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We give a Discount of 1s. in the £ in Cash, or a Bonus of 1s. 8d. in Goods on all Cash Purchases.

Give NUTTALL'S a fair trial, and we are content to abide the
result.

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Green Hippo



In December we finally got round to painting the wood panels on which the pictures are mounted on the Hippodrome fascia. They do look much better, and so far have remained unharmed. Perhaps Ripley people do value their history after all!

RUDC Chain of Office: Chairs' Biographies

As reported in the last newsletter, we have recently restored the chain of office of the Chairs of Ripley Urban District Council from 1952 and 1984. We hope to have it displayed in the Town Hall soon.

To go with it, we have been preparing short biographies of the men and women whose names appear on the chain. One page of the booklet is shown below.

1959: Arthur William Daley (1899-1985)

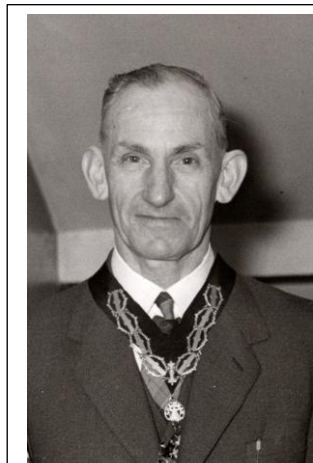
Son of Arthur James Daley from Barrow-on-Soar, an iron furnace man at Butterley and later co-owner of the bus company.

In 1921 he was a coal miner, out of work; by 1925 a bus driver; in 1939 listed as “private means”; in 1959 a retired garage proprietor.

He was a partner in the Pippin bus service with his father.

Married Annie Annable in 1924 at Denby St Marys

First elected in 1939 as ratepayers candidate.



Pictured with his father in front of their new Pippin bus

Cowbridge Footbridge

We were recently sent rather fine photographs by Alastair Massie of the footbridge over the Maud Foster Drain in Lincolnshire, built by Butterley in 1811 and still in use!



Nuttall Family

“Nuttall’s Park” still appears on maps of Ripley, but who was Nuttall?

Joseph William Nuttall (1809-1883) came from Nottinghamshire and was perhaps originally a lacemaker but seems to have set up in business as a draper in Belper, and then moved to Ripley, probably around 1843.

He was overseer for the poor in 1864 and was one of the original 12 members of the Ripley Local Board in 1867, when the Board replaced the medieval Vestry Committee as the local government. In 1868 his house on the Market Place was targeted by anti-Tory rioters in the disturbances over the election.

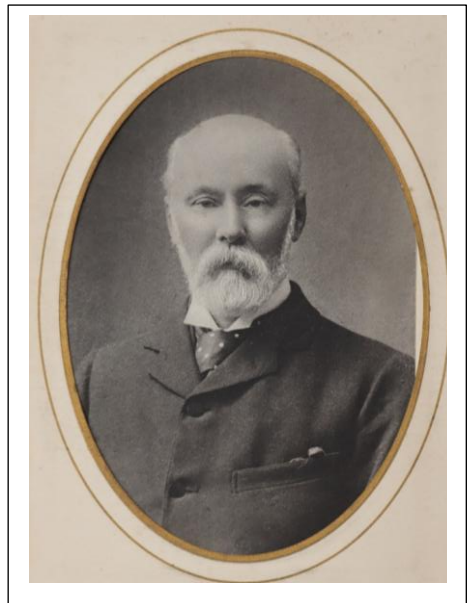
He seems to have retired to Leamington, possibly for health reasons, and died there in 1883. This is probably the origin of the name Leamington Street: Nuttall bought and sold land, and may well have developed the street.

He is pictured here in the photo taken to celebrate his initiation as a mason in 1870.

By 1869, his son William (1844-1916) was a partner in the business and Frank Mansey says he developed Shirley Road in 1904, and that in the 19th century, the Nuttalls lived at the “White House” which occupied the plot where the Town Hall now stands, pre- 1880.

William was succeeded by his son, Colin Hartley Nuttall (1870-1961) but the business seems to have dwindled in his hands, moving out of the Market Place to Heage Road.

At the height of the firm’s prosperity, however, not only were they developing land, they also were attempting to take on the mighty Co-op, as the advert in the Alfreton Journal of April 23rd 1880 shows:



The Alfreton Journal,

AND EAST DERBYSHIRE ADVERTISER.

