



Chaddesden Historical Group



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A special welcome to all our new members.

In last month's Editorial, penned by Jean Moss, she made mention of a Chaddesden builder by the name of C. H. Cooper and his Mignet HM14 Flying Flea aircraft. This example of the aircraft is seen parked behind a DH 51 at the Shuttleworth Collection and is fully airworthy. Does anyone recall seeing one of these in the skies over Chaddesden? Many thanks, Jean, I've been looking for an excuse to include a picture of an aircraft in the newsletter for some time now.

Andrew.



Guest Editorial.

For anyone interested in local history, the internet is invaluable for research purposes. By way of example, the satellite imagery now readily available can pick out long-forgotten landscape features, a fact brought home to me when I used Google Maps (<http://maps.google.co.uk/>) to trace the course of an ancient Chaddesden road that fell into disuse well before the coming of the Victorian era.

Centuries ago, Waste Gate Lane ran from Old Yard at the back of Hill Farm on Morley Road, in a north-easterly direction for about a quarter of a mile. As its name implies, it once led to a gate providing a means of access to the open waste ground of Chaddesden Common, and back in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries it would have been used by villagers taking their animals to graze on the common land.

In 1983, Acorn Way cut through Waste Gate Lane but, as the satellite pictures confirm, its course is still discernible on the east side of the modern road, where the old track (some eight yards wide) can be seen making its way through an area of ridge-and-furrow towards a small copse of trees a short distance to the east of the Football Academy. I walked down Acorn Way recently, and by looking over a conveniently-sited modern gate, was able to make out Waste Gate Lane in the adjoining field, where it has been transformed into a 'hollow-way' (a path lower than the surrounding ground) by the passage of countless feet down the ages. Its survival into modern times is doubtless due to the fact that the fields hereabouts have been used for pasture, rather than growing crops, for today's ploughs can swiftly obliterate features like this.

Peter Cholerton.

Mrs Olive Eden OBE

In the September quarter of 1930 Miss Olive Lax married Mr James Eden and within a few short years they moved south to Chaddesden after a long period of unemployment for Jimmy in their home town of Sunderland. He found work at Celanese before moving to Rolls-Royce for the rest of his working life. They settled at No 44 Rupert Road and Olive Eden, as she now was, went into local politics. Olive was elected to Chaddesden Parish Council in 1946, and shortly afterwards was elected to Derbyshire County Council, becoming a County Alderman in 1957.



Her long chairmanship of the parish council ran simultaneously with her work on the County Education Committee and on the South Derbyshire Divisional Executive, of which she was vice chairman for many years. Chaddesden County Secondary School, which was opened in 1955, was renamed The Olive Eden Secondary School in her honour.

Margaret Poyser, one of our archive team recalls,

“I knew her best for her role with the elderly folk of Chaddesden. There was a brick shelter set just above the cricket ground where the pensioners would go for a chat and watch the cricket matches. My ‘Grandpa’ was one of them. Eventually there was need for a larger building as the membership continued to grow, so the Wooden Hut arrived. Various activities were held for the members including a luncheon club, craft making, trips and visits as well as the annual holiday by coach to the seaside, usually for a week. Bertha Jackson of 24 Rupert Road would help Olive Eden with the running of the group in the role of organiser. There was a team of ladies who would put on teas for the members, as well as organising a sick visiting rota whenever a member was ill or infirm. Was this a forerunner of today’s social services? Local youth groups would be drafted in to help with redecorating and other help. This building is much bigger now with more facilities to help the elderly citizens of Chaddesden.”

As Margaret has shown, it is in the voluntary sphere that Olive took greatest pride. As well as chairman of Derbyshire Old Peoples Welfare Committee and her membership of the Derbyshire Association of Parish Councils she was also a member of the National Association of Old Peoples Welfare Committees. Her very busy life was not allowed to undermine her precious family privacy, which she cherished, and it was this side of her life that sustained her in her more public role.

Olive left the Chaddesden Parish Council in 1962 and despite ill health and overcoming the effects of a nasty car crash she stood for re-election to the same body in 1965.

Olive Eden was appointed a Justice of the Peace and sat on many Court hearings and she was awarded an OBE for her outstanding contribution to Chaddesden and its citizens.

After spending most of her life helping the people of Chaddesden, Olive died in June of 1997 at 89 years of age.

Thanks to The Derby Telegraph, Margaret Poyser, Peter Cholerton, Tony Bowler and the late Maureen Hunt for information in this article.

Andrew.

Oswald Moseley

We have been told that Oswald Moseley was a close family friend of the Carlin family and was often seen staying with them at Moor Grange, on Morley Road.

Andrew.

Website news.

Since the launch of our website in January word of our group, and its activities, has started to travel. The two messages shown below prove the point, and rest assured we are following up the points raised as well as including both Margaret and Michael on the mailing list for our news letters. Should any of our members remember anyone featured in this article and wishes to get in touch please contact Andrew who will pass on your details to the people concerned.

