



# Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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## Editorial

Welcome to the autumn 2007 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.

Tony Bowler

*Chairman*

John Crosby

*D Chairman & Treasurer*

Linda Crosby

*Secretary.*

Karen Moore

*A Secretary*

Sid Marson

*Speakers Booking Sec & Outdoor Activities*

Joy Barraclough

*Member*

Brenda Bradley

*Member*



Pride Park Visit.

On Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> 23 members of the Chaddesden Historical Group were taken on a guided tour of the Pride Park football stadium the home of Derby County, by Sid and Barbara Marson, members of the group and DCFC guides.

It was a most informative and enjoyable tour of the stadium. Excellent was the comment of the group members as they wandered around the stadium police cells, changing rooms, baths and showers, with some trying their luck at the players warm-up goal. Some did better than others I might add.

The tour was completed with a group photograph by the pitch-side, beverages were taken at the Baseball- bar, this was the bar from the former Baseball Hotel which once stood at the Normanton end of Derby County's former home the Baseball Ground where some members have spent many happy times.

## Larry Bradley

It is with sadness I have to report the loss of Larry Bradley, our group treasurer, who passed away peacefully on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007, fighting his illness to the end. Larry was the first person to volunteer to be on the committee, taking on the treasurer's position. One of the hardest and he made an excellent job of it.

Larry confided in me about his illnesses, for which I respect him. We worked very well together and he became the backbone of the group, working tirelessly behind the scenes to help the group succeed and working on many projects.

He would often come for a chat about the ways in which we could improve things for the group's members. He always had the interests of the group at heart, despite his illness. I will miss our chats. Larry enjoyed listening to our speakers and was instrumental in getting the sound equipment.

Group outings were of great interest to him, especially the Rolls Royce tour and Chester Green walk. He enjoyed seeing Derby's little gems not being a native of the city.

Larry was a well respected family man, letting nothing get him down. Our condolences and thanks go to his wife Brenda, another tireless worker within the group, and her family.

Thank you to all the group members who attended his funeral. A donation was made to the Rainbow's Hospice on behalf of the group, as requested by Brenda. *Tony Bowler*



## Chaddesden Cinemas

### Majestic Cinema on Wiltshire Road, Chaddesden

First opened: 14th April 1938

Closed: 28th April 1962

Last Film: "Fanny"

### The Gloria Cinema/Essoldo/Lucky 7/Ladbroke's Film Centre on Nottingham Road, Chaddesden

First opened: 21st November 1938

Closed: 31st December 1982

Last Film: "Herbie Goes Back"

Have you any memories of these cinemas? Do you remember the live shows? What other buildings have disappeared ?

## Did you know?

Derby Mercury on 15th September 1791 reported a meeting at the Bell Inn supporting the building of the Derby Canal.

[www.derbycanal.org.uk](http://www.derbycanal.org.uk)

gives details of the work taking place to restore this canal to its former glory.

The whole scheme includes:-

- Restoration of the Derby & Sandiacre Canal.
- The return of the River Derwent to Navigation.
- The Building of the "Derby Arm" Boat Lift.

## Your Committee Members—John Crosby

(Vice Chair, Archivist and Treasurer)

I have lived in Chaddesden nearly all my life apart from 3 years spent at Willington 1970 –1973. I attended the local schools, the Memorial Hall, Cherry Tree Hill and Spondon House Secondary Modern. Some of you may remember me from my time there. When I left school in 1956 I became an Apprentice Fitter at Derby Locomotive Works (*The Midland Railway Company acquired a small site in Derby in 1840 and built workshops to repair their rail vehicles. This site soon expanded and in 1876 a further site was acquired, which became the Carriage & Wagon Works*). I finished my apprenticeship in 1962 and stayed on until 1969 when I became a Sales Representative. In 1978 I changed my career again by joining Rolls Royce as an Inspector of aero engine parts until my retirement in January 2003.

My interest are local history, painting and drawing and football, having been a keen supporter for many years

## TONY'S TOP TEN QUIZ ON CHADDESSEN—ANSWERS

WHERE WAS THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS IN CHADDESSEN? - *Chaddesden Park*

WHO OPENED THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL? - *Duke of Devonshire*

WHICH MAYOR OPENED CHADDESSEN FIRE STATION? - *Zacharian Padgin Grayson*

WHAT YEAR DID THE FIRE STATION OPEN? - *20th October 1951*

WHO MADE THE CLOCK FOR NOTTINGHAM ROAD CEMETERY? - *John Smith and Sons, Queen Street Derby*

WHICH FAMILY LIVED AT CHADDESSEN HALL? -*Wilmot Family*

WHAT IS BUILT ON MOOR FARM? - *Derby County Football Club Academy*

WHAT WERE THE FORMER NAMES OF LEES BROOK COMMUNITY SPORTS COLLEGE?

*Olive Eden Secondary School, Chaddesden Secondary School*

WHERE WAS BRICKY LANE? - *Former name of Wood Road*

WHAT COUNTY DOES THE VICAR OF ST MARY'S COME FROM? - *Norfolk*

