



January 2016



## Welcome to the new CADLHS newsletter

**New for 2016**, the Society will produce a monthly newsletter in full colour. You can choose to have this delivered by post if you don't have an email address, just let us know at the next meeting.

If you have an email address, just follow the instructions on the back page.

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- The Society gets a new website & newsletter
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## Derbyshire Times' buildings to be demolished



Starting Monday 11th January, The old Derbyshire Times' buildings will be demolished after 100 years on Station Road, Chesterfield.

Of the three main buildings, the one that housed the printing presses and one that was used as offices, will be demolished.

A third building, now the offices of a residential care-home company, will survive - the remaining area will become car parking space.



these machines have survived to the present day and the Chesterfield wheel (tree-ring dated to 1360-1400) is unusual in being easily accessible in a museum rather than still high up in the tower of its church.

This type of windlass is known to have been used as early as Roman times, and the principle behind it (the changing of rotational motion into vertical motion) underlies later powered machinery: for example the equipment used to raise coal from underground workings.

A fine example of human ingenuity and engineering.

*From the BBC's A History of the World*

## The Medieval Builders Wheel

This amazing object was used over 600 years ago in the building of Chesterfield's famous Crooked Spire church. If you've ever wondered how churches, cathedrals, and castles could be built without modern cranes, here's your answer. Heavy building materials were attached to a rope wound round the axle of the windlass, and then lifted by a person getting inside and treading the wheel around. The wheel was installed as high up on the building as possible and would be dismantled and moved up again as construction progressed. The medieval carpenters marked each piece of timber so they could easily take it apart and put it back together again. Very few of

### ***New Monthly Feature***

#### **Museum Monthly**

Every month throughout the year we will feature an item from Chesterfield Museum that is not on display to the general public.

Objects of curiosity, of style or rarity will go into our new monthly feature.

*Courtesy of Chesterfield Museums*

# January Meeting



## THE DERWENT & HOWDEN DAMS by Keith Blood

Learn about the story of the construction of the Derwent and Howden Dams in this authoritative talk by Keith Blood.

The cost is free to members and £2.00 to visitors, refreshments are provided.

Rose Hill United Reform Church, (next to the Town Hall), on Tuesday January 19th at 7:30pm

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

## Chesterfield Parish Church Honour Book



Issued in 1920 it gives details of some of the young men associated with Chesterfield Parish Church who fought during World War One. It gives the details not only of the young men who gave their lives but also of those who returned stating 'they were just as ready and willing to make the supreme sacrifice as those who died at the Front, and it is therefore fitting that without any distinction, a record should be kept of all those who responded to the call of duty.'

Backed in cloth covers the book was sold at Mr Newton Wrights Cavendish Street Chesterfield at a cost of 7s 6d

Pages include details of service and usually a photograph. Men who did not return are surrounded by a laurel wreath.

If you would like further details of men included in the book please contact CADLHS

Wendy Pockson





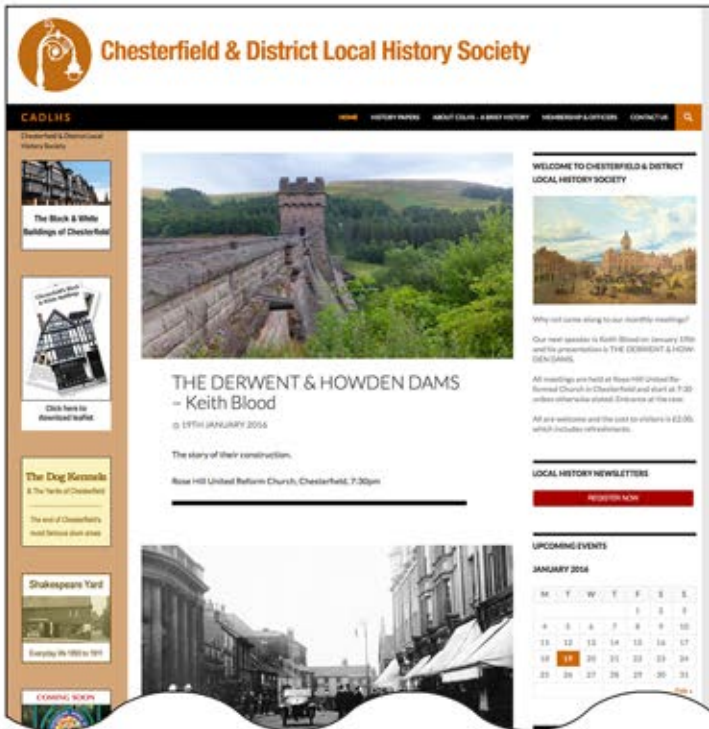
# Chesterfield & District Local History Society

## New CADLHS Website

New for 2016, the Society now has its own website which will contain:

- Society news and details of forthcoming events and presentations
- Links to other history websites
- Videos on historical subjects
- Details of other local history groups
- The Society's History Papers
- Details of the Society's Offers and Membership

If you have any suggestions for items on the site, please email them to: [info@cadlhs.org.uk](mailto:info@cadlhs.org.uk)



## The next four months' monthly presentations



Slides of Chesterfield  
by  
David Howes  
&  
AGM  
Tues February 16th



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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[www.cadlhs.org.uk](http://www.cadlhs.org.uk)  
and complete the email Registration Form