



NEWSLETTER

January/February 2020

Society News

There is no meeting in January and the first meeting in 2020 will be on February 18th when a short AGM will be followed by a presentation by David Howes who invites us to walk down Chatsworth Road. David's presentations are always very interesting – don't let the idea of the AGM deter you from attending.

Subscriptions are due on the 1st February. Anyone who joined the Society after August 31st does not need to pay again until February 2021. Visitors are reminded that the charge for visitors will be increased to £3

Committee We are looking for volunteers to join the committee to help with running the society. In particular we need someone to take over as membership secretary. There are about three committee meetings per year. If you can help please let Chris Thomason or myself know.

Weather. During the winter months there is the possibility that meetings may be cancelled due to adverse weather. Please check with the Society's website <http://www.cadlhs.org.uk/> in case it is necessary to cancel a meeting. Every endeavour is made to contact by phone members who do not have access to email.

Janet Murphy

Chairwoman CADLHS

Where are they?



The November / December *Newsletter* contained an article about Frederick Turner, stone mason, and suggested that you identify the building on which these faces can be found. They are just above head height on the former Woodheads building.

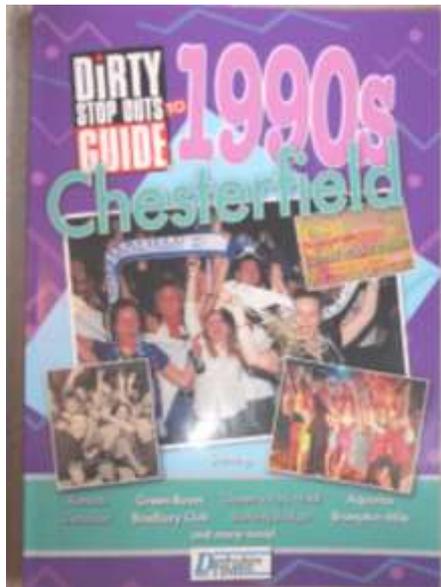
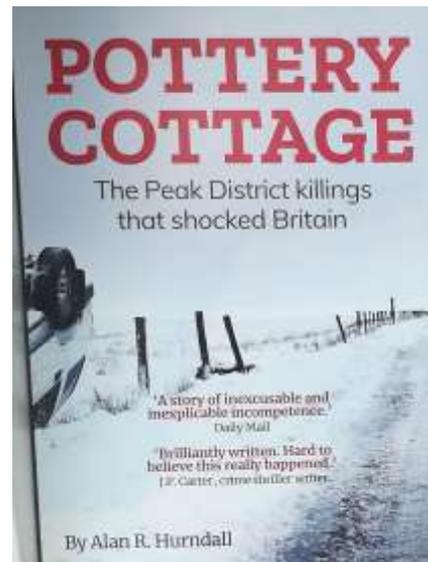
New Books

Alan Hurndall: Pottery Cottage

ISBN 9781999702670

Sheffield: Northend Creative Print Solutions. 2019 £8.99

The story of the horrifying events of January 1977. Beware there are other books with similar titles including one which is a novel.



Anderson, Neil: Dirty Stop Out Guide to the 1990s.

ISBN 9781908431639

ACM Retro 2019 £13.95

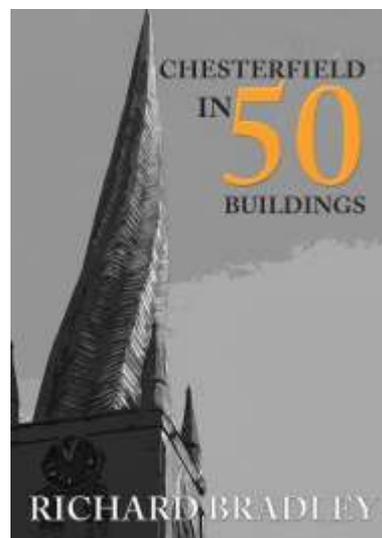
Featuring buildings which have since disappeared – Queen's Park Hotel and the Bradbury Club.

Richard Bradley: Chesterfield in 50 buildings.

ISBN 978144569036

Amberley 2019 £14.99

A personal choice – some of the buildings are not in Chesterfield.



The Brampton Mile in the late 1950s

Ken Silcock

The Brampton Mile started at the Terminus Hotel on Chatsworth Road and ended at the Masons Arms opposite the Brampton Brewery. The Square and Compasses was not included as it was over the original boundary between Brampton and Chesterfield.

Rather confusingly there were two pubs called the Pheasant both owned by Brampton Brewery. The Old Pheasant or Top Pheasant was rebuilt in 1906 and renamed the Terminus Hotel as it was the terminus for the tram route. The Bottom Pheasant or New Pheasant stood at the corner of Storrs Road and Chatsworth Road.

