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MOSELEY STREET FAIR

The Street Fair on 7th July was a great success. Pleasingly a steady flow of people came in to The Exchange to see the photograph exhibition. Some just to see it but others came in with queries. One was a lady from, 169 Alcester Road who queried whether the Cadburys had built her house.

Some of those visiting had never been in the The Exchange before, so the benefits of having the exhibition on display here had additional benefits in introducing people to what is offered here.

The photograph is of Angela Barnbrook and family, who dressed up especially for the day, posing with one of our visitors. Many thanks to Christine Mann for staffing the display and fielding questions, ably assisted by Angela and other volunteers.



COMMUNITY GAMES

This was postponed due to the "inclement" weather. Happily a new date has been arranged and it will now take place, weather permitting, on **Saturday 22nd September from 12 – 4**. The History Group will be having a stall and displays at this event and will be located somewhere near the ice-house. Anyone who would like to come along on the day and field questions, hand out leaflets etc will be very welcome. Contact Chris, Christine or Janet for more information.

ST MARY'S CHURCH EXHIBITION

Rob Brown has agreed we can have an exhibition at the church. The dates I have agreed with him are from **Saturday 1st September to Tuesday 18th September** and it will see the debut of some of the new display material we are looking at putting together. This will tie in with the national annual Heritage Open Days weekend.

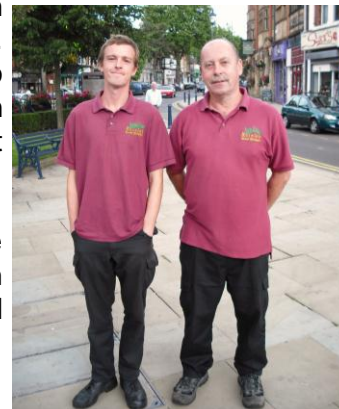
The picture is called Moseley Village 1877 by Walter Lawrence Breedon. This image was not in the archives of the church but a print of it has been kindly donated by Martin Straker Weld. Another painting by Breedon was made, probably at the same time, of the view towards the Bull's Head.



TEN YEARS ON THE STREETS

In this year of Jubilee celebrations, the Olympics and even our first victory in the Tour De France, there is an event even more special worth celebrating. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Moseley Street Wardens who do so much to make the Village as pleasant as it is. The same duo have been there throughout in the persons of Kim Monaghan (left) and Graham Flint (right).

Both are immensely and justifiably proud of their efforts and say they have stayed so long because they love what they do. They must like each other an awful lot as well! So if you see them on your travels be sure to stop and congratulate them on their anniversary. Here's to the next ten years guys.



ERNEST MARSTON RUDLAND

Courtesy of Graham Reeves files comes some notes he wrote on the above named gentleman.

Rudland was born at 15 St Paul's Road in Balsall Heath on 27th April 1875. He was educated at King Edward's Grammar School, Five Ways and later trained in chartered accountancy, beginning his career in 1897. During the First World War he was placed in financial charge of a group of Government factories. He was elected to Birmingham City Council in 1907 and resigned in 1918. He was Honorary Treasurer at the Nerve Hospital from 1914 to 1944 and also at the United Hospital from 1940 to 1948. In addition he was President of the Central Literature Association and a Life Governor of Birmingham University. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society. He retired in 1941. He was also a keen writer and poet, first published in 1903. Many of his works are held in Birmingham Central Library, amongst them his biography of the Oliver Cromwell (1952). Before moving to Moseley Rudland lived at 4 Edgbaston Road in Balsall Heath. From 1907 to 1930 he lived at 36 St Agnes' Road, Moseley and from 1931 to 1952 at 134 Anderton Park Road. In 1953 he moved to Ross-on-Wye, dying there in 1958. There is a plaque to Rudland in St Nicholas's Church, Kings Norton.

As a 16 year old (in 1978) venturing into work for the first time at Birmingham Central Library, I was given the task of indexing and filing a vast collection of engraved portraits of the great and good from all walks of life. These engravings all dated from the seventeenth to early twentieth century and had been amassed over many years by Rudland. The Marston Rudland collection is now located in the Local Studies Department and is one of the "hidden" gems that Patrick Baird will be discussing at the September meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 7:30

We are back in September. Our guest speaker is Patrick Baird who for many years was head of the Local Studies Department in Birmingham Central Library. Patrick is coming to talk about research sources and archives held in the library. Patrick will be revealing some of the lesser known sources and giving useful tips on how to make best use of what is available.

Amongst items of interest which have been deposited in the Archives are records of St. Mary's Church. Many local repositories have listed some of their holdings online at the National Archives website. Searching on here for the keyword "Moseley" yields many interesting results, or indeed try searching for any subject that may be of interest. The site is at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/a2a>. When the page has loaded, click on the "advanced search" tab and you can then also search directly in the holdings of local archives.