

A Walk Around Chellaston in 1935

From Ken Brown's writings (c.1985).

(The late Ken Brown was a local councillor and was a previous chairman of Chellaston History Group. We believe he took the information from a Directory in the Derby Local Studies Library).

This Directory for Derby for the year 1935 comprised a listing of streets and the name of the head of the household at each house. The Directory also included the same information regarding Chellaston, and I would like to take some of the readers back fifty years and see who and what we can remember about Chellaston in 1935.

BRICKYARD LANE, or what is now known as WOODLANDS LANE, was, in 1935, little more than a narrow track from SWARKESTONE ROAD up to the brickyard. The previous name for the track had been WOOTTONS TRAMWAY, when plaster had been transported by the tramway, from the Plaster Pit, to be loaded into carts at the SWARKESTONE ROAD terminus. In the 1935 directory, *Mr Robert Silverwood* was the farmer at "Woodlands", and the Chellaston Minerals Ltd Brick Manufacturers were the occupants of the Brickyard.

CHAPEL ROW, now known as CHAPEL LANE, is listed as only having five houses occupied. *Mr John H Chubb* lived at "The Bungalow" on the corner of the lane, and other residents were *Frederick Copeland*, a railway platelayer, *Francis R Smith*, a County Council Worker, *William G Cuff*, road foreman, and finally *Ursula Meakin*.

Chesterfield Cottages was a square of habitations, very near to the bottom of CHAPEL LANE at the GREEN AVENUE end. Six householders are named for the square, *Bertha Shaw*, *Edwin Toplis*, *Elizabeth Knight*, *Leonard Bragg*, *Frank Whiteman* and *Stan Poyser* all resided there.

GREEN AVENUE, which in 1935 was named "THE GREEN", finished at the "jitty" which joined it with CHAPEL LANE. The large house at the top of GREEN AVENUE was occupied by *Mr Herbert A Groom*, the house was called "Penhirst" and *Mr Groom* was shown to be a railway official. *Eleanor Harwood* and *Ada Carson* are shown to live in the two houses at the top right of Green Avenue, and *Miss Carson* had her house in use as a small private school. Among the other residents are *Harry Holt*, *Kenneth Bilton*, a bricklayer & *Mr Charles J Rea* was then in residence at "The Gables". *Granville Copeland*, bricklayer, *Bill Richards* and *William Geoff Reece*, bus conductor, both lived in GREEN AVENUE, prior to removal to STATION LANE. *George Harlow* lived close by *Artemus Ward*, who was my grandfather, he was a plumber, and next door lived *William Sidwell* a lorry driver.

HIGH STREET is shown in the Directory of 1935 in two parts. First the left hand side up from DERBY ROAD and the opening name in HIGH STREET is

that of *Frank Hill*, clerk, of "Ellesmere". Next is "The Lawns" and at that time it was occupied by *Mr H Woolley* who ran the bakery at the rear of the house. I am sure quite a lot of the older residents of Chellaston can remember the delicious aroma of *Mr Woolley's* cakes and bread wafting up HIGH STREET. *Mr Thomas Bryan*, Motor Engineer, lived at Rutland Bank, next door to *W Hockley* who was a printer, his house was named "Shaugh". *Frederick William Farnsworth* lived at "Burleigh", and his occupation was that of Chartered Accountant. "Roselyn" next door was the abode of *Thomas Jerram*, Pattern maker, *Mr Arthur Dewsbury*, electrician, lived at "The Rigs" next to *Ernest Argyle* who resided at "Lilleshall", possibly named after his place of birth. *Mr Joseph M Walton* lived at "Wistaston" and *Harold Barker* at "Arnside". A member of one of the oldest Chellaston families, *Harold R Forman*, lived at "Peas-Cliffe". *Cedric L Cowdrey*, a designer, was his next door neighbour.

Four names complete the left side of HIGH STREET prior to SCHOOL LANE, these are *Francis William Holmes*, *Herbert H Langton*, who was a signalman, *Joseph Kirkman* and *Harold Whiting*, Farm Bailiff.

