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Cheadle High Street from the Green looking towards the Parish Church. c1910

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- To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in Cheadle, Cheshire.
- To stimulate public interest in and care for, the beauty and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest.
- To pursue these ends by means of public meetings, exhibitions, lectures, publications, other forms of instruction and publicity and promotion of schemes of a charitable nature.

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Cheadle Matters

News and updates from around the village

Greetings everyone and welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Firstly, let me introduce myself as I am fortunate enough to have taken over the editorship of the newsletter. My name is Alan Jabez and I was raised in Gatley many years ago before heading off to London for study and work, only to return to the area a year or two ago to renew old acquaintances and see how everything has changed. I now look forward to the challenge of helping to communicate the important role which the Society plays in making Cheadle a more enjoyable place to live.

Pat Seddon

On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Pat Seddon who edited the newsletter for many years and did a wonderful job of contributing so many fine articles as well as other useful information. Pat has now taken on a more back seat role so she can concentrate on her own work of producing new historical books on Cheadle, but we are delighted to say she will also be contributing to the newsletter on a regular basis, as well as helping myself out with her vast knowledge and experience.

New Tesco supermarket

There has been a lot happening behind the scenes recently which should result in a number of noticeable changes in the months ahead. One important development is that the Society has helped St. Mary's Church in getting new owners for the old Summerfield supermarket. Tesco have now signed an agreement and should be refurbishing the building shortly. It will have similar access as before and will provide local residents with the opportunity to buy essential supplies seven days a week until late in the evening.



The old supermarket on Wilmslow Road will soon re-open

Planning applications

The Society has also been monitoring all other recent council planning applications and has opposed any which we feel will have a detrimental effect on local life. One was for a new "takeaway" on the premises of the old Chester's estate agents on the High Street. Our view is that any fast-food establishment on this site is likely to result in constantly parked cars on the adjacent side streets which will inevitably cause traffic problems for residents and other local road users, but unfortunately, the application has now been passed. We have also opposed the erection of new mobile telephone masts in the village due to what we feel will be a negative effect on the environment.

Traders Association

The Society has also been working hard with the Cheadle Village Partnership (CVP) on several new initiatives which could soon see a number of notable benefits. One is likely to be the creation of a Cheadle Traders Association which could help to reduce crime around the High Street, as well as ensure that local shops are better promoted to a wider market. Any trader interested in joining the association should contact Andrew Taylor on 428-1875.

Village Green

The CVP is also currently helping to establish a "Friends of the Village Green". For years, many people have been complaining that the Green has become badly neglected and it hoped this new group will help to facilitate a range of improvements. These are likely to include improving the pond at the back of the green; pruning the trees, encouraging more natural wildlife to the area, as well as ensuring there are ample amounts of rubbish bins in place which will be emptied on a regular basis.

Cheadle Library

We are happy to say that the £1000 donation we made to Cheadle Library, via a joint BBC / national government initiative called "Breathing Space" has already resulted in a better environment inside the library. This is particularly encouraging as the library is becoming ever more popular amongst reading groups of all ages and a better place to read and enjoy books is something which should be warmly applauded.

Cheadle Matters (continued)

The Old Mill

There are also developments at the Old Mill, behind The Alexandra Hospital. Planning permission has now been approved for a block of flats to be built on this famous historical site, although the old chimney and a few other remnants from the mill will remain as a permanent reminder of Cheadle's important industrial heritage.

Church Street

At long last, good news on Church Street. After all our efforts to improve access on the road and stop the regular damage to the lychgate and the cemetery wall, a one-way street will be starting very shortly, with vehicles exiting Church Street onto High Street. We have protested for a long time about the damage which has been caused in the past from the excess of traffic on Church Street, especially to the lychgate, and we are very happy that improvements will now take place.



