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**Danesmoor turns out in good numbers to touch
the past**

Ninety-six people came to the Parkhouse Pub, Pilsley Road yesterday to witness the opening of a time capsule buried in the foundation stone of St. Barnabas' Church 124 years ago.

The evening included a presentation about the future plans for the Church site from the Rev'd Matthew Barnes (38, Vicar). Cliff Williams, local author and historian spoke about the history of the area before staff from Chesterfield Museum opened the glass jar capsule.

The contents included two Newspapers, a copy of the Derbyshire Times dated Saturday 7th July 1883 and a copy of the Derbyshire Courier of the same date. Sadly, a copy of the Parochial Magazine did not survive but in better condition was a note from the Church's Architect Mr. Rollinson and the builder Mr Tinkler and a ½ penny coin of the era.

Matthew Barnes commented *"it's very exciting to have such a tangible link to the past, you can only imagine what life must have been like for those who first placed the capsule. As a Church we're looking forward to the future too. Our plans for a new church and community centre will be a fantastic for the people of Danesmoor. I'm sure the congregation of 1883 would be pleased with what we're doing as we go on serving this community in the 21st century"*.

The capsule was put in place whilst William Gladstone was Prime Minister and only weeks before the Krakatau Tsunami disaster. In local news an inquest held in the Grayhound Pub heard how an 8 year old Danesmoor boy, Thomas Raybould, had drowned the previous week whilst playing in the old brickyard pond. Accidental death was recorded.

During the evening over £80 was raised towards the £350 cost of purchasing a new lead capsule to replace the Victorian one. Anyone with ideas as to what might be included or who wish to donate to the cost are welcome to contact Rev'd Matthew Barnes (01246) 250110.

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