



# Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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## Editorial

Welcome to our April 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. Articles on Chaddesden are always appreciated.

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## Cherry Tree Hill School's 70th Anniversary



Chaddesden WI and Chaddesden Historical Group were invited to take part in the 70th Anniversary celebrations of Cherry Tree Hill Junior School on Thursday 11th March.

Unfortunately there is not sufficient room in this issue to give a full account of this marvellous event, enjoyed by pupils old and new. However our Archivist has produced a report of this event as a permanent record.

The photograph above shows Don Shaw, one of the first 50 children to be admitted to the new Cherry Tree Hill Junior School. Don went on to be a well known writer gaining 2 BAFTAs and writing 189 series, serials, and single plays for the BBC and ITV. He has kindly recorded his memories of this time for the archives. He recalls that on the first day "*I had my gas mask in a cardboard box that we all had to carry. The police turned up on that very first day. A child had been suspected of robbing The Toy Shop in Nottingham Road Chaddesden. He was taken away for questioning.*"

The photograph also show a regular speaker at our group, Barbara Fibiger, who has an encyclopaedic knowledge of our area.

### Successful Funding Application to Chaddesden Neighbourhood Board

In the interest of improving the presentation of photographs and other items for our members, and to assist in co-ordinating and cataloguing our ever growing list of archives, the committee applied to the Board for funding.

We are pleased to announce that this application has been successful. It will enable us to purchase a Laptop Computer and Display Boards, which will help to update the filing and presentation of many of our items. *Deryck Morley*

For more information about the group, details of the speakers and planned visits, please contact Linda Crosby, the Group's Secretary on 01332 676425 or by e-mail at [linda.crosby2@ntlworld.com](mailto:linda.crosby2@ntlworld.com).



## Cherry Tree Hill Junior School



Two of our committee, Andrew Bailey and Deryck Morley, who can be seen on the left, were invited to talk to the pupils at Cherry Tree Hill School about life in Chaddesden over the years.

The hour long sessions were delivered to each of the eight classes. The idea was to involve and inform the pupils prior to the 70th anniversary celebrations.

Below is an extract from the report, describing these sessions, that Andrew prepared for the Archives .

*"The presentation was opened by Deryck who introduced us then moved swiftly on to the early history of the village up to the introduction of the first village school to the rear of Jasmine Cottage. I took over and covered the gory history of the wooded area of Cherry Tree Hill including the tales of Enoch Stone and the exploits of Pierce Cook the murdering outlaw, chased to London and captured by Chaddesden's own Constable Newton.*

*Handing back to Deryck he covered the run up to the war years, the formation of the school in 1940 and some of the difficulties experienced by the first pupils. He then introduced the various types of gas mask and steel helmet in use at that time. I followed with an introduction to rationing covering very briefly the reasons why it was needed and followed that with examples of the types of food on ration and the quantities available. These items did not stay in the art room but were kept in our freezer over night. The items produced as knitted comforts were discussed and an example shown.*

*The final session saw Deryck introduce various items of the time including the washtub, ponch, zink bath and several flat irons. We handed some items around the class including clogs, ice skates, flat irons and various tin helmets. The enthusiasm was matched only by the increase in noise level. I thanked the class for their attention and hoped that we had proved to them that history could be interesting. Final word went to Deryck who asked the children to take care of their environment and pointed out to them that they were the historians of tomorrow.*

*The feedback we received from the staff was very positive and we were the hot topic of conversation amongst the children all week. To both Deryck and I the whole weeks effort was highlighted by a teacher who, after one presentation, pointed out to us that one of the most enthusiastic pupils during our presentation was normally a very quiet member of the class and not one to get involved in questions and feedback. We had sparked her interest and it was a joy to see."*

### Our New Logo



It was decided that we needed a banner to show who we were when we attended different events. Following discussions, it was decided to base the new logo on the "Kilroy was here" symbol that appeared during World War II. It was therefore very appropriate that the banner was used for the first time at a school that opened in 1940.