SCHOOL LANE's first house on the list was "West Lynn", occupied by *Alfred Draper*, who had as his next door neighbour the district nurse, *Ellen Taylor*. *Thomas H Bower*, Coach bodybuilder lived at "Fern Hurst" next door to *Winifred Mary Bensley* at "Burley".

Mr Percy Willis Francis was the school headmaster and he occupied the School House. *Mr Harold Gresley*, the very well known artist, lived at "Crow Tree Cottage" whilst on up School Lane at "The Cottage" lived *Mr F W H Gilbert* who was managing director of Gilbert Brothers. "The Manor" was in possession of *Mr F W Gilbert*, who was shown as farmer and dairyman.

Still on SCHOOL LANE, *Mr W Lamb* lived at "Fern Bank" alongside *Mr Frank Price*. "The Limes" was occupied by *Mr Charles T Jewsbury* and "Elms Farm" was the home of *Mr H Walker*.

Back up HIGH STREET were the five small cottages opposite GREEN AVENUE. The first was the home of *John Kirkman*, a labourer at the brickyard. Next door to him lived *Charles J Tunnicliffe* followed by *Edward D Dobson*, a wheel turner, *Fred Howitt* and *Fred Weselby*, who had the job of cowman, made up the five. *Mr Arthur Turner*, was next door, he was a railway signalman. *John Thomas Spencer*, a shop assistant, lived at the house called "Ivan" next to *Mr Turner*. "Ambleside" comes next, in the occupation of *Harold R Murden* who worked as a Printers Cutter. *H Parsons* lived at "St Hilda" next door, and *Gertrude Doris Bragg* at "Hillside", the village police officer, *Mr Bryan V Dunn* came next at "Haseldene" with *A W Toms*, a porter, living at "Dalmeny". The left hand side of HIGH STREET finished with *Cyril T Heald*, a painter in residence at Dale House.

Back to the bottom of HIGH STREET, the right hand side starts at "Chellaston House" the home of *John P Clowes*. *Algy Swain* and my father, *Arthur James Brown* were the two next householders. Then came *Misses Turner*, *AJ* and *ME*, at the sub post-office *Etienne M Turner*, Railway Joiner, lived at "Rose Bank". *Mr John E Raynes* shop was next followed by "Lime View" occupied by *Lewis Ellis*, a ganger by trade.

LIME AVENUE interrupts the continuation up HIGH STREET, and the inhabitants were *Margaret Copeland* at number 1, *John H Lakin*, Number 2, *Arthur Lewis*, number 3, *John Parkes*, a foundry worker, lived at number 5, *Thomas Ayres* at number 6 *Ellen Copeland* at number 8. The bakery was number 10 and the baker, *William W Forman*. Two other names are given as living in Lime Avenue, they are *Jane Ross Pegg* and *May Jones*.

Back up HIGH STREET the first resident at number 38 is *Bertram Frederick Jones*, followed by *James Howitt* and then *Job Ernest Gay* at "Rene Cottage". An entry separated *Mr Gay* from *Hannah Stringer* at number 44. Next door at "Westwood Cottage" lived *Edwin Foster Freer* (Mechanic). *Edward Cowley* lived at "the Bungalow" and prior to the church resided the *Misses I M and H J Forman*.

At the shop, on the corner of GREEN AVENUE, was *Hilda May Morley*. Her next door neighbour was *James A Winfield*. The next two houses were both the homes of lorry drivers, *Charles J Ball* and *Sidney Greenhough* at number 90. *Walter Rowley*, a bus driver was at the next house. There were five cottages next, occupied by *Thomas Ball*, *Douglas Harry Ball*, *William Dunnicliffe*, *Evan Morris Evans* and finally *Hannah Elizabeth Gibbs*. *Mr John Hicklin* was the farmer at White House Farm, beyond PIT CLOSE LANE was the Market Garden belonging to *Walter Bensley*, then what are described in the directory as "Mineral Cottages", occupied by *G. Harold Hawkins*, *H W Smithurst*, both brickmakers and *George Spencer* a labourer.

