

The Birmingham Inquests (1974)

Revised Timetable

12 February 2019

The witnesses whose names are in red text will be called. The evidence of other witnesses is either read under rule 23 of the Coroners (Inquests) Rules 2013, or summarised or otherwise adduced through the professional witness, Anthony Mole.

The changes from the previous timetable are:

- 28 February – David Grafton has confirmed attendance and will be called.
- 1 March – Raymond McVeighty has confirmed attendance and will be called.
- 1 March – Richard Holmes: STI have been unable to trace this witness, whose evidence will now be read under r.23(1)(c).

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon
1	Monday 25 Feb	Jury selection	Coroner's opening
2	Tuesday 26 Feb	Pen portraits Family members and STI 1. Michael Beasley 2. Stanley Bodman 3. James Caddick 4. John Clifford Jones 5. John Rowlands 6. Trevor Thrupp	Pen portraits Family members and STI 7. Charles Gray 8. Pamela Palmer 9. Paul Davies 10. Neil Marsh 11. Maureen Roberts 12. Marilyn Nash
3	Wednesday 27 Feb	Pen portraits Family members and STI 13. Jane Davis 14. Maxine Hambleton 15. Anne Hayes 16. Desmond Reilly 17. Eugene Reilly 18. Lynn Bennett	Pen Portraits Family members and STI 19. Stephen Whalley 20. Thomas Chaytor 21. James Craig Introductory evidence Prof. Thomas Hennessey ¹ Anthony Mole (including re. topography)
4	Thursday 28 Feb	Jury visit	The Bombings Anthony Mole (outline evidence, including re. timing and the Hagley Road devices) The Bombings: Witness accounts Mary Jones ² Doris Clarke ³ Patrick Daly ⁴ David Grafton ⁵
5	Friday 1 Mar	David McVeighty ⁶ Paul Murphy ⁷ Wendy Banford ⁸ John Boyle ⁹ Carol Ann Eaglesfield ¹⁰ Carl Bacon ¹¹ Anthony Gaynor ¹² John Ashurst (Audio)/(Read) ¹³	Richard Holmes ¹⁴ Graham Hastings ¹⁵ Maurice Fox ¹⁶ Geoffrey Cooke ¹⁷ Eric Phillips ¹⁸ The Bombings: Warning Call Ian Cropper ¹⁹ PC William Phillips ²⁰ Insp Jon Evans ²¹ PS William Wilson ²² D/Supt Cyril Cooney ²³

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- ¹ It is intended that Professor Hennessey gives non-contentious background evidence on 27 February. He will be recalled on 25 March 2019 to deal with more contentious issues, including the question of attribution.
- ² The witness is deceased. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(3).
- ³ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(d).
- ⁴ Despite efforts, the witness has not been traced. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(1)(a) and/or r.23(1)(d).
- ⁵ Moved from 11 March as the witness is not available after 28 February. The witness has not yet confirmed attendance.
- ⁶ David McVeighty has confirmed that he can attend.
- ⁷ Mr Murphy has confirmed that he is able to attend to give evidence. He was listed as a witness for Jane Davis, but given that he is able to speak more generally to the events within the Tavern in the Town, and given the difficulties in calling other witnesses who were present there, it is proposed to call him in the first week, and then summarise his evidence about Jane Davis on 11 March.
- ⁸ STI are in contact with this witness, who was in the Tavern in the Town.
- ⁹ See email of STI, 8 January 2019 (13:01). It is proposed to read his evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(c) and/or r.23(1)(d).
- ¹⁰ It is proposed to read this witness' evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(d) in light of the injuries that she suffered.
- ¹¹ It is proposed to read this witness' evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(d) in light of the injuries that he suffered.
- ¹² The witness is deceased. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(3).
- ¹³ It is proposed to adduce an audio recording that the witness gave which is held by the Imperial War Museum and/or to read his evidence under r.23(1)(d).
- ¹⁴ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). Efforts are being made to contact the witness, whom it is intended to call.
- ¹⁵ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). The witness has been contacted and warned to attend.
- ¹⁶ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(d).
- ¹⁷ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). The witness is deceased and his evidence will be read under r.23(1)(d).
- ¹⁸ See STI email of 6 February 2019 (11:16). It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(1)(b) and/or r.23(1)(d).
- ¹⁹ The witness is deceased. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(3).
- ²⁰ It is proposed to read the witness' evidence under r.23(1)(b) as he is in his late 80s and in poor health.
- ²¹ The witness is deceased. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(3).
- ²² It is proposed to read the witness' evidence under r.23(1)(b) as he is in his late 80s and in poor health. He has also provided a statement in which he states he is unable to assist beyond his previous evidence.
- ²³ The witness is deceased. It is proposed to read the evidence under r.23(3).