



Chaddesden Historical Group

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Newsletter



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Jubilee Club Fruit, Vegetable and Flower Show

This photograph of a horticultural competition appears to have been taken on the land behind the Jubilee Club, the houses in the background being on Wilsthorpe Road. The gentlemen behind the table may be Jubilee Club committee members judging the competition with the gent in the grey suit about to receive the second prize in the "Dahlia in a Beer Bottle" category. (The first or third prize winner is already on the table.)

From reports in the Derby Evening Telegraph we have found that the Show was first held on Saturday 5 September 1936 and then on 21 August 1937. Although the annual Shows appear to have continued into the 1960s, there was no report in 1938 and in August 1939 the eight page Derby Evening Telegraph had more serious news to report – the German invasion of Poland.

The newspaper report from 1936 names H. Farrell, president of the club; H F Leuty, secretary of the club; J W Harvey, secretary of the show; J Cholerton (not pictured) hon secretary of the show; B Robinson, H Martin and J Coppard, judges. The Chaddesden Jubilee Perpetual Challenge Cup for the most points in the show went to Mr J Moore who was 2nd prize winner in the dahlia class.

In 1937 H Farrell was named as president, J W Harvey as hon secretary, Messrs T Coppard and T Coxon as judges. Once again Mr Moore won the Chaddesden Jubilee Perpetual Challenge Cup and he came first in the dahlia class.

Can you name anyone in the photo? Is that Mr Moore, the champion gardener, in the grey suit? Information, please, to any committee member.

[Photo reproduced by courtesy of the Jubilee Club]

Meetings

Thursday 6 July – Grace's Diary
(Journal of Grace Jane Dexter 1884-93)
Speaker: Rowena Edlin-White
<https://familysearch.org/photos/artifacts/4021051>

Thursday 3 August – Lady Willoughby
Speaker: Mrs Daryle Greaves

Thursday 7 September
Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie
Speaker: Simon Corke

Thursday 5 October
Robert Bakewell
Speaker: Richard Stone

Visits

Thursday 14 September
Hodsock Priory near Worksop
Coach departs from Jubilee Club at 12:30
for a tour, including the gardens,
starting at 14:15.
Cost £14 including tea and biscuits.
Return from Hodsock at 18:00.

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We have received a comment from a Jonathan Foottit who claims to have found part of the track of the Stanley colliery tramway buried in his garden. Unfortunately we do not have Mr Foottit's contact details. Does anyone know where Mr Foottit lives, please, so that we can investigate his claim. The colliery tramway closed 100 years ago and it had been assumed that the rails had been lifted for re-use on a military railway.

www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2010/12/the-railway-that-ran-through-Chaddesden

Editorial

You may have noticed that this edition of the Newsletter is number  thanks to more than a little assistance from my predecessors, Andrew Bailey and Jean Moss in getting the count this high. If you have been a Chaddesden Historical Group member for a long time, you may have a large pile of newsletters, over 200 pages if you have kept them all.

We believe in filling the pages so the margins are barely wide enough for hole punching if you want to keep your newsletters in a ring file. An alternative is to use clear plastic filing pockets, one for each issue. You may wish to remove the staples before they go rusty and leave permanent marks on the pages.

With an increasing number of pages comes the increasing need for an index. Where was that article on Cherry Tree Hill School, the Wilmot family (many of those), the Cemetery wall collapse, the railway station...? Only joking with the last one. Chaddesden never had a railway station.

The editor has indexed newsletters 1-25 and parts of later issues. As an example, this extract shows the newsletters that contain articles on the Cemetery or Cherry Tree Hill.

Cemetery	17, 22, 27, 50, 53, 57
Cemetery landslip	36
Cemetery Hill Post Office	39
Cherry Tree Hill Farm	53
Cherry Tree Hill Post Office	52
Cherry Tree Hill School	18, 20, 48, 57

A volunteer is needed to complete the process. This project may appeal to a member who has recently joined the group and would like the opportunity to read the earlier newsletters. Access to a computer would help but is not essential. A neatly handwritten index would be acceptable.