A few yards further on from "Mineral Cottages" we find ASTON LANE, with the Fox Covert on the corner. In the lane are the residences of *Mr J E Silverwood* at "Round Hill" and *R T Humphries*, who is a butcher's assistant, living at "The Covert".

The Gotham Mining Co Ltd have their offices in ASTON LANE, and we also find *Thomas Johnson* living in the area.

Returning down HIGH STREET on the opposite side we come across the institute on the corner of BACK LANE. BACK LANE was vastly different from the residential area we know today. There are only three entries. Strolling down the lane the first dwelling we encounter is "The Cottage", which is the residence of *Alice Haggan*. Alice's only two neighbours down BACK LANE are *Alice E Taylor* at "Hillfields" and further on, down at "Boulton Hedge Farm" lives *William Palmer*.

Back down HIGH STREET and across the road, STATION ROAD was then flanked on one side by the Garage, *Robert D Meakin* was the proprietor, and the other side by the then New Inn the landlord being *William J Bradley*.

"Rock Villa" is the first house shown, resides *Richard Page*, then we pass by *Dr James Ainscow MB CHB* surgery which was held in *Jenny Spencer's* house number 25, her next door neighbour was *Charles Thompson*, a wireman, and next came *M O Burton*, *George W Tunnicliffe*, *L H Brownson* at number 33, then comes the house of *Frederick James Croft* whose occupation was shown as tuber. Number 41 was occupied by *Albert Young* with *Harold Lamb* as his neighbour, a gardener, *Alfred Henry Copeland*

inhabits number 45 and at 47 lives *William "Billy" Bates* followed by *Charles H Wilkinson* a pattern maker. At number 51 is *Samuel Ernest Walters* followed by *George Johnson* and *Samuel Stringer* at number 55.

The four houses in the corner are in the occupation of *Charles Wallis*, *Ernest Copeland*, *Fred Foster* and *Samuel Edward Bird*. Back on the square no 65 is the house of *James Rowbotham* followed by *John Charles Sutton*, *Phillis May Cooper* and *Sidney Baker* at no 71.

Turning left back onto the main STATION ROAD we pass by *Alfred Beckwith's* house. *Mr Beckwith* is a coppersmith. His next door neighbour is *Alfred Frederick Hill* and *Alfred Palmer* lives at no 77. No 79 is the home of *George H Sault*, a lorry driver. The next house is called "Mostyn" and is in the possession of *William Lamb*, who has *Jack Bragg* as his neighbour.

Walking on down the lane towards the railway station we come to the station master's house. This important job is the responsibility of *Donald C Goodacre*. Situated over the railway bridge and line is Moor End Farm which is occupied by *Herbert Wass*.

Walking back up STATION ROAD, on the left hand side we pass by the residences belonging to *Henry Forman* who lives at "Lawns Wood", then the house called "Nouvelle" belonging to *Henson Tunnicliffe*, who is a Bus Driver. *Victor Marsh* lives at "Sidney" and *John Thomas Pratt* at "Beechcroft".

A motor salesman, *Edward A Chell*, occupies "Veraslea" and *Arthur Cracknell* "Knapcroft", with *John Mason*, a timber inspector residing at "Ingledene".

Tommy Lowe lives at "Arnside", this being the same house name as the home of *Harold Barber* in HIGH STREET. "Ormsby" is next, this is the house of *Charles W Palin* and next door at "Hillsboro" lives *C Robinson*.

Thomas Hurt, a farmhand, resides at "Janina" and *William Hardy* at "Fermoy". "Nairn" is the home of *Florence Cope*, and a bank clerk, *Mr F R Hartshorne* is her neighbour, at "Penlea".

At "Southlea" lives *George Murrin Bulmer*, a pattern maker, and an aero engineer, *Walter W Hulley* is at "Long Meadow". *Frederick R Marshall*, a builder lives at the last house prior to Crocker Brothers yard.

At the top of STATION ROAD, back at the garage, if we turn left and walk along DERBY ROAD the first dwelling we come to is the old "Toll Gate House" with its front door below pavement level. The occupier is *James Pegg*, a joiner.

