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The Balsall Heath Local History Society was founded in 1979 with the aim of promoting interest in our local history. We feel pride in our area and value its strengths – past and present. 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.

THE ART OF BALSALL HEATH



Photographed by Brett Wilde

Still standing on Moseley Road is a fine reminder of Balsall Heath's contribution to the Arts. Moseley School of Art was designed by W.H. Bidlake in 1899 and is a Grade II listed building. Hundreds of pupils graduated from it, including many famous names, before it was eventually closed in 1976 by the City of Birmingham Education Committee. The affection for the building and his time there saw a Moseley School of Art Association established in 2002 by former student Graeme Collins. It operates as a forum and reunion association for past students and teaching staff, as well as plenty of interesting pictures and information about the school's past. Their website can be found at www.moseley-art-school.co.uk.

We will be taking a closer look at some of the alumni of the school in the next newsletter.

THEATRE GROUP DATES

The Summer 2014 dates have had to be revised as follows:

Memory Lane – The acclaimed history of Ladypool Road will be performed again at St Paul's Trust, Hertford Street:

Saturday 21st June (2:30 and 7pm)



Canal Walk – Come with us from Birmingham University to Kings Norton and enjoy historical vignettes, catchy tunes, and no doubt some surprises too. All this on **Sunday July 27th**. (11am till mid afternoon)

Next Meeting:
Thursday 26th June 7:30
The Venture
(Malvern Street by the farm)
The Singularities of Bodfish
by **Mary Bodfish**

Mary Bodfish returns for what is sure to be an entertaining talk. She has stories gathered from far and wide on where, and how, her surname has cropped up.



BERNARD JACKSON
Sad to report that Bernard, who was a great stalwart and founder of the History Society and Theatre Company, passed away on 22nd May. He was 91. He will always be remembered and missed. A full tribute to Bernard will feature in the next newsletter.



Balsall Heath 1970. Taken by Alan J. Wood (c/o Birmingham Archives & Heritage)