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THE MOSELEY SOCIETY

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DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

If you have been into the centre of Moseley recently, you may have noticed that the Meteor Ford site is plastered with danger notices and, we believe, some work to clear the asbestos has started. On a more cheerful note, there are over 30 mini-Christmas trees above the shops and eateries and the tree on the green is all lit up. The main Farmers' and Arts markets are on 17th December with a small market on 24th. If we don't see you there, have a wonderful Christmas and accept our very best wishes for the New Year.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the Special General Meeting on 15th September the alteration to the subscription rates was approved. This means that from January 2012 the annual subscription will be £10 per household with £5 for students and jobseekers. The three-year discounts are to be discontinued but members can pay by standing order if they wish. The subscriptions will become due in January to coincide with the Society's accounting year. We will be in touch with you if your subscriptions are due for renewal early in the New Year.

MBE

On 2nd December, a touch of grandeur arrived in Moseley with the presentation of Fiona Adams' MBE by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, Paul Sabapathy CBE. Fiona decided to receive her award amongst family and friends in Moseley rather than going to the Palace. She especially wanted the people who had nominated and supported her for the MBE to be present. The ceremony took place at the Moseley Exchange and was followed by tea and samosas made by Sughras, who Fiona has known since 1976. The Lord Lieutenant looked resplendent in his uniform but managed to break down the formality of the occasion with his warmth and charm, allowing all the grandchildren to hold his magnificent sword

and managing to meet most of the 60 guests. Among them, Dorothee Mattheis, who has many friends in Moseley thanks to St. Mary's Robed Choir twinning, much to Fiona's delight and surprise had flown in from Frankfurt!



Paul Sabapathy, the Lord Lieutenant and Fiona Adams, with her MBE and a gorgeous necklace made by Angela Orme.

FUTURE MEETINGS

**QUIZ NIGHT – Friday 20th January – 7.30 pm
at the Moseley Exchange.**

The quiz is run by a team of some of the best brains in the Moseley Society, so if you're up for a stimulating and challenging evening enter a team and see if you can beat last year's winners, The Mavericks.

The atmosphere is not entirely sombre, or sober, as teams are encouraged to bring their own picnic and beverages. **If you'd like to join in the fun, you can get an entry form from the Moseley Exchange, Domestica or from the address at the top of this letter.**

THE STRADIVARIUS SECRET – ‘Why pay £18m for a violin?’ Thursday 16th February

Professor Colin Gough is one of Moseley's distinguished scientists working the field of super-conductivity. Colin is also a talented violinist with a wealth of experience, including leading the National Youth Orchestra and the Birmingham University Haywood String Quartet as well as the Barber Opera Orchestra. His scientific work combined with his musical skills has made him an expert on the acoustics of musical instruments.

PAST MEETINGS

Who's in Control of Moseley - a joint meeting with the Moseley Community Development Trust. Following the AGM of the CDT there was a talk by Austin Barber on the Localism Bill followed by Hugh Rolo from Locality who spoke about Community Shares. Both topics are very important to Moseley and those involved in the community. Buying Community Shares would enable residents of Moseley to invest in local enterprises. There is already talk of a local energy scheme.

The Pre-Raphaelite Collection. Brendan Flynn, Fine Art Curator at the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The October meeting was well attended, but as a result of Brendan Flynn's wealth of knowledge and the interest shown by members of the audience he was only able to deliver half of his planned talk! However, he has offered to return and give us the concluding part to this fascinating insight into the Pre-Raphaelites. We will let you know when it has been arranged.

Birmingham – A City in the Making.

If you've visited the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery recently, you will have noticed that some areas are boarded off and inaccessible. When Henrietta Lockhart, Curator of History at the new Birmingham History Galleries, came to our November meeting, she took us virtually behind the boards and up a couple of floors and showed us the stunning creations and renovation work that are to be the new History Galleries. We also saw photos of some of the historical finds that will be on display when the exhibition opens next year. It will be a wonderful addition to the Museum and Art Gallery.

MOSELEY SOCIETY EVENING LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The group continues to meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Moseley Exchange. Members attending have an opportunity to study the rich collection of

historical material which is stored at the Exchange. The collection needs to be re-organised, copied and digitised to make it available in electronic form.