A one way system on Church street will protect the lychgate

Historical photos online

After a lot of hard work by many volunteers, Stockport Council Library's Heritage Centre has now created a new web site which contains wonderful old photographs from throughout Stockport –including Cheadle. More pictures will be added in due course, but anyone who wants to see what is there now needs to go to: <http://interactive.stockport.gov.uk/stockportimagearchive/welcome.aspx>

Andrew Taylor

Our indefatigable chairman, Andrew Taylor, has continued to help promote and preserve the very best aspects of Cheadle life but has been somewhat hampered in recent months by having had a second hip replacement which has inevitably restricted his mobility and activities. We all wish him well and look forward to having him back in full-time action as soon as possible so he can continue his campaigning work with fresh zest and resourcefulness.

AGM

Finally, please let me say we are all looking forward to welcoming Greater Manchester County Archeologist Norman Redhead as our guest speaker at this year's AGM. Norman is a highly regarded archaeologist at the University of Manchester and has an almost unmatched knowledge of local life from Roman times onwards. We are sure he will give an illuminating presentation of some of the area's oldest known roads and buildings -and how they have evolved to the present day- and we urge everyone to make the effort to attend what should be a fascinating event revealing many aspects of life from Cheadle and the surrounding areas from the past few centuries.

Upcoming events

As always, there are plenty of activities, fetes and other events happening in Cheadle. While a lack of space means we can't publish details of them here, we recommend that if you have access to the Internet then if you go to the following web sites, you will find a listing of some of the most popular upcoming events: www.stockport.gov.uk and www.aboutmyarea.co.uk/Cheshire/Cheadle/SK8.

Or, go to Cheadle library where upcoming events are often displayed, as well as details of various activities in the library.

We need your help

We are always looking to add new items to our archives so that future generations can appreciate Cheadle's rich history. As such, if you have any old photographs, films or other literature of the area please let us know. Either, telephone 485-8744 or e-mail bcf.aj2@virgin.net or write to the Cheadle Civic Society, C/O 54 Schools Hill, Cheadle, SK8 1JB.

Decorative street art -Cheadle's colourful pub signs

How often have you stopped to admire the design and artwork of Cheadle's assorted pub signs. Whether it's along the High Street or elsewhere in the village, many of these decorative signs are attractive public works of art which are well worth a glance next time you are out and about. The most famous is the sign outside the George and Dragon, main picture below, which was designed in Wilmslow in 1842 and then cast in Sheffield before being erected outside what used to be the coaching house -and has remained in the same place ever since.



Bullocks Coaches -75 plus years of taking Cheadle around Britain

The revealing story of how one of Cheadle's most prominent family businesses went from small-time hauliers to becoming one of the North-West's leading coaching excursions companies



The company began in the 1920s as a haulage firm transporting milk and other products across Cheshire and beyond

For more than 75 years, Bullocks Coaches have been an integral part of Cheadle life and have taken countless numbers of local families on holidays, trips and excursions across Britain and beyond.

The company have remained in their prime location on Stockport Road on the way to Cheadle Heath for more years than most people can remember, but the business began in the mid 1920s as a small-scale haulage firm at the old farm on Oak Farm Road.

It was founded by Ralph Bullock, who was born in Cheadle a few months before the death of Queen Victoria, and who acquired a taste for both travel and business at an early age. He went to fight in WW1 at just 16, and then after the war, he sailed across the Atlantic to work at the growing Dodge motor car company in Michigan in the American Midwest.

On his return, via more work in Australia, he began delivering milk from farms across Cheshire to dairies throughout the area as well as working

as a chauffeur for a local family.

But he was an entrepreneur himself and with his own business acumen, knowledge of the transport business and an interest in mechanics, he saw the potential of becoming a full-time haulier.

He purchased a Foden truck and began transporting all sorts of merchandise from local firms to destinations near and far.

Thanks to his devotion, dedication, local knowledge and contacts, the business grew quickly. To cope, more vehicles were acquired, more staff were employed, more contracts were found and more members of his growing family also became involved.

