

## **Abstract**

This written work deals with cultural activities of the inhabitants of the town Domažlice between the years 1880 – 1899. The used information is taken from the “Posel od Čerchova” newspaper. The aim of the work is to show particular cultural events as they were presented in the newspaper. The work is divided into three chapters. The first chapter is focused on the concept of culture. It explains the importance of the word culture and events that happened in the 19th century, especially in the second half of the 19th century. The middle part introduces us into the history of Domažlice in the 19th century. We want to create at least a minimal concept of the city development and of the form of the city. We describe the political and economic level of the city in the defined years. We include institutions which were there. The last part shows the cultural activities of the inhabitants the way they were presented in the local newspapers. We answer the question how people lived in a small town and what cultural life they had.

We got some answers. The most common activity was the formation of clubs that allowed people to take part in some private or public social events like concerts, trips, lectures, debates etc. The membership brought certain benefits and a certain self-fulfilment. We learnt about the large exhibition which took place in Domažlice in 1893, with its preparations, course and structure. We can not miss the chapter on education where we read about the lately established courses and school. Throughout the celebrations of the anniversary we learnt about other educational institutions and clubs which existed at that time. Some celebrations were connected to the names of some famous people from our country history and some of them were from Domažlice too. And the most famous have memorials and memorial plaques. There were church affairs which influenced the course of the town.