



# Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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## Editorial

I would like to welcome you all to the newly formed Chaddesden Historical Group. The committee will be open to any ideas you may have in making the group successful for many years to come.

Archive material and photographs of Chaddesden's past will be most welcome.

Take a trip down memory lane tell us about your lives in Chaddesden of old.

*Tony Bowler*

Chairman

## Committee Members

Tony Bowler — Chairman  
Larry Bradley—Treasurer  
John Crosby—Deputy  
Chairman & Assistant Treasurer  
Karen Moore—Secretary  
Linda Crosby—Assistant  
Secretary  
Sid Marson—Speakers Booking  
Secretary & Outdoor Activities  
Joy Baraclough—Member

## THE BIRTH OF THE CHADDESSEN HISTORICAL GROUP

One day while visiting the Chaddesden Park Library, I got into a conversation with Mary Alderman about the opening of the Chaddesden Park Library in 1954 and unwittingly talked myself into giving a presentation lecture.

This first lecture to 57 people took place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004 as part of the library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and raised money for the Friends of the Nightingale MacMillan Unit in London Road Derby. Such was its popularity that on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 I repeated the presentation to 44 people with the library benefiting from the repeat performance.

With such large audiences I broached the subject of starting up a Chaddesden History Group and, with the excellent help of Mary and her staff at the Chaddesden library, posters were printed and displayed. This was followed by publicity in the Derby Evening Telegraph Bygones section and an interview on Chaddesden's own Derwent F.M. Radio station.

A meeting was held at the Chaddesden Park Library and took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 10-30am. I was amazed at the amount of people that turned up for this meeting which was very productive. A committee of volunteers was formed and things moved very quickly with 24 members paying their yearly subscription of £5. A meeting charge of £1 for members, £2 for non-members was agreed. A room at the Jubilee Club was secured to hold our meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

A visit to Radio Derby on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May by Sid Marson, Larry Bradley and myself to talk about the group was most enjoyable with a great interest shown in the group by the Radio Station.



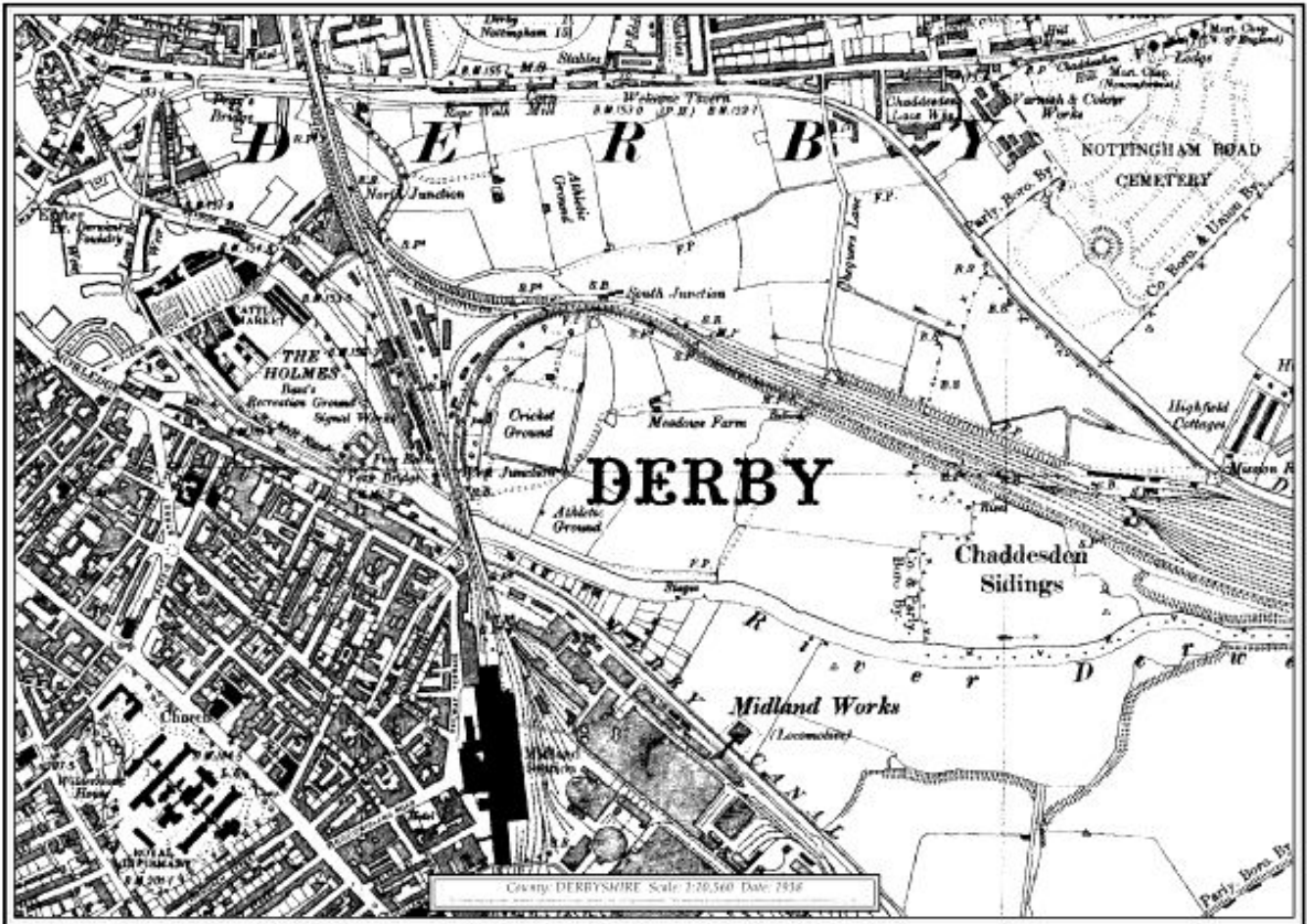
## V E Celebrations at Willetts Road

We are always interested in local pictures and memories. We are happy to scan in the originals and return them.

How many people can you recognise in this picture?

Do you have any photographs of this time and what can you remember?





### Highfield Cottages

This Conservation Area was designated on 13 January 1993, and is an important part of Derby's railway heritage.

The cottages themselves were built in 1865 for the Midland Railway Company to the designs of their architect, John Sandars. They were built to house the workers employed on Chaddesden Sidings, which were also laid out in the 1860s. The westernmost of the two terraces offer views towards the Nottingham Road Cemetery. This was the first municipal cemetery in Derby, and has a fine Grade II listed gatehouse of 1850.

Do you have recollections of Chaddesden Sidings or Derby Canal that ran alongside?

#### Rolls Royce Heritage Trust Visit

14th September at 10:30

This free visit is fully booked.

A second visit will be arranged.

The Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust was established in 1981 by a small group of employees who took pride in the company's past achievements.

#### GRAND CHARITY NIGHT

Fancy a challenge, then join me at 7-30 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2006 for an illustrated fun quiz to be held at the St John Ambulance Centre Trinity Street off London Road Derby. The quiz will be *who, where* and *what* of Derby and Derbyshire place names.

Teams of four, £3 per person, this includes refreshments. There will be a raffle.

All proceeds will go to the Friends of the Nightingale Macmillan Unit London Road. This will help purchase an £11,000 high profile electronic bed, which patients can operate without assistance.

I have raised almost £2000 for this worthy cause and need your help to reach my target. Interested parties can order tickets from Roy Poole telephone 01332-605578.

Please come along I will appreciate your help. *Tony Bowler.*

