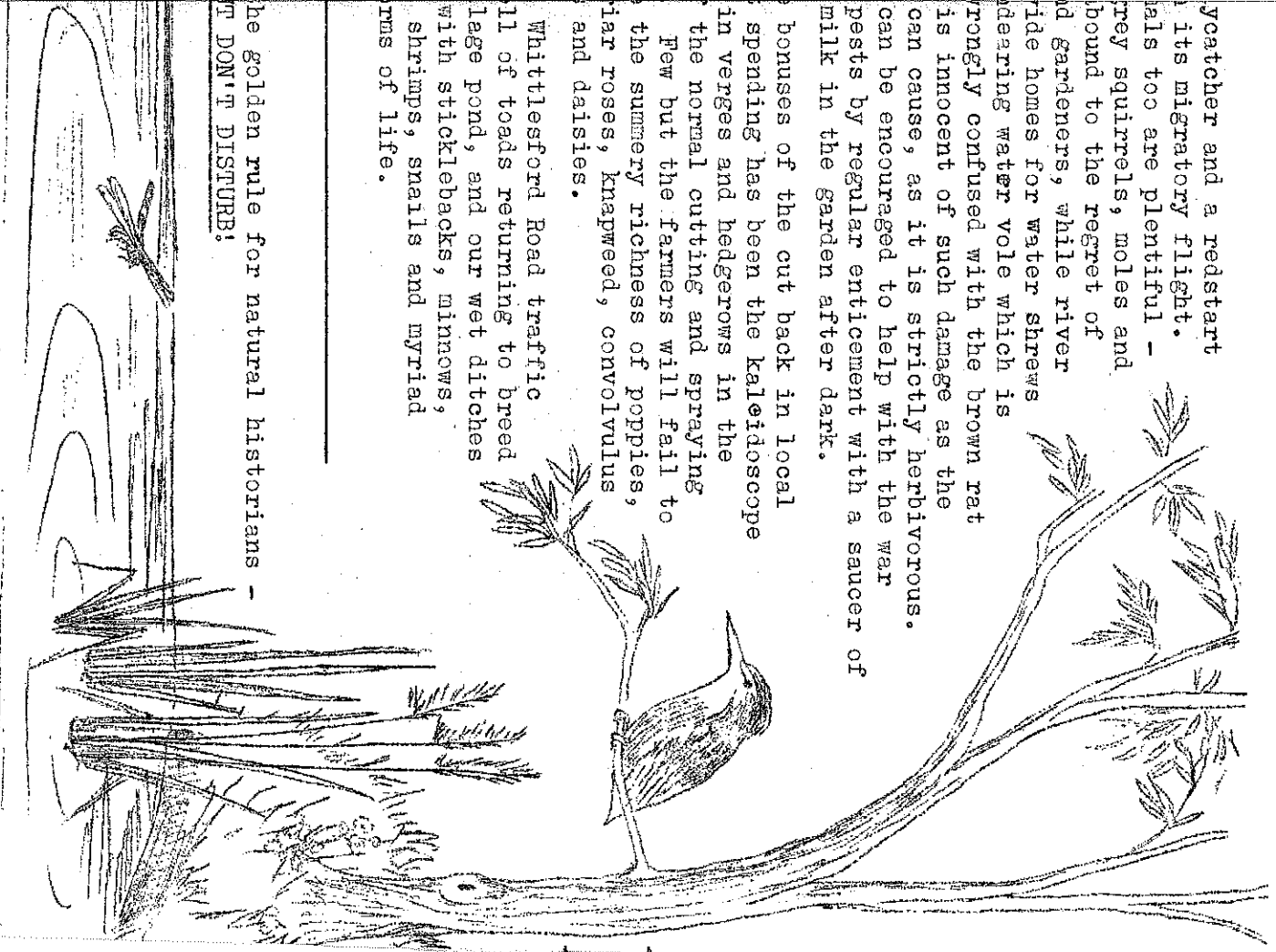


catcher and a redstart
 its migratory flight. -
 sals too are plentiful -
 grey squirrels, moles and
 bound to the regret of
 d gardeners, while river
 ide homes for water shrews
 dearing water vole which is
 rongly confused with the brown rat
 is innocent of such damage as the
 can cause, as it is strictly herbivorous.
 can be encouraged to help with the war
 pests by regular enticement with a saucer of
 milk in the garden after dark.

bonuses of the cut back in local
 spending has been the kaleidoscope
 in verges and hedgerows in the
 the normal cutting and spraying
 Few but the farmers will fail to
 the summery richness of poppies,
 iar roses, knapweed, convolvulus
 and daisies.

Whittleford Road traffic
 ll of toads returning to breed
 lage pond, and our wet ditches
 with sticklebacks, minnows,
 shrimps, snails and myriad
 rms of life.

the golden rule for natural historians -
 DON'T DISTURB!



Little Shelford must have been a hive of industry in days
 gone by. The Forge Cottages in Hauxton Road were right
 beside the blacksmith's shop, though only the foundations
 of the old shop remain now on the corner with Garden Fields.
 Later the blacksmith and wheelwright moved to premises on
 the opposite corner of Garden Fields.

Before the house was built at 61 Hauxton Road, the willows
 beside the ditch which skirts the property provided the
 materials for a hurdle weaver to practise his craft.

Also in Hauxton Road was an important ropemaking industry.
 The site used for the purpose had to be long and narrow to
 allow room for twisting the ropes. All that remains now
 is a modern house with a strange name, 'The Ropewalk',
 which stands at the end of an unusually long drive.

In Church Street, a house with a large bay window against
 the street was once the only village shop.

More recently retired from business are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold
 Parker who live in High Street. The end of a long line of
 bakers. Mrs. Parker's family, the Butlers, who were the village

Changes have taken place during the rich history of our
 village and will continue to take place. The coming of the
 M 11 will affect the village. As our Chairman said in his
 introduction, we want Little Shelford to remain a charming
 and distinctly individual Cambridgeshire village community.
 We hope that this Guide will make its contribution to that
 sense of community.

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