To this end, Janet Berry has been working hard on a re-application for Heritage Lottery Funding. This has now been submitted, but any funding awarded will have to be matched locally. There are ways that you can help in kind as well as offering financial support. (See attached leaflet)

If you would like to help or find out more about the meetings contact Janet Berry c/o the Moseley Society, the Moseley Exchange, 149-153 Alcester Road Moseley, B13 8JP or at jan19berry@btinternet.com or Tel: 449 0727

CONSTANCE PERRIS SEAT

At the corner of Salisbury and Amesbury roads you will find this seat, funded by the Community Chest. The inscription reads: *This seat is for the benefit of those for whom the hill is long and steep, and to commemorate Constance Perris whose life benefitted the Moseley Community.*



Sir David and his daughter Connie Perris

Very sadly, Bobby Parsons, who had lived in Salisbury Road all her life and who had campaigned for a seat, died earlier this year. However, it is hoped that it will be used by other weary walkers on their way to Moseley for years to come. A single seat was chosen so as not to attract groups of drinkers.

THE DOVECOTE AND ICEHOUSE

These won't be open until the spring, but you can still visit the dovecote garden. When asked what there was to see, Rosemary Turner, one of the members tending the garden, suggested a visit to her compost heap! To her composting is what she does instead of cooking! It has a

lot of similarities and both are nutritious, but compost ingredients are free and so is the finished product.

CIVIC VOICE

As we have mentioned before, we would like to join the newly formed charity for the civic movement in England, but are still uncertain whether we can justify the fees. Some of our committee members did attend a regional meeting for amenity societies and agreed that we would forward some of the informative emails from Civic Voice to our members.

MOSELEY B13 – Subscription

The monthly community magazine is now available on subscription. This runs until May next year and works out at £1 a month. (There will be no January issue). It's the same cost as buying it at a local shop or at the Farmers' Market, but it will be delivered to your door. There are more details in the October and November editions as well as on the website: www.moseleyb13.com

STREET LIGHTING

At a recent Ward Meeting it was reported that Amey, now in charge of lighting, is planning to renew lights across the city, using LED lights set at the back of the pavement, to prevent accidents with vehicles. However, there is a move in some of Moseley's streets to retain, or replace with replicas, the 1930s streetlights.



Certainly the residents of Greenend Road and Elmfield Crescent are keen not to lose their period lighting. Councillor Martin Mullaney has highlighted other areas where it would be possible to use the 1930-50s style lighting; but in some cases e.g. Oxford Road, Greenhill Road and Blenheim Road, it would mean a mixture of modern and traditional styles.

HOLDER'S LANE PLAYING FIELD

The Kingsbridge Project has been working on proposals to re-establish this neglected sports facility near Cannon Hill Park, into full use once

again. They are in advanced talks with the Council regarding the setting up of a Community Sports Hub.

If you have not already done so, you are asked to complete a short questionnaire about the facilities you want to be included in the proposed redevelopment.

<http://www.kingsbridge-project.org/about/>

This link will also give you more details of the Partners involved in the project and further details of their plans which include:

'improved facilities for cricket and football, and a brand new building housing a changing pavilion and sports hall (a new addition to the site), which will house badminton and indoor cricket nets amongst other activities. The creation of social spaces within the new building will enable a range of community activities resulting in greater cohesion and engagement, especially across different cultural boundaries.'

NEW IN MOSELEY

ACORNS 50th Charity Shop



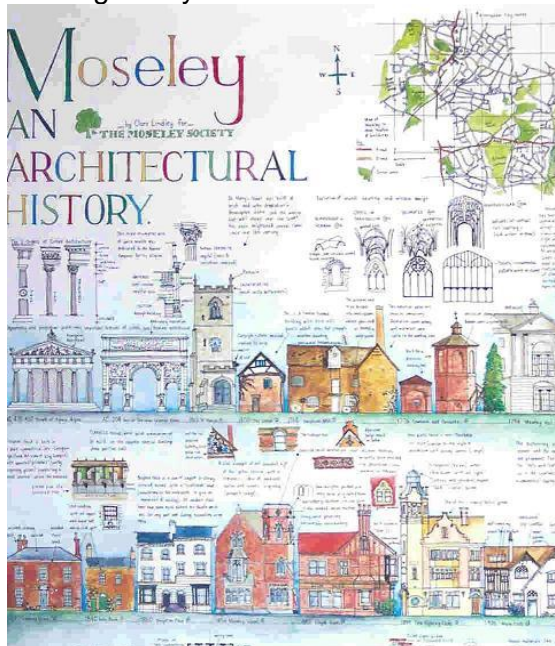
The shop in Alcester Road opened its doors in early December. As many of you will know, the Acorns Children's Hospice Trust runs three children's hospices in the Heart of England. There is one in Walsall, another in Worcester, and the nearest to Moseley is in Selly Oak. The Trust offers a network of care for life limited and life threatened children and their families. <http://www.acorns.org.uk>

LOCAL CHARITIES

If you are involved in a local charity and would like to publicise a forthcoming event or tell us more about your charity, we could give it a mention in one of our newsletters, if the timing is appropriate.

