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A Very Happy New Year To All Our Members and Friends.



Taken at the turn of the last century this shows the original St Marks Church, known at the time as the Tin Tabernacle. This picture is one from the collection of pictures donated to our archives by Derek Palmer.

Editorial.

As we move into our 7th year it would be a good time to have quick look at where we are and where do we go next. At the first meeting back in 2006 several people had a dream of bringing a record of the history of Chaddesden, and its surrounding area to a whole new audience both young and old. We certainly appear to have done that, and with the collection of articles, photographs and films that we now hold in our archives we certainly appear to have made our mark in the field of local history groups and organisations. This, along with the help of the internet and our website, has opened up a worldwide interest and none of this would have been possible without the support of you, our members. Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund has enabled us to reach out to schools and other community groups and in so doing we have created a community cohesion that is allowing a collective voice to be heard in political matters that affect our everyday lives. I don't know what the future holds but I am sure that the foundations we have established over the past 7 years will enable us to meet the challenges as they arise and provided that we can get more involvement from the younger generation our efforts will not have been wasted. If there is anything that you feel you can contribute to the clubs aims just give us a call.

AJB.

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Chaddesden Timeline.

This timeline is an attempt to show the significant events in Chaddesden as related to other world events.

1088. Cedesdene mentioned in the Domesday Book.

1347. Bishop of Lichfield granted permission for people of Chaddesden to bury their dead in the village churchyard as opposed to having to take them to Spondon via the Coffin Road which cut through the Park. *Calais taken by Edward III,*

1480. William Plumptom, owner of estates of Chaddesden died. *Spanish Inquisition starts.*

1593. Robert Newton, owner of estates of Chaddesden died and the lands passed to the Wilmot Family. *Henry IV of France becomes Catholic.*

1638. Robert Wilmot the elder left provision in his will for 10 Alms Houses to be established in Derby and money to his son Robert to set up 6 such houses in Chaddesden. *Covenant widely signed in Scotland*

1639. Robert jun. built a new house, probably a timber framed one, to replace the original building on the Park. *Charles I comes to terms with the Scots.*

1640. Edward Wilmot born in Chaddesden. *Long Parliament began, abolition of Royal Prerogative.*

1727. Edward inherited the house and replaced it with one made of brick and stone. *First Indemnity Act for Non-conformists.*

1814. Sir Robert Wilmot built the last Chaddesden Hall and this was the first without a thatched roof. *Abdication of Napoleon, Louis XVIII King of France.*

1831. Reform Bill rioters attacked Chaddesden Hall after a noisy march from Derby. *Faraday discovers electromagnetic induction.*

1901. Sir Henry Wilmot VC died. His sister Constance continued to live at the house. *Queen Victoria dies and trans Siberia Railway opens.*

1913. First fixed wing aircraft landed on Chaddesden Park. Piloted by Lieutenant S C Wingfield Smith, who was a relative of the Vicar of Chaddesden, Revd Willoughby Allis-Smith. (It was a BE2a produced by the Army Aircraft Factory from 1912 onwards) *Treaty of Bucharest; most of Turkey – in – Europe divided among Balkan States.*

1916. Constance Wilmot died. The estate was broken up and sold off. *Lord Kitchener died when HMS Hampshire struck a mine.*

1917. August 6th, 7th and 8th. Old Village Fair and Revels held on the Park in aid of Lord Roberts' Memorial Workshops for Wounded and Disabled Soldiers and Sailors. (Official Prog. held by CHg Archives) *First Americans arrive in France, 3rd Battle of Ypres begins.*

1923. Irish labourers were housed in Chaddesden Hall whilst they were building the Celanese Factory at Spondon. *Earthquake in Japan, Tokyo and Yokohama left in ruins.*

1927. Chaddesden Hall was pulled down. The Park was now owned by Derby County Council. *Lindberg flies the Atlantic alone.*

1930-40. The site of the Hall and the Park are all that remain as the rest was sold off for housing. *Invergordon Naval Mutiny, Hitler comes to power, George V dies, Edward VIII abdicates after 325 days as King, George VI crowned King and WWII begins.* (OK, but other than that Mrs Lincoln, how did you like the show?)

1940. The night of December 12/13 a German bomb was dropped on the Park near to the paddling pool and caused damage to the church and other houses. *Evacuation of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain was fought and won.*

1954. A new Library was built in the Park. *Roger Bannister ran first sub 4 min mile.*

1968. Chaddesden became part of the City of Derby. *Martin Luther King assassinated.*

1971. The brook was widened to prevent flooding and a new bridge was installed. *Rolls-Royce placed in administration.*

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27th Derby (Chaddesden) Scouts

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 27th (Chaddesden) Scouts. The group has planned a number of activities to mark the event, which began with a wonderful concert given by the Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir in St Mary's Church. This delicious Gingerbread Man in the Group's colours and baked by Wendy Gaskin, one of the leaders, was the highlight of the refreshment table!



The Group was formed on September 8th 1912, just 9 months after the Royal Charter was granted to the Boy Scouts Association, formed in 1907 by Robert Baden Powell, later Lord Baden Powell. The first Scout Master was Willoughby Allis Smith, Vicar of St Mary's. The grey parade uniforms were provided by Miss Constance Wilmot and made by Mrs Downs, the Vicar's housekeeper. The first meetings were held in a little room in the Vicarage, but later they met in a hut facing Church Lane, provided free of charge by Miss Wilmot. They moved their HQ to Meadow Lane in 1919 and have been there ever since.