But it wasn't just goods which were sent round the country. Local families were also keen to get away. As such, a simple seating arrangement was put together which could be attached to the different vehicles and it wasn't long before trips and excursions were arranged to Blackpool and other seaside towns from Easter to the summertime.

During the Second World War, the company won numerous important contracts to send munitions across the country, as well as help in the war effort in whatever way they could. But after the war, everything changed. The haulage industry was nationalised and Ralph Bullock and his industrious family had to find new ways to develop the company.



Founder Ralph Bullock with one of his early coaches

Their response was to move full-time into the coaching and excursions business. But this was not a case of adding a few old seats onto the back of their existing trucks, this meant acquiring quality coaches and setting up popular routes as people again had money in their pockets and were keen to enjoy the travel opportunities that peacetime provided.

The most popular routes were to Blackpool, Southport, Scarborough, Rhyl and Llandudno, but they would go wherever they were asked. Over time, they acquired more buses and the name of Bullocks became ever more popular in the holiday business.



Happy travellers. A group photo during an early excursion

During the period, it was Bullocks which gave many Cheadle people their first trip to the seaside, to the Lake District and to other places we now all take for granted. And for many, these early travel experiences were memories that will never be forgotten.

By the 1950s and '60s, Ralph Bullock, along with two of his sons, Ralph jnr. and Geoffrey, were one of the main local operators of the ever increasing road holiday and excursions business. And as the motorway network expanded and the quality of buses available improved, their fleet of vehicles would travel the length and breadth of the country with new routes being added year after year.

As time moved on, the major corporate accounts also increased. One of them was with British Airways, taking passengers of flights which were unable to depart from Manchester Airport to other airports across the country. As this was a service which could not be predicted, the company were geared to getting an emergency phone call from BA executives at any time of the day or night and ever keen to oblige, Bullocks's dependable staff would get their buses to the airport and get the passengers on the move as quickly as possible.



Ralph Bullock with a Foden coach from the early 1960s

By the 1970s and 1980s, with more people owning their own cars and more people taking holidays abroad, there was less of a demand for coaching excursions. So the company evolved again. Following the change in the law which allowed for private bus operators to run local bus services, they were one of the first companies which got involved in this new business venture and began operating their own buses on routes throughout South Manchester and Cheshire.

This lasted for more than 20 years, until, in 2008, they decided to pull out of the local bus market -apart from a few very specialised routes- and concentrate their efforts and resources on their specialty of supplying high-quality coach trips across Britain.

BULLOCKS COACHES

Tel: 428-5265 STOCKPORT ROAD CHEADLE

Commencing on Saturday 28th May 1983
Long Date Saturday Service to Scarborough via York, Filey Town & Filey (Butlins Camp).

Commencing on Saturday 28th May 1983
Summer Express Service to Blackpool

Commencing on Saturday 28th May 1983
Long Date Saturday Service to Pwllheli via Conway, Bangor, Caernarvon, Portmadoc & Criccieth.

Commencing on Saturday 28th May 1983
Summer Express Service to North Wales Coast Resorts

Programme 1983
Early Summer Excursions

DEP TIME KEY LETTER	EXCURSION	ADULT FARE	CHILD FARE	*Special Departure
Saturday 28th May				
D	Evening Tour Dee Valley			
	Bangor On Dee Chester	£2.75		
Sunday 29th May				
D	Grand Circular Cotswold			
Tuesday 7th June				
D	Scarborough	£5.00	£3.35	
D	York	£3.75	£2.50	
Wednesday 8th June				
D	Shant Crystal Visit	£4.50	£3.00	

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Programme of excursions from 1983

Nowadays, their list of destinations is almost endless and tens of thousands of people, mostly local, use the services every year.

The company is now run by a quartet of founder Ralph Bullock's grandchildren, each specialising in different areas of the firm's activities.

They now have more than 30 buses in the fleet, including a mixture of double deckers, US style yellow school buses, as well as luxury Scania executive coaches which offer first class comfort and all the facilities that one would expect in an executive jet.

