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## Welcome to the CADLHS Newsletter



## First Valentines Day Telegram 14th February 1936



Following the success of the first Greeting Telegram in July 1935 the GPO (General Post Office) released their first Valentines Day Telegram on February 14th 1936. This telegram was issued only on Valentines Day itself. It was designed by Rex Whistler.

Delivered in a distinctive gold envelope it would no doubt have brought joy to many a sweetheart's heart. Interestingly the telegram illustrated has been wrongly dated by the Post Office Clerk. Maybe the Spireite woovers were too mean as I have never seen this telegram issued in Chesterfield.



# FLOODS!

Although Chesterfield didn't suffer in the floods of January this year, if you'd had been around in 1880...

CHESTERFIELD—The storm broke over the town about five o'clock in the evening and from that time until the time of writing the rain was incessantly coming down, although not with so much force during the latter part of the period named. On Monday night the rain fairly poured down as a deluge and the consequence was that the water rose with alarming rapidity all over the district, the low lying meadows and roads being many feet under water. At the bottom of Boythorpe Lane two streams converge to one point where they join, and on Monday morning the meadows known as Maynards were like a lake, in fact Mr Littlewood of Gluman Gate had to wade in almost up to his waist to rescue a number of sheep which were on a raised part of the meadow, but surrounded with water. The houses adjoining the river in the Wheeldon Lane, the Dog Kennels, and the yards on the lower side of the town were flooded, and in Derby Lane the water was washing across the road. There was a large volume of water coming from the direction of Clay Cross, and the houses situate near the Alma Mill, just outside the borough of Chesterfield, were almost isolated by the water, which rushed in at the kitchen doors. A considerable portion of the road between the Horns Bridge and Pond Houses was submerged, and persons were conveyed across in vehicles at a small charge, the water being so deep as to reach the cart bottoms.

In fact from this point up the vale past Spital to the railway station, the land was completely under water, only the tops of the hedgerows showing, the body of water gaining more power here from the fact that the Hipper and Rother unite here. On the Sheffield side of the railway station the canal and river became one.

Brewery Lane at the bottom part was under water, and whilst the course of the canal could not be traced, the river course was but faintly to be detected by the appearance of a bush here and there. No lives have been reputed as having been lost, but property had been damaged to a very considerable extent, and such a heavy flood has not been experienced for very many years.

This (Wednesday) morning the water had considerably subsided.



# February Meeting



## SLIDES OF CHESTERFIELD by David Howes

David's wonderful collection of early photographs of local shops, buildings and people.

### Also the Annual General Meeting

The cost is £2.00, refreshments are provided.

Rose Hill United Reformed Church, (next to the Town Hall), on Tuesday February 16th at 7:30pm

The entrance is at the rear and there is ample free parking around the Town Hall after 6.00pm



## Black & white buildings

The story behind the black and white buildings of Chesterfield

**CHESTERFIELD MUSEUM**

**18 January to 12 March**





## Aqua Bottle



Three and a half inches high.  
Circa 1888 Hand blown into a mould with shear top. Would have been sealed with a cork  
Impressed lettering reads CROOKED SPIRE LEMONADE  
Contained sugar lemonade crystals which when dissolved in water would produce a sweet drink.  
Probable cost 1d  
Thought to be manufactured and sold in Chesterfield.  
If anyone has any ideas or information about this item please get in touch!

Wendy Pockson

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### *The next three months' presentations*



Sleeping Beauty  
The Cromford Canal  
& its Restoration  
by  
Mike Kelley  
Tues March 15th



Listed Buildings &  
the Conservation  
areas of Chesterfield  
by  
Scott Nicholas  
Tues April 19th



Derbyshire Churches  
Architecture &  
Archaeology  
by  
Peter Newsham  
Tues May 17th

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