



Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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Issue 4

Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of 2007.

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. Details of the members are given below.

Committee

Tony Bowler
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Member

Did you know?

Chaddesden Wood is the only ancient oak woodland in the City of Derby.

A small Wesleyan Chapel was built in Chaddesden in 1838, but where?

NOTTINGHAM ROAD FIRE STATION



In 1950 plans were completed for a new sub-station in Chaddesden to serve that area of the Borough. Originally it was to have been a two-storey building, but with a national post war shortage of steelwork and fabrics it was finished as a single storey building.

It was built with a tower, rest rooms, offices, recreation and locker rooms and included a pole-chute. This was later bricked up but is an indication of the type of building planned. It was officially opened on Saturday October 20th 1951 by the Mayor of Derby Zacharian Padgin Grayson.

In 1974 the station was amalgamated into the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service, and is run by 29 Fire-fighters in a four-watch system Red, White, Blue and Green and one Station Commander.

Demolition of Nottingham Road Fire Station is due to commence on 6th February 2007. The station will be replaced with a £2 million modern building. Until the new station is commissioned in nine months time; the Nottingham Road Fire Station staff will operate from Derby Homes houses in Beaufort Street.

Members of Chaddesden Historical Group visited on Tuesday 23rd January. The 35 members who attended this event were entertained by fire personnel with a hose and ladder drill on the tower. This was followed by refreshments and informative talks by Adam Hind, the Station Manager; Sue Noakes, Community Development Officer and a volunteer from the Fire Victim Support Scheme.

Following a viewing of the equipment held on a fire engine and the Derbyshire Fire Victim Support Unit, there was the opportunity to view old photographs of the building and plans of the new building.

The visit finished with the taking of a group photograph and the presentation of cheque for £50 for the Fire and Rescue Service Benevolent Fund to the Station Manager.





Chaddesden Taxi Companies
Information provided by John Matkin
(co-owner of Chads Cars)
Interviewed by Larry Bradley



Over the years Chaddesden has had several taxi companies, however over the years some have amalgamated, some moved, some have ceased trading. Taxi Companies that have operated in Chaddesden are:

- **Beaufort Street Taxis** (not strictly Chaddesden) has ceased trading.
- **Cresta Cabs** on Wiltshire Road moved to Weston-on-Trent where they now specialise in limousines.
- **Madison Taxis** on Madison Road amalgamated with Western Cars and moved to Derby.
- **Wilmot Taxis** running from the Wilmot Garage has ceased trading.
- **Chaddesden Taxis**, run by Ron Pickering from his home in Max Road, started with 1 car. It was bought by John Matkin who built up to 8 cars within 4 years. It was sold to Harry Parker; following his illness it was bought back by John Matkin a few years later. Eventually the company moved to Abbey Street, then Curzon Street and after 2 years sold out to Western Cars.
- **Albatross Cars** started by Larry Bradley from Albert Road with Terry Sharman. Within a year had bought out Handy Cars of Abbey Street and moved there. John Matkin bought Albatross Cars when the partnership broke up and ran the company alongside Chaddesden Taxis. This company was also sold to Western Cars.
- **Roe Farm Taxis** was formed by Brain Pountain and Andrew Bullivant. John Matkin joined when he sold Albatross and Chaddesden Taxis.
- **Lucky Seven Cars** which operated from Lucky Seven Car Park (now Aldi). John Matkin bought the company after a year at Roe Farm Taxis. After 18 months the company amalgamated with Roe Farm Taxis and the new company was renamed Chads Cars.
- **Chads Cars** this is now the only taxi company in Chaddesden and is based at Roe Farm Service Station on Wiltshire Road. Brian Pountain, Bill Weston and John Matkin and his three sons have built the company up to having 140 cars.

Can you add to the list?

More details about taxis in Chaddesden in the next issue.

TONY'S TOP TEN QUIZ ON CHADDESSEN.

1. WHERE WAS THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS IN CHADDESSEN?
2. WHO OPENED THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL?
3. WHICH MAYOR OPENED CHADDESSEN FIRE STATION?
4. WHAT YEAR DID THE FIRE STATION OPEN?
5. WHO MADE THE CLOCK FOR NOTTINGHAM ROAD CEMETERY?
6. WHICH FAMILY LIVED AT CHADDESSEN HALL?
7. WHAT IS BUILT ON MOOR FARM?
8. WHAT WERE THE FORMER NAMES OF LEES BROOK COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE?
9. WHERE WAS BRICKY LANE?
10. WHAT COUNTY DOES THE VICAR OF ST MARY'S COME FROM?



ANSWERS WILL BE IN NEWSLETTER NO 5

