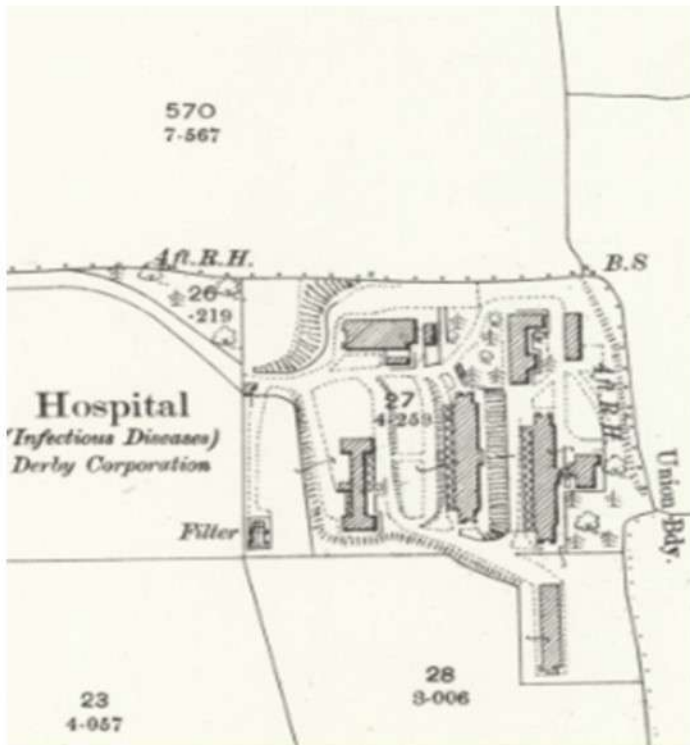


A Willington History Group Event

Rita Bailey presents:

“Derwent Isolation Hospital story”



Derby Infectious Hospital, later known as Derwent Isolation Hospital and then just Derwent Hospital, was built on a hilltop at Breadsall in 1890 when there was a terrible fear of the spread of disease. The building replaced a temporary wooden structure, erected in 1872, when a small-pox epidemic had broken out in the area.

The choice of site for the “model” hospital had been made so that any micro-organisms, which might be hovering around, would be speedily obliterated or blown out of harm’s way by the first high wind – dispelling uneasiness that might be felt by people living nearby.

Thursday 14th March 2024
7.30 pm

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