



Birmingham Heritage Forum Member's News – June 2009

Ann Nunn, **Blue Badge Guide**. Looking forward to the 20th International Rotary Fair when it is hoped nearly 20,000 people will visit the city.

Mary Moore, **Blue Badge Guide**. MM is conducting Rotary tours for Johnsons Coaches touring the Cotswolds and Stratford.

Jean Jepson, **Birmingham Parish Church – St Martin's**. A festival celebrating the City takes place 4th – 11th July, including several concerts;
4th Cantorian Sirenian Singers
8th WM Fire Service Band
10th Matthew Jones Choir
11th B'ham Gospel Choir.
Tickets are £9, or £5.50 if bought at St Martin's now, call 0121 600 6020.

Pat Mills, **Handsworth Old Town Hall**. Negotiations are taking place in connection with the renewal of the tenancy agreement. The latest display ties in with Boulton and includes a collection of small items made in Birmingham. Repairs are again in the limelight after rain penetrated the building.

Daniel Callicott, **Selly Manor**. The manor is having a good year with visitor figures up. A Garden Day is taking place on 19th July with plant sales and tours. There are lots of children's activities and

workshops throughout the summer, please see website for information.

Sophie Wilson, **Barber Institute**. The Northern Lights exhibition was well attended although the Family Open Day was slightly down on last year. An exhibition of prints and drawings from University College London is open 10th July – 25th October. The Boulton exhibition on the 'Art of Making Money' is still on.

Jackie Williams, **Back to Backs**. Have run successful rag rug workshops, family history workshops and VE celebrations. An atmosphere project will add smells, fires and cooking to the houses. A 'Rejoice' musical event is taking place in the courtyard on 7th August.

Irene Lakin, **Birmingham Cathedral – St Philip's**. Recently had a successful inter-faith musical event. Have both a Matthew Boulton concert (evening) and 'Star and Stripes' concert (daytime) on 4th July.

Emma Banks, **Saint Nicolas Place**. A civil wedding license has been granted and a fair will taking place at the end of the month. On 13th June a Tudor Fun event is taking place. In July a production of 'The Taming of the Shrew' is taking place with the Crescent Theatre.

Emma Cook, **Conurbation Museum Officer**. EC continues to help develop a Creative Education Network. The next meeting is at 3pm on 29th June at Blakesley Hall. There will be a speaker from Bright Space, and Jenny Bone from MLA will be talking about funding.

Diane Perowne, **Blue Badge Guide**. DP is currently developing a guided walk themed on stained glass.

Tony Fox, **Cannon Hill Park**. During half term 10,000 per day visited the park. On 20th June an astronomy day is taking place. A Darwin 200 trail will be running in conjunction with Artsfest.

Jeff Childs, **New Hall Mill**. On the first open day of the year 875 people visited. On the last bank holiday 470 people attended. The next open day is 14th June and the mayor is visiting on 12th July.

Jeff Robinson, **Tyseley Locomotive Works**. Open on 27th & 28th June. A newly built engine costing £3m will be on display as will the 'Locomotion'. The Shakespeare Express runs July – September.

David Fullard, **Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens**. There have been a number of events recently, including a Morris Minor Rally, a Rare Plants show and children's fun day. The education programme continues very successfully. There are possible buyers interested in the hall and there is damage to some decorative plaster work.

Rosemary Turner and Helen Minovi, **The Moseley Society**. The Dovecote and Icehouse are open on 4th Saturday of the month. An art competition is taking place as part of the Moseley Festival; there will be a stall on 27th June.

Richard Gray, **Aston Manor Transport Museum**. Severn Trent are carrying out work which has restricted access. On 20th June there is Aston Heritage Day. A bus service will run between a dozen venues. There will also be an open day on 12th July.

Myra Burkett, **Pen Room Museum**. There is a temporary exhibition on the

Braille system, and a possible future exhibition on the biro. The grave of Isaac Hollinshead, a pen manufacturer, has been discovered. A stand will be run during the London Pen Show. Also, a writing competition for schools with a Matthew Boulton theme is being run.

Glynis Jones, **Birmingham Botanical Gardens**. GJ has been conducting guided tours of the gardens.

Key Hill Cemetery. A number of monuments and graves have been restored.

GJ will be promoting BHF at the Moor Street station centenary celebrations on 27th June and at London Marylebone on 25th June.

Phil Britt, **Warwickshire County Cricket Museum**. Expect to be busy as the Ashes approach, and come to Edgbaston at the end of July. This will mean a great deal of media interest in the museum. The museum will be rebuilt during the upcoming ground developments and will re-open in 2 years time.

Heritage Open Days 2009 takes place 10th – 13th September. To find out about the many Birmingham events visit the website at...

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>