



THE MOSELEY SOCIETY

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The Moseley Society LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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A Fantastic Celebration

The Heritage Lottery Funded Project has come to an end! In order to share our successes and thank all involved, a celebration was held on Monday 23rd September with a buffet lunch, displays about the project and computers set up so the attendees could admire our fantastic website.



Roy Cockel made a speech giving thanks to everyone involved, especially Christine Mann and Janet Berry without whose hard work none of this would have been possible. Not forgetting all of our volunteers whose different contributions have been so valuable throughout the year.



It was wonderful to see so many people involved with the Local History Group in general and different parts of the project meeting together to celebrate our fantastic achievements; the website, the on-going organisation and digitisation of the collection, the school visits and history walks, the displays and booklets.



Let's also not to forget to thank all those who couldn't attend the celebration for their contributions too; we salute you all and look forward to working with you again in the future! It's just a shame you missed the fabulous food!



What Next for the Local History Group?

The HLF funded project may be ending but our work goes on! We still need volunteers to help with the on-going digitisation of 'The Collection'; these are the archives of the Moseley Society Local History Group. This is a wonderful resource for those interested in the history of the area, one which we'd like to make more easily accessible, through the website. Digitisation also protects this resource for the future by preserving a record of documents and pictures. There is something in 'The Collection' to interest everyone so come and get acquainted! If you would like to help us with scanning, creating excel databases or in any other way please contact Christine Mann or come along on Monday between 10.30am and 4pm in the Green Room at The Exchange.

We are also planning 2 new exciting projects, and we'd welcome volunteers for either of both of them!

'Moseley Now and Then'

This project will consist of two parts and begin in October 2013. Firstly, a collection of photographs of 'Moseley Now' taken by Moseley people/ volunteers, including perhaps an image of a favourite spot in Moseley or memory of your time in Moseley, with captions/explanations attached. This will be a 'What Moseley Means to Me, Modern Heritage Project'. Please contact us with your favourite Moseley spots or memories. The second aspect will be postcards and photographs of Moseley in the past and quotes from and about Moseley people and writings about Moseley in the past. This will be a 'What Moseley Meant to People in the Past Heritage Project'.

Want to get involved?

Let us have an image of an aspect of Moseley which has some meaning for you, together with a caption explaining your choice. This could be a photo or drawing of a place or event. If you can't bear to part with original photos, we would be happy to scan and return them to you. No matter your age, or how long you've known Moseley, and even if you don't have an image, we'd love to include your reminiscences. This project will form part of our website (and social media sites e.g. facebook), and may be included in future displays, articles and presentations. If you'd like to participate, please complete a permissions form to accompany your image/caption (available at www.moseleyhistory.co.uk or in our memory boxes) and

e-mail to moseleyhistory@moseleyexchange.com

or

**post to The Local History Group at Moseley Exchange, 149-153 Alcester Road, Moseley,
B13 8JP**

or

**put them into the memory boxes which we plan to locate in Wetherspoons 'Elizabeth of York', The Prince of Wales, The Cross and the reception in The Exchange
or drop into the Exchange between 10.30 and 4.00 on Mondays**

Please note: Time and space will dictate what is included in this project. The Working Group reserves the right to decide what will and will not be published.

Even if you don't have any memories of Moseley you'd like to share, you can still get involved. We are always looking for volunteers to help in many ways; from scanning items from The Collection to assisting on stalls at events. Please contact us on moseleyhistory@moseleyexchange.com or drop in on Mondays to find out more!

'Moseley and WWI'

This project will begin in January 2014 and also consists of two parts. Firstly we shall seek to provide a central 'data-base hub' on those from Moseley who served at the Front in whatever capacity along with information on particular individuals, working in collaboration with local churches, community groups and schools. Secondly, we plan to investigate the impact of WWI on Moseley - 'The Home Front', looking for example, at the role of Moseley women, conscientious objectors, land use (allotments requisitioned for food production) and support from Moseley people for local auxiliary hospitals. We are also considering looking at Chamberlain in connection to WWI, an angle which has hitherto been largely ignored.

