**Birmingham Pub Bombings**

**21st November 1974**

The Birmingham pub bombings (also known as the Birmingham bombings) occurred on 21st November 1974, when bombs exploded in two public houses in central Birmingham, England. The explosions murdered 21 people and injured 182 others.

The Provisional Irish Republican Army have never officially admitted responsibility for the Birmingham pub bombings, but a former senior officer of the organisation confessed to their involvement in 2014, with an admission the Birmingham pub bombings “went against everything we [the Provisional Irish Republican Army] claimed to stand for”.

Six Irishmen were arrested within hours of the blasts, and in 1975 sentenced to life imprisonment for the bombings. After 16 years in prison and a lengthy campaign, their convictions were declared unsafe and unsatisfactory, and quashed by the Court of Appeal in 1991. The Birmingham pub bombings were the deadliest act of terrorism committed in Great Britain between the Second World War and the 2005 London bombings.

It is often said that the greatest act of injustice was experienced by the “Birmingham 6” but surely the greater injustice was the decision taken by a terrorist organisation to mass murder innocents - and to this day continue to deny victims and survivors the truth of the events that unfolded on that fateful day which saw their loved ones massacred.

We continue to stand with those who wish to bring to account the terrorists who carried out this barbaric attack upon humanity.

THE 21 VICTIMS OF BIRMINGHAM

Michael William Beasley
Lynn Jane Bennett
Stanley James Bodman
James Frederick Caddick
Thomas Frederick Chaytor
James Goodlett Craig
Paul Anthony Davies
Jane Elizabeth Davis
Charles Harper Grey
Maxine Hambleton
Anne Hayes
John Clifford Jones
Neil Robert Marsh
Marilyn Paula Nash
Pamela Joan Palmer
Desmond William Reilly
Eugene Thomas Reilly
Maureen Anne Roberts
John Rowlands
Trevor George Thrupp
Stephen John Whalley

SEFF's thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved of the Birmingham bombs, the injured, their carers; first responders and all other innocents adversely impacted.