**ADDENDUM TO ISSUE NUMBER 1**

The article by Elvin Royall states that John Thomas Butlin was the owner of the Gordon Street shoe factory and was a man “who they say had more than an average taste for whiskey”. It also records that he went bankrupt. This is all incorrect. It was his cousin, Walter Isaac Butlin, who ran this particular factory and incurred the financial problems that forced him to wind up his Limited Company in 1905.
John Thomas Butlin owned the large shoe factory, known as the Tresham Works (now demolished) at the bottom of Kettering Road.

A descendant of J T Butlin has requested that we correct this information. It should also be made clear that John Thomas Butlin was a pillar of the United Reformed Church and was a most respected man. That is indeed so, and these words from George Streather who wrote ‘Memorials of the Independent Chapel at Rothwell’ are a fitting tribute:

“The Church suffered a severe loss when in May 1913, Mr J T Butlin died. He had been organist and choirmaster in the Church and a bandmaster of the Saxhorn Band. Mr Butlin’s death was a great blow to the Church. He had brought the choir to a very high standard. His work with other musical bodies in the town had made a marked difference to their performance. Mr Butlin was a most kindly man who was ready to help where it was needed.
….There can be little doubt that many charitable and good causes in the town owed a great deal to the Butlin family for their work in organising or performing at concerts or recitals in support of those funds”.

John Thomas Butlin was also a highly regarded local councillor. He was sadly too ill in April 1913 (the month in which he died) to attend a meeting at which he was to be officially thanked and presented with a special photograph. The minutes however, recorded “the Council’s appreciation for the splendid work done by Mr J T Butlin who was retiring after 20 years’ service”.