



THE MOSELEY SOCIETY

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The Moseley Society Local History Group wins Heritage Lottery Fund support

Today The Moseley Society Local History Group has received £25 900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project for The Moseley Society Local History Archives and Resource Base ('The Collection') housed in the Moseley Exchange. Led by volunteers from the local community, the project focuses on preserving these historical materials, making them more accessible to the community and stimulating interest in Moseley's history. The project will start on March 31st 2012

The project will involve a part-time local historian working with volunteers to digitise the archives and make 'The Collection' available on the Moseley Society website, to produce interactive children's website pages, booklets and displays on particular local historical themes and organise related workshops and talks. Volunteers will be able to enjoy computer training sessions and support in developing archive, writing and design skills.

'The Collection' is important because Moseley has a long, significant and fascinating history. Moseley originated from a tiny Saxon hamlet, was named in the Domesday Book as 'Muselei' and enjoyed associations with various noblemen, including the Mortimers and royalty. Today we can see Moseley Hall, its Dovecote and Cow House, The Park and Ice House from the eighteenth century and the impact of industrialization and the railways in the in surviving large houses such as Highbury, home of the Chamberlains, and Highfield, where John Avins lived, as well as the many substantial and smaller Victorian houses and shops inhabited by a wide range of incoming trades-people and workers. Moseley has always been a magnet for people from many communities, attracting in the twentieth century escapees from Nazi Europe and significant Pakistani communities.

'The Collection' is a unique resource of significant cultural and historic value to the local community in understanding the area in which they live, to people undertaking local history research and to those following up family history. Many items in 'The Collection' were donated by local people and much is the result of research over time by the Moseley Society Local history Group or has been collected by members.

Commenting on the award, Janet Berry said, 'We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident that the project will make 'The Collection' more accessible to the community.'

Reyahn King, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund West Midlands, said: "This project will preserve and publicise the archives, stimulating interest in Moseley's heritage amongst a wider audience, making it easier for local residents and others to seek out information, and giving people of all age groups opportunities to develop new skills."

Notes to Editors:

The Moseley Society is a charity that aims to promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting Moseley, educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of Moseley and to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Moseley. The Moseley Society holds regular meetings, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, monitors planning and licensing applications, looks after Moseley Hall Dovecote and Cowhouse and Moseley Hall Ice House and opens both of these to the public free of charge and cleans up Moseley's car park. The Moseley Society helped initiate the Moseley Neighbourhood Forum and from that, the Moseley Community Development Trust.

Website: www.moseley-society.org.uk

The Moseley Society Local History Group was founded many years ago and continues to meet monthly at The Moseley Exchange to take part in workshops, hear invited or members talk on local history and produce books on the history of Moseley.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised through the National Lottery, The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported over 30 000 projects, allocating £4.7 billion across the UK.