To the Inhabitants of Alfreton, South Normanton, Somercotes, Lea Brooks, Greenhill Lane, Riddings and Neighbourhood.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

The experience of the last few years has made it evident to thoughtful observers that the principle of Co-operation, in some form, must be the basis upon which the business of this country would have to be conducted in the future.

In recognition of this fact, we have determined to return our Customers a "bonus" of 1/8d in the pound. WE SHALL DO THIS WITHOUT ANY INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OUR GOODS.

As this will very materially lessen our profit, we are confident that so liberal a concession will receive at your hands as liberal a return, in an increased amount of patronage and support.

We thus offer all the advantages of Co-operation, combined with great business experience, and knowledge of and access to the very best markets, whilst financially we are able to take advantage of every fluctuation in price.

This enables us to deal FAIRLY and HONESTLY with our customers, and obviates the necessity of attempting to delude them in any way. We confidently ask you to give our new system a fair trial, and judge for yourselves whether you do not get full value for your money, and a genuine bonus of 1/8d in the pound in addition.

You are aware that we have given a discount of 1/- in the pound on all ready money purchases over 10/- in value. We think that this is hardly fair to those customers who spend less than that amount at a time, consequently we have decided to alter our system of doing business, and submit for your approval the alterations we propose to make.

In future we shall give a BONUS of 1/8d in the pound on all parcels paid for at the time of purchase, or during the current quarter, instead of the 1/- discount as heretofore.

We propose to adopt the same plan as the Co-operative Societies, and give checks for all money spent with us, and at the end of each quarter to give the Bonus. Thus, if a customer only spends 5/- in the quarter, he or she would be entitled at the end of it to a Bonus of 5d, whereas now they would receive nothing.

The customer who often spends 5/-, 10/-, or a pound, would get a Bonus of 1/8d on every pound spent. Thus, customers spending Five pounds would find at the end of the quarter that they had a Bonus of 8/4d due to them, and so on in proportion; large or small purchasers would each receive according as they had spent. The "Bonus" to be paid quarterly - all Checks to be brought in a week before the quarter expires. Customers are requested to exchange their small Checks for larger ones as often as convenient.

The quarters will expire June 21, September 29, December 24, March 25.

All goods will be marked in plain figures, from which no abatement can be made.

Soliciting under the new system an increase of the kind patronage we have hitherto received,

We are, your obedient Servants,
J W. Nuttall & Son,

PROPRIETORS OF THE BONUS DRAPERY COMPANY
MARKET PLACE, RIPLEY.



Their bonus system even seems to have used tokens like the one shown here, very similar to those issued by Ripley Co-operative.

If anyone has any of the surviving tokens, we would love to add them to our collection.

Thanks to Ken Brockway for spotting the ad and drawing it to our attention.

Marshall Film Progress

Thanks to literally years of work by Mike Frost, the story of John Marshall is now finished and on Youtube – just search for **“John Marshall, Ripley’s Edwardian Entrepreneur”**.

We also intend to have a few copies of the film on DVD available for purchase, and Rob Lane, a descendant of John Marshall, is helping to put this together.

Update on the Murfin Family Album

In the last newsletter, I explained how we had been gifted a family album by the RHS at Wisley, with no idea who it showed other than that there was a Ripley connection.

We have since been contacted by descendants of the Murfin family of Sandham Farm, to give us more details of the family and identify some of the people and places shown in it.

BIT Update

The Butterley ironworks Trust continue to try to influence those who own and control the site to move forward on the repair and restoration of the blast furnace wall. They have been in contact with Amber Valley’s new MP, who is supportive, and with the new agents for the owners Aquarius.

They will be meeting shortly with Ripley Town Council to try to enlist their help. Meanwhile, the site itself, with the exception of the buildings renovated by Tim Godkin, continues to deteriorate.

Ripley Town Guide

As last year, the town Council will be publishing a Town Guide for 2025, via thecreativemedia.co.uk.

RDHT will provide a number of pages of historical content, different from last year. The Guide should be available in a month or so.

**Ripley and District Heritage Trust and Butterley Ironworks Trust
present**



The Iron Giant

The Story of the Bennerley Viaduct

An illustrated talk by Ian Green

On Wednesday 12th February

at 7.30 pm

At Marehay Miners Welfare

Derby Road, Ripley DE5 8JN

Free Admission but small donations welcome at the door