



## John Bowen – Building Birmingham

Those of you who may have missed the superb talk by Anthony Collins about his ancestor have a second chance to hear it. Anthony is giving the talk on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October** to the Moseley History Society. This will be at **7:30 in the Red Room at Moseley Exchange**, which is behind and above the Post Office. John Bowen & Sons were responsible for many fine and iconic buildings – many of which are still there today. The Bowen yard in George Street is still there today complete with his initials in the brickwork.

## Ladies Of The Lamps

The newspaper cuttings archives of the Moseley History Society turned up this nice piece from 1989 featuring two former stalwarts of our Society – Nell Wilkins and Mary Bramwell.



Members of Balsall Heath, Birmingham, Local History Society wear Victorian costume for an exhibition of products from ten local companies at Balsall Heath Library. Mrs Nell Wilkins (left) and Mrs Mary Bramwell examine lamps and brassware made by Samuel Heath.

## Quiz Night

On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October (7pm start)** is a General Knowledge quiz at the Venture to raise funds for the History Society. We can take ten teams of up to six people on a team. Cost is £3 per person. If interested get in touch soon.

## Walking In The Rain

The second Canal Walk "Through Time" took place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The dreaded rain held off till after lunchtime but we managed to complete nearly all the afternoon's schedule and made it to Smethwick Pump House. Much appreciation to the performers, the support crew and those of you who came along to walk and sing. A full report follows next time.



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Masons at 198 Ladypool Road near the Congregational Church, 1927