



Balsall Heath Local History Society

THE GAZETTE

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Moving House.

At the beginning of next month the society's offices, records, artefacts and all will have to move. St. Paul's will be opening a primary school in its current office building and it is trying to find office space elsewhere. They plan on moving several senior staff members into our existing office.

A memorial found in a skip

A few weeks back the society was approached by Rob Rolfe, a Lay Reader at Emmanuel Church, Wyld Green to help in finding the origin of a World War 1 memorial plaque handed in to a church after being found in a skip 5 years ago. Most of the people listed on the plaque came from Balsall Heath and many of the rest came from Moseley. This memorial has now



been identified as the one from Moseley Road Congregational Church after appeals to the public on various internet sites and on the BBC. It is

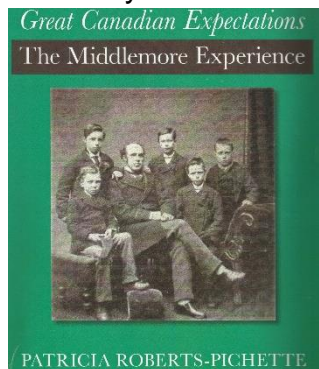
hoped that a new home will be found for it soon. Thanks to David Gent at Ladypool Road congregational church we now have a little more history of the plaque. This comes from B. Stokes' history of the Moseley Road church. "Thirty members of the Moseley Road congregation and three members of the Mission had died on active service...At Moseley Road a tablet which recorded the names of the fallen on a roll of honour was purchased with funds raised through voluntary subscription". The Mission referred to is now the Ladypool Rd church. Emmanuel Church will be holding a Remembrance exhibition between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 10th November. They should be displaying the memorial and will have a local historian present.

Lost Children Project Update

September 21st was Canada's first National Home Child Day, recognising the thousands of children who were emigrated to Canada by many organisations, including the Middlemore Homes. There were events all over Canada but we think we were the only group to recognise it with an event in the UK. We were flagged up in the Canadian publicity.

Our event took the form of a workshop, and people attending came from far and wide. We had two guest speakers: Bernie McClean, who is connected because a member of his family in Canada provided a placement for a Middlemore child; and Derek Savin, whose father and uncle were shipped to Canada by Middlemore in 1922 .

We also provided information packs about sources which are available.



However, the crowning glory of the event was a Skyped link with Patricia Roberts-Pichette, author of the definitive book about the Homes. It was thrilling to hear about

work and the sources she has been able to access. She was very excited to hear from us too and offered valuable help

Events

Thursday 1st November 2018

6:30 p.m.(exhibition – 7:30 evnt)-9:50 p.m.

Great Hall, Aston Webb Building, University of Birmingham, B15 2TT

Remembering the Great War - An Evening of Words and Music

A special evening of music, readings and drama
£5 (donated to Fisher House & British Legion) includes refreshments.

Saturday 3rd November – Saturday 10th November

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Birmingham at War

Oratory Church, upper cloister, Hagley Rd, B16 8UE
Exhibition of photographs, memorabilia & filmed stories to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. Free Admission

There will also be an exhibition detailing events and stories of Ladywood people at St George's School (next door) on 3rd and 4th starting with a presentation at 10:00 a.m. on 3rd.

November 4, 2018

Botanical Gardens

WWI Commemoration Day

10:30 a.m. onwards.

Standard admission fee applies. There is also a theatre performance at £2.

Fri 9th November 2018

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

245 Years of History - 10 Unique Objects from the Private Collections of The Assay Office (talk)

Assay Office, Icknield Street

£17.50

Saturday 10th November 2018

10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Black Country History Day.

Large Lecture Theatre,1st Floor,Arts Building, University of Birmingham, B15 2TT

The Black Country Society and the Centre for West Midlands History is organising this day school, which

is designed for anyone interested in the history of the area. The event includes presentations:

Can the Metro Save the Black Country?

Bilston and the Trade in Lunacy

Hodson Shop Collection of Clothing
£22 for the day

Saturday 17th November 2018

10:00 a.m.

The Suffragette Movement in Birmingham a talk by Nicola Gauld
Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB

£5

Saturday 24th November 2018

10:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Birmingham History Day

Large Lecture Theatre,1st Floor,Arts Building, University of Birmingham, B15 2TT

An opportunity to hear about new publications, projects and heritage in the city. Presentations include an update on plans for Birmingham Museums, book launches, news from Birmingham Archives and updates on a variety of local community projects.

£22 for the day

Next meeting.

Thursday November 29th

This month's speaker is Mary Harding on Local Postcards.

7 p.m for a 7.30 start.

St Paul's Venture, Hertford St.

Visitors and new members always welcome.