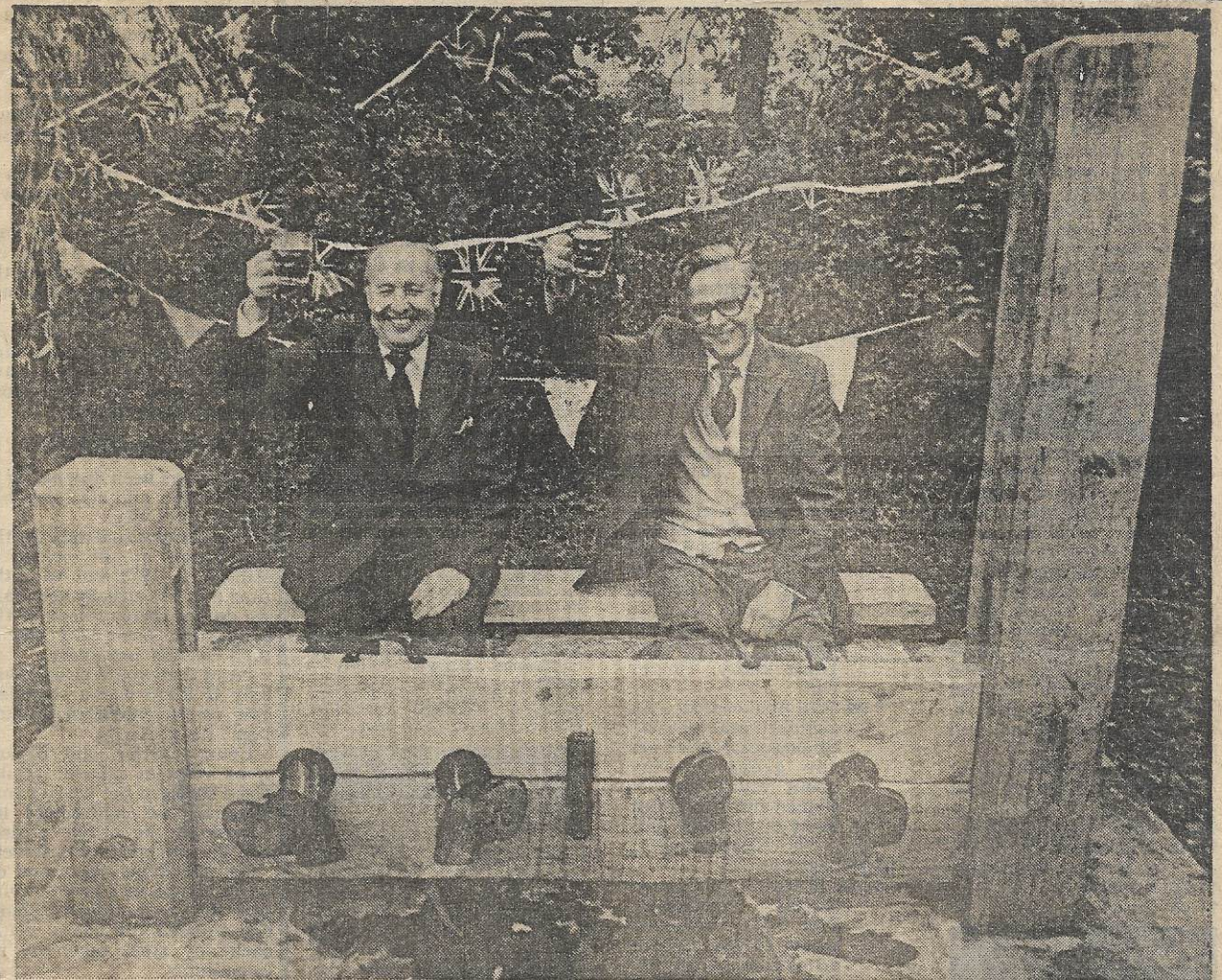


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TAKING stock of themselves are the Chief Executive of East Lindsey District Council, Mr. Brian Spence (left) and the chairman of Alvingham Silver Jubilee Fund, Mr. Walter Pickering.

After launching the village's new leg stocks with a bottle of brown ale to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee year they tried them out for size.

The entire village gathered round for the opening ceremony, and an afternoon of competitions and games.

The stocks and whipping post stand on Stock Hill

in Alvingham and it is believed they are very near the spot where authentic stocks and poor victims faced a tirade of rotten eggs, tomatoes and oranges.

Mr. Phil Davies, who lives in the village, built them from the finest English oak, and retired blacksmith, Mr. Fred Phillipson, added the finishing touches.

When Jubilee Year started, the village tried to raise enough cash to build a tennis court, but with a total of £800 they fell short.

So they decided to erect the stocks as well as do some work on the village hall and plant some trees.