

Pauline went to Kings Norton Grammar School, and I, to my dismay, was sent to Bartley Green Grammar School. I was happy at my junior school and certainly didn't want to go to Bartley Green. I was more than happy when I left the school, and after a few jobs I settled down happily to work at 'Ten Acres & Stirchley Cooperative Society, Birmingham,' as a secretary. Pauline also worked at TASCOS as a secretary to the assistant director, and we were both to meet our future husbands there.

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DOMESDAY IN BALSALL HEATH

Were you part of the BBC's Domesday Project 25 years ago, would you like to be part of Domesday Reloaded? In 1986 the BBC launched its Domesday Project, 900 years after William the Conqueror's original Domesday Book. At the time the BBC project was probably the most ambitious attempt ever to capture a snapshot of the United Kingdom. Over a million people contributed including communities in and around Balsall Heath. The project used cutting edge technology, but sadly it didn't catch on, and very few people ever got to see the fruits of their hard work.

Now 25 years later, in our age of the world wide web, digital photography, email and social networking, it's time to revisit the entries and lay down another layer of local history for future generations. As part of the BBC's Domesday Reloaded digital project, the BBC Community Bus is coming to Balsall Heath between 11-3pm on Friday 6th of May. With the support of St Pauls Trust and the Balsall Heath Forum the bus will be running a workshop to help volunteers upload updated photos from the locations captured in 1986 and to add new texts on the subjects written about last time.

People will also be generating a digital and audio slide show of current photos and text to capture the community as it is in 2011. If you would like to be involved, or if you took part in the original Domesday project we would love to hear from you. Please contact, Ian Edwards (0121 464 8664) from St Pauls Trust. The BBC contact is Leonie Collier: leonie.collier@bbc.co.uk tel: 07971 975 075

NEXT MEETING: 26TH MAY

AGM AND ARCHIVE FILMS

The AGM is here again. After the business is concluded there will be a film show from the Media Archive of Central England (MACE). MACE is a film archive for the midlands and holds over 60,000 moving images of the East & West Midlands. They are hoping that you might know the whereabouts of old film of Birmingham and they are bringing along some clips as a taster of their own collection.

All of the clips you will see are from the local news from the 1950s onwards and cover the Balsall Heath, Sparkbrook, Moseley and Highgate areas. Most have not been seen again since they were first shown and they cover a wide range of topics. The MACE website is at <http://www.macearchive.org/>