

THE GAZETTE MARCH 2011

BALSALL HEATH LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

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DOWN ON THE FARM

The Malvern Street City Farm opened in 1980 and has since become a much loved feature of the area. The 30th (and a year) anniversary was celebrated on the 19th March with an Open Day and an exhibition based on our extensive collection of photographs.



Malvern Street (note early bird visitors)



The Open Day Exhibition

COX STREET WEST

..... here is Clevedon rd
50 Preece James, news agent
St. THOMAS-IN-THE-MOORS
MISSION ROOMS
50A, Harris Barney, draper
St. THOMAS-IN-THE-MOORS
CHURCH
..... here is Lincoln st.
51 Neal Mrs. Annie Louisa,
eating house
52 & 53 Allibone Wm. Hy. confr
54 Newton Ernest, umbrella
mkr
55 Hudson Thomas, tobacnst
55A, Wiggett & Bryant, house
decorators
..... here is Upper Cox st.
61 Benjamin Benjn. beer ret
62 Pettitt George, boot repr
64 Lowe Mrs. Daisy, laundress
65 Tompkins Alfred, shopkpr
66 Gunn Mrs. Sarah, draper
67 May Henry Charles, hard-
ware dealer
70 Davies James, bird dealer
71 & 48 Allsop G. & Sons, cabinet
makers
72 Lomas Joseph, saddler
73 Newton Mrs. Lillian A.
shopkpr
..... here is Ashtree pl

Enquiries in recently about this long demolished road. Linda Mumford was looking for information on her grandfather's hardware shop at number 67...

"My grandfather Henry Charles May, and wife Sarah, had a daughter Irene born 16 Nov 1920 (my mum) at Katherine Road, Oldbury. It was shortly after this that my granddad must have thought about moving to Cox Street West, they did not live there too long because mum had bad health living in Birmingham at that time, they moved to Stratford upon Avon in 1927. (mind you, mum is still alive today aged 90)"

Left is the Kelly's Directory of 1926 with Henry May. Cox Street West was demolished in the urban renewal of the area along with Jakemans Walk, Upper Cox Street and the church St Thomas In The Moors – just below Cox Street on the map on the following page.