While there may now be less trips to Blackpool, Llandudno and other local holiday destinations, there are still regular excursions to all parts of Britain, including all the major flower shows, large sports events, as well as the big cultural events in London at such places as the British Museum and Buckingham Palace.

They also still have many important corporate contracts which include everything from taking the BBC Royal Philharmonic orchestra (performers and their instruments) to events across Britain, as well as works outings to anywhere a firm wants to go.



Happy faces at a works outing

As for the future, the company intend to remain an integral part of Cheadle life and continue to transport members of the community far and wide. There's also a new generation of Bullock children who, perhaps one day, may drive the company even further forward in their quest to offer quality travel to local people at excellent prices.



An example of one of today's luxury coaches from the Bullocks' fleet

“Colouring Your World” -The end of an era for Lomax Nurseries

By Heather Clarke

My garden and my parent's garden before mine in Cheadle have been stocked with plants and shrubs mainly bought from Lomax Nurseries on the Adswood/Cheadle Hulme border.

I have known this nursery since I was a young child therefore I was very sad to hear that it was to close down at the end of August 2008.

Researching into the history of the area – a Cheshire directory of a hundred years ago states that “Adswood is a pleasant hamlet within Cheadle Parish midway between Cheadle Hulme and Edgeley, the North Western Railway skirting its whole length. It contains a cornmill and several farms.” At this time Peter and Elizabeth Lomax were the owners of Adswood Hall Farm – a mixed farm which stretched from the Railway Bridge next to the nursery right down to Lowfield Road in Stockport.

The farmer and his wife plus their two children, Peter and Evelyn took care of cows, pigs, poultry and several acres of arable land. Corn was cut with a scythe and potatoes dug with a fork!!

During the worldwide depression in the 1930's the Lomax family was forced to sell their farm for building, apart from the farmhouse and the land which ultimately became the nursery.

Brokenhearted their lives work gone, Peter and Elizabeth died soon afterwards. In 1938, Peter (their son) married Hilda Lomax (a very distant relative). Peter began to grow roses and bedding plants although during the Second World War, he was obliged to grow food crops on his land. He did however manage to carefully conserve his rose stock. Peter and Hilda had two daughters, Vera and Christine. From a young age Christine helped her parents at the nursery.

After the war was over – my own father returned from his service in the Royal Navy – and when he was settled back in civilian life, he was keen to cultivate his first (and in fact only) garden. I recall clearly walking many times up to

Lomax Nurseries with family members, usually to buy roses, which had been grown in Adswood clay!

When Christine Lomax was 21, Peter handed over the nursery to her and the range of plants was subsequently greatly extended. In 1969, Christine married Roger and they had two children, Mark and Kate.

In 1980, Peter Lomax died, after which the nursery was completely modernised and more staff were employed. Hilda Lomax died in 2000, not long before Kate became the forth generation of the family to ‘run the site.’

Kate now runs the Lomax Nursery site near Knutsford where many of the superb plants which were sold at the Cheadle Hulme site have been grown.

Lomax Nurseries has always been involved in the Local Community, including many enterprises with schools, charitable organisations and groups.

About 18 years ago, my own former school, Cheadle Primary on Ashfield Road had great help from the nursery when the school garden was being renovated.

Throughout its long history, the owners and staff of Lomax Nurseries have provided a friendly and most knowledgeable service. They have always maintained an excellent reputation for their standard of quality plants at competitive prices.

I, amongst many folk, have already greatly missed them.

Note from the editor. Although Lomax Nurseries has closed down, the key personnel now run a website which sell a range of hanging baskets and related items online and will deliver them direct to your door. The web site can be accessed at: www.lomaxhangingbaskets.co.uk

The history of Cheadle House

By Pat Seddon

Today, Cheadle House is probably unknown or unnoticed by many of the people walking along High Street. Hemmed in as it is by Boots' chemists at the front and a car-park at the back, one could be forgiven for dismissing it with a cursory glance. Dating from the mid 19th century, it is a substantial, but undeniably plain three-storey brick building. Heavy stone lintels above the windows and a somewhat ugly, over-sized porch do nothing to dispel an image of solidity. It was obviously built for practical purposes rather than show.