Website: www.hlf.org.uk

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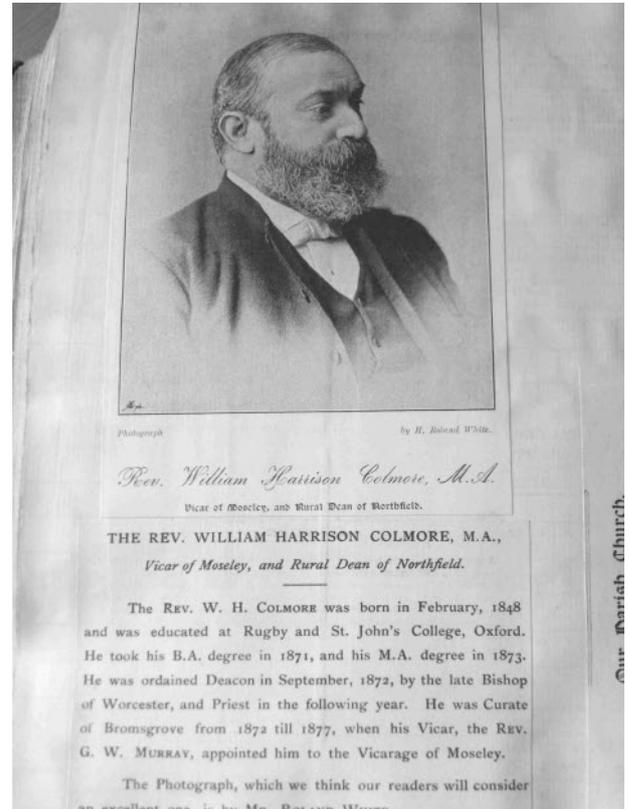
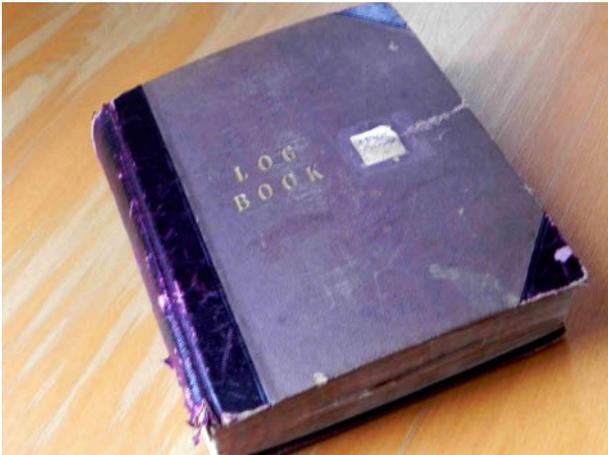
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Please find attached some photographs of items from 'The Collection.'

Some Items from The Collection

Canon Colmore's Log Book 1872-1894



Meteor Ford Garage

There are several pictures and objects relating to the former Meteor Ford Garage



Aerial view of garage in 1950s

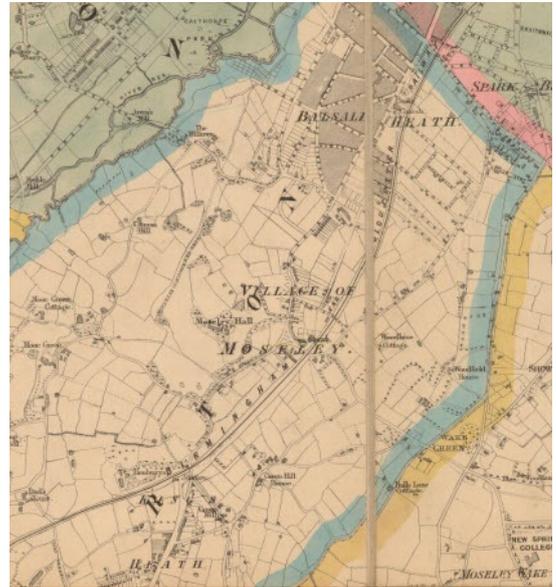


Preparing to set off on Monte Carlo Rally in Ford Prefect - about 1948

Blood's map of 5miles around Birmingham 1857



Sleeve and marbled cover of map



Area of map showing Moseley

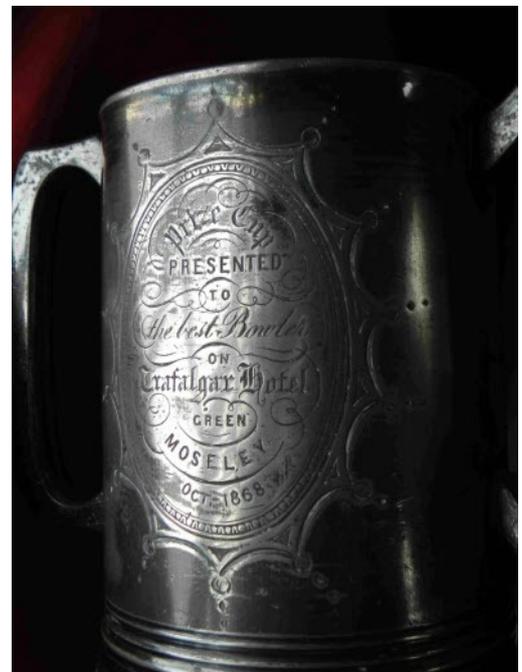


Cartouche showing details

Bowling in Moseley



Salisbury Bowling Club in Moseley Park, 1920



Silver plated tankard presented to the best bowler at The Trafalgar Hotel, 1868