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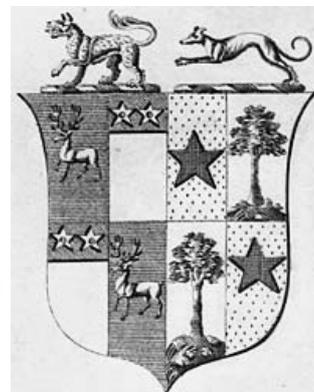
Editorial

Welcome to the summer 2009 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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VISIT TO LOCKO PARK ON SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2009

This visit was restricted to 24 members of the group. We were met at the gate by the current owner Mr David Palmer (of the Huntley Palmer biscuits fame) who is married to Lucy, the daughter of Captain Drury Lowe. They have lived in the house for 20 years and have three grown up children, the eldest is 17. We saw an oil painting of David's wife and the three boys, which she had commissioned for his 50th birthday and was painted at Melbourne Hall. All three boys looked like their mother.



The Palmers are in the throes of restoring the rooms, one at a time, We felt very privileged to see not only the beautiful rooms downstairs, but to go to a wonderful landing and see one of the bedrooms.

David Palmer was the photographer in charge of taking photographs of our group, both in the dining room and on the steps outside. He opened the chapel for us and let us wander around the grounds and gardens. Altogether he was a wonderful host.

A little bit of history. The family have owned the Locko Park Estate since 1747. It was purchased by John Lowe from the Gilbert family.

The name Locko is derived partly from the old French "loques" meaning rags. In the 12th century there was a hospital for lepers built by the Order of St Lazarus behind the house. William Drury, who in 1790 inherited the estate, added the name Lowe, to become the first of the Drury-Lowes.

127 boxes of papers of the Drury-Lowe family from the late 12th century to 1992 have been deposited at Nottingham University. These can be viewed by contacting Manuscripts and Special Collections on 0115 951 4565.

Chaddesden Mill



Derby Mercury's edition of Wednesday 2nd May 1832 shows that Chaddesden Mill was offered to let. It was a water corn mill, with a Steam Engine of eight horse power attached thereto, in the occupation of O'Brien Wibberely. The Water Wheel drove one pair of French, two pairs of Grey, and one pair of Shelling Stones and a Dressing Machine. The Engine had a pair of French Stones attached to it, which would drive either the French Stones & Dressing Machine together, or two pair of Stones. There was also attached a good Drying Kiln, and requisites for making Meal. The Mill was in good repair, on the banks of the Derby Canal. Also a Cottage, with an excellent Garden and Orchard and two Meadows adjoining was included.

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.



Steve Bloomer



On the 20th January, 1874 Steve Bloomer was born into a working class family at Cradley Heath. At the age of five the family moved to Derby where his father found employment at Ley's Foundry and Steve attended St. James' School where he learnt to play football.

In April 1892 Derby County spotted the talented footballer and he made his league debut against Stoke on the 1st September. His skill at darting past defenders and scoring goals soon made him a firm favourite with the supporters.

In 1895 he played the first of 23 games for England, scoring 2 goals on the 9-0 victory over Ireland. He spent a short time, 1906 to 1910, playing for Middlesbrough Football Club.

In 1914 Steve Bloomer went to Germany to coach a Berlin Club but World War One commenced and he was interned at Ruhleben remaining there for the duration of the War. After returning to England after the war Steve retired from playing in 1920 and became coach to the first team at Derby County. During his career he scored 332 goals in 525 appearances for the Rams.

In the later years of his life he lived with his son-in-law, Cyril Richards, at the Great Northern Inn where he died on the 16th April, 1938.

There are several memorials to Steve Bloomer in Derby; a plaque from the Baseball Ground now at Pride Park; a memorial in Derby's Lock-up Yard; a polished marble Headstone on his grave in Nottingham Road Cemetery and a bust unveiled at Pride Park on Saturday, 17th January, 2009. At each match at Pride Park the song "Steve Bloomer's Watching" is sung by the home supporters, a stirring reminder of a remarkable talented player.

This gravestone was erected by Steve Richards, Steve Bloomer's grandson. The two daughters buried in this grave both died before Steve Bloomer. Violet died in 1917 whilst her father was interned in Germany.

Patricia was born in 1920 after her father returned from Germany but she only lived for three weeks.

By Ken and Marie Garner.



Crossword Answers — Issue 14

ACROSS

1. **CLAYCROSS**—Mud crucifix? (9)
5. **BIGGIN**—Large drink? (6)
6. **CASTLETON**—Fortress, not around? (9)
8. **ETWALL**—Wallet around? (6)
9. **OCKBROOK**—German wine may flow here? (8)
10. **MAREHAY**—Female horse food? (7)
13. **IBLE**—Bible minus Bee? (4)
14. **SMALLEY**—Little Meadow? (7)
17. **HEATH**—Former PM Edward? (5)
20. **CURBAR**—Dog stopper? (6)
21. **FROGGATEDGE**—Amphibian on the brink? (12)
22. **DRAYCOTT**—Low cart with baby's bed? (8)
23. **KILBURN**—Two ways of Destruction?(7)
24. **BAKEWELL**—Good cooks do this? (8)

DOWN

2. **SHIRLEY**—Girls Name? (7)
3. **WIRKSWORTH**—Price of labour? (10)
4. **MACKWORTH**—Raincoats value? (9)
7. **TURNDITCH**—Rotate a furrow? (9)
11. **HOLLOWAY**—Women's Prison? (8)
12. **FLAGG**—Type of Iris? (5)
15. **ASHOVER**—Tree above? (7)
16. **YOULGREAVE**—You do this at a funeral? (10)
18. **AMBERGATE**—Yellowish barrier? (9)
19. **BRADWELL**—Small nail by spring? (8)