ARCHITECTURAL POSTERS

We have a good stock of these posters and we think that there is a generation of people new to Moseley who would find them attractive and interesting if they knew of their existence!



We need help in marketing them. Does anyone have time and ideas of how to promote them?

MOSELEY ROAD BATHS

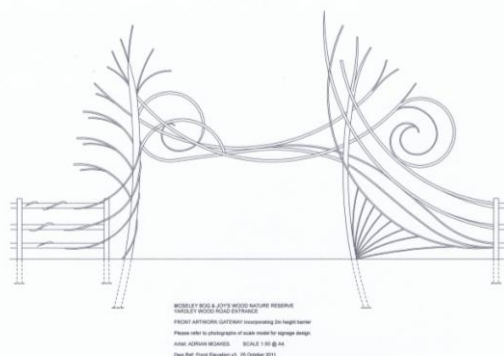
According to Councillor Martin Mullaney's latest report there is good news and bad news. The opening of the baths is scheduled for mid-late January with a bid for Lottery funding due in April. This will have to be matched by funding from the council, so negotiations are ongoing with corporate funding. The bad news is that thieves are regularly coming on to the roof to steal the lead flashing, displacing roof slates, often putting their feet through the roof sections and even trying to remove a copper-lightening conductor which could be catastrophic.

MOSELEY BOG

As you can imagine maintenance work is ongoing in the Bog and Joy's Wood. Volunteers play a huge part in this and there are volunteer days once a month. To find out more about these and the other activities have a look at the website www.bbcwildlife.org.uk

To enhance the entrance to the Bog from Yardley Wood Road, the artist Adrian Moakes has designed a feature that will serve as a functional entrance as well as a work of art. Adrian Moakes has been working in close collaboration with local communities and his designs will shortly be submitted for full

planning permission. Francesca Jarvis Rouse, the Moseley Bog Reserve Officer, hopes to come, with the artist, to one of our monthly meetings to tell us in more detail what is being planned and how Adrian came up with his design. In the meantime here is a drawing of the front elevation.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th December – Farmers' and Arts Market

24th December – Small Farmers' Market

20th January – Moseley Society Quiz

16th February - The Stradivarius Secret

The Local History Group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

YOUR VIEWS PLEASE:

Planning will always remain a core interest for the Moseley Society, but times are changing and these days all the information is available from websites. Access to the City Planning Office site is via:

<http://eplanning.birmingham.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/Home.aspx?formButton%3Areport1=Access+Planning+Online>

We realise that some members do not have access to emails or computers and would wish to know what is happening on the planning front, even if the information is out of date. Please let us have your views and particularly if you value the current lists that we produce. We will also continue to keep you informed of progress on important planning issues such as Meteor Ford.

NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome Brian Lingard; Liz Garnett & Jonathan Smith; Jerry Tew; Sue Baker; Laura Dyal; Sheila Clarke; Mr and Mrs Apps and Susan Phillips.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Since the last Newsletter, in date order:

Park Hill Primary School, Alcester Road
2011/05005/PA Installation of artificial surface sports pitch.

14 Dyott Road 2011/04651/PA Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

29 King Edward Road 2011/04290/PA Erection of single storey side and rear extension and installation of 1 no. dormer to rear.

50-52A Edgbaston Road 2011/05284/PA Installation of 2 mobile containers for car service and repair.

10 Elizabeth Road 2011/05360/PA Erection of two storey rear extension and loft conversion with dormer windows.

135 Russell Road 2011/05381/PA Erection of single storey rear detached outbuilding.

33 Prospect Road 2011/05338/PA Erection of first floor rear extension.

8A Wake Green Road 2011/05105/PA Change of use to from offices (B1) to Non Residential Institute (D1).

Former Jug of Ale PH, 43 Alcester Road
2011/03267/PA Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions, creation of new entrance to side, associated landscaping and various alterations and refurbishment in connection with use as a restaurant. –
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - Structural survey and plan and amended noise assessment.

Plot 1, Rear of 33 Grove Avenue
2011/05766/PA Erection of 1 no. 5 bedroom detached dwelling.

Maple Dene Care Home, 10-14 St Agnes Road
2011/05253/PA Installation of solar panels.

127 Russell Road 2011/05569/PA Installation of new front driveway.

127 Russell Road 2011/05963/PA Erection of single storey rear detached building (garden games room/gym).

61-65 College Road 2011/05672/PA Demolition of 61-65 College Road and erection of 4no. semi-detached houses, associated works and parking.

46 Belle Walk 2011/06125/PA Erection of first floor rear extension.

32 Chestnut Road 2011/06149/PA Erection of first floor rear extension and alterations to roof.

49 Billesley Lane 2011/06256/PA Reconstruction and extension of 2 no. existing tennis courts and installation of floodlighting.