It is interesting to compare it with a house on Anson Road in Manchester which is of a similar design and proportions. Eaglesfield is now the property of the University but was originally built as one of a select number of houses designed for the exclusive residential area known as 'Victoria Park'. Finished with stone quoins on the corners, decorative cornices under the eaves and a porch which complements the rest of the house, Eaglesfield was awarded a Grade II listing by English Heritage. Finishing touches can make all the difference!

Cheadle House was the home of Dr. Alfred Godson, who set up a medical practice in Cheadle in 1865 when he was 29 years old. There were already two other doctors in the village, but by then Dr. Bew Lupton must have been in his eighties and Dr. Robert Ockleston, who had been apprenticed to him as a fourteen year old, was nearing sixty. Neither of them had qualifications to match those of Dr. Godson, a smart young Londoner who had graduated from Cambridge. Dr. Lupton lived in a house just beyond the Red Lion on Stockport Road, long since demolished, and Dr. Ockleston had his home and surgery in a large house on High Street – where Sayer's bakers and Co-op Travel now stand -- gardens and even fields still bordered the street at this time. There must have been enough sickly people in Cheadle to keep all the doctors busy and Dr. Godson soon established himself as a well respected practitioner and member of the community.

He took a great interest in local affairs and was made a member of the Parish Council – a body which made decisions about extending the graveyard, or whether or not Edgeley people should be allowed burial in Cheadle. He was also appointed Medical Officer of Health for the district and was responsible for such things as the closure of schools during outbreaks of measles or other epidemics.

Children were of special interest to him – he had several of his own – and he was instrumental in helping to provide playing-fields and other facilities for them. In later life he became a Justice of the Peace and gradually handed over his medical practice to his two sons, Edward and John. Dr. John Godson also took over the position of M.O.H. and Poor Law Officer. While his father continued to live at Cheadle House, he set up home at Linden House, which was at No.1 The Crescent. The part of the building now used as a police office was probably his original surgery.

After Alfred Godson's death, sometime before the first World War, Cheadle House was put to a variety of uses.

During the war it was used as a hospital and convalescent home for wounded servicemen, staffed by local nurses.

By 1919 it was occupied by a private school, known locally as the 'red-cap school' after the boys' distinctive headgear. When girls were eventually admitted, their uniforms were grey cloaks lined with red flannel, worn over grey gym-slips. In the 1930s the school moved out to more peaceful and salubrious premises in Cheadle Hulme – still in existence today as Ramillies Hall School.

Around this time Cheadle House became Council property and a modern retail building was erected on what had been the front garden. Woolworths and Boots now joined the High Street shops. The house itself was divided into units and began to house a number of small businesses and provide office accommodation. During World War.II one of the units housed the Welfare Centre, manned by the indomitable Women's Royal Voluntary Service, (W.R.V.S.). From this base they collected metal salvage, packed parcels for the serving forces, and practiced First Aid. They were also responsible for billeting evacuees – 11,000 arrived in the Cheadle area, many from Guernsey.