If you would like to help, please contact the Editor, Peter Barnes. by telephone on (01332) 673234 or email to northwoodave14@hotmail.co.uk or via any committee member.

The same contact details may be used if you have any information on the front page photograph, Jonathan Foottit above or if you think you have identified the mystery location on the back page.

Oh! What a Perfect Day

by Pam Helm

It's Thursday, June 1st the sun is shining and the birds are singing, and my partner Dennis and I are off to Buckingham Palace.

It all started at the beginning of the year when I received a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire's office saying that I had been nominated for an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. To say I was surprised, nay, shocked, would be an understatement. I had to fill forms in personal details of myself and Dennis and say which of three dates I preferred, and then wait for an actual invitation from the Palace. That arrived six weeks beforehand, a special gold lettered and hand scripted card (because they know you will want to frame it) and all kinds of instructions and maps, and a pass to get you into the grounds.

So, off we went in all our finery on the appointed day, we travelled down on the train. We left on time and arrived with some time to spare, so we had a glass of champagne at the bar at St Pancras. We left plenty of time to get there, which turned out to be very wise because the traffic congestion in London was dreadful and the journey took twice as long as it should (according to the Taxi driver). On arrival at the Hyde Park corner entrance to the Palace grounds we were met by about six policemen who were checking all the proof of identity we had been told to bring with us. We then walked along the path through beautifully manicured lawns and amazing rose beds in full bloom. We had our photograph taken in a lovely white garden pagoda, by a couple who had come all the way from New Zealand to attend. When we arrived at the main lawn with the Palace as a backdrop we were amazed to see literally crowds of people, must have been a few thousand there altogether. There were already crowds in place around a cordoned area with many selected people waiting to be introduced to the Queen. The Military band that was playing on the lawn when we arrived, played the National Anthem promptly at 4pm, and the Queen arrived on the steps to Buckingham Palace. The Queen, dressed in pale blue, spent some time talking to these selected people as everyone tried desperately to get a photograph of her, but with about ten other people in front of us it was just a matter of holding the camera at arm's length and hoping for the best.



So we strolled around soaking up the atmosphere and people watching. There were, as you can imagine, some amazing ladies outfits and hats, but also many national costumes; Japanese ladies in traditional dress, Scotsmen in kilts, members of the Clergy, many Mayors and Mayoresses wearing their chains of office. In fact people from all over the world. We could see two huge tea tents, classier than any you have seen before, with wonderful tall flower arrangements strategically placed along the long table. We queued up and helped ourselves to the finger sandwiches with all the usual fillings and small delicious cakes, and whatever you wanted to drink.

The Queen eventually went into the Royal tea tent with selected dignitaries, and we went and got a free ice-cream and sat in the shade of several trees by the lake, because by this time it was very hot in the sun. About 5:40 the Queen emerged from the tea tent and made her way back to the Palace with her escort of Yeoman of the Guard. I was in a better position by this time although still at a distance so I had to use the zoom to get a decent picture. After the Queen's departure we made our way back to the exit to get a taxi back to St Pancras.

We arrived back in Derby at 9:30pm after a thoroughly wonderful, perfect day, always to be remembered.

Round the Village Green

This article was prompted by a recent conversation I had with Sandra Rainsford, who wanted to know which is the oldest house in Chaddesden. Her question left me thinking hard for a few minutes before I came up with my suggestion of 19 Chapel Lane, a semi-detached cottage once known as Green Farm, reached down a short private drive that it shares with three other properties on the north side of the lane and thus almost invisible to passers-by.



