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The Earlsdon Morris Dancers were visiting Moseley for the Folk Festival. On their way to the Park, they entertained the shoppers at the Farmers' Market.

Moseley Society Meetings

The annual programme of talks and events will be delivered to all members with a copy of this newsletter.

All meetings will be held at Moseley Exchange at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 8 October – “Thrive – using gardens to change lives” Sarah Bowers and Alexandra Bailey. Co-sponsored by Moseley in Bloom.

Thursday 24 October – afternoon meeting at 2pm “The Roundhouse Restoration Project.” Elizabeth Thompson Canal and River Trust.

Thursday 14 November – “Joeys, Joshers and James: a BCN Miscellany” Phil Clayton tells the story of Birmingham's canals with musical accompaniment.

Thursay 5 December – “Festive Evening at St Mary’s” Michael Perrier et al. This meeting will start at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church and we hope it will be a joyful conclusion to our 40th anniversary celebrations.

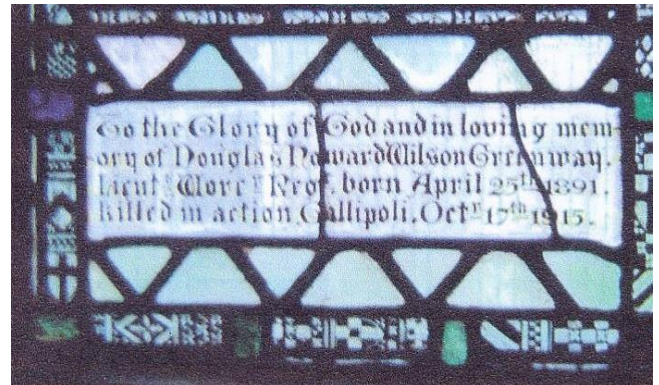
Moseley Society History Group

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The Moseley History Group is producing a booklet on Moseley and Kings Heath men who served in Gallipoli, a particularly nasty and fruitless campaign during WW1. They are working in partnership with the Gallipoli Association, an international study group, which promotes knowledge and understanding of the campaign.

<http://www.gallipoli-association.org>

The book is being launched on **Thursday 17 October**, 3.00pm at Moseley Exchange. Ian Binnie, Education Co-ordinator and Trustee of the Gallipoli Association, will give a short talk about the campaign. There will be a display of artefacts and original documents, followed by tea and cake.



One of those in the book is Douglas Greenway. There is a window dedicated to him in St Mary's – he was killed on 17 October 1915. All are welcome to come to the memorial service in the church for him and six others **at 1.30pm, prior to the talk.** The overriding aim is to remember and honour those who died in the Gallipoli campaign. There is a display on the ground floor at Moseley Exchange.

It's always a great pleasure for the History Group when someone comes in with a small souvenir from the past. A type-written notice of the 1957 Carol Service at Moseley C of E was sent in by Robert Hitchman, along with a school photo in which he features.



Another donation came from Jenny Owen seen here with her husband. She brought along photo frames that had belonged to her grandfather in the late 1800s. The framing was done at Messrs Matthias Watts & Co Ltd, Moseley. The shop at 15-17 St Mary's Row had a workshop at the rear in which the chromium plated 'Moseley Ware' was manufactured.

Heritage Open Days / Birmingham Heritage Week

Saturday 14 September – Dovecote and Icehouse with entry to Moseley Park and Pool between 2 and 5 pm

Sunday 15 September – Highbury Hall open between 11am and 4pm

Saturday 21 September - Artefacts from the History collection will be on display at the All Services Club on September 21 between 12 and 4pm. The chronological posters about the Society's involvement in Moseley over the past 40 years will also be on display. For full details of all events:

www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting

www.birminghamheritageweek.co.uk/

Dovecote and Icehouse

Both had plenty of enthusiastic visitors over the weekend of the Folk Festival. At the



Dovecote, Chris Cockel came along to scythe the wildflower meadow which, earlier in the season, had been bursting with scabious, teasel and other wildflowers.



Moseley in Bloom (MiB)

As you will know by now, Benita Roberts and Amy Maclean have taken on the mantle of Co-Chairs of Moseley in Bloom. Following this year's successful Open Gardens weekend, which raised about £9,000, they have asked us to pass on some of their plans for the future. These include extending the successful Schools Scholarship programme and continuing the floral displays.

They also have an exciting and ambitious scheme to create a Living Wall above the Co-op. They are working on a youth volunteer scheme to include a guerrilla gardening element. If you like 'gardening without permission' this is the group for you! They have plans for a gardening club, which includes plant swaps and mentoring for new and experienced gardeners. It could be about growing vegetables or entering the RHS 'it's Your Neighbourhood' Scheme. Benita and Amy would love you to follow them on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Becoming a friend for just £20 a year would also help support MiB's exciting projects. <https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/joinus/friends/>

Recycling at the heart of Moseley

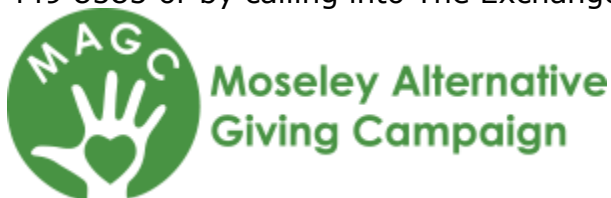
Did you know that contact lenses, empty toothpaste tubes, used heads of electric toothbrushes, empty bread bags and crisp packets are all recyclable? Terracycle is a company which offers points, and points eventually mean money, for these and other items. Plastic Free Moseley and Moseley Litterbusters have produced a very handy recycling guide for Moseley and Kings Heath.

