

Muskham & District History Articles

Introduction

The origin of many of these history articles was to give bite-sized chunks of local history to anyone interested. Initially, most were published in the 'Muskham Magazine' to help give topics other than church and Parish.

North Muskham, and the villages around, offer a really attractive environment in which to set up home. Many newcomers - people who has lived in the area under 30 year - are drawn to the location for all the logical reasons: out-of-town, good school, commuting to work, easy access to East Coast Mainline, or the mixed blessings of the A1. The writer landed in Muskham because it was easy to cover the four counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. Many others may do the same.

You move in, kids go to school, you make friends, find the pub and church - not necessarily in that order - and life goes on. Life can be so busy you somehow do not get the chance to look around. These short pieces are to provide some snippets of the locality, to answer some queries and - may be - persuade people to look a little further.

Many of the articles have an early explanation of the relevant location within the area. All have map references for specific places.

Map References

The 'Muskham Area' can be found on the 'Newark-on-Trent' Ordnance Survey map in the 'Explorer' series, (1:25,000 scale). This is map No 271.

The articles give a six figure OS reference, beginning SK, the larger area, followed by the 6 numbers. Whilst there is an explanation of reading a grid reference, basically you read it as you enter your house - you come into the house and then up the stairs. i.e. you read the number across the map (first 3 numbers) then up the side (second 3 numbers). The third and sixth number can be a bit of a guess of how many tenths of the square the spot is. (eg. The Muskham Ferry Inn is at SK798587).

Queries

Any questions and queries, please contact the Muskham Local History Group or put a request through the Muskham Messenger or the Muskham Facebook page.