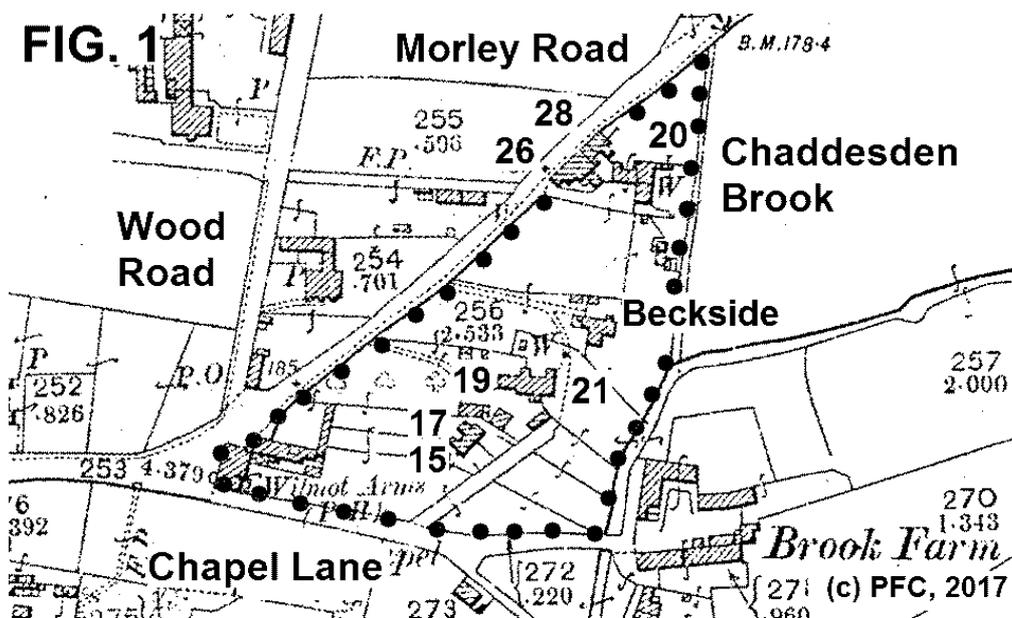
Back in 1995 I was fortunate enough to be invited to take a look at the house by the then owners, Miss Phyllis Fountain and her brother, George, who had bought the property in the early 1970s. As might be expected, the cottage had plenty of ancient beams, and George Fountain told me that when they first acquired the property, a section of old corrugated roof was found to be covering an even earlier piece of thatch; indeed some old thatching spars and areas of wattle-and-daub construction were also uncovered during their renovation work. Built into the wall adjacent to the living-room fireplace was an old salt-cupboard, worthy of note because it had retained its original lock and highly-carved door. The fireplace itself also had a wrought-iron fitting which was intended perhaps either as a support for the heavy fireplace furniture of previous generations or, more likely, as a foothold for a young chimney-sweep. Prior to various pieces of Victorian legislation culminating in the Chimney Sweepers Act of 1875, young boys were made to climb up inside the chimneys of domestic and business premises to sweep them clean, using little more than a simple hand-brush!

Phyllis Fountain told me that when another of her brothers was excavating at the back of the house prior to installing a new damp-proof course, he unearthed a silver coin; when cleaned up it was found to pre-date the start of Queen Elizabeth I's reign (1558). Perhaps inspired by this discovery, the Fountains had a plaque bearing the date "1500" placed on the front wall of their house; this I thought was somewhat over-optimistic, but the cottage could well date from the 17th century. It certainly seemed probable to me that 19 Chapel Lane and its neighbour, number 21, were once a single property, perhaps divided into two at some point in Victorian times. Unfortunately, this could not be clarified by reference to the house deeds since, according to the Fountains, they only went back to the 1920s.

During the course of our conversation, George Fountain told me they had found many thin bricks, only two inches in height, around the property; one of the bricks even had three fingerprints still visible on it! Like their immediate neighbours, the Fountains also had an area of garden ground reaching down to Chaddesden Brook on the opposite side of the road leading up to their house. When they first moved into the cottage, George told me he had actually seen trout in the brook. I talked to George about his cottage's water-supply in years gone by and, thanks to an old Ordnance Survey map, I was able to point out the location of an abandoned well some 15 feet to the west of their kitchen. George mentioned that next door (i.e. number 21) once had an old well too, theirs was originally fed by a spring and reached by four steps, but had also been covered in, although there was some talk of reinstating it.

