



## **Roath Local History Society**

*Bringing History to Your Doorstep - since 1978*



**Dear R.L.H.S. Members,**

There are still around two-dozen Membership Renewals to come in; but I'm pleased to report, already this season, we've had twelve new people join us.

### **R.L.H.S.'s two new Honorary Life Members**

**Peter Gillard** and **Malcolm Ranson**, would like to thank you all and let you know, how much they appreciated the delightful surprise sprung on them, under A.O.B. at the AGM. Peter says:

"It was such a kind thought, and together with Jeff's eulogy and the several gifts, was an evening to remember. The certificate will have pride of place in my home"

and Malcolm:

"The award to me of Life membership of the RLHS is very heart warming. I wear the people's republic of Roath badge with pride !"

### **ROATH RETRO**

Our exhibition "**Roath Retro**", featuring around 15 archival photographs of old Roath, is on display at **Cathays Branch & Heritage Library**, until **Saturday, 13th. October.**

### **ST. ANDREW'S URC APPEAL**

Many of you will have heard that **St. Andrew's URC** has launched an urgent **£10,000** fund-raising appeal. The church has developed problems with the roof, with both water leaks and pigeons, now threatening this Grade 11 listed building. As a user group and historical society, it is the **R.L.H.S. Committee's** wish, to endorse the campaign, to secure this historic Roath landmark.

### **CHAIRMAN TED'S BLOG**

The latest **Blog** on our website is a quirky feature, concerning **Victorian Pillar Boxes of Roath, Splott and Adamsdown**

[www.roathlocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com](http://www.roathlocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com)

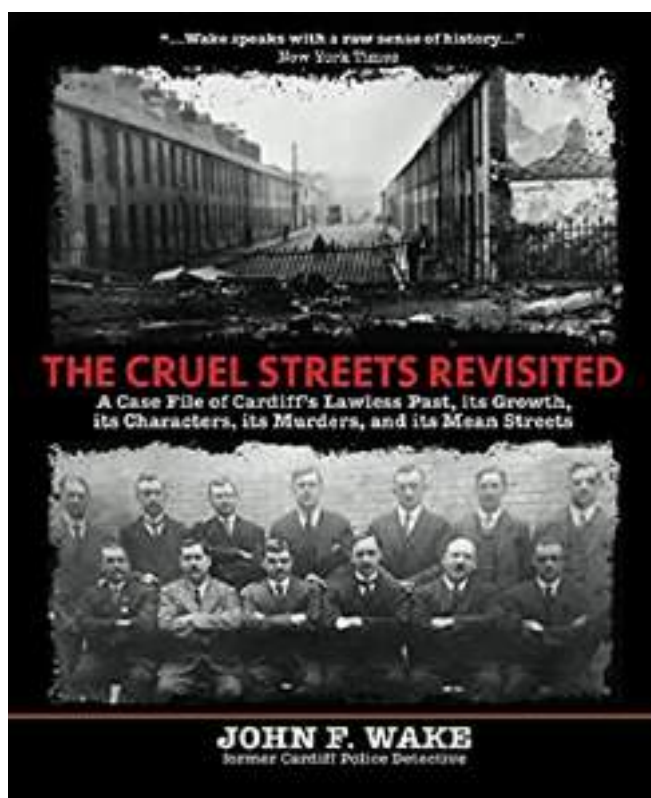
## **MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECT**

**Mark Williams** thanks the **R.L.H.S. Members** that contacted him re: the proposed school history project, looking at the impact of World War Two upon Pen-y-lan. A funding application has been submitted to the **H.L.F.** who are unlikely to make a decision, until the end of the year.

Meanwhile, on the R.L.H.S. website

[www.roathlocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com](http://www.roathlocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com)

Click on the **Local History Button** and select **Schools** from the drop-down menu. This will take you to a feature on the history of Marlborough Primary School which includes a link to extracts, from the newly digitalised, Marlborough Junior School Centenary Booklet.



**Our next meeting is:**

**Thursday, 11th. October**  
**St Andrew's URC Church Hall**

**“The Cruel Streets Revisited”**

**John Wake**, retired Police Officer & Author, will discuss Cardiff's Lawless Past, it's Growth, it's Characters, it's Murders and it's Mean Streets - from the viewpoint of Cardiff's poorest and most vulnerable citizens.

Evening begins with refreshments  
at **19.45**

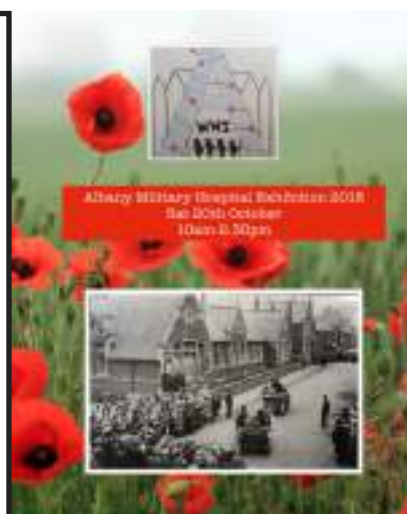
**Albany Road School Open Day**

**Saturday, 20th. October, 2018**

**10.00 - 2.30**

**Website:**

[www.albanymilitaryhospital.wordpress.com](http://www.albanymilitaryhospital.wordpress.com)



## **R.L.H.S. ROATH RED PLAQUES**

On the **Agenda** at this season's first **Committee Meeting**, we opened a discussion on "**Blue Plaques**" and how, in Wales, they are obtained. My first impression is of a long, complicated and possibly costly exercise, with the need for an organisation or person, to sponsor each one.

