



Balsall Heath Local History Society

THE GAZETTE

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Fish & Chips anyone?

In the recent Janet Mendelsohn '68 exhibition at the Ort Gallery, one photo showed a single building alone against a street of rubble, clearly awaiting demolition. The building was unmistakably signed 'KENCHS (chips) Ltd'. No further information was available with the photograph. Research has shown it stood on Gooch St between the River Rea and Hope St. It was gone by the beginning of the 70s. In the times since fish & chip shops has gone from source of everybody's supper to something you're more likely to see on holiday at the seaside. The 1965 Kelly's directory listed 17 chippies in Birmingham 12 and there may have been more that didn't pay for an entry.

Which do you remember? Did you have a favourite? Was there one to avoid?"

Allen K & L. P. 93 Ladypool Rd 12
Aston K 78 Clevedon Rd 12
Bird C. H. 412 Moseley Rd 12
Burnett W. T. 181 High St 12
Floyd Mrs. Sarah 55 Longmore St 12
Fox Mrs. M. 105 Edward Rd 12
Halford Albert. 229 Edward Rd 12
James T. 72 Wenman St 12
Marson Mrs. Gladys 8 Beechfield Rd 12
Panayiotou A. 343 Ladypool Rd 12
Parkes Mrs. L. 75 Camp Hill 12
Parks K. 3 Woodfield Rd 12
Pearsall B. & G. K. 183 Cheapside 12
Pyatt V. 130 Balsall Heath Rd 12
Ravenscroft Harry, 171 Stoney Lane 12
Singh J. 64 Hallam St 12
Willets Mrs. I. H. 338 Ladypool Rd 12

THE BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S EMIGRATION HOMES UPDATE

The Heritage Lottery Fund has financed a two-year project about the Birmingham Children's Emigration Homes in Highgate. Founded by Sir John Middlemore, the Homes sent around 6,000 children to live and work on farms in the backwoods of Canada between 1873-1933.

Official press launch on August 30th

Professor Carl Chinn MBE will appeal for anyone with a connection or family interest in the Homes to contact us with their stories.. There is already huge interest in our project from the Canadians, even before we have launched in the UK! Please do get in touch if you know of anyone connected with the Homes

September 15th. Heritage Event

We will be taking part in Birmingham's annual Heritage Week with an exclusive talk and exhibition by Canadian author Patricia Skidmore, whose mother Marjorie was emigrated to Canada in 1937.

Patricia will be visiting the UK to scatter her mother's ashes and her talk will recount her family's fascinating story.

This is a free event but with limited places on a first-come, first-served basis so do get in touch if you would like to attend - contact details below.

Volunteer!

We are still looking for volunteers so if you have a spare couple of hours a week we would welcome help with everything from research to administration; organising and helping at exhibitions; creating props - there are so many ways to help. You don't need experience, we can train and support you throughout.

DEMOLISHED!

It is sad to report that the original Children's Emigration Homes building in St Luke's Road has been demolished by Barratts the builders, in spite of appeals that it should be saved. St Luke's Church has now also gone. In their place will arise huge apartment blocks.

Birmingham Heritage Week

6-16th September

There will be many open days and events around Birmingham as part of this year's Heritage Week. Most are just for a single day but some last for the whole week. These are some of the closer ones. Others should be listed at <http://birminghamheritageweek.co.uk/> in due course.

Thursday 7th to Sunday 10th September | 9am – 5pm

Open Church

Church of Saint Alban the Martyr.

Conybere Street, Highgate, Birmingham B12 0YH

some other restrictions apply – see www.saintalban.co.uk for details

Saturday 8 Sept 2018 | 2pm – 4pm

Walk starts from St Agnes Church, Colmore Crescent, Moseley B13 9SJ

Guided walk around St Agnes Conservation Area in Moseley, led by Dr Terry Slater. Free but booking required at all-enquiries@moseley-society.org.uk

Saturday 9 Sept 2017 | 10am – 4pm

Open Day

Moseley Road Baths, Moseley Road, Balsall Heath B12 9AN

During the Open Day we will be conducting guided tours and will also be recruiting volunteers to help progress this bright future for our globally recognized Grade II* listed building.

www.friendsofmrbb.co.uk

Tuesday 11 Sept 2018 | 7pm – 8.15pm

The History and Mysteries of The Golden Lion

Moseley All Services Club, 91 Church Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 9EA

An illustrated talk from the friends of the Golden Lion £3 ticket from <https://ti.to/friends-of-the-golden-lion/heritage-week-2018>

Sunday, Sept 16th. | 11 a.m to 3 p.m.

Moseley Community Hub (former Art School)

496 Moseley Rd, Balsall Heath. B12 9AM

Hard Hat Tours of the restored building, now almost completed.

Future meetings.

Thursday August 30th

An evening visit to the Leather Museum, Walsall. Arrive at the museum for 7 p.m.

Thursday September 27th

Richard Churchley – Off to the Workhouse: the poor are always with us

Other Events

Friday 3rd August – 65

Brunswick Road The Musical

Birmingham Midland Institute,

Margaret St, B3 3BS

£8.00 – £10.00

Shirley Thompson invites you to a musical adaptation of her book, 65 Brunswick Road. The stories of five families from the 1700s to the present day.

Sunday Sept 16th

Highbury Hall Exhibition commemorating the end of the First World War