


The station survived long enough to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee in 1971 but only just. Les Wills recalled, "If I remember correctly Moseley Road needed to be rewired and when the estimate came in it was on the high side....the next thing I knew was that the station was being closed." In fact plans for a replacement had been mooted in 1969, the new and current station opened in 1972. John's book also contains a handy appendix listing everyone who worked there. It is available for consultation in the History Bay here at the Venture or you can try obtaining a copy from Community Heritage Group. Contact is Colin Lamb 0121 380 6071, or by mail to Colin at Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham B7 4HW.



- Smiths Imperial Coaches on Stratford Road 5th June 1959. Whatever the summer was like in 1959 it can't have been worse than this year.



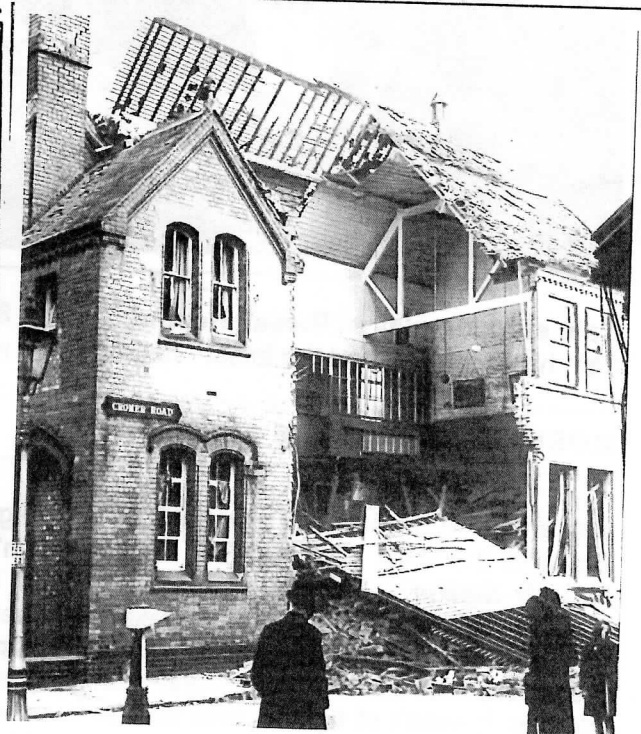
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(above) A less appealing trip could be taken from Longmore Street...

In June we worked on a Second World War Evacuation Experience with Tindal Street School. Chris Sutton and Venture Staff "evacuated" children, with their gas masks and name tags from the school to a safe place in the country. "We are taking you to Malvern", Warden Sutton told them. There they picked potatoes, visited the shop, cooked eggy bread and fed the farm animals. All returned home safely with a sobering souvenir for the school. The picture (right) of when their school was actually bombed in October 1940.



NEXT MEETING: 27TH SEPTEMBER

ENGINE BUILDING AT SOHO

There is no meeting in August so the next one is a talk by Laurence Ince in September. Laurence is coming to talk about the Boulton & Watt engine works which supplied equipment for manufacturers all around the country. Start time is 7:30 at The Venture.