Next door to *Jim Pegg* lives *Thomas William Allsop* at "Lyndene" followed by *Joseph Slater* at "Glen Hurst". *Lawrence John Crocker*, a builder, lives at "Inglenook". Next comes a pathway down to "Common Lea Farm" where *Samuel Moorcroft* is a Dairy farmer.

Just beyond the pathway we may pause for a few minutes to sample the refreshments offered by *Tom Keetley* at the "Red Lion"

Continuing with our walk around Chellaston in the year 1935, after emerging from the Red Lion, we will stroll back across DERBY ROAD towards MANOR ROAD.

Standing in the corner of MANOR ROAD is a delightful cottage in the occupation of *Thomas Allcock*. Up MANOR ROAD, on the left hand side we

find the house called "Wom" the home of *Horace S Shackleton*, a mining engineer. Next door at "Westella" is *Isaac John Ford*, with *Arthur Bennett* living at "Lindhurst".

A *H Robinson*, a clerk, lives at Walden, and *Geoffrey Shelton Sparkes*, also a clerk, is his neighbour at the bungalow across the road. A railway photographer, *F O Burgess*, lives at Uplands and the large house at the bottom of Manor Road "Wyngates" is occupied by *Thomas M Middleton*.

Back to DERBY ROAD the only resident between Manor Road and High Street is "The Hollies" which is the home of *Samuel Edgar Bamford*, a butcher.

Walking on towards Shelton Lock we cross the main road once again, and after a few yards, find ourselves outside the Baptist chapel, which is situated next to "Pear Tree Cottage" the home of *F Crocker*, *Miss Mugliston* is at "The Elms". At "The Firs", next door lives *P Gelsthorpe*, a porter and at "Curborough", *Mr P W Polybank* resides. *Frank Hunt* lives at "Sherbourne" and next to him comes *Walter Woodall*, a schoolteacher, at "Dehra Dhoon". *James William Morton* lives at "Cliftonia" and "Harwood Lea" is the home of *Cyril S Birkett*.

We will now turn left into SINFIN MOOR LANE, *George Henry Timons*, an insurance agent, lives at "Wayfield", *Joseph Edward Bull* at "Argyle" and *William E Thrupp*, a fruiterer at "Chelmore". *John William Rogers* resides at "Alesmore" and "Thorn Lodge" is the residence of *Mr E Pemberton*, a secretary. Another *John William*, this time with the surname *Oakton*, an inspector, lives at "Kingsbury", followed by *Mr L Marshall* at "Rosedale". A house with a very nautical name, "The Anchorage" is *Eric S Phillip's* home, he is a schoolmaster. *Ada M Rutherford* lives at "Lea Hurst" and a miller, *Arthur Stanley Timmins* resides at "Stanley Villa".

At "West Hill House" we find *Elizabeth Stevens* and at "Glebe Farm" is *Charles Colebourne*. "Homefields" is the residence of *William Spencer*, a farmer, and at "Moor Bridge Farm" is *James L Brunt*.

Three homesteads called "Moor Bridge Cottages" are occupied by *Mary Clarke*, *William Hicklin* and *William Foster*. At "Windyridge" lives *Henry R Wignall*, next comes *Henry C Gregory* at "West Dene" with *Margaret E Pavey* at "The Cedars" *Albert James Elks* lives at "South Lea" with his neighbour *Mr E Brown* at "The Field", living next door is a traveller, *Thomas Walker*, at "Moor Side". At "Sunny Side" lives *Elizabeth C Meakin*.

This makes our journey up and down SINFIN MOOR LANE complete.

