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**This month we are looking at some often overlooked Moseley Personalities...**

### Moseley Women

Moseley has been home to many remarkable women over the years and there simply isn't room to do them all justice in this newsletter, so instead here are profiles of two remarkable ladies from very different fields:

#### **Dame Hilda Lloyd (Born Hilda Nora Shufflebotham)**

Hilda Nora Shufflebotham was born in 1891 in Balsall Heath. Hilda went to King Edwards High School, before studying Medicine at the University of Birmingham. She qualified as a doctor in 1916 and soon became a consultant and senior surgeon at the Birmingham Maternity and Women's Hospitals, because with so many male doctors away in the war she was able to gain wide surgical experience rapidly.

In 1936 she pioneered the obstetrical 'flying squad', which saved the lives of many mothers and babies in Birmingham. In 1937 she was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and became its president in 1949. She is the only woman to have held this title. She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1951. She also held the position of Professor at the University of Birmingham for 11 years from 1943.

Hilda was married twice, first to Bertram Lloyd, also a Surgeon from Birmingham, who died in 1948. In 1949 she married Baron Theodore Rose, later moving to Ross on Wye to enjoy an early retirement. Hilda died in 1982 and is remembered fondly for her generosity, friendliness and contribution to women's medicine.



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#### **Image Source**

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## Daphne Slater



Daphne Slater, born Daphne Allen in 1941, is a British Athlete, who competed mostly in the 100 metres. She attended Moseley Modern School where she was a sprinter and long-jumper. She trained with the Birchfield Harriers, the Birmingham club based at Alexander Stadium, and went on to compete in International championships between 1961 and 1966. In 1963 she became a world-record breaker when her team ran the 4 x 110 yard relay in 45.2 seconds to beat the USA at White City track in London. The pinnacle of her career was the 1964 Olympics where she won a Bronze Medal in the 4 x 100 metre relay with her team-mates Janet Simpson, Mary Rand and Dorothy Hyman. This photo shows Daphne dedicating an expedition mini bus for St Christopher's Boys Club, 9th March 1965.

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### **Image source**

<http://www.moseleians.co.uk/index.asp?id=291&bid=P290&Title=Olympic%20Glory>

We are going to continue researching the personal histories of the wonderful women of Moseley; past and present. We will be publishing profiles of them all on our website. We also hope to get funding to publish a booklet in the future. We'd love to hear from you if you've any information about women you'd like us to include! Contact us via facebook, email (details in the newsletter header) or drop in on Mondays and Tuesdays 10-5pm in the Green Room.

## **IT Course**

The IT course was a fantastic opportunity for members of the Moseley Society Local History Group to improve their skills; including word processing, desktop publishing and the all too often dreaded spreadsheets! It was also a wonderful introduction to researching family history on the web; what information could be found on different sites and how much of it could be obtained for free. We also learned about conducting oral history interviews and the importance of doing so with professionalism and sensitivity. We also looked at the challenges of storage and conservation and gained a better understanding of how time-consuming ensuring that our archives are safe for the future really is. Some of the volunteers have offered to spend a couple of hours a week putting documents into acid-free storage or scanning items so that we have a digital record of them as well. If anyone else would like to assist in this process you are all very welcome; it's a great opportunity to have a peek into the depth and breadth of the collection.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and informative experience and we'd all like to thank Chris Sutton and Christine Mann for their hard work, patience and teaching skill. The course proved that no matter how much or little you know about computers, it is always possible to improve your knowledge and, perhaps more importantly, confidence! Some members of the Local History Group have also expressed an interest in more IT training and thanks to Ellie we have the details of some local providers (see below). Our members also stressed that one-to-one teaching at home would be the most effective way to learn, so if you have some IT knowledge to share and some free time we'd love you to volunteer!

### **Local IT training providers:**

#### **Balsall Heath Library**

0121 464 1962

Moseley Road, Birmingham, West Midlands B12 9BX

Classes on Tuesdays 10 - 12 noon (call first to check availability)

#### **Sparkhill Adult Education**

0121 464 1893

477 Stratford Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, West Midlands B11 4LE

5 sessions - First Steps - starting 12th June, 9.30 - 12 noon

#### **UKONLINE**

Are an organisation which assists people with getting online; through training and access to computers.

