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This month we are reporting on the refurbishment of a historic Moseley building

Guthrie and Ghani Grand Opening 27/4/13

By Christine Mann



Welcome to a brand new business in Moseley and congratulations on the refurbishment of a notable local building. Guthrie and Ghani is a new haberdashery, fabric and yarn shop, based in 169 Alcester Road, in what was a social club for boys for most of the 20th century and had been rather neglected since its closure, but not anymore. The rooms are light and open, with a shop downstairs and workshops on the first floor. Do have a look at the website, where you can find links to view the renovations - www.guthrie-ghani.co.uk.

The inscription at the front of the building records Mrs Richard Cadbury laying the foundation stone in 1898. Lauren's research reveals that the Cadburys were leasing the land from the Taylors. However, a large plaque above a door inside the building is more mysterious. **If anyone knows anything about 'Miss Annie Ross of Moseley', we'd love to find out about her.**

Lauren and Ayaz have worked long and hard for this day and we wish them every success - if the crowds queuing to get in on opening day are anything to go by, then they are well on their way.



Photos of Guthrie and Ghani by Christine Mann

News and Announcements

Wonderful Talk by Chris Upton

On April 24th, we welcomed Chris Upton to our evening meeting. Setting the scene in 18th century Birmingham, Chris introduced us to the Romantic poets and the events which influenced their work, such as the Industrial Revolution and the Priestly Riots. These latter resulted in the passing of Acts to repress politically volatile meetings and Samuel Taylor Coleridge responded by producing a paper denouncing them. In the course of travelling the country to raise subscriptions for his publication, he visited Moseley, staying with a friend in 'Wake Green', probably in the area around St. Agnes' Church. Out of this Moseley connection, Chris fashioned an interesting, well-researched and very entertaining presentation, much enjoyed by those lucky enough to be there.

If you missed Chris' talk, make sure you don't miss our speakers in the future; talks are now held at the Exchange on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (Except June's which will be a walking tour, weather permitting!). Look out for announcements in the Newsletter and on our website at <http://www.moseleyhistory.co.uk/meeting-and-events.html>

EVENING WALK

Tuesday 25th June

Meet 7:30 at Moseley Exchange

A Moseley Walk with Roy Cockel

Come along for a walking tour of Moseley History. If the weather is inclement there will be a talk at the Exchange instead.

DISPLAYS

'Moseley Now and Then'
St Agnes Church Moseley
Until 8th June

The display will then move to
Moseley Golf Club.

'Moseley At War'
The Dovecote
Until July

Upcoming Events



Stall at the Farmer's Market
in April
Photo by Christine Mann

The annual 'Birmingham Lives' event is always well worth a visit for anyone interested in local history. The wide variety of group stands and displays means there is something to appeal to everyone. This year it will take place on Sunday, 9th June at Trefoil House, Brownsea Drive, Blucher Street from 11am - 4 pm.

More information available at: <http://historywm.com/7th-birmingham-lives-history-fair-sunday-9th-june-2013/>

The Moseley Festival is almost upon us! Please drop in and see our stand on Saturday 13th July. We are also planning on running a guided Moseley History Trail on the day, in the morning and afternoon for a small group of people. As places will be limited we will also be distributing information leaflets for do-it-yourself history trails to follow for those who can't make the guided walk. Watch this space for more information.

Very Sad News

We are sad to report that two long-standing members of the Moseley Society Local History Group have died recently, Irene Pitman and Professor Peter Ricketts. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.