

Proctors of Audley: The Story of a Family Business, Kay Washbrook

The family business was a bakery in Audley village, founded in the 1880s. In the early C20 it started to supply bread for the Guardians of the Poor. This year's journal opens with a local and family history.

The Audley Connections of Professor Hilditch, Richard Burgess.

He died in 1966 and was Professor of Industrial Chemistry at Liverpool, born in London. His parents, though, had strong local connections, and the family history includes a butler at Apedale Hall, musical performers, shop keeping, shoemaking... A variety!

The Minnie Pit Controversy, William Cooke

What caused the Minnie Pit Disaster of 1918? William Cooke sifts through the enquires and by studying contemporary local newspapers he brings to light the tensions and arguments around this question

A Photograph in a Chapel: Halmerend Methodist Chapel 'Ladies' Bright Hour' Group, 1922, Tony Evans

The photograph was taken only 4 years after the disaster. Who were the women and children in the group? Does the photograph illustrate the times? Could names be put to the faces? This short item tries to do that. Can it be taken further than the names in future?

Joining the Land Army, Vera Hopwood

Vera Leek, as was, joined in 1941, leaving her secretarial job with Alsager Urban District Council. After brief training at Reaseheath she went to work on a farm near Chester and later wrote about her life there.

The Fall of Singapore 1942: Tragic Outcome for Chesterton Missionary Couple, Judith Yeats

In this article and the next, the (unintended) theme of this journal comes out in full force: family, local history and world history are intertwined. From marriage at the Salvation Army in Chesterton in 1923 this couple travel Britain and leave for China in 1931, but were unfortunately in Singapore in 1942...

Eric Griffin, Methodist Clergyman - From Talke Pits to Victoria, Australia, Cheryl Griffin

We start in Talke Pits in 1905. The family were deeply involved in local Methodism and had strong political views. Four of the family were Methodist clergymen, but the Australian Methodist Church had a recruiting drive.