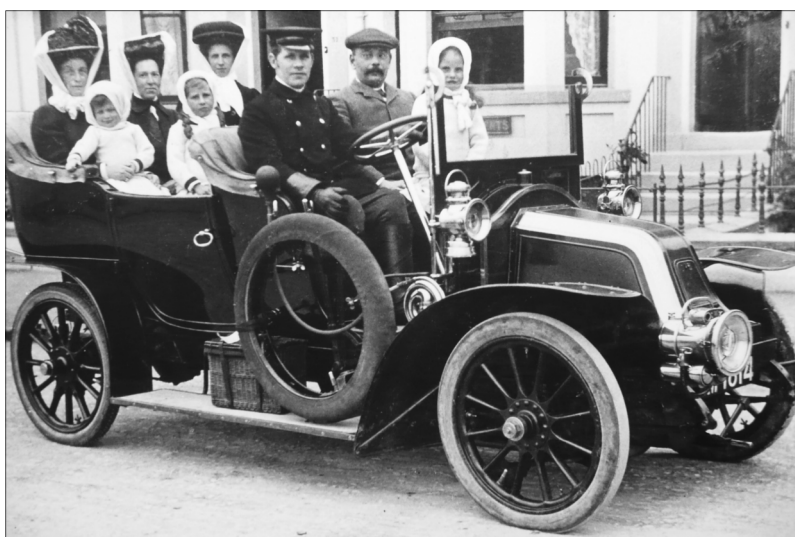
They continued their good work after the war when goods were still in short supply, distributing powdered milk and concentrated orange juice to local babies and organising a 'meals-on-wheels' service for the old or disabled.

Since then, many different firms have had premises in the building, including Sinclair's printers and the District Advertiser. At the moment the future of the property is uncertain as it appears to be on the open market.



A photograph of Cheadle House in Dr. Godson's time. Mary Street is to the left and Lime Grove can be seen behind.

A group of wounded servicemen and nurses outside Cheadle House in 1918. By then, the house had been handed over by Dr. Godson for use as a hospital.



Dr. John Godson with his daughters, nursemaids and chauffeur, photographed on holiday at Filey in 1908. Note the hamper for a picnic, and imagine the journey from Cheadle in this Renault!

Cheadle –past and present

The start of a new series which uses old and new photographs to show how many of Cheadle's famous roads, buildings and landscapes have changed over the years



The White Hart and St Mary's Church, 1906



The White Hart and St Mary's church in 2009. While the buildings are still largely the same, there are many subtle differences. The trees in front of the church have been cut down. The island in the middle of the road has been removed. The signs on the hotel have changed. The hotel's upper foliage has been removed. There are now railings, traffic lights and markings on the road. Other changes include the hotel's chimneys being extended and people no longer being able to stroll across the road in the way they seemed to in the past.



School's Hill, c1920



School's Hill in 2009. The scene has changed considerably. The street lamp, direction sign and bench have all been removed. The front curved paving has been cut back. The road has been widened and is now properly paved with distinct road markings and there is now a traffic island at the junction. On the left side of the road, the trees have been drastically cut back, while on the right, the only house from the early 1920s has been knocked down and replaced with new, modern, houses all along the road.

Cheadle.....from the middle of Africa!

Local journalist and international development worker James Gould-Bourn has been working overseas for the past seven years and has sent a personal account of the differences between life in Cheadle, with that of modern day Kampala, the capital city of the central African country of Uganda.

Drawing comparisons between Cheadle and Kampala, is like trying to draw comparisons between a domestic British house cat and a Ugandan Vervet Monkey (a common sight here). While both share a number of similar features – both have four limbs, both are furry, both can ascend trees with an elegance that borders on smugness – they are also characteristically very different.

Kampala, like Cheadle, has police stations, religious buildings, (including the ubiquitous Grand Mosque, built by proceeds donated by Libya's Colonel Muammar Gaddafi during the long and regrettable years in which Idi Amin was in power), bars, pubs, restaurants (including a branch of Nando's such as that found in the Parrs Wood cinema complex. Sadly however, there are no decent chip shops), cafes, traffic lights, street signs, cultural diversity (Kampala has a large South Asian population as well as many white westerners) and low crime rates.

However, despite these similarities, the two places are also incredibly different. Hooded youths do not go around at night looking for the clean canvas of a wall to spray-paint with indistinguishable 'tags'. Drinking and smoking are also not prevalent activities here and I often feel a little ashamed to find myself the only person on the street with a cigarette hanging from my mouth.

