



Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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Editorial

Thank you to all our members for supporting our newly formed group. We currently have 47 members, which is a marvellous start, especially as our members have such a detailed knowledge of Chaddesden.

We would appreciate contributions to our newsletter about life in Chaddesden. All help gratefully received.

The next newsletter will be our Christmas edition, and memories and photographs of Christmas past would be especially appreciated.

Contributions can be given to any committee members or posted to Jean Moss at West Park School.



Committee Members

Tony Bowler — Chairman
Larry Bradley—Treasurer
John Crosby—Deputy
Chairman & Assistant Treasurer
Karen Moore—Secretary
Linda Crosby—Assistant
Secretary
Sid Marson—Speakers Booking
Secretary & Outdoor Activities
Joy Baraclough—Member

Chaddesden Library

Chaddesden library was officially opened on Saturday 11th September 1954 and became the forty- second branch library in Derbyshire, the first to be built during the post war years.

Alderman F.A.Grant, the chairman of Derbyshire Education Committee invited Mr F. H. Crossley, County Architect to hand the library key to Mr Edgar Osborne to open the new building. Mr Osborne had retired in May 1954 after completing thirty years service as the first county librarian in Derbyshire.

The premises were then dedicated by the Reverend G Rivers, Vicar of Chaddesden. Others attending the ceremony were Alderman Mrs G Buxton, Vice-Chairman of the County Council and Mrs Olive Eden J.P. Chairman of Chaddesden Parish Council and a member of the County Education Committee. The occasion was a personal triumph for Mrs Eden, who had campaigned for several years for a library for the parish. Alderman C.F. White, the Chairman of the County Council was unable to attend because of ill-health.

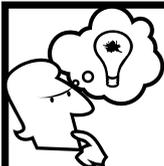
“George Tomlinson”, a biography by Frederick Blackburn, was the first book issued from the new Chaddesden branch library. It was stamped and handed to Mrs Olive Eden, by branch librarian Miss Joy Brooks at the opening ceremony. Mr Osborne was also handed a book, a volume of Steinbeck, but his was a keepsake. In his speech Mr Osborne said the library was the first specially built library since the Staveley branch library near Chesterfield in the north of the county was built 20 years ago. He added that he thought the library, which cost nearly £5,000, would be the first of a series of branch libraries of light construction, cheap and quick to erect.



Alderman Mrs G Buxton thanked Mr Osborne for his excellent speech. Following the ceremony guests were invited to tea at the Morley Road School. The new library contained about seven thousand volumes with five thousand being for adult reading and the remainder for the children’s library. The new library was opened to the public on Monday September 13th 1954 and its hours were from 10am to 7pm each week- day and on Saturdays from 10am to 5 pm. Librarian Miss Brooks, previously at the Bakewell branch, has two assistants.

Over the years, the library has offered an excellent service and is well used by the local residents. In September 2004, the library celebrated its 50th anniversary with a variety of different events and showed the progress made over the years.





Chaddesden 1940 Quiz

(Information taken from St Mary's Parish Magazine September 1940)



1. Who was the coal dealer at 20 The Crescent?
2. Who sold Birds High-Class Confectionery in Chaddesden?
3. R. Day of Chaddesden Lane did what?
4. Who kept Chaddesden Service Garage?
5. How much were raincoats at F Pike?
6. When did St Mary's Women's Fellowship meet?
7. Who was the Sunday School Superintendent?
8. Who lived at Field House, Field Lane?
9. When did Chaddesden Park Dairy deliver?
10. Who had shops at 503 Nottingham Road and 18 Sadler Gate?



An example of an adults weekly food ration allowance in 1943 was



3 pints of milk
 3 1/4lb - 1lb meat
 1 egg or 1 packet of dried eggs every 2 months
 3-4 oz cheese
 4 oz bacon and ham
 2 oz tea
 8 oz sugar
 2 oz butter
 2 oz cooking fat

+ 16 points a month for other rationed foods (usually tinned) subject to availability

These weekly rations were stretched with the help of un-rationed extras like bread (incidentally not rationed until after the war), cereal, potatoes, offal and fruit and vegetables.

Future Visits

Thursday 14th September at 10:30

Rolls Royce Heritage Trust, meet at Wilmore Lane. Cost Free

Sunday 1st October 11am

Guided walk around the City of Derby, meet outside Tourist Information Office. Cost to be confirmed

Thursday 19th October at 11am for 11:15am

Chester Green with Joan D'Arcy, meet at St Paul's Heritage Centre. Cost £2

Transport if required

1. B Shaw 2. Misses D Wantling & E.G. Ashton, Nottingham Road 3. Boot and shoe repairer 4. A.M. Crawford & Son 5. 21/- Tuesdays 2:30 7. Mr W D Rees 8. Mrs MacAlister, Dressmaker 9. daily at 10am and 10am 10. Victor Buckland Ltd

