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Rochford

Following his splendid talk in September about John Bowen, Anthony Collins has kindly sent us a photograph of Bowen's home. Number 1 Strensham Hill was built by him and named after his home village of Rochford..

While other Bowen built residences remain in Moseley his own home was demolished and the site is now occupied by flats.



Let's Call It Quoits

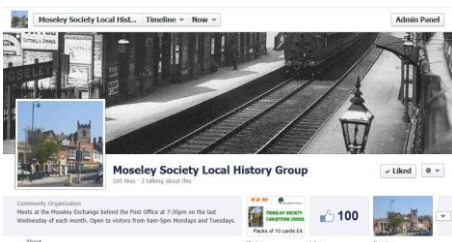
Ann Crichton-Harris sent us this image of a fine looking group of gentlemen, members of Moseley Quoits and Bowling Club. Ann writes: *"My grandfather, H.G. Tandy (a jeweller of Vyse St. B'ham) who lived in Forest Road, Moseley, was president that year. He is the chap in the front row, legs crossed."*



The Archives here has a few photographs of the Club in later years and some subscriber lists.

Work In Progress

Jonathan Smith found this page for us on the Internet all about the renovations at 169 Alcester Road – the former home of the fondly remembered Carnegie Boys' Club. The website can be found at: <http://www.guthrie-ghani.co.uk/> Jonathan notes that the Blog tab is the one you want for some great pictures of how they are tackling restoring the building.



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COMPLETION OF MOSELEY PARISH CHURCH

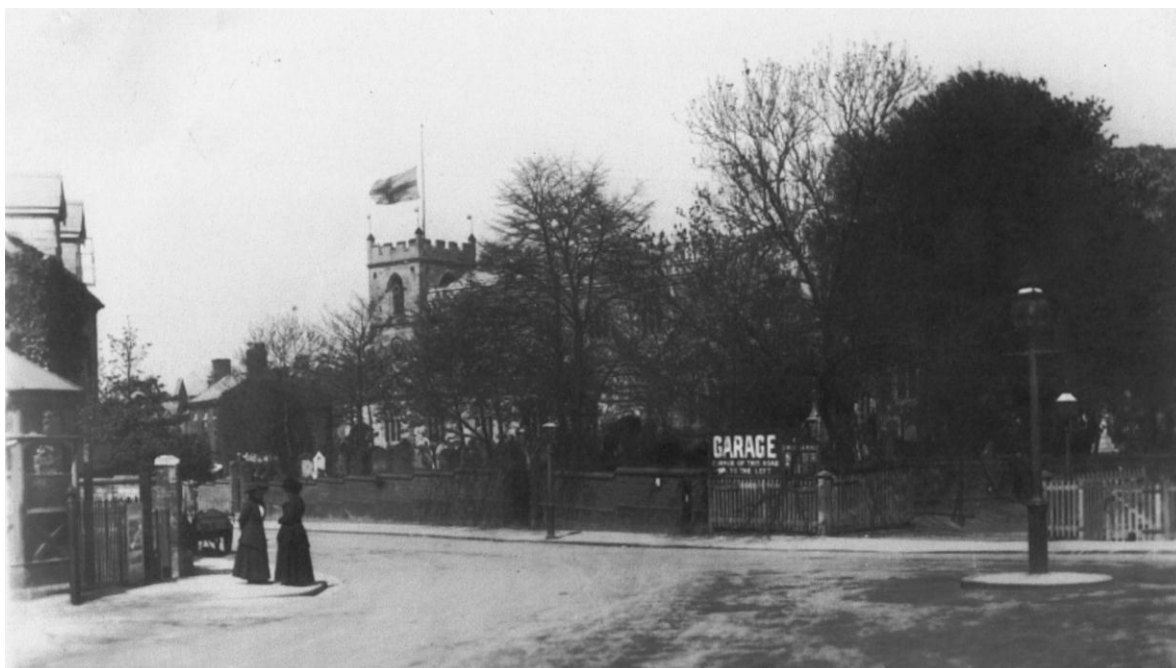
An interesting leaflet in the Moseley History Group Archives is an appeal for funds towards the building costs at St. Mary's. Then, as now, fund raising was often a tricky business...

“The Building Committee make a most earnest appeal for further funds towards the completion of the Church. The total cost of the work will not be less than £7,500, of which sum £4,129 17s. 6d. has already been promised, and in addition to this a Supplementary List has been started, to which £530 10s. 0d. has already been subscribed, so there is still £2,800 more to be raised. It will be observed that the List of Donors includes only 180 names; there are many that make use of the Church who, as yet, have not given anything. The committee trust that when the Church is completed, it will be found that all who worship in the Parish Church will have given their contribution. There should be no difficulty if all the Congregation would do their share, instead of throwing the burden on the few, in enabling the Church to be opened practically free of debt. It is hoped to hold Thanksgiving Services, for the completion of the Church, on Sunday and Monday, February 6th and 7th, 1910.

JOHN C. HOLDER,
Chairman of Building Committee”

(This quarto folded sheet then lists all those who have subscribed, some of them twice, from Sir John Holder himself (£750) down to choristers giving 5s. There is then a slip to be completed and forwarded with a cheque.)

Another big event in 1910 was the death of King Edward VII. He died on 6th May and this helps to date this image of Moseley in which the flag is clearly at half mast on St. Mary's.



The Moseley Society History Group would like to wish all of the volunteers who help out, and all the readers of our newsletter, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Moseley Society has some lovely Christmas cards of the Dovecote available in a pack of ten for just £4. Ask me, Fiona Adams or Roy Cockel for details and to purchase.