It was then quite a long walk to the Star at the corner of Chapel Lane West, a Tennants pub and a bit further on the Peacock, one of only two in Brampton owned by the Scarsdale Brewery. On the other side of Chatsworth Road and down Victoria Street was the Victoria, an Ind Coope pub (the only other Ind Coope being the Devonshire at Hasland).

At the junction of Old Hall Road and Old Road stood the Rose and Crown. It used to have big double doors and above there was a sign reading 'Richdale Arms for Rich Ales'. The diplomas awarded to the brewery for prize winning ales were displayed. Diagonally opposite was the Britannia, a William Stones pub.

Back on Chatsworth Road at the side of Mill Lane was the other Scarsdale pub – the Three Horseshoes.

At the end of Old Road was the Prince of Wales (Brampton). On the opposite side of Barker Lane was the Red Lion Hotel (William Stones) with the Barrel (Brampton) next door. On one gable is the date 1919 and on the other the arm and hammer trade mark of the Brampton Brewery. I used to play dominoes there and one year we won the league.



Opposite on Factory Street was the Anchor. There used to be one big room on the ground floor at the weekend but during the week a partition was drawn across. Plowrights held a Christmas celebration for their staff there. There was a buffet and a white-coated waiter who collected drinks from the bar. The pub landlord thought they could sell more drinks that way. Further along Factory Street on the right was Beaver Place and the Castle Inn (Brampton).

Continuing along Chatsworth Road was the New Inn (William Stones) adjacent to the entry to the Electricity Works, the cooling water from which supplied the heat for Markham swimming baths. On the corner of Hipper Street West was the Grouse (William Stones) and a few doors further on the Alma (Brampton) on the corner of Alma Street West. Opposite was the Durham Ox (Brampton) and the Half Moon (William Stones).

On the corner of Chatsworth Road and Wheatbridge Road was the Bold Rodney, site of the annual Brampton Feast. My grandfather was landlord there from 1889-1930. He was a big man as was Chuck Salt landlord of the Half Moon. They were in demand at local feasts as the anchors for tug-o'-war teams. My father was born there in 1895. My grandmother had 13 children at two yearly intervals. Father was the eldest. The Bold Rodney was owned by Rawsons Brewery of Sheffield. I used to go with Grandad to Sheffield Midland railway station to pay the rent. One day he took me to a model shop in Fitzalan Square to buy a model of the original horse-drawn Sheffield trams but I didn't want it – foolish me, what would it have been worth today? The beer used to come in 50 or 60 gallon barrels on a steam wagon. They were rolled down into the cellar and had to be stood on racks to settle for a couple of weeks. Rawsons Brewery was destroyed during the Blitz and eventually they were taken over by Gilmours.

After Grandad retired they went to live in a house on Chatsworth Road alongside the footpath to Markham baths. Grandmother had a big collection of Brampton stone ware which gradually disappeared. She died in her bed. The doctor thought she had had a heart attack when the air raid siren (the last one of the war) went off in the middle of the night.

After he returned from the war my father kept the Griffin (Brampton) also on Wheatbridge Road from 1922-1926. My mother said that he should get out when they were going to open the Miners' Welfare on Chester Street in 1926 because it would take away a lot of the trade. It did and many of the pubs suffered.

The Royal Oak (Brampton) was on the corner of Chester Street and Chatsworth Road and the last one also on Chatsworth Road was the Masons Arms (William Stones).

There were two beer offs – Lofty's on Shepley Street and Davenport's on Chester Street but they didn't count.

I am not aware of anyone who managed a drink in every one. There were too many and it was a long way from the Terminus to the Star, the hours were shorter 11am – 1:30pm and 7pm – 10pm and the beer could be stronger. Today there are fewer pubs and longer opening hours.

Update

The Terminus Hotel was demolished in 2002 to make way for flats at Stephenson Court. The New Pheasant was demolished in 1969 and the site is now a car park. The Rose and Crown and the New Inn are now owned by Brampton Brewery (established 2007), the latter being renamed Tramway Tavern. The Three Horseshoes is now the Tap House run by Barlow Brewery. The Prince of Wales is now Maison Mes Amis, a restaurant, and the Red Lion is now the Crafty Dog. The Castle Inn closed in the early 1960s and was demolished, becoming part of the Robinsons site. The Half Moon was demolished and replaced by apartments. The Durham Ox closed in the late 1950s and was turned into an electrical warehouse which was demolished and replaced by a petrol station which in turn was demolished to make way for a row of shops. The Royal Oak is now the Spotted Frog. The Bold Rodney was closed in 1987 and is now Dynasty – a Chinese restaurant. Like the Castle Inn the Griffin was demolished in 1977 to become part of the Robinsons site. After several changes of name the Mason Arms is now the Junction.

Can you help?

We have contacted by someone who is researching the history of New Hall Road, Brampton and the people who lived there. Did you or any of your family and friends live there? Are you able to help? If so please contact us at info@cadlhs.org.uk