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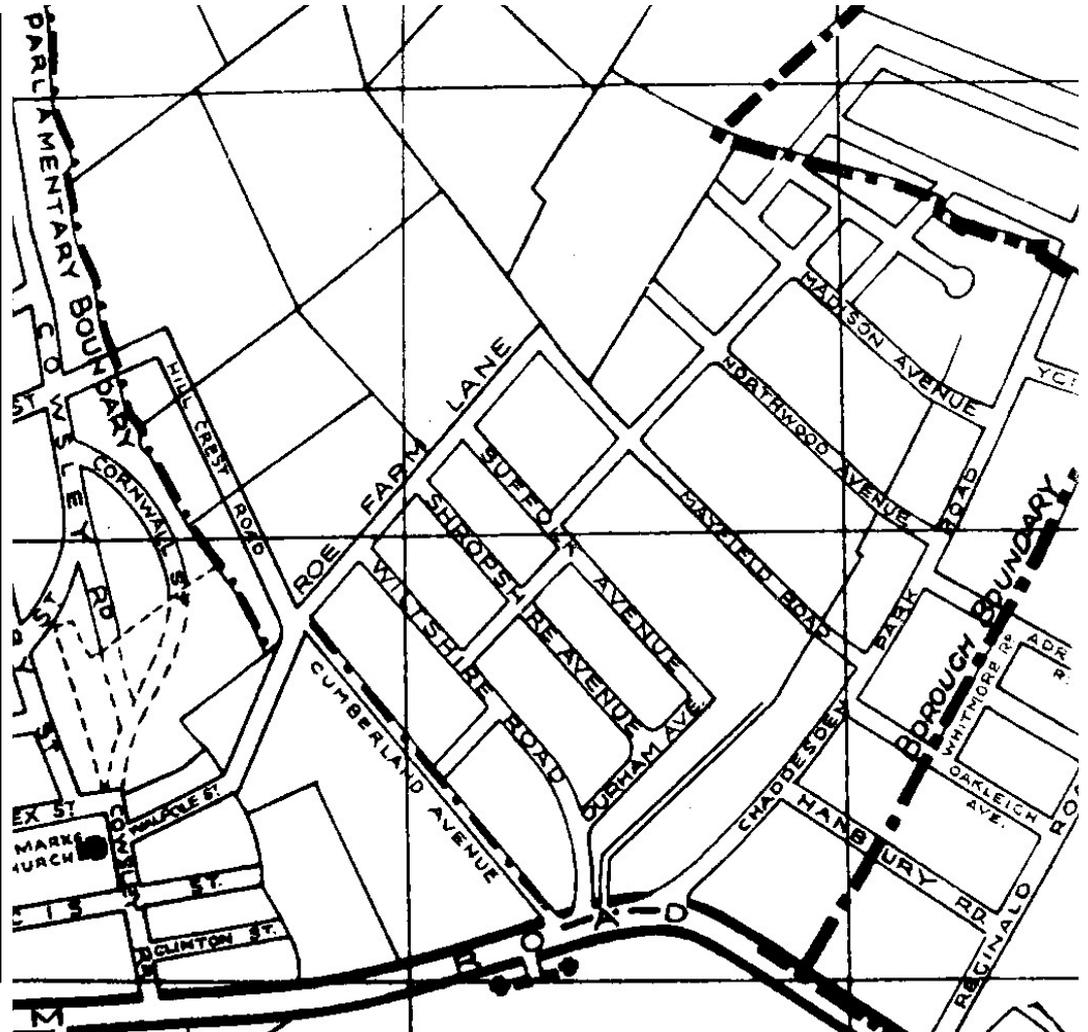
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This extract from Whipple & Martin's map of the Borough of Derby shows the part of Chaddesden taken into the Borough following the 1928 Extension Act. The Parliamentary Boundary to the west (left) is the previous Borough boundary. The 1928 Borough Boundary to the east cuts across Chaddesden Park Road, York Road, Arridge Road, Oakleigh Avenue and Hanbury Road which were divided between the Borough of Derby and Chaddesden Parish. At this date the estate was incomplete and the proposed road layout north of Madison Avenue is different from that eventually built.

[Map from the Chaddesden Historical Group Collection]

## Editorial

Did you notice the error in the October newsletter? To paraphrase Eric Morecambe, it had all the right pages but not necessarily in the right order! Pages 2 and 3 were transposed. If you had not noticed, please read the article on Chaddesden Meadow and Wyvern Retail Park again.

With the October newsletter behind me as a learning experience, I have accepted the committee's invitation to edit the newsletter until next April's AGM when I have to stand for election. I hope this newsletter, with no multi-page articles meets with your approval.

Peter Barnes



## Chairman's Chat

by John Crosby

I have been asked to write a few words for the Newsletter. As many of you know I like to talk to as many members as possible at the meetings just to make sure everyone is happy with the group.

Chaddesden is my stomping ground as I lived and grew up here. Chaddesden Park was my playground together with the neighbouring fields and many a time I have got caught scrumping for apples in Hurd's Nursery. I am an only child and I remember going on holiday to Folkestone to see my Auntie Doris and Uncle Cyril who ran a pub called the The Raglan. This was of course by steam train and I believe that this set me up to being a steam buff. I was a train spotter at Derby station, Five Arches Bridge and London Road Bridge. I spent many a happy hour at Chad Sidings with my Dad who was a guard on the railway.

Crawford's Garage which is where Lidl is now sold batteries bike lamps and motorbike accessories. There was also a wooden hut which sold sweets and confectionary ran by the mother of the owner of Crawford's Garage.