In 1914 Harry Crouch and his brother joined the troop. Harry became the Group's first King's Scout and was presented with his award on 3rd of August, the day before war was declared. The Group has gone from strength and is still thriving. Much more information about them can be found on our website.

The Archives Team wish to extend their congratulations to the 27th on reaching their Centenary. It would be great if everyone in Chaddesden could support their activities this year in whatever capacity they can.

Rita Johnson

The following notes were put together by me after the issue was brought to my attention by Peter Cholerton. They are not meant to be alarmist but just to let you know that, contrary to popular belief, HS2 is coming our way. This information was taken from the D of T and StopHS2 websites.

High Speed Rail Link, London-Birmingham- Leeds. (HS2)

1. The above project is due for discussion again in Parliament as it progresses through the consultation and recommendation phase.
2. It is already getting wide coverage on the Television News and an article was included in the Derby Telegraph on page 24 of Tuesdays (8th Nov 11) issue.
3. All of the benefits to the Midlands and local industry are being highlighted and it is hoped to have the high speed line functioning through our area within the next 20 years. (2032 for completion)
4. If you refer to the Dept of Transport's own website and also to the one entitled 'StopHS2' on the Google search engine you will find a detailed map of the route that HS2 will take between London and Birmingham before splitting and running either side of Derby.
5. Due to the nature of this rail link, and the very high speeds involved, the existing rail corridors cannot be used as there are too many turns and gradients so a direct, straight line route has been adopted.
6. On leaving Birmingham this route cuts across the A50 at Chellaston and crosses Swarkeston Road (A514) before clipping the corner of Chellaston Academy then crossing the playing fields at the back of St. Peter's Road and through High Street.
7. Having decimated Chellaston the route moves on to Alvaston crossing Boulton Lane, Rosedale Avenue and Harvey Road on its march northwards.
8. Having crossed the Derwent it enters Chaddesden, crossing Albert Road and Nottingham Road before entering Chaddesden Park and taking out the allotments before crossing Maine Drive and Tennessee Road. The line will then cross Morley Road just south of Lees Brook School and then slice its way through the Oakwood estate. *This will have a detrimental effect on what little remains of Chaddesden's heritage!*
9. This aspect of the HS2 plan has never been publicised in Chellaston, Alvaston or Chaddesden and until I pointed it out to some of our elected representatives recently they knew nothing about it.
10. You and I all need to be aware of this issue. The rail 'corridor' is to be 75 metres wide with all its associated services and these trains will run at up to 250 mph with no stop at or near Derby.

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Meetings for 2012.

Thursday 5th Jan. Co-op Shops. Derek Palmer.

Thursday 2nd Feb. History at the Crossroads, Richard Felix

Thursday 1st Mar. Croxden Abbey-Stydd Hall
Keith Blood.

Thursday 5th April. AGM plus.

Thursday 3rd May. Joseph Wright-Painter of Light
David Parry

Thursday 7th June. Derbyshire Sayings. Ian Hingley.

Thursday 5th July. History of Cartoons.
Ken and Marie Garner.

Thursday 2nd August. Bonnie Prince Charlie.
Richard Felix.

Thursday 6th September. Engineering of Butterly Co.
Brian Key.

Thursday 4th Oct. Band of Brothers. Clive Tougher.

Thursday 1st Nov. Kedleston Hall.
Pam Helm and Shirley Smith.

Thursday 13th Dec. Christmas Party.

Health in Chaddesden

In response to the question, "Where was the doctors surgery before the one on Maine Drive was set up?". Margaret Poyser has given us this article. If anyone has any more information on this subject we would love to hear from you.

AJB

Doctors Tully, Barry and Taylor had their practice on Chaddesden Park Road near the Cemetery end. They had a large bungalow with a brick built waiting room added at the side. Our doctor had a 'turn up and wait' system to see which doctor you preferred. Dr Barry was a lovely man, very friendly and kind. The best part about a village doctor is that they know each family really well.

Doctor Barry was called out to my dad and he sat on the bed, little knowing that our dog was under the eiderdown. Mum was most embarrassed until the doctor's cleaner said that his dogs slept on his bed too.

Dr Rudge's surgery was on Nottingham Road where Abbey Vet's Surgery is now. One semi detached house with a wooden waiting room in the garden was the start. The adjoining house was taken over after a time, the chimneys were left up and the front rooms were made into one big room, being heated from the original fireplaces. The reception desk was under the two flights of stairs.

No appointments were necessary to see a doctor, much like Dr Tully's surgery. Patients would go into the surgery waiting room, which was a wooden building, through one door. Their notes were given to the doctor in between patients and then they were called in to see the doctor in order. The queue would move around the room. One doctor had the room upstairs, Dr Rudge in the back room and the other doctor in the front room. When the patient had finished seeing the doctor they left through another door. Eventually the wooden building was demolished.

There was another practice on Mayfield Road, they eventually moved to the corner of Maine Drive, where part of the Hall Farm was. Doctors Thompson, Disney, James, Keeling, Rivers and Cox are based here with another practice in Borrowash. Before that there was a Council run clinic for babies and pre school children on the site. The health visitors worked from there, they would come out to mums homes to review the babies and assess the progress of the pre school children. *Margaret Poyser*