Then again, it is difficult to walk down the street here without tripping over a piece of broken pavement or getting run over by a motorbike taxi that has recklessly decided to use said broken pavement as an impromptu shortcut from the traffic-packed roads.

Furthermore, if you do manage to survive the madness of Kampala at rush-hour (which seems to be every hour) you will, at the very least, find yourself somewhat perturbed by the colour of your bathwater after a day spent wandering the hot, polluted streets.

Random acts of kindness and courtesy are common here. While walking around on a hot day, people I've never met stop to give me a lift

somewhere and then refuse to accept payment; strangers talk to each other while waiting for, or riding on, public transport and neighbours aren't so much treated as friends, but more as family. Just yesterday an elderly security guard, upon noticing me standing in the street staring bemusedly at a quite possibly upside-down map of the city, lifted himself with great effort out of his chair before kindly offering his seat to me, although I did of course politely decline.



Hustle and bustle in Downtown Kampala

While Cheadle will always be considered home to me, Kampala certainly comes a close second. It is friendly, hospitable, pleasant, safe (apart from those motorbike taxis...) and welcoming. Furthermore, as we're currently experiencing the rainy season (Uganda is generally a rather dry country but when it rains, it rains hard) I do not feel too far away from home as far as the elements are concerned (although the onset of the dry season will no doubt reveal a different story!). All I need to do now is to find a decent chip shop...



Manchester Airport News

By airport representative, Maureen Mather

Over half a million people passed through Manchester Airport last Christmas, despite the depressed economic climate. The most popular warm holiday destination for festive travellers was Tenerife, with Egypt, Mexico and the Middle East also popular.

The airport continues to attract new airlines (I find it impossible to keep up with recognizing half of the aircraft now coming in to land!) and the latest addition seems to be the arrival of Air Sylhet which flies to Dubai. There are also new routes with Jet2.com, Ryanair and Swiss International Airlines. Apparently the long haul routes to the Middle East are doing phenomenally well, with Emirates, Etihad and Qatar Airways putting in extremely strong performances, with all of them looking to add capacity in the future.

You may have recently read that it is not a good idea to choose a window seat in a plane, especially for long journeys. This is because you have less room to move your legs and feet and carry out your exercises such as rotating your ankles and keeping the blood moving. And, of course, you may be less inclined to walk about if you don't want to keep disturbing the passengers next to you. So keep drinking lots of water and very little alcohol, wear your flight socks, and have a happy journey!

No article would be complete without mentioning the Manchester Airport Railway Station! The third platform is at last in operation after being officially opened by Geoff Hoon, the Secretary of State for Transport. The £15m platform is seen as crucial to the success of the new West Coast timetable. Over two million people a year use the station.

The Managing Director of the Airport, Andrew Cornish, said "Although it is an individual's choice as to how to reach the airport, we have a lot of influence over that choice. During the last 15 years and alongside our partners, we have continued to invest over £100 million in the public transport facilities that service our airport."

The Community Trust Fund recently awarded grants to 17 projects totalling £53,087. Successful projects included St. Barnabus Community Hall (£4,200 to replace its chairs), Timperley Sports Club (£3,500 to purchase a new mower) and Knutsford Hockey Club (£500 for new equipment).

If you know of any school, social club or sports club etc. who might benefit, suggest to them that they ring Community Relations at the airport for an application form. The project must be for the use of the community and only if they are situated near the airport or where aircraft are low-flying.

Finally, especially for the shoppers, I will list some of the first new retailers which will be part of the new £80 million redeveloped terminals by some time this summer.

In T1 - A new department store called Attitude stocking brands like Burberry, Bally and Hugo Boss, etc. There will also be a large jewellery and sunglasses store called Temptation, and outlets from the High Street will include names such as Mango, Monsoon, Body Shop, Accessorize, etc. Also there is going to be a new spa named Be Relax Spa where passengers will be able to receive treatments before they fly!