Dad and I would spend many happy hours in the shed and he used to send me to C E Mellors' builder's yard on Nottingham Rd for putty, nails and general household repairs.

I worked at the The Derby Locomotive Works as an Apprentice Fitter when I left school at 15 staying there for 13 years before moving to Wigfalls in East Street Derby. I finished my career at Rolls-Royce plc, retiring in February 2002 after 24 years service.

## Ripley Rattlers

If you are a transport enthusiast you may know about Ripley Rattlers. D H Lawrence was a user and one suspects that he was not impressed. Still mystified? You have the Christmas holiday to find out, or come to our first meeting in the new year on Thursday 5 January when Brian Key will give a talk on Ripley Rattlers.

## Contributions to the Newsletter

should preferably be large enough to fill one page including one photograph, map or drawing. The preferred formats are Microsoft Word, Open Office, plain text or legible handwriting.

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## Where is this?

This public artwork, made from welded steel, has recently appeared in Chaddesden. Have you seen it? Details in the next newsletter.



## My Childhood Christmas

I was 5 years old when World War 2 broke out. You might think that wartime Christmases were unenjoyable, but not so.

I was born at Cowsley House, which was a six bedroom farm house. There was a large kitchen with a kitchen range. Next to the kitchen was a bell room where servants could be called from each of the upstairs rooms. There was a hallway with a flagstone floor. Off the hall were the lounge, dining room and a drawing room with roaring log fire.

At Christmas the whole family would descend on Cowsley House for lunch. I could not understand why we always had the Christmas pudding before the main course. I believe this was a tradition in Norfolk from where my grandparents originated. No sooner had we finished lunch and dishes washed than it was tea time which again was a family affair with cold meat and a salad followed by fruit and trifle. After tea it was time to receive presents in the drawing room. One of my aunts would dress up as the good fairy giving out the presents.

It was Christmas 1942 when I was given a brand new bicycle – a Raleigh all-steel bicycle. I can remember as if it was yesterday, pushing that bike home to Chaddesden. Walking home on the high pavement of Nottingham Road, I can still smell the paraffin burners which created a smoke screen. I can still hear the click-click of the freewheel on the bike.

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Charles and Winifred Abrahart outside 19 Chapel Lane, Chaddesden, a house they purchased from Mr Hooper in 1943. The trap was drawn by Bob the pony. Jock the dog is underneath the trap.

[Photo by courtesy of Janet Abrahart]

### Disclaimer

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## Additions to the Web Site

The Chaddesden Historical Group web site ([www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk)) includes articles that are too long for publication in the newsletter. Here is a list of recent additions. The last line of each entry is the web site address of the article. It is often easier to type keywords (for example "Heinz Lindhorst" for the first article) in the search box on the home page.

### **Soldiers Corner, Heinz Lindhorst. 5 Nov 1925 – 10 Oct 1946**

One Remembrance Day I was with a group of people beside the cenotaph in the Nottingham Road Cemetery when I noticed a couple standing reverently over one of the German war graves. The woman was called Mary Sherratt, and the man was her husband. The grave was that of Heinz Lindhorst. When I asked them whether they had known the young soldier, Mary replied "Yes", and then she told me this story...

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/01/soldiers-corner-heinz-lindhorst/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/01/soldiers-corner-heinz-lindhorst/)

### **The Church Clock**

Technically speaking, the clock in St. Mary's church tower, with a movement separate from the dials, is usually described as a "turret-clock". My own interest in the clock goes back to September 1979 when ...

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/01/the-church-clock/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/01/the-church-clock/)

### **The Smithy**

This article written in the 1980's by the late Catherine Rees speaks of the area where Reginald Road South meets Chaddesden Lane and her cottage still overlooks the junction.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/03/the-smithy/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/03/the-smithy/)

### **Photographs from Neil Johnson**

Any feedback on these photographs would be greatly appreciated and by using the 'Comments' block at the end of the post others will enjoy your input.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/03/photographs-from-neil-johnson/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/03/photographs-from-neil-johnson/)

### **Cherry Tree Hill School Photographs**

Photographs and a programme from about 1960 showing members of Cherry Tree Hill School. Many thanks to Michael Mosley and Neil Johnson for contributing this item.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/05/cherry-tree-hill-school-photographs/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/05/cherry-tree-hill-school-photographs/)

### **The Wragge Brothers, Australian Pioneers**

Another piece of excellent research by Peter Cholerton, one of our foremost supporters and a superb local historian. Concerning the Wragge brothers one of whom became mayor of Melbourne, Australia and their family origins in Chaddesden this article also highlights Meadow Lane and its place in Chaddesden's history.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/07/wragge-brothers-australian-pioneers/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/07/wragge-brothers-australian-pioneers/)

### **George Thomas Mills of Chaddesden**

George Thomas Mills was the uncle of Vince Mills of Nottingham Road. Vince mentioned to me that the 23rd of August 2016 would mark 100 years since George lost his life whilst fighting in France. Rita has researched the following information and added her work to a family photograph and the Next of Kin Plaque (Dead Man's Penny) supplied by Vince.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/08/george-thomas-mills-chaddesden/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/08/george-thomas-mills-chaddesden/)

### **John Hartopp Holt, Butcher and Farmer, Chaddesden**

John Hartopp Holt was born 22 June 1884 in Scarborough, son of Frederick Hartopp Holt, Clergyman and his wife Margaret.

[www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/09/john-hartopp-holt/](http://www.chaddesdenhistoricalgroup.co.uk/2016/09/john-hartopp-holt/)

### **Arthur Wilfred Whittingham**

A lot of my research has involved looking into the family history of the men of Chaddesden who gave their lives fighting in the two world wars. This research has been primarily based on the ...

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