The latest Moseley B13 magazine printed a pull-out map of the recycling points. The

Community Development Trust also has copies.



The CDT has been signed up as a collection point and anyone can take suitable items, that might otherwise end up along with household rubbish, and bin them for recycling. At present the empty crisp packet bin is the fullest. 3000 have been collected so far! The money raised up till now is modest, but hopefully when more people know about the scheme, it will increase and go into the Moseley Pot. It will be up to the local community to decide how to spend it. Talking to Lorna Brewer at the CDT, she is keen to set up an informal network that could feed into the CDT. It could involve collection points in schools, pubs, restaurants or even at the gates of private houses. She is looking for people who might be inspired to set up these within a five-mile radius of Moseley Village. It could be parents, staff or even students at schools, managers or clients of local hosteleries and eateries, clubs and associations. If you can help in any way, including packaging up the assembled items, do get in touch with the CDT on 0121 449 8585 or by calling into The Exchange.



Moseley Alternative Giving Campaign

MAGC - Moseley Alternative Giving Campaign

Although we have mentioned this before, we thought it was worth a reminder of what this local volunteer-led group does. You may have noticed the purple collection boxes in local shops and restaurants inviting people to donate to MAGC rather

than giving directly to people asking for money in the street. It's a natural response to give money; some people may have an addiction and or other complex needs. Giving money through the Campaign could provide ongoing support tailored to the individual, such as help accessing accommodation, food, benefits or health services. Money raised through MAGC has also helped to continue the valuable employment of Anji Page as the local Neighbourhood Outreach Worker. Her work is bridging the gap between some of the people in Moseley and support services in the city centre. Details of how to donate or volunteer can be found at:

<https://moseleyalternativegivingcampaign.com/>

St Agnes Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

It is well over a year since the draft document went to the City Planners for consideration. We understand they have accepted most of the document and it looks as though Grove Avenue (or parts of it) is to be included in the extended Conservation Area. There is a new Conservation Officer and it is hoped that the public participation process will take place in October or November.

Walking tours – Help Needed!

For some time we have been talking about creating a walking trail between Sarehole Mill and Moseley Village. We have come to the conclusion that a group of shorter, circular walks that could link together would be preferable. We have plenty of existing materials such as 'Moseley Personalities', 'Listed Buildings' etc that could be used to add interest to the walks. We need help from someone who has the technical skills to compile the walks and include the routes, places of significance and hand drawn maps so they could be downloaded or printed. If you think you would enjoy the task, do let us know. We would hope to have them ready in good time for the Commonwealth Games to lure extra visitors to Moseley.

St Martin de Porres Primary School

The school opened in 1969 and 18 September sees the start of the 50th Anniversary with a special Mass. At the end of last school year students worked on art projects which have been made into a huge

collage. Each year group had a special symbolic task - hands, flowers and leaves, which were decorated in colours of their choice.



The leaf is a symbol used in the school to represent virtues and can be given to a child who has done something special and attached to the class tree. The main concept behind the work is to bring together the hugely diverse cultural mix of the school. The finished artwork is about 12x8ft. It will be mounted on the wall of the school overlooking the playground. Elements from the collage will be used on learning material and printed literature throughout the school year, as well as featuring on a new sign at the school gates in Oakland Road. All will be revealed on the day of the Mass.

Membership Leaflet

You will find one of our new membership leaflets included with this newsletter and we are **asking current members to each recruit one new member.** Anyone signed up will be given one of our architectural posters for free and if you haven't already got one, you can have one too! The membership year runs from 1st January so anyone joining now is given the rest of the year for free. It's only £10 a year and the more members we have the more clout we have with local and national issues such as planning or boundary changes. Members can be involved with the activities of the Society if they have the time or inclination, but it isn't obligatory.

Moseley Society at 40 – the Fourth Decade 2009-2019

- Restoration of Dovecote completed.
- Guided walks organised by the Society during Moseley Festival and Heritage Open Days.

- St Agnes Conservation Area extended to include part of Billesley Lane and Greenhill Road.
- The Juniper Centre at Moseley Hall Hospital was opened.
- The 'Moseley in Motion' art competition was held as part of the Moseley Festival.
- New evening Local History Group.
- Work on a Moseley Supplementary Planning document was begun.
- Fiona Adams was awarded an MBE.
- A seat was placed at the corner of Amesbury and Salisbury Road in memory of Constance Perris.
- Moseley became a pilot Community Alcohol Partnership area.
- Recycling banks were removed from Moseley Car Park.
- Moseley Supplementary Planning document was approved by BCC.
- Successful campaign to oppose the Local Government Boundary Commission proposal to divide Moseley between 5 separate wards.
- M&S Foodhall opened.
- Council introduce weekly cleaning of car park, which had been done by Moseley Society volunteers since 1979.
- AGM 2019 celebrating 40 Years involvement in Moseley.



New Members

We are glad to welcome as members of the Society:

Arielle Freeth; Amy Thomas; Richard Law-Deeks; Janet Thorne; Dr Vidhu Mayor; Lynn Kenney; Cate Shanks; Susan Spencer; Andrew Devey and Kirsty Jerome