On DERBY ROAD turning left towards Shelton Lock we pass, on the corner of the lane, "Ivy Cottage", the home of *Frederick Sheldon*, a coach builder, then comes a rail official, *William Renshaw*, *Rosina Reid* is at "East Lea" followed by *Sidney C L Shelton* and *Emily Sparkes* at "The Hawthorns" and "Trentholme" [these houses are in the wrong order in the directory] The proprietor of the village garage, *Mr Robert D Meakin*, comes next at "Thorncote" with *Mr J K Capper* next door to him at "Ivy Bank"

Mr Alfred E Thornton, a superintendent, lives at "Loxley" and *Josiah William Wingfield*, a salesman, at "Mignon". At "Rock Dene" lives *Edward Millward* and *Charles W Jewsbury* at "Wyvern"

An engineer, *Stanley T L Mansell*, lives at "Shalom" and *Henry George Crocker* at "Sherwood".

At "Flowerfield" lives *Samuel O Cursley*, a draughtsman, and at "Y Wurrie" *Henry George Ravensdale*. A clerk, *Ernest Riddy*, comes next and at "Hill Bend" resides *Harriet Hind*.

A gap of around hundred yards takes over the brow of the hill and down to "Burderin", the house of *John Henry Simpson*, a printer. *George R Phillips* lives at "Normanhurst" [now comes West Ave] a tailor, *Mr R E Eling*, comes next at "Four Winds".

Cecil James Baldwin, a traveller, is at "Sandbeck" [199] and living at "Copeland" [201] is a doctor, *Mr W Booth*, *Mr Thomas Rowell*, a boot factor, lives at "South Lodge". [now comes West Ave]

"North Lodge" is the home of *Amelia M Holt* and next is the shop of *F W P Simpson*, followed by *Joseph E Ladd* boot repair business. *Mary Ann Robey* keeps the shop next door. Then comes *Annie Smith* [shop] and as we near the canal bridge we find, living at "Kinerva", *Arthur George Harrison*, a coach finisher.

Crossing over the DERBY ROAD walking back towards Chellaston we pass the "Lock house", by the canal, where lives *E Sparkes* and at "Chestnut House" *George Stewart* is in residence, *George* is a pastry cook.

Turning left we go down CHESTNUT AVENUE along the avenue we walk past *Ernest Bartram's* house. The Hollies is next, the home of *A Jakes*, a milkman and *E Bonsor*, a driller. At "Merville" lives *George Kent* who is a blacksmith.

George Morris Stafford comes next then *Albert Scaife*, a coalman. At "Chelladine" lives *William Perkins*, a fitter, and at "The Bungalow", *George Perkins*, a builder and decorator.

At "Orchard Side" lives *Annie Lonsdale*, and a timber merchant, *Wilfred Nielson*, is at "Marula". "Braemar" is the home of *Ephraim Sharp* and the "Stone Cottage" belongs to *Frederick Shirlton*. *George Bishop* lives at "South Cottage" and this brings us back to the shop on the corner of CHESTNUT AVENUE which is run by *Arline Richards*, the shop is a newsagents.

Walking back up the DERBY ROAD, towards Chellaston, the house next to the shop is "Rose Bank", the home of *Richard Bartram*. At "West Lea" lives *George Broadhead*.

Turning left we enter into SOUTH AVENUE and the first house down [on the right] is "Runnymede" the home of *Horace Edgar Millington*. At "Banitra" lives *Mr J Cooke* and a draughtsman, *George S Underwood*, is at "Roxburghe" *Mr Percy Weller Bignall*, a chemist, resides at "Alverscroft" and *Samuel Ernest Wragg* at "Avondale". "Ida Lea" is the home of *Elizabeth Nixon* and *John Fell* lives at "Rose Beck". "Raven Dale" is the home of *John Edward Harding* and *Wilfred A Ford*, a draughtsman, is the occupier of "Twynholme".

William H Ratcliffe lives at "Warrendale" and a house called "Southern" is the home of *Rose J Southern*. A postman, *C H Mountser*, and a coalman, *Ralph Biddulph* come next and *Mr Edgar H Doncaster*, who has named his house "Doncaster" comes prior to *George K M Adams*, residing at "Oakholm".

W Gladwyn, a mechanic, lives at "Lymber" and next door is *Mr H Smith*. "Cheltons" is the home of *Annie L Parrans* and *Edward Halliday* lives at "Haldens" "Kenya" is the house of *Stanley Jones*, a cost accountant, and *Arthur Keetley* lives at "Narkunda", *Annie Mooney* lives at the last house "Fair View"

Across the road once again and we find WEST AVENUE.