If you want to shop and spa I think you will need to add a couple of extra hours before your flight! In T2 there will be a BIZA. which is a large tax and duty-free store, plus WHS Books, Dixons and others. There will also be a new food court with Burger King, Soho Coffee, and the Real Food Company's self-service refectory. The existing outlets in both terminals won't be affected by the new additions.

The Airport has invested more than £80 million in state-of-the-art security systems and the redevelopment of all the terminals, so let us all enjoy them, - jump on a train and have a good day out.

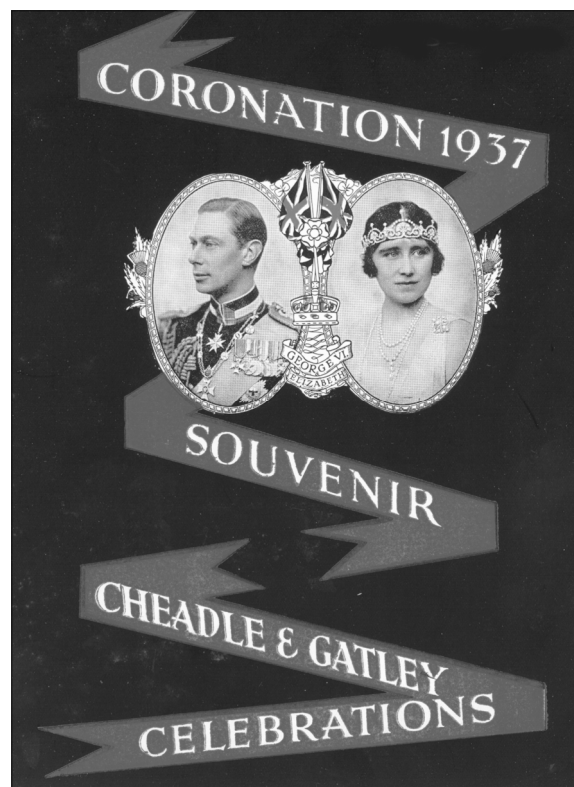
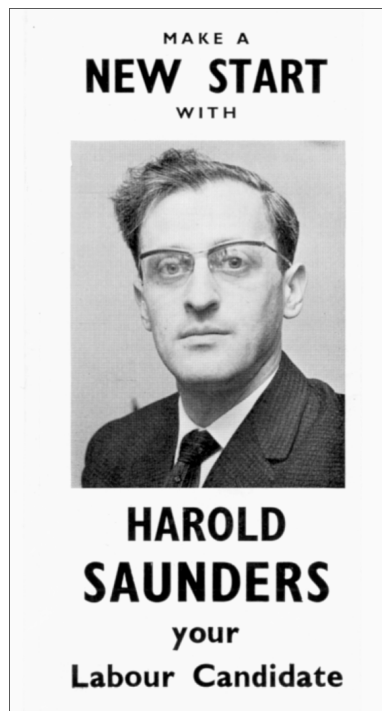
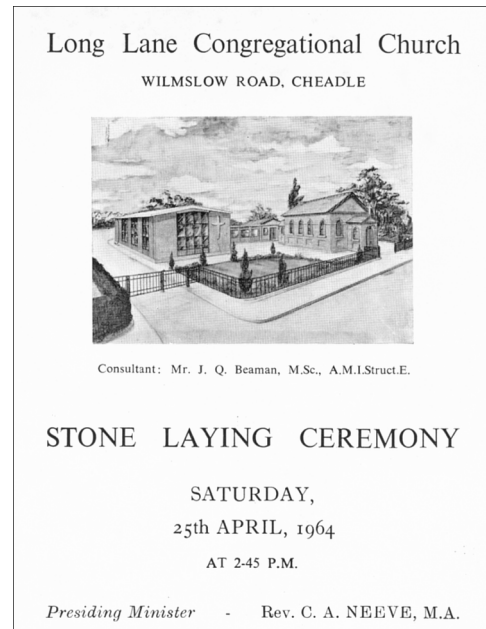
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Cheadle ephemera

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