

Moseley Society Local History Group

The Moseley Society Local History Group is organised by **volunteers**.

We have an **archive**, which is housed at the All Services Club in Moseley.

Contact Details:

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(Please include a s.a.e., if you write to us or want us to send you items by post.)

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Our archive includes artefacts, documents, maps, plans, books and booklets, guides, oral history recordings and images related to Moseley (Please see our on-line catalogue).

Volunteers meet at various times on Thursday mornings at the All Services Club. Other volunteers work on projects or tasks at home.

We work on group projects (currently WWI), individual projects, sort and catalogue items, digitise materials, upload items to our website, develop displays, write and prepare articles, historic walks, guides and booklets and plan a programme of events, visits and monthly evening talks.

Why not become a volunteer? Please contact us so that we can arrange an introduction to the archives, our volunteers and our work.

Why not visit our archives or use our archives for your own research? Contact us **and book an appointment** so that we can arrange for a volunteer to help you locate items of interest to you in the archive. If Thursday morning is not convenient, we can sometimes arrange a special visit at another time.

We do also offer some ***help with personal research***, especially for people not able to visit.

- We can search our archive and scan items of interest we find or items you have located in our on-line catalogue and email or post them to you.
- A number of our volunteers have a wide knowledge of Moseley's history.
- We can offer help with family history research.

We would be most interested to hear anything about Moseley and would very much welcome articles and images that relate to Moseley and its residents.

Why not visit Birmingham's new Central Library.

 Birmingham Central Library online Archive Catalogue
(Archives.Heritage@birmingham.gov.uk)

The new Birmingham Central Library Local History Department (4th Floor) have Trade Directories and much more, all of which you can access. They also have Catalogues and helpful staff to support you. Some items have to be looked at in the Archives section and you will need to book a time there and book what items you wish to see. archives.appointments@birmingham.gov.uk

There are a number of **websites** that you might want to use to pursue personal research. (*NB. Some of these websites are by subscription only!*)

- Google
- On-line Trade Directories (eg. [www.historicaldirectories](http://www.historicaldirectories.com))
- Online newspapers (eg. www.onlinenewspapers.com / www.birminghampost.net. / <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz>)/
<http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>
- Family/Census Search sites (eg. www.ancestry.co.uk / www.genesreunited.com.)
- Maps online (eg. [www.old-maps](http://www.old-maps.com) / www.british-history.ac.uk/map.aspx)
- Google Street view

If your interest is WWI:

- **Commonwealth War Graves Commission website** (free) Will show details of rank, service number, date of death, age, regiment, Service country, grave/memorial reference and grave/memorial name www.cwgc.org/
- **London Gazette** (free). Gives details of promotions and service awards. Suggest if you use this site that you enter the name, followed by a comma and the year you are researching in the search engine. It will highlight any matches www.london-gazette.co.uk/search
- **British Army WW1 Medal Roll Index Cards 1914-1920**. Free on ancestry website <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx?dbid=1262>
- **The Long, Long Trail. The British Army in the Great War 1914-18** www.1914-1918.net/
- **The Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1914-1918** Gives brief information on the battalions. Will also do individual research for a named person but at a cost of £60 <http://battlefields1418.50megs.com/regiment012.htm>
- **The Birmingham Pals** <http://www.birminghampals.co.uk/>
- **Forces War Records** <http://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/>
- **Find My Past** – There is a Birmingham Pals 1914-18 and a Birmingham Employers Roll of Honour 1914-18 and a newspaper archive on this site <http://www.findmypast.co.uk/>
- **Ancestry** Has a better search engine than Find My Past <http://search.ancestry.co.uk/>