



Chaddesden Historical Group Newsletter



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Editorial

Welcome to the August 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. Articles on Chaddesden are always appreciated.

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Chaddesden Jubilee Club

It seemed very appropriate to bring out a special edition of the magazine to mark the Open Meeting of the group on the 6th August. An insight into the history of the Chaddesden Jubilee Club, where the group meets, seems to be a suitable subject. Next year is the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the club. In 1985 there was a week of celebrations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the club. This included the production of celebration bottles of ale by Bass.

Chaddesden Jubilee Club still has the original minutes dating back to the formation of the club. The first entry is on 26th May 1935 and states "*The constitution of this Club was formed with a proposal form containing 45 signatures + it was agreed to call a meeting 2nd June 1935. Mr H Farrell to take the Chair. Mr T Moss undertook to act as Secretary + Rules were to be drawn up in the meantime in readiness for application for licence.*"

At the meeting on the 2nd June Mr Moss was instructed to apply for the licence the following day and the Club would open officially 8th June 1935 at 11:30am.

Initially the club premises were rented from Mr Mellor at a cost of 18 shillings per week plus rates. It wasn't until the meeting on 18th May 1938 that "*It was resolved that the Seal of the Club be affixed to the conveyance from Charles Ernest Mellor to the Club of the Club House + land for £1,275.*"

The minutes give a fascinating insight into how the club has evolved over the years.

On 15th July 1935 "*it was reported upon the introduction of Bread & Cheese Saturday given gratuitously by the Club and stated the amount would not exceed 3 shillings weekly.*"

By the 10th May 1936 it was decided "*the supply of Bread & Cheese, in view of the cost per annum, be discontinued*".

On 16th April 1937 it was agreed "*that all Members wives + lady friends have the privilege of becoming Honorary Members of the Club on payment of 1 shilling per annum, provided that no members wife shall be served in the Club during the day previous to 5:30pm, unless accompanied by her husband.*"

Club members also participated in Chaddesden Carnival on 11th July 1937 dressed as Will Hay and his scholars, plus an extension was applied for extending the club opening hours from 10pm to 11pm.

The minutes refer to a number of clubs connected with the Jubilee Club. One of which was the Horticultural Club. The minutes of the 20th September 1936 records that the Horticultural Committee had raised 2 guineas for the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, 1 guinea for the Women's Hospital, 1 guinea for the Children's Hospital and 1 guinea for the Railway Servant's Orphanage.

The generosity of members continues to this day. This year a cheque for £20,000 was presented to the Macmillan Cancer Cure Unit.



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.



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Wilmot Arms



The oldest public house in Chaddesden is the Wilmot Arms. This inn has been at the centre of village life over the years.

Until the introduction of the Intoxicating Liquor (Licensing) Bill of 1872, there was no restriction on the hours that inns could be opened and they were often used for different activities.

Interestingly Derby Mercury recorded that on 2nd July 1864 “a public tea drinking event took place through the kind liberality of Sir H.S. Wilmot, the Misses Wilmot, and several subscribers in the village. About 200 people were supplied with a most excellent tea, plum cake, buns etc., at the Wilmot Arms, every one being invited throughout the parish. After tea, dancing was commenced and kept up with great spirit for some hours.”

On 13th July 1864, Derby Mercury described the Wilmot Arms as having a “green and bowery rose garden at the back, and at the front the Wilmot arms and crest in which eagles heads and escallop shells play a prominent heraldic part, and preside over an inscription which Sir Wilfred Lawson would decipher as “licensed to be drunk on the premises”. Roses seem to thrive in Chaddesden.

Henry Wilmot

The Wilmot family has contributed to the development of Chaddesden over the years. One particularly famous member of this family is Henry Wilmot. Henry was born on 3rd February 1831 in Chaddesden. Whilst he was serving as a captain with the 2nd Battalion (Prince Consort's Own), The Rifle Brigade, he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

“On 11th March 1858 at Lucknow, India , Captain Wilmot's company was engaged with a large number of the enemy near the Iron Bridge. That officer found himself, at one stage, at the end of a street with only four of his men opposed to a considerable body of the enemy. One of his men was shot through both legs and two of the others [Private David Hawkes and Corporal William Nash, who were also awarded the VC] lifted him and, although one of them was severely wounded, they carried their comrade for a considerable distance, Captain Wilmot firing with the men's rifles and covering the retreat of the party”



Captain Wilmot continued to have an illustrious career. He became colonel of the regiment, was knighted and served as Judge– Advocate General for British forces during the Chinese War 1860–1861.

He was elected as a Conservative Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire, gaining 3511 votes at the election in January 1869. The election was called following the sudden death of Sir Thomas Greasley (36). The opposing candidate T W Evans (Liberal) gained 3478 votes. Henry Wilmot died in Bournemouth in 1901 and is buried in St Mary's Chaddesden.