

as elsewhere, were dedicated to those who had fought for the vote. He cites Dawson Street, named from the Vice-President of the Birmingham Society, George Dawson, who was a charismatic and influential preacher. This street was replaced by playing fields in the 1960's.

This Small Heath area retains several streets with personal names and Muntz Street is the location of the Small Heath Library, now housing a Black History collection.

In a further article, Chinn<sup>29</sup> identifies another Birmingham Society area, in Balsall Heath off the Ladypool Road. Together with Hertford and Malvern Streets and Brunswick Road is White Street, named from a leading member who played a major role in the purchase. The area also includes 'Brunel' and 'Sunny' street names.

Birmingham and Black Country schemes deserve more exploration.

### ***Kidderminster***

The Townley web site<sup>30</sup> is extensive. He explores James Taylor's work as a revolutionary, citing his speech at Ross on Wye: 'If we seek to get the franchise without property they tell us we are revolutionary: if we get it with property, then we are revolutionary too!'

This site includes considerable research on Taylor and his speeches, identifies a range of towns for further research, and places Taylor within the Liberal agitation of the 1850 period; the research is unreferenced.

Harrison has provided a series of views of Franchise Street, Kidderminster, that suggests that the area has some close parallels with Grimsbury. It is not currently designated as a Conservation area.

### ***Dresden, Longton, Stoke on Trent***

This is a 'heritage walk' site through the area of the Dresden & the Longton Freehold Land Society, designated as a Conservation Area by Stoke on Trent as early as November 1985.<sup>31</sup> It, again, provides history on Taylor, whose presence instigated the scheme in 1851. There is considerable history, early plans and a photographic tour of the area made in 2001. Here is a Ricardo Street, a Peel (!! ) Street and Rowland Street (regrettably renamed from 'Taylor'). I was able to visit the Dresden area, noting the up-market reference to porcelain in the title. It is well above the former belching pot kilns of Longton, a preferable site apart from the

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<sup>29</sup> Chinn, Carl: Signed column in *Birmingham Mail*, 6 May 2006.

<sup>30</sup> As fn.6, Townley, Chas.: (Online) Retrieved 6:II:2007 from <http://www.uplands>

<sup>31</sup> Dresden, Longton, Stoke on Trent (Online) Retrieved 6:II:2007 <http://www.the.potteries.org/walks/Dresden>