

On 25th July 1914 a meeting of lawn tennis clubs took place at The Jacobean Cafe in Derby. At that meeting the Derby and District Lawn Tennis Association was formed, its Rules approved and its first AGM fixed to take place in February 1915.

On 28th July 1914 events in Sarajevo triggered the start of the First World War. The AGM of the D&DLTA was held on 19th February 1915. The Minutes of that meeting record that "The Chairman said he hoped it would be possible for the Association to continue as a live body but conceded that no active programme should be considered until the termination of the war".

The next AGM was held, again at The Jacobean Cafe, on 14th February 1919. The world was a very different place but life returned to normal and the Association, and tennis thrived.