Whilst the real thing might be beyond our means, in conversation with **Graeme Brown**, the idea occurred of creating a virtual

### **R.L.H.S. Ancient Ecclesiastical Parish of Roath 'Walk of Fame'.**

Horticultural Hero, **Ralph Hancock** of 20, Keppoch Street, the subject of last month's talk, is an obvious candidate; as is **Sergeant Major Fred Barter**, the recipient of Cardiff's first Victoria Cross, who lived at 60, Daniel Street.

To add interest, the scope of your nominations could also include 'ordinary' Roath Residents, who have an 'extraordinary' claim to fame.

E-mail your nominations for people, places or things to:

**roathhistory@gmail.com**

## **OHIHS - Oxford House Industrial History Society**

**OHIHS** meet at the Risca Colliers Institute,  
home of the Risca Industrial History Museum and part of  
Oxford House Adult Education Centre, **Grove Road, Risca, NP11 6GN.**  
**www.riscamuseum.org.uk**

Meetings at **7.00** for **7.15** and are finished by **9.00 p.m.**

Membership fee **£25.00.**

Friends and visitors are welcome to attend - admission **£2.00**

Two talks being given this October are:

**05 "Stones from the grave - St. Woolos cemetery", Richard Frame.**

**19 "The Monmouthshire railway and canal co. in Newport", Ray Viney**

## **The Bloody Brook**

The theme of this year's "Made in Roath Festival" is 'Collaboration'. R.L.H.S. has been approached by Artist, Johana Hartwig, to engage with her multi-dimensional project, **Roath: The Bloody Brook**. Johana seeks contributions from our Members regarding our individual relationship to the diverse aspects of the brook. **Contact: [johanahartwig@yahoo.com](mailto:johanahartwig@yahoo.com) 07868 206 627**

We are asked especially, to join in **The Walk**, imparting our knowledge, memories and impressions of Roath Brook, with other walkers, along the way.

The inter-active **Walk**, with forager **Michelle Fitzsimmons**, takes place on **Thursday, 18th. October, from 12.00 - 14.00**  
Starting outside **Roath Botanic Gardens' Conservatory** and charting the brook's course through Roath.

The finished work will result in an **Art Installation** at **The Old Laundry** on **Saturday, 20th. October (11.00 - 17.00) & Sunday, 21st. October (11.00 - 19.00)**

In addition, on **Saturday**, between **12.00 - 13.00**,  
there will be a foraged **Picnic Lunch**

and on **Sunday**, between **17.00 - 19.00** a performance of water inspired music  
from  
**The Roath Brook Orchestra**

*\*The Orchestra invites you to bring a household item or found object from Roath, to take part in making music with them (this is optional!)*

at  
**The Old Laundry, Braeval Street, Roath, CF24 4SJ**

## **ST EDWARD'S MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL**

*Consort de Danse Baroque with Pavane Early Music Consort and My Lady's Dancers  
Present:*

### **Dance & Music from the Courts of Europe**

*An Evening of Music & Dance from bawdy Elizabethan brawls to  
stately Minuet steps of the Baroque era*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th**

**7.30**

**Roath Church House, Waterloo Road, CF24 5AD**

*Consort de Danse Baroque, Pavane Early Music Consort & My Lady's Dancers seek  
to promote Early Dance & Music through workshops & performances.*

*Open to all ages this concert, in collaboration with St. Edward's Festival, presents  
music and dance from the Courts of Europe.*

*Making music and social dancing in the Western world was a very important aspect of  
daily life and a surprising amount of information about the dances of these periods  
exist, which we are delighted to share with the audience.*

**Tickets: Adult £12 Concessions £9 Children £3 Family Ticket (4 seats) £20**

<http://ukbaroquedance.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/baroquedance>

**Awen** (a support group for **Whitchurch Library**) currently has an excellent exhibition at the **Cardiff Story Museum**, about the History of Cardiff's Libraries. It runs until **2nd. December** in the **City Showcase** basement area.

They have kindly made the accompanying booklet available to **R.L.H.S.** in the **PDF** (50 pages) that accompanies this E-Newsletter.

Advance Notice:

**R.L.H.S.** will also be participating in their event on:

**Saturday, 24th. November**  
**"Cardiff's experience during WW1"**  
**10.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.**  
**Learning Suite of Cardiff Story Museum**

There will be a series of **morning talks**, on aspects of **WW1**; with topics such as war dead, armistice and memorials.

**R.L.H.S. Member, Rhys David** will be speaking on the theme of what a typical Cardiff soldier missed about his native city during service abroad and what he was looking forward to coming back to -

**"Mum can stop worrying – it's all over"**

That's all for now, best regards,

**Elizabeth Morgan.**

**R.L.H.S. Honorary Secretary.**

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