My name is Margaret Robertson and I live in Wellington, New Zealand.

I am researching my family history and my great-grandparents came from Chaddesden. Today I found your wonderful website.

My great-great grandfather was Henry Taft (1840 – 1905), the youngest son of Robert Taft (who died 9th June 1886). I have found Robert Taft in “Whites 1857 Directory of Derbyshire”, and he was listed as a farmer at “The Hill”. According to the census records Robert Taft was living at Chaddesden in 1841 & 1861, Chaddesden Hill in 1851, Nottingham Road in 1871 & Chaddesden Hill Farm House in 1881. In the census records he was described as a farmer with the size of the farm varying between 62 & 65 acres. I do not know whether Robert owned Chaddesden Hill farm, or whether he just farmed it.

I was wondering whether the Chaddesden Historical Society had any information on Chaddesden Hill Farm, including the location of the farm & the farm’s history. I would appreciate any information you can pass onto me.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Robertson

The second message is one of several we have received from Michael Scholes in South Africa.

The Picture of Chaddesden Lane C. 1920, one of these houses, I believe I lived in, in 1960. It had a very steep short drive which had been modified by the inclusion of steps, the number of the house was 66. There was a road joining Chaddesden Lane opposite the property but I cannot remember the name. My Uncle, came to visit and parked his Jaguar motor in this road and while having tea with us the brakes failed and his car ran into our property and blocked Chaddesden Lane for a short period of time!

Michael Scholes.

Maureen Hunt.



Very suddenly, after a fall at her home in Vicarage Drive on Sunday the 20th February Maureen died of her injuries.

Maureen was a Chaddesden girl through and through and met her future husband Trevor on Chaddesden Park when she was fifteen years of age. Her mother and stepfather ran the chippy in Wood Road and Maureen and Trevor took over the business when her stepfather died. Now called Duffy’s they ran the shop until the newly arrived daughter Donna was about two years old, when they moved into other things. Maureen went to the Post Office as a switchboard operator before becoming a controller with the East Midlands Ambulance Service until she retired. Maureen was a keen member of the WI, EMAS retired group and the Chaddesden Historical Group. She loved life and would entertain her friends with tales of her exploits around the Derby social scene including meeting and sharing several refreshments with comedian Dave Allen and other celebrities she and her friends met. Maureen will be missed by all who knew her and our sympathies go out to Donna and Mike at this sad time.

Maureen Hunt

3rd April 1945 - 20th February 2011

Andrew.

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Raffle Prizes and Newsletters.

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Planned visits for 2011 Members Only.

Thursday 14th April. The Roundhouse. 1.5 hrs. Cost £5, 10-45 am. Blue Badge parking to be arranged in advance. Pre booked lunches available. Coffee shop open.

Thursday 26th May. Cauldwells Mill. 11 am 1.5 hr. Cost £2-50. Includes guided tour. Craft centres and restaurant open. Rowsley Shopping Village across the road.

Thursday June 23rd. Tissington Hall. 11am, Cost £8-50. Refreshments are available at the Coach House Tea Room next door.

Thursday 28th July. Casterne Hall, Eyam. 11 am. Cost £5, personal tour by the owner, Refreshments at NT Tearoom.

Thursday August 18th. Allestree Guided Walk. Cost £3-00 per person. More details later.

Thursday 8th September. Ecclesbourne Railway. Cost £9 including all rides. 11am, Station Café open.

All enquiries to Linda, our visits organiser.

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Know your Committee Member.

Pam Bowler.

I was born in Hackney, London and moved up to Quarndon, Derbyshire when I was a baby. I attended the Curzon Church of England School, and Allestree Woodlands School. On leaving school I went to work at the Thurman and Malin department store in St.Peter's Street, Derby, working on the children's department for a number of years. When the buses were on strike Major Derrick Malin, who lived in Quarndon would give me a lift to work in his Jaguar.

I met Tony in the 1960's and had a long courtship before getting married in 1967 at St. Pauls Church in Quarndon village.

We attended many functions in the church hall and decided to take up ballroom dancing. We attended the London School of Dancing which was situated in The Strand and also in Babington Lane.

Before moving to Wood Road in Chaddesden in 1969 we lived on the Strutt Estate which was steeped in Derby's past history.

I was involved with Derby Community Transport from its beginnings in the 1980's, and set up a group called APT (Aged and Disabled Persons Transportation) Tony was the driver and I was his assistant, both were on the fundraising sub committee. Both enjoyed taking our group on many trips out, and many more joined our little group.

My hobbies were dancing, walking in the Peak and holidays abroad.

I was one of the founder members of the Chaddesden Historical Group and was pleased to take on the duties of Raffle Prizes and Newsletter distribution for the committee.

Pam Bowler.