



Chaddesden Historical Group



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Guest Editorial

There was a time when History was a subject covering events of long, long ago.

I remember at School, we heard about the Romans and the building of the roads and aqueducts etc. We even covered the Anglo-Saxons and the Normans, and the way they affected our heritage.

The teachers though steered well clear of the Vikings with all that raping and pillaging. That would have been too much for our easily influenced minds.

Henry V111th and the Tudors were covered, along with all the people around him who were losing their heads through one way or another. Subjects we did not cover were WW1, for which no history books had been written for schools, and WW2 which was still going on, or only just finished. Apart from these I can't recall any more topics that we covered. No doubt there were, but time dulls the memory. All of the topics were, as you can see, from a long time past.

But now with our Group, things are changing. History is not solely about the past. Over the last few months we have seen the interest in the Group increase. More people are enquiring about who we are, and what we do. Articles in the Derby Telegraph and Chadd Mag have opened us up to a wider audience.

We still like to delve into items of the past and investigate events of times gone by, and we are endeavouring to preserve the history of the past by recording photographically the changing image of the village. It is also our hope in the future to open up the archives of the group on the internet.

So History is not just about events in the past, like in my school days, but also about the present and the future.

Deryck Morley

The Heritage Lottery Fund.

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we announce that the Chaddesden Historical group has been awarded £32,100-00 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to establish an archive dedicated to the history of Chaddesden. This grant will enable the group to collect oral histories by interviewing local people about their memories and collect other materials of historical interest about Chaddesden and its inhabitants.

The group will create a website and run a series of learning activities for all age groups within the community covering not only the early establishment of the settlement but also its transition from an agricultural village to a dormitory town supplying skills and expertise to many Derby based industries.

This award is the culmination of some 10 months of work by Andrew and the archives team and we are looking forward to getting started as soon as we can.

Emma Sayer, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund East Midlands said, 'Within the space of a generation Chaddesden has changed beyond recognition. Recording people's memories of the changes that have happened is vital to make sure that this important part of Chaddesden's history is preserved for the future. We were delighted to support Chaddesden Historical Group's plans for this exciting community project that will empower local people to record and celebrate their history. AJB

Whilst every attempt has been made to trace original ownership of photographs, pictures and articles used in this Newsletter we apologise for any acknowledgement that we have failed to make.

The Committee wish to thank West Park School for their continued support in the production of this newsletter.

A Brief History of Chaddesden Sidings.

Could there have been a railway station at Chaddesden? Possibly so. When the railway from Nottingham to Derby was built by the Midland Counties Railway (MCR) a temporary platform was erected by the Old Meadows north of the present Derby Station area adjacent to Nottingham Rd.

Royal Assent was granted on June 21st 1836.

Work commenced on the line and by Spring 1838, 3,500 men and 328 horses were at work. The tracks were laid on blocks of millstone grit and larch sleepers. Cuttings and embankments were needed, (deepest cutting 30ft.) and (highest embankment 20ft.).

Construction work at Spondon required the closure of the canal which would cost MCR £2 per hour, but by a piece of good fortune the canal itself had to be closed for repairs. MCR seized the moment and concentrated all the workforce on that area, working every hour until that section of the line was completed avoiding extra cost to the company.

The line opened on Thursday 30th May 1839 with the first of four trains leaving Nottingham at 12.30 pm with four 1st class and two 2nd class coaches decorated with flags. The engine, a Jones Turner & Evans 2-2-0 "Sunbeam" left Nottingham to loud cheering and strains of "God save the Queen" played by the 5th Dragoon Guards band.

The Butterly built 2-2-0 "Arial" left 5 minutes later with a 2nd train to Derby covering the distance of 15.5 miles in 45 minutes averaging 21 mph. The return trip was even faster, at 30 mph.

MCR services from Monday to Saturday began with 5 trains and 2 on Sundays with 1st class fares of 3s 6p, 2nd & 3rd class fares of 1s 3p.

A permanent station was considered, crossing Old Meadows common land north of the River Derwent approximately where Derwent Row and Exeter St. joined and crossing the Derby canal. It would then continue over Exeter Place crossing the river over a new bridge which was to be built on the north side of the timber Exeter footbridge of 1810 to a station to be built on the site of Darby's yard, at the end of Full Street. Due to cost this idea was abandoned.

Another idea was for the line to run north of Meadow Lane at Chaddesden, crossing Nottingham Road Turnpike, through New Pastures ending with a station on the site of the Old Crown Derby China works which closed in 1839.

This plan was also shelved when a new scheme involving a joint venture between the North Midland Railway the Birmingham & Derby Junction Railway and Midland Counties Railway. All three companies agreed to share the cost of building a new station. This is of course the site of the present Derby Railway Station.

These plans were agreed in June 1838. Construction of railroads into the new Derby station were completed and opened for passenger services on 11th May 1840. The first train to arrive at Derby was an NMR passenger train from Masborough arriving at Derby at 9.30am running 1hr 45 minutes late.

