

Staffordshire Day A report by Kath Walton

May 1st 2016 saw the first ever Staffordshire Day celebrating 1000 years since Staffordshire was first mentioned in Anglo Saxon chronicles. The date was chosen by a vote and the winning date of May 1st. was when the company of Wedgwood & Sons was founded in 1759. In Burslem, the Wedgwood Institute was open to visitors. Ray Johnson in the role of Josiah Wedgwood opened the event.

Subjects for the afternoon included Kathy Niblet with a brief history of Josiah Wedgwood, The Tale of the Toilet by Terry Wolliscroft, Arnold Bennett from Carol Gorton of the Arnold Bennett society and the future development of the institute by The Prince's Regeneration Trust, a film about Arthur Berry and Ray Johnson as Josiah Wedgwood talked about his colleague James Brindley, whose birth 300 years ago is being celebrated this year.

Some local links to Biddulph and the area include Arthur Berry who lived in Biddulph for several years. James Brindley who married Anne Henshall brother of Hugh Henshall the owner of the Greenway Bank estate. Just over the border in Cheshire, Josiah Wedgwood married his cousin Sarah Wedgwood of Spen Green in Smallwood at Astbury on 25 January 1764. He also visited Rode Hall in 1771 having received support from the Wilbraham family for his nearby Trent and Mersey Canal.



Above: Ray Johnson in the role of Josiah Wedgwood. Photograph provided by Kath Walton

Meetings commence at 7 p.m. in Biddulph Library. Admission is free for society members and £2 for non-members.

Autumn Programme

19th September:
Stephen Dean - 'The Saxon Hoard Revisited'

17th October:
Len Kirkham - A short film and talk on 'The Copper Mines of Ecton'

21st November:
Bill Ridway: 'Letters of the Second World War'

19th December:
John Sherratt - 'A History of Bank Farm'

BDGHS BOOK SALE

A very successful book sale was held at Biddulph Library on 3rd September 2016. Thanks to David Outhwaite for arranging the event.

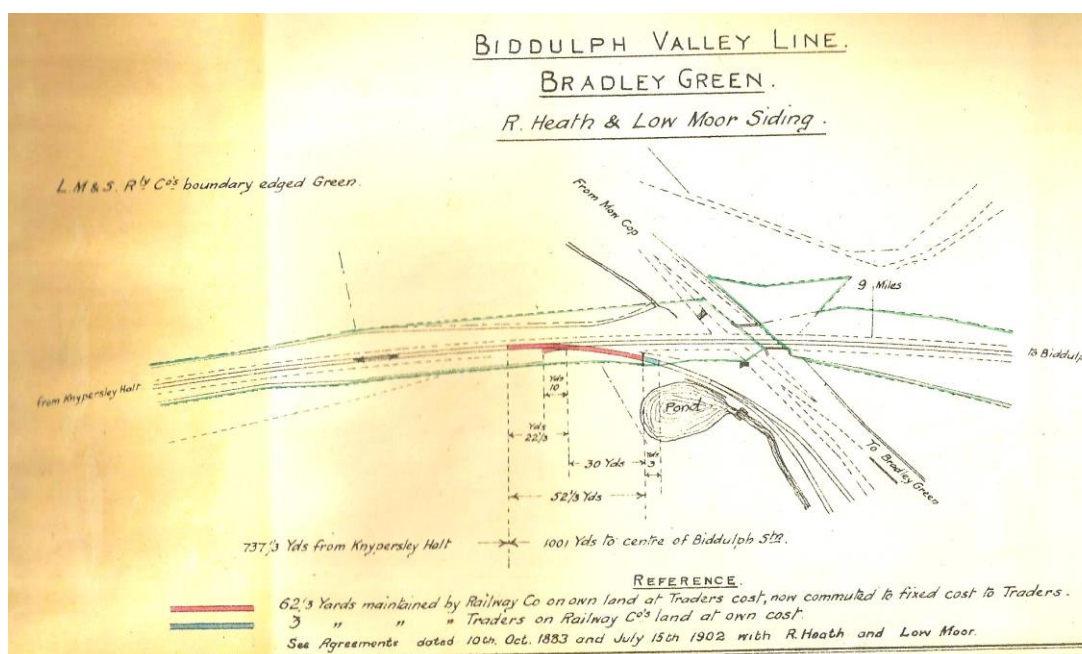
Have you visited our website lately?

www.bdghs.org.uk

Lots of information available



8th October
Border
History
Fair
Congleton
Town Hall
9.30 - 2.00
Local and
Family
History



Thanks to Richard Dean for the above plan

Biddulph & District Genealogy & History Society

September 2016 Newsletter

It is with great sadness that I have to report that our webmaster, David Moore, passed away in July.

David produced and maintained our website to the highest standards with great professionalism and passion. He will be sorely missed.

Photographs below from Mrs. J Goodwin



APPLICATIONS FOR LIQUOR LICENSES transcribed by Pam Lomas : In 1875 Henry Pointon of Gillow Heath, sawyer, applied for a license to hold any excise license or licenses to sell by retail all intoxicating liquors to be consumed either on or off the premises in Gillow Heath in his own occupation, of which premises William Pointon, sawyer is the owner, of whom Henry Pointon rented the property. The building consisting of one cellar, 4 rooms on the ground floor and 4 upstairs. No stabling erected at present but room for the stables which are to be built to house 3 or 4 horses. (a true duplicate of the above notice was served on Mr George Bostock one of the Overseers of the Poor.) This license was refused. A memorial in support of the application was also presented at the Annual Licensing Meeting in 1875 with the following signatures:

From Bradley Green: John Walley, James Simpson, Samuel Waller, A C Bond, John Poole, William Orrey, William Stanway, Joseph Cheetham, Robinson Lawton, William Mitchell, James Poole, Wm Weston, Mirek Bailey, Thos Poole, John Davenport, William Boardman, Christopher Walley,

From Biddulph: Richard Bailey, Paul Stanway, Henry Bostock,

From Gillow Heath: Thomas Cottrell, William Lancaster, Enoch Mitchell, Ralph Horne, John Harrison, Mary Whithurst, Philip Cottrell, Samuel Machin x, Thomas Washington, Henry Hodgkinson, Frances Doorbar x, Mr Thomas Baley (sic), Mr John Gee, Mr William Berryman, Mr George Copeland, Jonathan Stubbs x, George Holland x, Mr Henry Taylor,

From Marsh Green: Charles Smallwood, Mrs Harrison, Wm Foden

From Holly Lane: Mr (sic) Mary Doorbar, Richard Heathcote x,

Right: From the Archives

1921

To be sold at auction at the
Rose & Crown Hotel,
Biddulph Moor

by Messrs. J Oakes Ash &
Son

WITH VACANT POSSESSION 25th MARCH,
A SMALL COMPACT

FREEHOLD FARM

called the LOWER HEATH HAY, situate at TROUGHSTONES, BIDDULPH, Staffordshire, comprising substantial stone-built, double-fronted House with Houseplace, Kitchen, Parlour, Milk-house, and three large Bedrooms, two Cowhouses for Six Cows, Hay Shed, Loose Box, Large Barn, Calf Cote, Pig Cote, &c., &c., also

8 ACRES

of Meadow and Pasture Land, and large productive Garden.