You can find centres local to you via:

<http://www.ukonlinecentres.com/centresearch>

#### **Digital Unite**

Offer 1-to-1 training in your own home, but unfortunately they have no tutors in the Moseley area. The nearest is Lynne Thompson, who covers Halesowen, Dudley, Stourbridge, and the areas surrounding these towns. If any of you live in those areas and would like training you can contact her via Digital Unite:

<http://digitalunite.com/users/lynne-thompson>

## Trip to Worcester Archives

A tour of Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology – The Hive – has been arranged for Monday 20th May, 2013. We would need to meet there at 10.30 am.

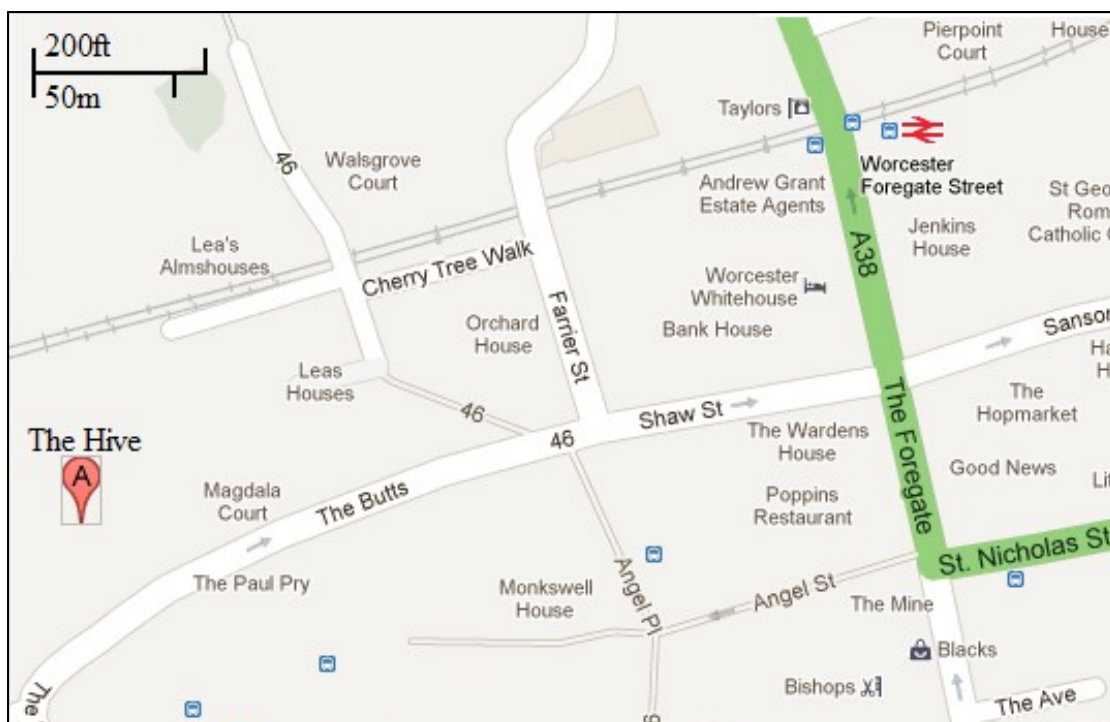
The Hive is a beautiful new building, which is home to several services, including the Library and Archives. Tours take between 90 and 120 minutes, and cover the Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service part of The Hive. Around half the time will be spent behind the scenes in the areas the public don't normally go into. You will get to see some of the objects discovered by the archaeologists, and some of treasures of the archives, including Shakespeare's marriage bond.

We will be moving between floors - there is the option of using the stairs or the lift, but a lot of the time will be spent standing. Please let us know if this may be a problem.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Christine Mann via the Group's e-mail – [moseleyhistory@moseleyexchange.com](mailto:moseleyhistory@moseleyexchange.com)

The Hive is close to Worcester Foregate Street Station, as can be seen in the map below. We also have some members who have kindly offered to car-share, so if you would like to arrange a lift, or indeed offer to take some other members then please contact Christine.

There are a maximum of 20 places available for the tour and around 10 are already taken so please don't delay if you'd like to join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative tour!



You can also find out more about The Hive on their website:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/waas)

## EVENING TALK

### April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Red Room at Moseley Exchange

In Wake Green Road did Kubla Khan a stately pleasure dome decree?

Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Moseley

*by Chris Upton*

A most entertaining talk on the writer's little known links to Moseley

### May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 in the Red Room at Moseley Exchange

#### Pool of Memories

*by Steve Beauchampe*

Come along to learn more about the Moseley Road Baths, which opened in 1907 and is the oldest Grade II\* listed swimming pool still in use in Britain.

## DISPLAY

### 'Moseley Now and Then'

St Agnes Church Moseley From 29<sup>th</sup> April

Please drop-in and take a look!