



We met again one sunny day

A huge crowd gathered at Cob's Bar in July for the Highgate reunion. Originally started for those who lived in St Martin's flats it soon expanded to anyone who had lived in Highgate and fancied being part of a reunion. Our display attracted interest – there has always been an overlap between Balsall Heath and Highgate and several took the chance to snap up one of our books. Organiser Lisa Karim has now set up a Highgate website which can be found at www.oldhighgateonians.co.uk. Well worth a look!

The 'Bourne Legacy

Our June meeting was a Salway Tours Ltd trip to Winterbourne House and Gardens – home of the Nettlefold family. This has long been a bit of a hidden gem but it is now being promoted as an attraction. The house has had a dramatic makeover and the gardens are as sensational as ever.



Walk Don't Run

From the Birmingham News Nostalgia section comes this image of Mr John Medicott of Mary Street. Mr Medicott was a member of the Birmingham Walking Club and walked off with an amazing 85 medals in competitions between 1922 and 1936. Well done there Sir!

1907
Grand Harp Festival
AT THE
Moseley and Balsall Heath Institute.

Wednesday, March 20th,
At 8 o'clock.

Soloists:

MISS DORA HUNT

(Contralto)

MR. F. HUNT

(Baritone)

MR. PERCY HALL

(Violincello)

MR. J. H. THOMAS

(Clarionet)

HERR SÜCH

(Violin)

BAND OF HARPS

Under the direction of

Mr. CHAS. COLLIER.

Accompanist - Mr. E. A. Thompson

RESERVED SEATS 2/-; ADMISSION 1/-

Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Concert 8 p.m. Carriages 10.30 p.m.

TICKETS AT GREVILLE HOUSE LIBRARY, MOSELEY.



Quiz Night

On **Friday 5th October (7pm start)** we will be running a General Knowledge quiz at the Venture to raise funds for the History Society. We can take ten teams of up to six people on a team. Cost is £3 per person. If interested get in touch soon as spaces have to be limited.

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Canal Walk A Success

Around sixty people accompanied our happy band of performers and musicians on a trail “through time itself” from Brindley Place to farthest Smethwick. In the first half they were regaled by luminaries such as Matthew Boulton, James Watt and Thomas Telford. They encountered Suffragettes chained to railings and protesting near Winson Green prison. A break for a well deserved lunch, accompanied by the Euphrates Packet canal boat went down well in a lovely picnic spot before the walk and the action started again. Shock and horror greeted the escaped convict who popped up again and again. Brindley’s ghost added more thrills before a final leg of the journey with a stubborn toll house keeper, a baby saving drama on Galton Bridge and finally a Home Guard platoon taking over the Pump House. The journey was punctuated with songs from the canals accompanied by the duo Peter and Matthew. “Join in with gusto” was the order of the day and there was indeed gusto galore! So much gusto that pleas for it to take place again have been answered. Yes folks we are venturing once more onto the towpath. The next walk, with one or two changes to keep it fresh, will be on **Sunday 23rd September**. Email or ring for more information – the assembly point will be in Brindley Place by the fountains. Thanks to Marilyn Giddings for these splendid photographs.



NEXT MEETING: 27TH SEPTEMBER

ENGINE BUILDING AT SOHO

Laurence Ince is coming to talk about the Boulton & Watt engine works which supplied equipment for manufacturers all around the country. Start time is 7:30 at The Venture.