Walking down we come to the first house on the left "Paxhaven", the home of *John H Read*, *Thomas George Jepson* lives at "The Laurels" and *Mr J E Tue* at "Linton"

"West house" is occupied by *Frederick A Robinson* and *Annie Louisa Severn* lives at "Avenue Cottage", *William R Lee*, a baker, lives at "Holmlea", *Sidney Thomas Fowkes* at "Dalgarth" and *Richard Fletcher*, a decorator, at "Kathricke"

Next door at "Aylwyn" lives *John Blackie* then *Frank Hill* at "Ellesmere". "Aversell" is the name of *Margaret Hoare's* house, and at "Clovelly" we find *Thomas Albert Orton*, an engineer. *John A Bayliss* lives at "Glendene" and *George Lees* is next at "Glenlea". "Lynthorpe" is occupied by *Donald Scofield* and then comes *Leslie Wallis*. "Highfield" is the home of *Richard E Garner*, and *Leonard O Hancher* lives at "Del Rio"

A designer by the name of *S N Dyson* lives at "Oaklands", then comes three houses occupied by families with the surname *Shaw*. *W G Shaw* at "Rose Dene", *Edward Shaw* next and then at "Hawthorns", *James Thomas Shaw*.

"The Pines" is the home of *Mr H Sampson* and *Mr R Marvin* lives at "Ashfield". *Ernest Harold Tomlinson*, a carter, lives in a railway coach prior to the home of *George Sheppard*, "The Bungalow", which is the last residence in WEST AVENUE.

After our look around WEST AVENUE we cross over DERBY ROAD and continue to walk towards Chellaston.

James Appleby lives at the first house we pass by, "Rose Cottage". "Melbourne Villa" is the home of *Hubert Higgins* and *George Mills* lives at "Lawn Cottage". *Mr D Glaves* lives at "Sunny Bank" and at "Gladstone Cottage" lives *Oliver Jerram*, a railway joiner.

Walking up the hill we then arrive at number 178 DERBY ROAD, "Rosne", the home of *Frederick Shutt*, *Joseph Peat* is next at "Overdale" and *Samuel Potts* lives at "Glen Lea".

Mr H Braisby is the owner of "Wyncote" and at the "Balcony" resides *John Ernest Williamson*. *John Cotton* lives at "Hill View" and *Mr J Watkiss*, a butcher, at number 166 "Malvern House". *Alonzo Osbourne* occupies "Red Croft" and next to him is *John G Dale* at "Breeze Hill"

"Fownhope Villas" come next, they are numbers 160 & 158 Derby Road and the occupants are *Charles Wallis* and *Arthur Sanderson*. "Woolhope Villas" are the next pair of homes and are the homes of *Ernest Ramsden* and *William*

Vale. At 148 DERBY ROAD, "Snaefell" lives *Charles Orgill* and near by on our left is ASHLEIGH DRIVE [actually before Snaefell] Here are four residences, "Standon" is the house of *J Roughton Kendall*, "Ashleigh" is the home of *William Henry Rogers* and *Albert Worthington* and *William Williams* live at "Whitworth" and "West View" respectively.

The next house we pass along DERBY ROAD is called "St Peters" the home of *Misses Elizabeth and Laura Bates*. *Charles H Chambers* is their neighbour at "Sycamore" and *Mr Ling* resides at "Holmwood".

James William Cox lives at number 114, "Elmhurst" and next door at "Moorcroft" is *Frederick Cox*, a traveller. *Mr A V Edwards*, a foundry superintendent lives at "Simla" and at "The Orchards" is *Frederick Woodcock*. *George Augustus Linnett* lives at "Westerley" and *Mr George A Linnett* at "The Berkshires"

The well known Chellaston builder *Mr Robert William Claybourne* is at 94 DERBY ROAD and the last house on this side "Orchard Ends" is the home of *Horace M Clifford*, solicitor.

That finishes the Walk around Chellaston in 1935.