



Balsall Heath
Local History Society

The GAZETTE

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BHLHS was founded in 1979 with the aim of promoting interest in our local history. To meet our aims we work with local schools and community groups organising exhibitions and events. We have also produced several publications. We are a registered charity and rely on grants and donations to achieve our aims. For more information on our work, or to volunteer and help please contact us.

FOND MEMORIES

Gordon Grubb wrote in to say that, "I have very fond memories of Moseley Village, as my late Mother was once a barmaid at The Bull's Head and my late Father had his allotment on the side of the railway lines. As a boy I myself did a paper round from one of the Moseley newsagent shops and can remember delivering to what I always thought of as the posh houses. I enclose a photograph of Clifton Road Junior school taken in 1953 (myself extreme left top row), would be interested if any other former Clifton Road school pupils in the picture can put names to anyone ? I later attended Dennis Road school and I was born in one the houses that were adjacent to The Crown pubic house in Hertford Street.



Clifton Road School 1953

Love the cycle review in the March issue! My grandfather Arthur John Bowen had one as a boy, and I enclose a picture.

(from Anthony Collins)



ST. THOMAS IN THE MOORS WW1 MEMORIAL

Continuing our look at the war memorials of Balsall Heath and Highgate, this month we track down one from a former church.

St. Thomas's stood on Cox Street West at the junction with Lincoln Street, and was a brick building designed by Bateman and Corser in the Gothic style—comprising chancel, nave, aisles, and north and south porches. It was consecrated in 1883 and a parish was assigned out of St. Paul's, Balsall Heath, in 1884. William Sands Cox F.R.S. and F.R.C.S. left the sum £3,000 to be applied in building and endowing the church.

The memorial was moved to the church of St. Mary & St. Ambrose on Raglan/Pershore Road when the church was closed in 1958, and subsequently demolished.

The memorial itself is a bronze plaque on an oak panel. At the top of the plaque is a crucifix surmounted by a wreath, with three crowns below it. The edge of the plaque is decorated with a rose design.



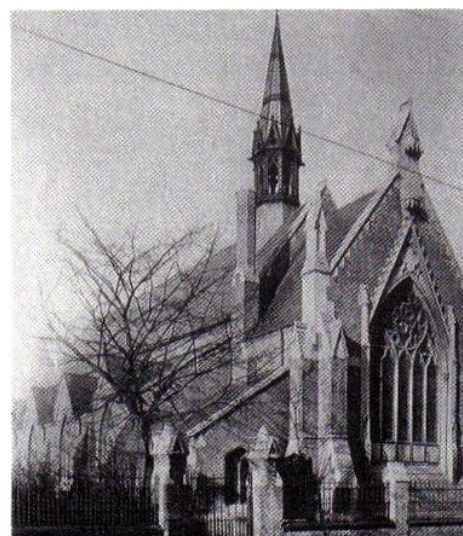
NEXT MEETING

Thursday 25th May 7:30

The Venture
(Malvern Street by the farm)

**FAMOUS FACES FROM
BALSALL HEATH & HIGHGATE**
by Chris Sutton

For this talk I will be looking at, and talking about, those people from the area who went on to achieve “fame” - by which I mean they are known to many for their achievements. It is a varied assortment of individuals covering Civic Duty, Television, Radio, Film, Art, Sport and the Armed Forces with one or two “honourable mentions” along the way. There will be plenty of names you know, and a few you may not, and hopefully there will be some added on the night by the audience too!



The memorial board at its new location in St. Mary and St Ambrose (above) and St. Thomas In The Moors (above right)

The inscription reads as follows:-

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF THE FIDELITY OF THE MEN WHO SERVED WITH H. M. FORCES DURING THE GREAT WAR OF WHOM THE FOLLOWING FROM THIS PARISH LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES

Below the list of names is added the following quite lovely thought:-

FRIENDS PASS BUT NOT BY IN SORROW BUT IN PRIDE.
AND MAY YOU LIVE AS NOBLY AS THEY DIED
1914-1918

THE NAMES

Spr T. Abraham
Gnr E. Albert
Pte A. Allsop
Cpl S. Apter
Pte J. H. Artis
AB T. M. Ault
Pte G. Barker
Pte H. F. Barker
Pte B. F. Bartleet
Gnr J. T. Bates
Pte H. Bayliss
Rfm T. A. Bentley
Pte G. Bowdler
Pte P. J. Bowen
Sgt H. G. Boyd
Pte A. W. Brannon
Pte W. J. Browning
Dvr L. W. Bryan
Pte P. E. Budd
2Lt A. E. Bullock
Pte C. H. Burt
Spr J. H. L. Callaway
Pte F. Cherry (MM)
Pte L. Clay
Pte A. W. Clements
Pte H. C. Cole
Rfm E. Coleman

Pte A. Collins
Pte W. Coward
Pte A. E. Cresswell
Lt . W R. Davies
Bdr C. H. Deakin
Cpl J. D. Donald
Pte W. Dore
Pte T. F. Eccles
Pte F. Ede
Pte A. Evans
Pte H. Evans
Pte H. Everson
Pte A. E. Gill
Cpl J. T. Gill
Pte B. G. Gopsill
Pte H. Green
Sgt F. W. Greening
Pte P. F. Gulliver
Cpl C. H. Haile
Pte H. Hancock
Pte W. T. Hanson
Pte E. T. Hawkins
Rfm H. Hawkins
Cpl E. Haynes
Cpl H. Heskey
Cpl W. B. Heskey

Pte F. Hill
Pte G. Holloway
2Lt J. H. Howlett
Gnr A. Howse
Sgt W. Humperson
Pte W. H. Ingram
Pte A. Jackson
Pte C. Jackson
Dvr A. James
Cpl C. F. Kitchen
Pte F. W. Laight
Stkr J. S. Lambert
Pte A. E. Leake
Dvr G. C. Lediard
Pte F. A. Long
Pte J. Lunt
Pte W. T. Lyndon
Dvr H. Mansfield
Gnr W. Marsh
Sigr A. Meredith
L/Cpl A. P.
Midwinter
Sgt-Ins A. E. Minton
Pte A. Neale
Pte R. H. Nowell
Cpl A. G. Nowlan
(MM)
Pte R. H. Patterson
Pte H. Perkins

Pte T. Perks
Sgt A. H. Phillips
Pte E. Pickering
Pte H. Pickering
Pte P. Pickering
L/Cpl W. J. Pittam
Tpr R. W. Pocock
Pte L. Powell
Pte R. Priest
Cpl E. H. Pugh
AB W. R. Robinson
Cpl H. H. Rudge
Rfm F. Rushton
L/Cpl L. Russ
Pte F. Sanders
Sgt W. J. Saunders
Cpl A. Shaw
Gnr F. Smith
Pte B. Steadman
Pte A. S. Stephens
Pte A. T. Stone
Cpl G. W. Stone
2Lt H. Terry
L/Cpl A. Thomas
Pte G. W. Thomas
2Lt R. S. Thomas (MC)
AB H. B. Thorton
Pte H. J. Usher
Gnr G. Watson
Bdr E. W. Wells
2Lt S. A. West
AB A. T. Wilkes
AB F. J. Wilkes
Pte S. A. Wilkes
Pte W. M. Willmot
Pte A. Woodward
Pte W. C. Wright
Pte A. J. Yeoman
Dvr R. Young