



BHLHS was founded in 1979 with the aim of promoting interest in our local history. To meet our aims we work with local schools and community groups organising exhibitions and events. We have also produced several publications. We are a registered charity and rely on grants and donations to achieve our aims. For more information on our work, or to volunteer and help please contact us.

END OF AN ERA?

Sad to announce but June sees the end of an era, as we are losing the Victorian/ WW2 Classroom at St. Paul's Trust. It has been a major part of the services we offer to the local and wider community and has been immensely popular. However, St Paul's is unable to maintain the building any longer and there is no appropriate space to be found anywhere else on site.

We have looked for other venues and there is one reasonable possibility but there will inevitably be an impact on the type of service we can offer. If anyone knows of a similar classroom space available in Birmingham, please get in touch. Contact details as above.



DRAMA ON THE TOWPATH!

The recent canal walk was as eventful and entertaining as ever. A good crowd turned out for a walk through time with a variety of luminaries along the way to entertain and inform them. Plenty of chance to sing too, with Peter Churchill expertly accompanying on his accordion.



NEXT MEETING Thursday 28th September 7:30

The Venture (Malvern Street by the farm)

Pat Collins: King Of Showmen by Ned Williams

Collins (12 May 1859 – 9 December 1943) was a Liberal MP for Walsall (1922–1924) and Mayor of Walsall (1938). However, he is chiefly remembered for his involvement in the fairgrounds industry; the "Pat Collins Funfairs" company still bears his name. He was also an early presenter of moving pictures, both in travelling shows and in cinemas.