Birmingham's Bad Boys!

The BBC's new television drama about the Peaky Blinders has hit our screens. The Peaky Blinders was the nick-name for Birmingham gang members from the late Victorian period to mid-twentieth century. The name comes from the razor blades they sewed into the peaks of their caps.

The TV show has got us all thinking about the real peaky blinders and we'd love to hear if you've got any stories about them. One of our volunteers remembers being told never to talk about them. Perhaps that was for the best at the time, but now we want the gossip!

The West Midlands police released these mug shots of some of the real gang members. More images and information can be found in this BBC article <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-birmingham-24047750>. These records are from the West Midlands Police Museum, which sadly is not currently open to the public since the retirement of its curator.



Brum Brum History and Memorabilia Fair

20th October 2013

11am – 2pm

Moseley All Services Club, 91 Church Road, Moseley, B13 9EA

20+ stalls of photos and memorabilia on Birmingham and the Midlands, including an exhibition of photos from the Birmingham Lives Archives. There will also be history societies, genealogy groups and stalls with books, postcards and souvenirs.

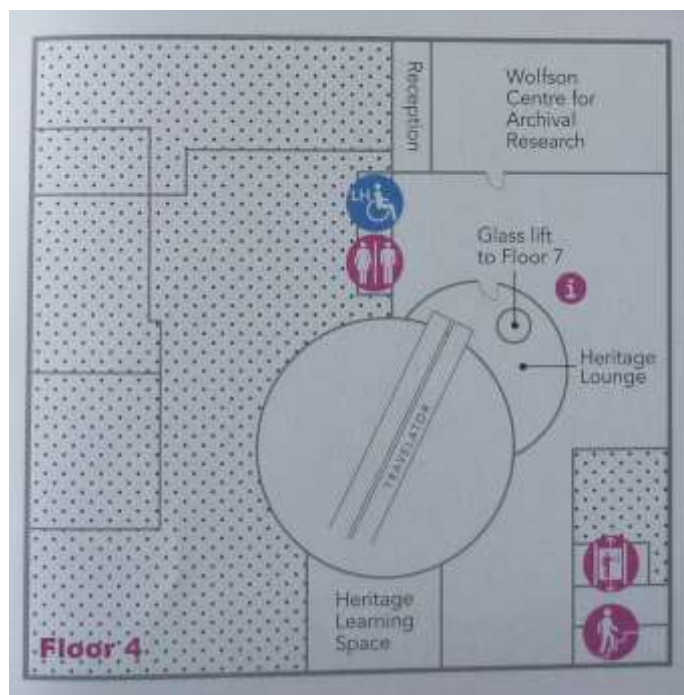
For more details contact 0121 6002 3728 or 0121 605 6212, email k.clenton@blueyonder.co.uk or intheframe@wwmail.co.uk.

The Moseley Society Local History Group will of course be there all day! Look out for our new banner on the stall! We'll have historical artefacts and displays, our booklets to give away and some great Moseley souvenirs produced by The Moseley Society. Janet Berry is also putting together a display about John Avins who owned Highfield House; the building which is now Moseley All Services Club.

New Library of Birmingham and Local History

The new central library, which opened on 3rd September has many resources for those looking to research local history. The Wolfson Centre for Archival Research and other local and family history resources, including parish registers and old newspapers, are located on the 4th floor (as shown in the plan). There is also free access to Ancestry and other useful sites through the library computers.

More information about the services can be found here at <http://www.libraryofbirmingham.com/article/archives/archivesheritageandphotography>.



EVENING TALK

Thursday 17th October

The Moseley Society and the Local History Group

'The Development of a Nailer's Cottage 1840-2013'

By Mark Clifford, Avoncroft, Museum of Historic Buildings

7.30 pm at Moseley Exchange

NB. No separate Local History talk in October. Next meeting - Nov 26th.