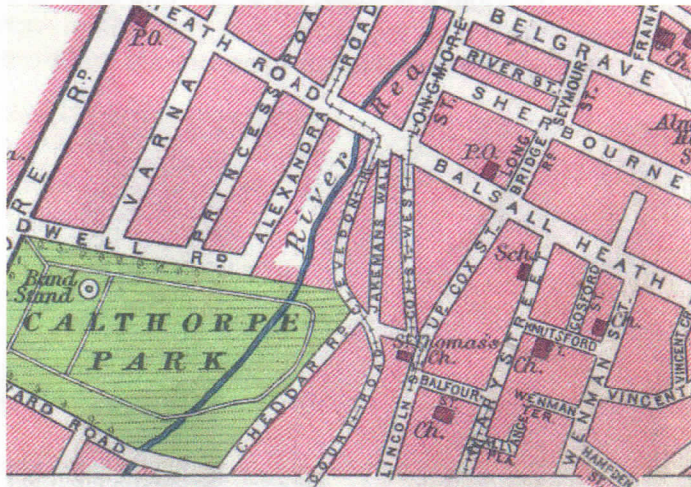


The map is from the Birmingham A-Z of 1949.

St Thomas In The Moors was built in 1870 by William Sands-Cox - architects were Bateman and Corser- in memory of his father Edward Townsend Cox, hence also the road names.



Mr Walker, from New Zealand, writes:

*"I went to St Thomas's when a small boy up until the time it was closed. I spent 19 years at 153 Balsall Heath road where my father owned a bicycle shop under the name of A.E. Walker cycles. I went to Mary St school and then Hope St school until I was 17. There was the bomb-site over the road where we used to play as kids and it was still there when I moved to Kings Heath in 1964".*

**NEXT MEETING: 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**BUILDING BIRMINGHAM**



Anthony Collins visits to talk about his great-grandfather John Bowen (1844-1926). This is a real rags to riches story; at first he was a builder/ carpenter and later started up his own business called John Bowen & Sons right here in Balsall Heath. Bowen's yard still remains on George Street, a base from which many fine buildings were built in the area including Tindal Street School and, further afield, the Victoria Law Courts. He was a prominent local figure, an alderman, president of Balsall Heath

Institute and High Sheriff of Worcestershire. This will be a lively and interesting look at a local man who was literally building Birmingham.