

**Birmingham Heritage Forum  
Member's News – June 2010**



**After the AGM at Selly Manor and an excellent lunch members took to The Big Brum Buz for a tour of the City**

Rosemary Turner, **Moseley Society**.  
Moseley Weekend 19 / 20 June featuring open gardens, the Dovecote and the Ice House. 9-18 July Moseley Festival

Ian Williams, **Birmingham Cathedral – St Philips**. A new lady Dean has been appointed and will start in September.

Anne Price, **Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve**. Walking tours take place on the last Saturday of the month at 10.30am plus a special Open Day on Sat 11 Sept on the Heritage Open Day W/E. A new leaflet with a better map had been printed.

Jane Edwards, **Friends of Brandwood End Cemetery**. Litter picks of the cemetery take place on 11 July and 18 September. A leaflet of the trees within the cemetery is now available.

Myra Burkett, **Pen Room Museum**. Four new staff have been employed on the Future Jobs Scheme. Now fund raising to rent a new unit for a library, classroom and meeting room. Rick Wakeman, popstar, grumpy old man and fountain pen collector has become a Patron.

Nigel Cripps, **Aston Parish Church**.  
26 June Aston Heritage Open Day  
11am-5pm with 11 venues and free events.

31 July National Change Ringing Competition.

Clr. Osbourne, **Weoley Castle**. The new resource centre will open on 18 July. It will be open daily 12-4pm.

Brian Southwell, **Friends of Key Hill Cemetery**. Monthly guided tours.

Glynis Jones, **Birmingham Botanical Gardens & Glasshouses**. 20 June @6.30pm Big Band Music Evening. Outdoor theatre productions throughout the summer. 18 July Birmingham International Jazz Festival.

Sue Behan, **Birmingham Tours**. Walking tours on ghosts, canals and the Jewellery Quarter are going well. The Big Brum Bus will operate every Saturday from May – September and is going to Liverpool on 16 June in support of Birmingham's bid for City of Culture.

Jean Jepson, **Birmingham Parish Church – St Martins**. The annual St Martin's Festival will be held on 9-11 July. For HODs, 9-12 Sept. there will be guided tours of the church and visits up the tower. There is a programme of Friday lunchtime concerts and a Messy Play Club for young children on the 1st Friday each month.

David Fullard, **Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens**. A part time Education Learning Officer has been appointed. 17 July Bats and Moths evening. 3-4 July Crescent Open Air Theatre. 18 Sept celebration of 25 years of the founding of the Trust. The hall has new owners who seem to be supportive of the gardens.

Tony Fox, **Friends of Cannon Hill Park**. There is a Trees For Life Heritage Tree leaflet. The MAC has reopened after extensive refurbishment. 4 Aug. 'Our Place' Play Days for young people around Cannon Hill Park. Audio walks are now available.

Gillian Ellis, **Selly Manor**. 27 June Garden and Craft Fair. During August there will be a programme of exciting children's workshops & 3-13 Aug. Jolly Jester Fun.

Sophie Wilson, **Barber Institute of Fine Arts**. 'Objects of Affection' display of the Pre-Raphaelite portraits of John Brett, from 30 April – 4 July. An exhibition called 'Sacred and Profane' will display Egyptian art and artefacts from Eton College, from 18 June for 18 months. From 13 Aug. to 10 Oct. there will be an exhibition of Peter Marshall photos 'Behind the Barber'.

David Waite, **Guiding You**. Pleased to report that they are very busy. Itineraries are individually prepared for groups.

Jeff Robinson, **Vintage Trains**. The programme of excursions continues. A rare open weekend will take place on 26 and 27 June with visiting engines. The Shakespeare Express runs every Sunday July – September.

Dick Empson, **Friends of Key Hill Cemetery**. A leaflet with programme of events has been published. Tours of both Key Hill and Warstone Lane cemeteries takes place on the second Sunday of the month.

Jeff Childs, **New Hall Mill**. Two open days so far this year with 650 visitors and 940 visitors on the day that included the opening of the City cycle path. Open days continue on the second Sunday of

the month through the summer till Sept. plus the August public holiday.

Richard Gray, **Aston Manor Transport Museum**. Their latest acquisition was a canal barge. Bus tours are being provided on 26 June for Aston Heritage Day to link the 12 participating sites. 11 July Museum Open Day. Discussions with City council over the future of the building have been slow but there had been support from Prince Charles.

Diana Perowne, Busy especially with school groups. She was concerned for the future of Highbury Hall.

Megan Nass, **Saint Nicolas Place**. 12 June Medicine Community Day. 6/7 July Summer Shakespeare The Merry Wives of Windsor. 10 July Kings Norton Festival. 18 July The Big Lunch.

Pat Mills, **Handsworth Historical Society**. The Old Town Hall was recently visited by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Cllr & Mrs Michael Wilkes). The Society won the Arts and Culture Award in the Pride of Handsworth for their work in safeguarding the Old Town Hall and promoting local heritage. The repair situation is ongoing with a meeting arranged with Julie Taylor from the Conservation team.

Remo Forcellini, Saint Chads would be participating in HODs in September. There would be an organ recital on 19 June.

Birmingham Library Theatre 13 July 1.00pm talk by Val Loggie and Shena Mason on Matthew Boulton's gardens at Soho.