Ironmonger Row Baths



Ironmonger Row baths were commissioned by Finsbury Borough Council and built by the architects AWS and KMB Cross in the 1930s. The baths have remained in continuous public use since then and the building was awarded Grade II listed status in 2006.

The following materials about Ironmonger Row baths are available in Islington Local History Centre:

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Commemorative booklets for official openings:

- 1931: opening of the slipper baths and public washhouse establishment (includes photographs; also a separate programme of proceedings)
- 1933: opening of the swimming pool, slipper baths and public washhouses (includes photographs)
- 1938: opening of an extension to the baths, comprising swimming pools, Turkish baths suite and cafe (includes photographs)
- 1960: Opening of the municipal self-service laundry.

Customer information leaflets, c1988-1999 (others also held with newspaper cuttings).

Ironmonger Row Baths conservation statement, prepared for Continuum Sport and Leisure Ltd by the Architectural History Practice Limited, May 2007.

lan Gordon & Simon Inglis, *Great Lengths: the historic indoor swimming pools of Britain*. English Heritage, 2009 (p220-223). [Ref. YG 524]

ARCHITECTURAL PLANS

Sixteen plans, showing proposed alterations in 1935-1936 and an extension to the baths in 1939.

NEWSPAPER CUTTINGS

One box of cuttings covering opening, redevelopments, facilities, events, information leaflets etc, 1929-2004.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Several photographs dating from the 1930s can be found in the Finsbury Metropolitan Borough Council photograph collection. The general photograph collection also includes a small number of images.

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