43 St Agnes Road 2011/06010/PA Erection of single storey rear extension and replacement glazing to existing conservatory.

124-130 Anderton Park Road [Former Sorrento Hospital Outpatients] 2011/06283/PA Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of single storey side extension.

2-4 Woodbridge Road 2011/06471/PA Change of use from retail (use class A1) to restaurant use (to form 2 x A3 units), installation of new shopfront, installation of extraction flue and erection of single storey extension to rear.

27 Merton Road 2011/06307/PA Erection of single storey front & rear extension.

74 Salisbury Road, The Dene 2011/06290/PA Erection of orangery to rear.

264 Yardley Wood Road 2011/06106/PA Erection of two storey front and rear extensions, single storey rear extension, 2 no. dormer windows to front, 1 no. dormer to rear and alterations to roof.

Karistos Nursing Home, 29 Chantry Road
2011/05776/PA Change of use from care home (C2) into a 7 bed single dwelling house (C3).

21 Woodbridge Road 2011/06583/PA Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use as a takeaway (Class Use A5).

47 Goodby Road 2011/06681/PA Erection of 1.9 metre screen wall and 1.1 metre high balustrade to rear first floor.

40 Moorcroft Road 2011/06707/PA Erection of two storey side and single storey forward extension.

70 Blenheim Road 2011/06166/PA Conversion of property from 3 flats into a single dwelling house and external alterations.

Warwickshire County Cricket Ground, Edgbaston Road 2011/05878/PA Proposed erection of two storey decked structure to create a first floor food court to provide food and drink for the cricket clubs major match days.

145 Alcester Road 2011/06712/PA Change of use to a car wash operation [Note – this would be at the rear of the Cross Cafe Bar].

169 Alcester Road 2011/06672/PA Change of use of vacant buildings to retail (use class A1) and formation of new residential unit (use class C3) . [Note – former Asman Carnegie Boys Club.]

St Agnes Church, Colmore Crescent 2011/06030/PA Display of information board in grounds of Church.

148 Alcester Road 2011/06872/PA Alterations to front elevation to include new arch and new windows. [Note - Maison Mayci].

The Old Hall, Block 4, Moseley Hall Hospital 2011/07205/PA Listed Buildings Consent for the construction of internal wall to create access corridor through existing room.

2 Oxford Road 2011/05740/PA Change of use from hostel (C2) to single dwelling house (C3).

County Ground, Edgbaston Road 2011/07269/PA Variation of Condition C15 (to allow vehicular access to serve 31 dwellings) and Condition C18 (to enable the proposed undercroft car parking to be included within the overall car parking restriction specified in this condition) attached to approval 2008/05827/PA.

135 Russell Road 2011/07289/PA Erection of single storey rear detached building.

582 Moseley Road 2011/07388/PA A/so 2011/07383/PA Redesign the glass conservatory extension to rear to omit the hipped roof section and replace with gable end. [Note - Former tram depot offices.]

108 Oxford Road 2011/06878/PA Re-instatement of 2-flue chimney stack to the front elevation.

10 Elizabeth Road 2011/06679/PA Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed dormer window to rear.

95 Billesley Lane 2011/07336/PA Erection of a single storey rear extension.

2 Yew Tree Road [Note - Chamberlain House] 2011/07644/PA Listed building consent for the change of use to form new school and erection of single storey front extension to form entrance and reception area and erection of 1.8m high boundary wall and gates to front.

42 Wake Green Road 2011/07252/PA Erection of two storey side extension.

107 Edgbaston Road, Land adjacent to, 2011/07714/PA Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing 6 no. garages.

107 Edgbaston Road, Land adjacent to, 2011/07715/PA Erection of 1 no. four bed detached dwelling house.

3 Warren Avenue 2011/07687/PA Erection of ground floor extension to rear of property and dormer window in roof to rear.

Unit 6, 39 Forest Road 2011/07780/PA Change of use to form bed-sit accommodation (single unit) with bay window to front elevation.

12 Sarehole Mill Gardens [off Trafalgar Road.] 2011/06726/PA Proposed erection of 3 no. one bedroom bungalows.

91A Alcester Road [Halfords] 2011/07838/PA Erection of rear extension to existing vehicle maintenance garage.

348-354 Moor Green Lane, Land to the rear of, 2011/08012/PA Erection of 4 no. three bedroom dwelling houses.

20 Windermere Road, land adjacent , 2011/07998/PA Erection of 1, two-bedroom detached dwelling house.

Uffculme Centre, 52 Queensbridge Road 2011/07999/PA Prior notification for demolition of a timber framed building within the Uffculme Centre and associated remedial works.

Maple Dene, 10-14 St Agnes Road 2011/07965/PA Replacement of windows