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The mystery of 'Snackers'

Mary and Pat Phipps were born to a family living in Conybere Street during the 1940s as was their mother, Dorothy May Hill, in 1913. The family moved to No 27 Tindal Street in 1957.

The house was on the same side as the Old Moseley Arms. The girls were to become familiar with life in Balsall Heath especially of the streets close to home. The shops on Edward Road included, butchers Eacocks and Hemmings, GH Clifton (Gifts), the Co-Op, & Atkins the Bakers (Bath Row).

As for pubs, there were several within a few minutes walk. Closest were the Old Mo with the Dog & Partridge across the way. The Clock on the corner of Tindal St and Edward Rd, and up from there the New Inns at the junction with Moseley Rd. The Coach and Horses being in the other direction on the corner with Mary St.

And in Mary St itself - The Eagle. Pat remembers that they knew the Eagle as 'Snackers' but couldn't remember why that was.

A photo of the Eagle taken in 2018 gives a clue.



Note the heading title on the black board 'Snackers Bar' A DJ on Friday Nights free! With Curry & Rice on the menu! Put this together with Pat's story it suggests there has always been a bar called Snackers. But

research tells a much more complicated story. We intend to return to this 'mystery' in a short series on BH pubs...

The Lost Children Project.

The next meeting of the working party for The Lost Children Project will be on Weds Feb 6th at 7 p.m the History Base at the Old Print Works. We are now at the stage of planning for the major exhibition and finalising the short list of potential case studies. New volunteers always welcome.

Next meeting.

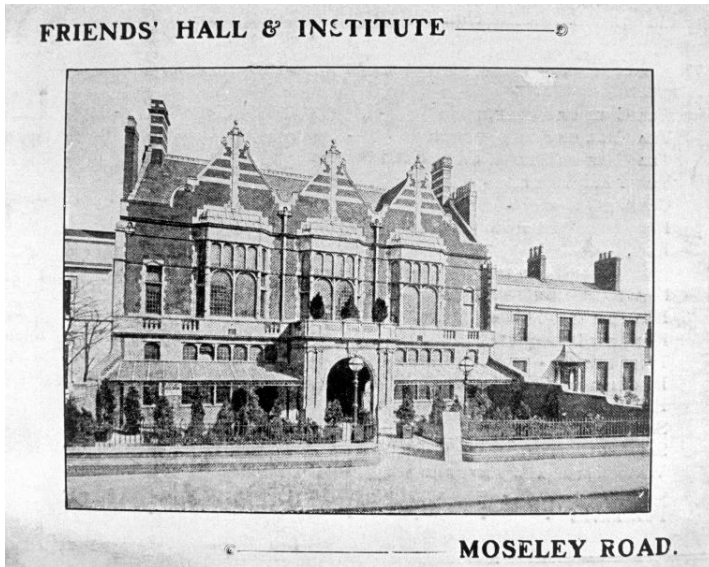
Thursday February 28th

This month's speaker will be Mary Bodfish on The King's Loose Box - so contemporary wits named the seats at King Edward VII's coronation specially reserved for his lady friends. Bored and frustrated as Prince of Wales, Edward enjoyed long-standing relationships with Lillie Langtry, Daisy Warwick, Jennie Churchill and Alice Keppel – four women, remarkable in their own right, whose lives are highlighted in this talk.

7 p.m for a 7.30 start.

St Paul's Venture, Hertford St.

Visitors and new members always welcome.



Another Bowen building!

Anthony Collins has continued to search patiently for evidence of more buildings put up by his great grandfather, John Bowen, who had his builder's yard in Balsall Heath. A really important discovery is that John Bowen built the magnificent Friends Institute on the Moseley Road.

Events

These are meetings held by other groups in other parts of Birmingham that may be of interest.

Tuesday 5th February 7:00 pm

Café Scientifique

Purecraft Bar (downstairs), Victoria St, B2 5TJ

Archaeology of Park Street Cemetery. The latest findings from the excavation at Park St prior to HS2.

Wednesday 6th February 7:00 pm

The Newcomen Society

ThinkTank, Curzon Street.

Opportunities for Women in Wireless Telegraphy during World War One A lecture by Dr Elizabeth Bruton.

Admission Free

Thursday 7th February 2 p.m.

Moseley History Group

Orange Room at Moseley Exchange, 153 Alcester Road

A talk by members on their research for the World War 1 project, entitled 'Whippets, Camels, Dolphins and Daisy Cutters'. The talk will elaborate on some fascinating revelations that the team have unearthed

in the course of their research over the past year. It will be followed by tea and cakes.

Admission Free but donations are welcome.

Wednesday 20th February 7:15 p.m

Kings Heath Local History Society
Heathfield Road Community Centre,

The story of the Children's Emigration Home founded in Highgate in 1872 by John Middlemore. Talk by Val Hart.

£3 admission.

Wednesday 20th February 7:30 p.m

Birmingham Storytelling Café
Kitchen Garden Café, back of Fletchers Bar, York Rd, Kings Heath.

West Midlands Folk Tales. Long lost stories from the ancient landscape of the West Midlands brought to life by Cath Edwards.

£7 admission

Thursday 28th February 7.30pm

Moseley History Group
Moseley Exchange, 153 Alcester Road

"The Stained Glass Maker, A.J. Davies, of the Bromsgrove Guild" Roy Albutt.

Admission Free but donations are welcome