

**A LOCAL HISTORY OF
BASLOW & BUBNELL
DERBYSHIRE**

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and many local inhabitants

during the years 1926 – 1934

Charles Richard Allcock was Head at St Anne's School Baslow from 1925 to 1935, before succeeding his father as Head at Bakewell C or E Senior School.

He was a man of many interests and talents. Fortunately for Baslow he was the leader of a local history group in the village, researching and compiling all the information in this book. He was also a keen artist and drew the illustrations accompanying the book on the website.

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He was assisted by Mr "Bill" Derbyshire, the local blacksmith who must have been a very keen member of the group. He kept the draft copies of the book, a fact which was widely known locally but he was so proud of them that few were allowed to have a viewing

David Dalrymple-Smith

For more about the Allsopp family, see the extract on the next page

Three generations at Chester

Alumnus John Allcock recalls how he followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, training to become teachers at the then Chester College.

"My grandfather, Rudolph Sidney Hicks Allcock, qualified at Chester College in 1891. He came from a military family with links to the Macclesfield area and ran his life with military precision. After teaching in the mining area of Chesterfield, he was appointed as Head Master of Bakewell C of E School in about 1896, where he remained until his retirement in 1935, though he continued to teach PE and boxing at a local private school some years after that.

"Naturally his sons were members of the Church Lads Brigade, where he was an officer and involved in the commencement of the Boy Scout Movement. As soon as they were old enough, they became pupil teachers and volunteer members of the Derbyshire Yeomanry territorial force, along with other local boys recruited by him.

"On the outbreak of the First World War he was an immediate volunteer, becoming an instructor at the British School of Musketry, while his wife and daughter became nurses at their local hospital for the wounded. Much to his disgust, his local bishop decided that his presence was needed at his school to halt the falling standards, and engineered his discharge from the army to retake his position in the community.

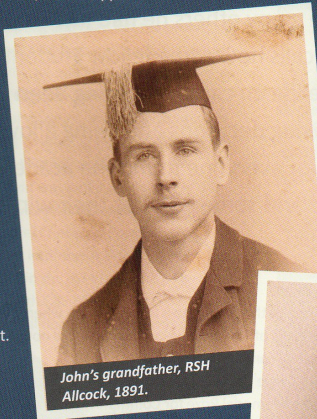
"At the outbreak of war my father, Charles Richard Allcock, with his friends, was recalled from a scout camp to be Derbyshire Yeoman. They served in Salonika and Gallipoli before returning home, where he entered Chester College, to qualify in 1921.

"He began teaching at Long Eaton, before moving to Baslow as Head Master in 1925, then succeeding his father as Head Master

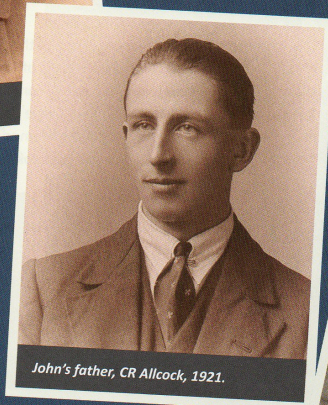
at Bakewell in 1935 until his retirement. One of his friends was 'Nobby' Clark, who was still lecturing in Art at Chester College during the 1950s and he continued his love of art throughout his life.

"My father kept a diary throughout the Second World War, using his entries to produce a hand scripted volume of the Yeomanry activities, complete with hand drawn maps, a copy of which is in the Imperial War Museum. The original is in the Derbyshire Yeomanry Museum at Derby.

"He became a respected local historian, while



John's grandfather, RSH Allcock, 1891.



John's father, CR Allcock, 1921.

continuing his interest in the scouts, first as Troop Leader and rising to be District Commissioner. During the Second World War he was the local billeting officer, also a member of the special police, ending up as the District Superintendent and was voluntary secretary to nine different organisations including the Derbyshire Yeomanry Old Comrades reunions. He would never take any paid position.

"After his retirement he was usually the first to be approached when radio or TV wanted a local expert for their programme.

"I was his second son - my older brother unfortunately died as a result of an accident on the school cricket field. When the Second World War began I was at the Lady Manners School and volunteered for the Royal Air Force flying crew at 17 and under their scheme became a member of Edinburgh University Air Squadron.

"We were eventually sent for training at the Navigation School on Prince Edward Island and were two weeks off our qualification when VJ Day was announced. Training ceased and we were re-mustered to other duties where I had the good fortune to be posted to Air Ministry Scientific Intelligence in London.

"On demobilisation I was 25 and destined to become the third generation of my family to attend Chester College. It was an unusual group, composed of men who had just been demobbed from the forces who found the restrictive atmosphere of the College rather irksome, and some school leavers, who must have regarded it as a continuation of their education.

"I qualified in 1951 and opted for primary teaching because I enjoyed the teaching practice in those schools, and to keep my distance from any request to apply for a post at Bakewell!

"Circumstances led me to work with the less able children and I eventually took the one year course for Teachers of Handicapped Children at Manchester. That led to a post at a residential school for children with cerebral palsy and eventually to work with emotionally disturbed children as Head of School, attached to a children's home, until my retirement.



John Allcock, as he began his teaching career in 1951.

"I was hoping to see a fourth generation at the University of Chester, but my grandson has chosen elsewhere. I wish him well..."