Madeleine Carroll – Herbert Street

Madeleine Carrol (1906-1987), Hollywood actress and humanitarian was born on 26 February 1906 at no. 32 (later re-numbered 44) to parents John and Helene whose maiden name was Tuaillon. The Carroll family which included their second daughter Marguerite, born 1907, lived here in Herbert Street for a period of seven years before moving into a larger house in nearby Jesson Street in 1912.

Blue Plaque Erected 2006

Located on Herbert Street

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Madeleine Carroll – Jesson Street

Madeleine Carrol lived here at No 7 Jesson Street with parents John and Hlene along with sister Marguerite from 1912 until 1927 before embarding on her film career and eventually Hollywood stardom. The rest of the family continued to live in Jesson Street until 1939 when they relocated to Bronley, Kent.

Blue Plaque Erected 2006

Located on Jesson Street

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Madeleine Carroll – West Bromwich Municipal Secondary School

Between 1915 and 1923 Madeleine Carroll received her secondary education here before going on to Birmingham University where she obtained a B.A. in languages with honours in 1926. The building in Lodge Road later became a grammar school and after its closure, an annexe of Sandwell College.

Blue Plaque Erected 2006

Located on College building, Lodge Road

Sponsored by The Old Throstles Association

John Wesley – Oak House

Oak House is a large timber framed Yeoman’s house dating back to the 16th century with brick extensions from the mid 17th century. John Wesley preached in the courtyard at the house on two occasions in the late 18th century when it was in the ownership of William Whyley.

Blue Plaque Erected 1988

Located on the wall adjacent to Oak House

Sponsored by Sandwell Council

John Wesley – Wesley Chapel

The present Wesleyan Chapel on the High Street, which is the largest in the West Bromwich Methodist Circuit was opened on February 16 1974. It replaced an older building on the site dating back to 1835 which itself was erected as a replacement

For two previous Methodist places of worship which were situated in Paradise Street.

Blue Plaque Erected 1988

Located on the Wesley Chapel, High Street

Sponsored by Sandwell Council

The Guardians of the Poor Boardroom

The Guardians of the Poor Boardroom is the last remaining part of the original West Bromwich Union Workhouse. The Boardroom was the venue for the weekly meetings of the Guardians of the Poor who were the administrators of the Union Workhouse and of the ‘Out Relief’ given to those who were too poor to carefor themselves or their families. Erected between 1855 and 1858 and closed with the Government Act of 1929.

Blue plaque erected 2008

Located on the wall of the Ante-Natal Unit, Sandwell Hospital, Hallam Hospital

Sponsored by West Bromwich Union Pauper Memorial Group and West Bromwich Local History Society.

Captain Robert Edwin Phillips VC

Captain Robert Edwin Phillips VC (1895-1968) lived here at Holyhead House, Hill Top with his parents Elizabeth and Alfred Phillips between 1907 and 1913. He was however born at No. 12 Queen Street, Hill Top on 11 April, 1895. During his military service (1914-1919) he carried out an act of supreme gallantry when on 25 January 1917 near Kut, Mesopotamia, under heavy enemy fire, he went to the aid of a fallen comrade. For this act of bravery he was awarded Britain’s highest honour, The Victoria Cross.

Blue Plaque Erected 2008

Located on Holyhead House, 54b Hill Top.

Sponsored by the Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Bishop Asbury Cottage

This eighteenth century cottage was the boyhood home of Francis Asbury, the founding father of Methodism in the United States of America and the first American Methodist Bishop. Asbury lived in this cottage until he went to America in 1771 at the age of 26. He spent the following 40 years as a missionary travelling across America covering about a quarter of a million miles.

Blue Plaque Erected ?

Located on Bishop Asbury Cottage, Newton Road, Great Barr

Sponsored by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council.