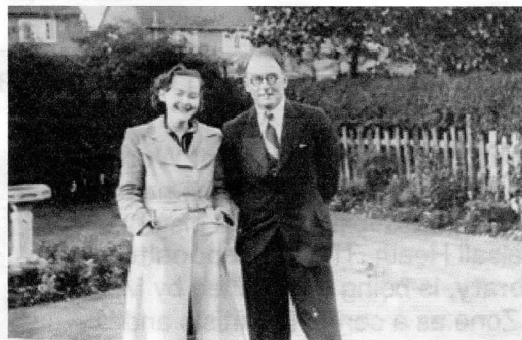


On **Sunday 16th October** astonishing scenes will take place in Balsall Heath as a history trail along the Moseley Road is dramatically interrupted by scenes from the past. This **FREE** event will run twice, starting at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Open to all who dare!

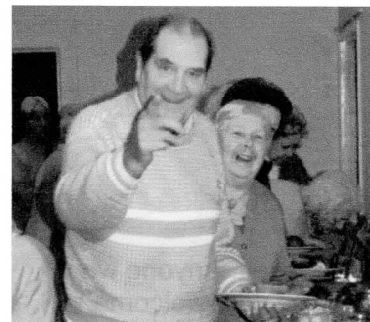
CLUEDO INVENTOR WAS A HEATHAN

Anthony Pratt, who invented the game Cluedo, was born in Balsall Heath. Pratt was born at 13 Brighton Road on 10th August 1903. His local school is unknown but he certainly went on to St Philips in Edgbaston where he excelled at chemistry and music. He made an early career playing piano on cruise ships and in country hotels.

By the **Second World War** he was working on a drilling machine in an engineering factory in Birmingham manufacturing parts for tanks. With time to think while working he started forming the **ideas** for Cluedo. He was inspired to design a game by a conversation with his **neighbour**, Geoffrey Bull, who had invented an earlier Waddington's game called **Buccaneer**. Pratt's love of detective fiction, especially Agatha Christie set the theme of his game which he originally called "Murder" with artwork designed by his wife Elva. The couple were living in Stanley Road, Kings Heath **(pictured in garden above)** at the time he patented the game. First on sale in 1949, it has since sold more than 150 million copies in over 40 countries, and there have been several revised editions along the way. The game also inspired a film, tv series, books and computer games. Although Cluedo made Pratt considerable money he would have made more if he hadn't sold the overseas rights in 1953 to Waddingtons for £5,000. Pratt passed away in 1994 and was buried in Bromsgrove Cemetery.



DIANE JACKSON



Sad to report that Diane Jackson has passed away. She was a member of the History Society for many years and will always be remembered for her quiet sense of humour, her sound common sense and her lovely smile. Our sympathy and love to her husband and our dear friend Bernard.

NEXT MEETING: 27TH OCTOBER

MURDER HE SPOKE !

Andy Bishop returns with dark tales from Victorian Worcestershire!