When the Fountains first moved into their property, Ted Morten, who then lived nearby at Brook Farm, told them that their cottage had recently gone by the name of "Park View", however, this name was a modern contrivance for I knew that earlier still (and probably dating back to the years before it was subdivided) the property had been known as Green Farm, and was recorded as such in the 1891 census when it was home to William Walker, a 61-year-old farm bailiff, his wife Jane, and three members of their family. By the opening years of the 20th century the cottage was tenanted by Thomas Cokayne, however, he left in 1908 and Miss Wilmot granted a new tenancy to George Hooper, who apparently purchased the property a few years later when the Wilmot family's huge Chaddesden estate was sold off at the end of the First World War. Although George Hooper's original tenancy agreement referred to Green Farm, other documents make it clear that he was living only in what we now know as 19 Chapel Lane, and that number 21 was in separate occupation. Mr. Hooper subsequently sold his house to Charles and Winifred Abrahart and a delightful picture of the couple standing outside their new home along with their pony and trap can be seen in Newsletter no. 57 (December 2016).

This reference to Green Farm is of special significance since it is a reminder of an important but long-forgotten feature of Chaddesden - its village green. Many villages once had their own village greens which usually began life in medieval times as communal areas of ground set aside for recreational purposes such as sports and other pastimes, or for overnight livestock grazing, or maybe even as assembly points for the villagers' cattle before they were driven out each morning by the village neatherd (cowman) to the common grazings. As far as I can ascertain, Chaddesden Green was originally bounded by Morley Road to the north-west, Chapel Lane to the south, and Chaddesden Brook to the east, an area of approximately two and a half acres. When



the likely original boundary of the green is plotted on the Ordnance Survey map of 1900 (see the dotted line on Fig. 1), it is apparent that before the building boom of the post-Wilmot era got underway, the only properties grouped on or around the former green were all of some antiquity, i.e. The Wilmot Arms, numbers 15, 17, 19 and 21 Chapel Lane, another cottage past them to the north called "Beckside" (now demolished), and numbers 20, 26 and 28 Morley Road (20 Morley Road incorporated two smaller cottages, nos. 22 and 24). At some long-forgotten point in history, a road was made around the largest part of the green commencing from a point halfway down Chapel Lane and running in a north-eastwards direction more or less parallel to Chaddesden Brook as far as Morley Road, thus serving many of the properties listed previously. As mentioned at the start of this article, only the southern end of this road has survived down to the present day. Over the centuries most of the village green was seemingly lost to piecemeal encroachments as various property owners "liberated" small portions of it to add to their own holdings. Whilst the map drawn up at the time of the parliamentary enclosure of Chaddesden (1791-1793) shows the road round the green, the commissioners' contemporaneous award noted that only two tiny fragments of the former green itself remained and these were duly transferred into the hands of new owners.

Although Chaddesden Green had reached the end of its existence by the close of the 18th century, the use of the name lingered on. A simple sketch plan of all the roads liable to be maintained by the parish was drawn in the back of the oldest surviving register of St. Mary's Church sometime around 1825, and just to the north of Chapel Lane the map-maker (presumably the parish clerk) noted "Round Green 200 yards", which is an accurate assessment of the distance measured from the start of the road leading up to numbers 15, 17, 19 & 21 Chapel Lane and then projected past them along the line of its former route to Morley Road. That this road around the green was still in use as late as 1836 is demonstrated by its inclusion on the first edition one-inch Ordnance Survey map published that year (Fig. 2). Furthermore, we have already seen how 19 Chapel Lane was once known as Green Farm in the early 20th century, and a quick glance through the registers of St. Mary's Church comes up with at least one additional reference to "The Green" as an address, this was used when a couple had their child baptised in 1896. When considered as one of Chaddesden's minor place-names, "The Green" has demonstrated considerable longevity, outlasting the original feature from which it took its name.

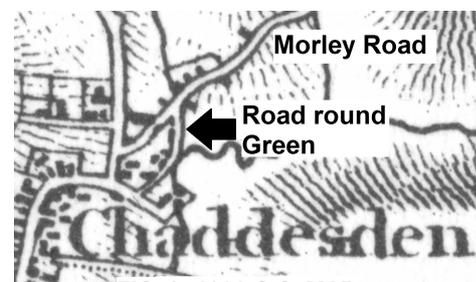


FIG. 2: 1836 O.S. MAP

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Mystery Location

The sign says it is a cross road but actually it is a T-junction.
Where in Chaddesden is it?



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