



Derbyshire Victoria County History Trust's electronic newsletter – 2 – May/June 2023

Welcome to our latest electronic newsletter

In this edition you find some dates for your diary, including early notification of our annual general meeting. There's also a brief update on our publishing schedule.

We hope you find this newsletter interesting and accessible. Let us know your thoughts by emailing publicity@derbyshirevch.org.

Our thanks for your continued support.

Publications update

1- Wingerworth

Work is currently being undertaken on the last of our draft text for the next VCH spin-off book on Wingerworth. We hope that this will be published later this year. Additional research has recently been carried out towards publication (see below), but much is based on the work of long-time member and VCH supporter David Edwards.

2 - Dore

Longer-term members may remember that some years ago we had a research group based in Matlock, led by Philip Riden. Three members of this group, also members of the Dore Village Society, started work on an account of that parish, which was in Derbyshire until 1935 (when the account will generally end). The text has been based on the usual VCH principles.

Philip has recently received a manuscript of this account, which should be more than capable of publication with only a limited amount of editing. It is thought that this may well be our next spin-off publication, following that on Wingerworth – but we will keep you up-to-date. Our thanks to the two volunteers who have seen this important piece of work through - Barbara Jackson and the late Anne Slater. There has also been considerable help from other members of the Dore Village Society, especially John Dunstan.

3 - Calow and Temple Normanton

With work moving onto Dore we have not forgotten what we originally thought might be our second spin-off volume of 2023/4 - covering both Calow and Temple Normanton. Work is still progressing on this, but we do not currently have an expected publication date.

4 – Back publications

A reminder that our VCH Volume III ('Bolsover and adjacent parishes') is now available direct from the trust at £60 plus postage and packing. Our 'Chesterfield Streets and Houses' VCH spin-off book is still

available (at £20 plus P & P), but our 'History of Hasland...' book is sold out. For further information email our treasurer at treasurer@derbyshirevch.org.

Research

As mentioned in our last electronic newsletter Philip Riden has recently been spending some time in The National Archives looking at a series of documents, which we do not think have been previously studied, at least in any great depth. In particular he has looked at a large number of Chancery cases, which reveal more about Wingerworth and other Chesterfield townships.

As just one short example of where our knowledge of the area around Chesterfield has been increased as a result of this work, we published a blog; 'An early attempt at steel making in Chesterfield?' which you can still view by clicking on this link - <https://derbyshirevch.org/2023/03/an-early-attempt-at-steel-making-in-chesterfield/>

Volunteer group news

Our Chesterfield volunteer evening group has continued to meet in the early to late spring period. You are very welcome to join us. We meet in term time at Chesterfield Library (lower New Beetwell Street entrance to the meeting rooms suite), from 7 pm until 9 pm, every Wednesday. If you fancy joining us please get in-touch with our County Editor - philip.riden@nottingham.ac.uk – beforehand.

Summer walks

The volunteer research group will soon be taking their customary summer break, but will end the season with a couple of local walks. All members of the trust (and indeed members of the public) are very welcome to join us. Arrangements are not yet finalised, but we will send out details when these are available. It is likely that Wingerworth will feature in the walks.

Chesterfield local and family history fair – 20 May 2023

We'll be having a stall at the fair arranged by Chesterfield and District Family History Society at St Thomas Church Centre on Saturday 20 May from 10am until 4pm. The centre is situated behind St Thomas parish church on Chatsworth Road, Brampton. Car parking is available nearby or on-street. See the bottom of this newsletter for further details. There is a small admission charge. We hope to see you there.

AGM – advanced notice

Our 2023 AGM will be held on Saturday 23 September. As usual this is the same Saturday as the Derbyshire Record Society's morning AGM. Usual arrangements will apply, such as provision of a buffet lunch, which will need to be booked nearer the time. Members need not do anything at this stage. Further details will be forwarded in due course.

Peter Collinge has agreed to speak at the AGM, with the subject yet to be finalised, but it will certainly be Derbyshire, and most likely an 18th century topic.

Latest blogs

Blogs published on our website since the last e-news have included the following:

- A North Western centenary (centenary of the North Western Road Car Company) - <https://derbyshirevch.org/2023/04/a-north-western-centenary/>
- Who wrote Ford's 'History of Chesterfield'? - <https://derbyshirevch.org/2023/04/who-wrote-fords-history-of-chesterfield/>
- End of an era for 23 West Bars, Chesterfield - <https://derbyshirevch.org/2023/03/end-of-an-era-for-23-west-bars-chesterfield/>
- Penmore Hospital, Hasland - <https://derbyshirevch.org/2023/03/penmore-hospital-hasland/>

As previously noted, we concentrate on areas where VCH has either carried out research, or where work is in progress. Therefore, our blogs mainly cover the north-eastern part of the county. But sometimes we might just blog about something that has happened, an anniversary or somewhere that one of our members might have visited. We aim to keep the content varied.

You can also follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/DerbyshireVCH> and on our Twitter account (@VCH_Derbyshire), though we do not tend to post much to the latter.

... And finally

Apologies - our promised continuation of the 'Meet the VCH Officers' series has not appeared in this newsletter as we wanted to publish this edition as soon as possible.

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Chesterfield & District Family History Society
Presents Our Very Own
"Who Do You Think We Are"
Family History Show Case Event
Saturday 20th May 2023 - 10am till 4pm

The St Thomas's Centre, Brampton, Chesterfield, Post Code, S40 3AW.

The 2023 theme is 'Old & Curious Occupations

Entrance £2.00 - Children under 16 free.

Inclusive of Two Topical Talks 11:30 and 1:45.

Ask the Expert.

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Derbyshire Record Office

Social Studies (Library)

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Displays

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Onsite Refreshments Available

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available.
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