



LUNAR SOCIETY NEWS

stimulating ideas broadening debate catalysing action

Upcoming Events

AUTUMN

**BOULTON AND WATT
COMMEMORATION LECTURE.** Part of
BSA Festival. Key Speaker Dr
Jacqueline Mitton

A woman's Place in the Dome

18.00 to 19.00 18th September 2010 @
Planetarium, Millennium Point, B4 7XG

THE BRITISH SCIENCE FESTIVAL:
Author Dr Patricia Fara, Clare College,
Cambridge, Professor Mohamed M El-
Gomati, University of York. *The Lunar
Society -- and its relevance to the modern
world* 19th September 2010 @
Millennium Point B4 7XG

SEMINAR

By Geoff Mulgan, Director, Young
Foundation

*Talk on the Government's Big Society
concept - what does this mean?*

19.00 to 21.00 19th October 2010
@Martineau Solicitors No 1 Colmore
Square B6 6AA

LECTURE

Lecture by Sir Arnold Wolfendale
*Exploring the evidence on comets and
asteroids and their origin.*

19.30 to 20.30 25th October 2010
@Birmingham and Midland Institute
Margaret Street, B3 3BB

WINTER

LUNAR SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

Keynote Speaker Vince Cable MP
Business Secretary

19.00 to 22.00 11th November 2010 @
Birmingham City Council Banqueting
Suite

WINTER SOCIAL

By Tom Hale, Owner, Electric Cinema,
Birmingham

*The impact of the digital age on
cinematography*

18.00 to 20.00 7th December 2010 @
Electric Cinema, Birmingham B5 4DY

Youth Crime: The fault of the individual or society?

The event on 23rd June was very well attended by members and non

members working in the field of youth
justice, crime health and social care.

Participants explored some of the policy
and practice gaps and where
improvements need to be targeted. A
panel of speakers each drew upon their
experience and views on policy and
practice in preventing young people
getting involved in crime and re-offending:
Suzette Davenport, Assistant Chief
Constable West Midlands Police Service,
Paul Cavadino, Ex Director NACRO, Jon
Collins, Campaigns Director, Criminal

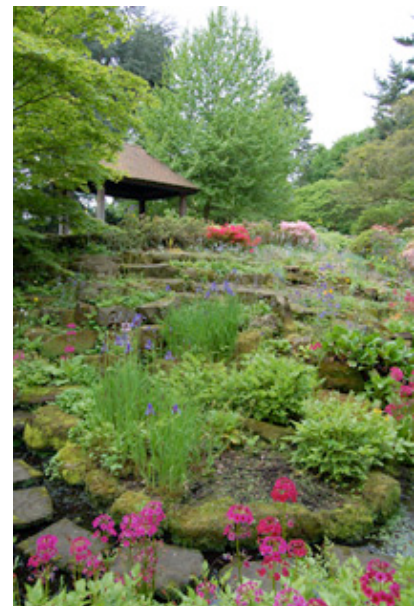
Justice Alliance, and Rev Carver Anderson, Young Disciples, Lozells. The
evidence provided by speakers and those who participated, will be fed back
as a discussion paper to the services and organisations involved in helping the
way young people are supported.



Summer Social: Talk and Tour of Winterbourne House and Garden

On the 29th July members and guests were given an informative talk and
tour of Winterbourne House and
Garden. Winterbourne is one of
the best surviving examples of an
Edwardian Arts and Crafts
suburban villa garden. Even on a
cloudy day, the garden offered
colour and interest. Attendance
by Lunar Society members and
guests was high. Led by Curator
Lee Hale, we were given a
fascinating tour of the Grade II
listed garden, which has over
6,000 plant species from around
the world.

The House was built for the
prestigious Nettlefold family in
1903. John Nettlefold was
chairman of the first housing
committee in Birmingham
introducing some important
changes in the living conditions
of many of the city's residents
during the early 20th century. Married to Margaret Chamberlain, Neville
Chamberlain's cousin, our guide gave us an insight into how a traditional
home in Edwardian times was run.



Dr Jacqueline Mitton
Boulton and Watt
Commemoration Lecture
18th September: Planetarium,
Lecture

British Science Festival Dr
Patricia Fara and Prof M El
Gomati
19th September: Aston
University, Lecture

Geoff Mulgan, Young
Foundation
19th October: The Government's
Big Society Concept
Seminar

Sir Arnold Wolfendale
25th October: Comets and
Asteroids and things that go
bump in the night
Lecture

Lunar Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010:

The Lunar Society AGM was held on the 14th July 2010 at the Banqueting Suite, Birmingham Council House. The new Lord Mayor, Councillor Len Gregory welcomed members and guests. There were two vacancies on the Executive Committee: Membership Committee Chairman and Executive Committee member. One nomination was received for Membership Committee Chairman and John Ellis was duly elected. Thanks were given to Tracey Lucas who had been Membership Secretary for two years. This year the Society introduced postal voting. The take up of postal voting was limited and following the elections for next year, the opportunity for postal voting will be reviewed. The Executive Committee vacancy remains open.



Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress



New Membership Committee Chairman

John Gelling Ellis FCA is a Chartered Accountant in practice. During his 30 + years as a partner in a small practice in Castle Bromwich, he expanded the firm into the City Centre, which then became part of what is now RSM Bentley Jennison. For the last fifteen years he has been in practice initially on his own & subsequently with another partner for around ten years. During this time he built up considerable experience of general accountancy,

tax and business affairs, and as a consequence became first involved in many church and charity clients, and also in clients who specialised in fund raising and project management. In the last fifteen years he was Treasurer at Edgbaston Priory Club and also a Governor at Kings Norton Boys School

Founder Lunarman Alderman Harold Blumenthal

Harold Blumenthal, who first floated the proposal for a revival of the Lunar Society died recently. He explained his vision of the new society in the first newsletter.

'It seemed to me that something more was wanted:

Birmingham needed a body of well-informed and experienced people who had the ability to explore ideas and the experience to be able to carry them out. It seemed to me also that the Lunar Society of Birmingham in the eighteenth century had done this very thing, so creating the industrial might of the West Midlands, and perhaps of the country. Such a body could play its part in the revitalisation of Birmingham.'



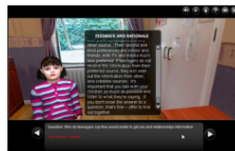
Change of Postal Address for Lunar Society

Please note that the postal address for the Lunar Society has changed to the following:

6 Springfield Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7DS

Birmingham and West Midland's Future

Left to right: Energy Future Project Hydrogen Energy Regeneration; Serious Games Institute Immersive Technologies Virtual Farmers Market & Supporting Parents through Serious Games; Electric Mitsubishi I Mi EV Vehicle; Translation Medicine



THE LUNAR SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to new Members:

Claire Bassett, Chief Executive, Criminal Justice Cases Review Commission;
Peter Britton, Consultant Chartered Surveyor; Martin Green, Managing Director, Blueberry Consultants Ltd



Note of recent death of founder member Alderman Harold Blumenthal. Our condolences go to his family



THE LUNAR SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIR

Marion Roberts

DEPUTY CHAIRMEN

**Peter Mayer
Judith Taylor**

HON SECRETARY

Michael Overduin

HON TREASURER

Richard Harris

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

John Ellis

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**Anne Knowles
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