Chaddesden missed out on its own station in the end, but went on to become a very important marshalling yard. From here goods were dispatched all over the country. This enterprise employed a large work force, serving local industry and helping to increase prosperity in Derby. For one moment it looked as though we might have had our own passenger station.

John Crosby

with thanks to, Rail Centre's, Derby, by Brian Radford.

A Pattern Makers Memorial

No more the floating metal guides,
No more with castings he provides,
His last mould run, the iron cold,
The core broke up, his story told.
Disturb him not 'til that Great Day,
When God shall to those vaults of clay,
His mandate sound with accent strong,
"Give up your dead and join the throng"
Found in St. Michael's Church Alfreton, on the
south side of the churchyard.

Margaret Poyser.



And a good time was had by all.

Andrew and Deryck at the Big One on the park.

A Visit to Melbourne Hall.

Some 34 members congregated in what was once the Billiard Room of Melbourne Hall, Melbourne, Derbyshire ready for an ongoing discovery trail regarding the history of the hall. We had two guides for our party one of them being Jill Weston, Curator, who had previously spoken to the group earlier on this year. We were very fortunate to be able to have a photograph of the group and also to see the upstairs rooms as this is not normally possible. As we finished the two tours the heavens opened and we couldn't visit the gardens, but we all had tickets to be used on another occasion. I would like to thank everyone who came on this visit for their support. Next and last one will be on Monday 4th October 2010 at 2pm at Catton Hall near to the National Memorial Arboretum; again we will be relying on drivers to offer lifts.

Linda Crosby

On the subject of visits, Linda has asked us to note:

1. Only fully paid up members may go on visits.
2. I assume that anyone who puts their name down for a visit, and doesn't let me know that transport is required, are using their own transport.
3. Please make sure that your name is on the appropriate list for each visit and that payment has been made.
4. If you find that you are unable to go on any of the visits please let me know, even if it is on the day itself, particularly if you are getting a lift.

5. Regarding Transport. Our group relies on members who drive cars to offer a lift to non drivers. If this applies to you please let me know.
6. I realize that some drivers have commitments whereby they are unable to offer a lift and that is fine.
7. Refunds. These can be given in circumstances relating to hospital appointments and other unavoidable commitments. I need advance warning of this. If you are ill on the day and cannot attend a visit it will depend on the venue as to whether a refund can be made. E.g. If refreshments have been ordered or guides are involved.
8. Last of all, where would you like to visit? All ideas to Linda Crosby either by email or by telephone on Derby 676425.

Where There's a Will.

When the plague hit Chaddesden in 1594/5 a stout hearted resident of the village named Henry Scattergood was feeling ill so decided he had best make a will. Of the few villagers that could write none were willing to visit him and take down his words on parchment, leaving everything to his second wife Fortune Fletcher. The task thus fell to the Minister, a Mister Chawner.

When Henry heard this he forbade Chawner to enter his house saying that he was of too much use to the community to risk catching the disease.

Henry ordered a chair to be scrubbed and placed on the cobblestones some distance from his window and it was from here that the Minister took down the Last Will and Testament of Henry Scattergood.

If you don't fancy shouting your dying wishes out to the vicar sat on a seat in the street go and make a will now if you don't have one. AJB.

A Thriving Suburb With A Past by Kay Rigby.

Waygoose (wei-zgus)

Originally an entertainment given by a master printer to his workmen "about Bartholomewtide" the 24th of August, marking the beginning of the season of working by candlelight. It became an annual festivity held in summer by the employees of a printing firm consisting of dinner and, usually, an excursion into the country.

In 1976 Bemrose Printers moved to Wayzgoose Drive, Derby but they ceased trading in 2010. Margaret Poyser.

Notices



Gladys Olive Gilbert.
1928-2010

On the 27th of July we were all saddened to hear of the death of Olive. For many years she worked as a hairdresser in her salon in Wood Road and along with her late husband she took a keen interest, and helped, in pantomime at the local school. Olive was a member of the Priory Group, which became the Tuesday Club, and was also one of the founder members of our own historical group.

Olive will be missed by us all and our deepest sympathy is sent to her family. AJB.

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Proposed Speakers for 2011.

- January 6th Derbyshire Houses and Gardens. Norma Consterdine.
- February 3rd Do you know your Derby. Marie and Ken Garner
- March 3rd Epitaphs- Cathedrals and Churches. Bertel Hutchinson.
- April 7th. AGM. The Archives Team.
- May 5th. Florence Nightingale. Clive Tougher.
- June 2nd. The History of Celanese. Jean, Fred, Sid and Barbara.
- July 7th. A Life Less Ordinary. Myra Challond.
- August 4th Life in the Big House. Ian Hingley.
- September 1st Langley Mill Pottery. Mr and Mrs Giblin.
- October 6th Mags Court. Glynn Plant.
- November 3rd Chaddesden. Peter Cholerton.
- December 1st. Another Christmas Party. The Archives Team.

Opening Times for Derby Local Studies Library.

5 July 2010-31 Dec 2010

Monday	9am-7pm
Tuesday	closed
Wednesday	closed
Thursday	9am-12.30pm
Friday	9am-4pm
Saturday	9.30am-4pm
Sunday	closed

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