



Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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Editorial

Welcome to the Easter 2008 issue.

We would like this newsletter to reflect the interests of the members of the group. Please forward any suggestions you might have to a member of the committee.

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Family & Local History Open Meeting

West Park School
Monday 10 March
7pm — No charge

This is an opportunity to talk to people with similar interests and share your knowledge.

For more information, please contact Mrs Jean Moss, West Park School, West Road, Spondon, Derby DE21 7BT, telephone 01332 821964, e-mail community@westpark.derbysch.uk.



On Tuesday May 8th 2007 14 members of the Chaddesden Historical Group visited St Philip's church Taddington Road Chaddesden.

They were welcomed by the vicar the Rev Jonathan Page and his curate. Mr Page, who is also the vicar of St Marks, gave the group an enjoyable talk on

the history of his parish church. A large photograph album was on display with many photographs showing the building of the church.

St Philips church was consecrated on Saturday 17th December 1955 at 3pm by the assistant Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd George Sinker. The Duke of Devonshire laid the foundation stone of St Philips church. The highlight in the St Philips church history must be the Queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to the church on 28th March 1957.



The unusual thing about St Philips church that it was built the wrong way round, the altar faces the west-end of the building; normally the altar faces the east. The exterior church is built of Davis stone. This helps it blend with the houses of the estate. The tall tower represents the many industries of the county of Derbyshire.

The bell tower contains a large bell rescued from the Derwent village church, which is now submerged beneath the Derwent reservoir. The font was a gift from St Mary's Church Chaddesden, with many more artefacts given to the church by the parishioners, the convent on Morley Road and a church in Buxton.

The church was built as a dual- purpose building with a fold back screen separating it from the church hall. This allowed dances and plays were performed on a stage and many other social gatherings took place. The screen has since been taken down and the interior combined into the church's main body forming its modern interior with very good acoustics.



A donation was given to the curate on behalf of the members who had enjoyed this visit.



Memories of Chaddesden—Jean Moss (nee Newport)

(We are always pleased to hear your memories of this area.)

I came to live in Lansing Gardens in the 1950s. At the time there was no room in Cherry Tree Infant School, so I had to walk across the park to what became the St John's Ambulance Huts. My main memory was hanging my mittens against the stove to dry out and defrosting the milk before we could drink it. In my last term I became one of the pupils in the new school on Tennessee Road and I can remember carrying my desk there. It must have been small! My next school was Cherry Tree Hill Junior. In my first year I was in one of the huts below the playground. They and the air raid shelters, which were above the playground, have long since gone.

I remember the little and big copses above Cherry Tree school, before any houses were built. A great playground for children, as was the waste ground at the end of Grant Avenue before the houses were built. I still have the scar from falling off the tree that grew there.

Another memory is the building of the Methodist Church on Chesapeake Road. This is where I attend the Girls Life Brigade and Sunday School. Those who attended the Sunday School had a card which was stamped each week. At the end of the year you received a book. The church closed in 1978 and the records are deposited at the Derbyshire Record Office. The building is now used as a community centre.

In those days a bus went down Raynesway to Alvaston, a saving in time and money when I went to visit my grandmother in Alvaston. At the top of Raynesway, where the Aspen Court Nursing Home is now, were large circles of concrete. It was only recently that I learnt that they were the remains of a search light battery from WWII. Part of the defence of Chaddesden that included a road block outside what is now Aldi.

No discussion of this area, can miss out the trolley buses that ended at the Creamery at the top of Raynesway. If you want to see what the Derby trolley buses looked like there is a rare piece of film from the 1960s at

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gze_WlopPw



The last trolley bus to run was the 236 on 9th September 1967.



Your Committee Members - Sid Marson Speakers Booking Secretary & Outdoor Activities

I was born in Derby in 1931 and moved to Chaddesden in 1939. I lived there until 1954 and went to Morley Road School* and then Spondon House, which I left in 1945. In 1954 I married Barbara and have 2 sons, 4 granddaughters and 2 great granddaughters.

Over the years I was employed in several jobs. The main one was as a work study engineer for 26 years, the last 6 years as a Health & Safety Advisor. I now work part time for Derby County Football Club doing reception duties and stadium tours.

* There were air raid shelters at Morley Road School The front entrance was through a heavy metal door at the bottom of the steps. Inside there were wooden benches down each side and at the other end was a steel ladder which led up to an escape hatch. These were used in the evening by local families.



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A shot from the webcam during the Radio Derby interview in May 2006.

