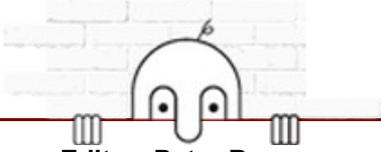


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Another Pre-war Bungalow Demolished

The photo above shows 102 Mayfield Road in February 2006. Despite its appearance and the house number, it was the oldest house on Mayfield Road, being known as "Ash Vale" when it was built for Emma Thexton in 1923. At the time of construction, it was an isolated house surrounded by fields with the remains of the Stanley Colliery tramway along the north west boundary. Mayfield Road was just a proposed estate road and sewers had not been laid so waste water was collected in a cesspit in the front garden, close to where the future sewer connection would be made.

In the past ten years there have been so many planning applications for the address 102 Mayfield Road that it would fill this page to list them all. The current planning application is 07/17/00928 for demolition of dwelling, erection of five dwelling houses and one bungalow.

The photos below show, left, the remains of Miss Thexton's bungalow in May 2017 and, right, the new houses being erected on 17 May this year. Unusually for Chaddesden, the new houses are timber framed with factory-made sections assembled on site. At the time of writing the outer brick cladding was being built, giving the appearance of traditionally-built houses. [Photos: Peter Barnes]



A Little History of Mayfield Road

Mayfield Road is a road in two parts as is demonstrated by the house numbers. Upper Mayfield Road, to the junction with Sussex Circus, is one of the oldest roads in Chaddesden. It appears on the 1791 Enclosure map as Derby Field Road and has subsequently been known as Roe Farm Lane and Colliery Lane.

Lower Mayfield Road is built on a 75 acre part of the Chaddesden Estate, which was purchased by Thomas Coleman, engineer, of Alfreton Road, Derby and William Arthur Wallis, solicitor, of Long Eaton in March 1918 for £6,000. By December 1925, Coleman had sole ownership of the land and began dividing it into building plots which were sold for around £75 each.

Mayfield Road was far from completely built when Derby Corporation introduced house numbers in the early 1930s with numbering starting at the Park Road end. To allow for the unbuilt houses, upper Mayfield Road was numbered in a separate series starting with numbers 102 and 103 (101 is an electricity sub-station). As a result there is a large gap in the numbers which reach 81 at the junction with Roe Farm Lane but only 54 on the even side. Postwar Hollington Close occupies the land between 54 and 102.

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A Question of Mathematics

A year or two before her death in 1966, my great-aunt, Elizabeth Lawson (née Cholerton; born 1884), gave me four ancient school textbooks dating from between 1789 and 1851. Inscriptions inside two of the older books indicate that by the late 1820s they were the property of members of the Mather family of Kniveton, and the oldest book has "Day School, Ashburne" written on the end-paper, so quite how my great-aunt acquired them is something of a mystery ... could it be that when she was just a little girl the books were actually being used at Chaddesden School? Whenever I look through their yellowing and increasingly fragile pages I usually find something I have not noticed before, and so it was that only a few weeks ago I came upon this mathematical problem relating to one of Derby's most famous industrial buildings:

Questions for Exercise at Leisure Hours:

The Silk Mill at Derby contains 26,586 Wheels, and 97,746 Movements, which wind off or throw 73,726 Yards of Silk every Time the great Water Wheel, which gives Motion to all the Rest, goes about, which is three times in a Minute. The Question is, how many Yards of Silk may be thrown by this Machine in a Day, reckoning Ten Hours to a Day's Work? and how many in the Compass of a Year, deducting for Sundays and great Holidays, 63 Days, provided no Part of it stands still?

From: *The Tutor's Guide, being a Complete System of Arithmetic*, by Charles Vyse, 12th edition, London, 1804, p.48.

Unfortunately, the book does not provide the answers, so if you want to know how many yards of silk the Silk Mill could produce first in a day and then in a year you are going to have to reach for a calculator, but as you press the buttons, spare a thought for those previous generations of scholars who didn't have the advantages of living in our microchip age and had to do all their sums the hard way!

Peter Cholerton, 2018

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