

Meldreth Local History Group

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Welcome to this issue of our newsletter which includes our latest news, details of our new Christmas cards, information about recent and future village events, plus a summary of the most recent additions to our website.

Next Events

Sunday 26th November

10.00am-3.00pm

Christmas Market

Meldreth Village Hall

Visit our stall to purchase Christmas cards, notelets and other merchandise. All money raised will go to supporting the work of Meldreth Local History Group.

Saturday 2nd December

11.00am-5.00pm

Sunday 3rd December

11.00am-4.00pm

Christmas Tree Festival

Holy Trinity Church

You may be surprised by our contribution to the Christmas Tree Festival this year. You'll have to visit to find out why ...

Spring 2024

Coffee Morning

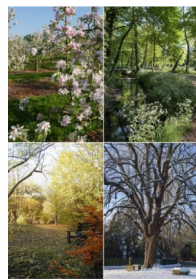
Our next Coffee Morning will be held in the Spring in the Elin Way Community Room in Meldreth. A date and subject will be announced closer to the time.

Regular Meetings

We usually meet on the first Monday of every month (except Bank Holidays) from 10.00am until noon in the Community Room in Elin Way, Meldreth. These meetings are open to anyone who would like to help us research the history of the village. We will be taking a break in December and will resume our meetings on Monday 8th January 2024.♦

New Christmas Cards & Notelets

We have designed some new Christmas cards and these are now available to purchase. Each multiview card features four images: Topcliffe Mill, Holy Trinity Church, the Village Hall and the Stocks and Whipping Post. We have kept the price the same as the last two years, at £5 per pack of ten cards (all one design). The message inside reads 'Season's Greetings'. We also have a very limited stock of our [2021 Christmas cards](#) remaining.



In addition to the Christmas cards, we have designed some notelets, which are blank inside, showing Four Seasons in Meldreth. In order to assess the print run required, please place an advance order for these.

Christmas cards can be purchased at the Christmas Market on 26th November (see panel on the left) or by [emailing us](#) or telephoning Joan & Tim Gane on (01763) 260129.

Other Merchandise

In addition to the Christmas cards and notelets mentioned above, a range of other merchandise is available and all funds raised will go to supporting the work of the Group. We have a few packs of our original notelets available, plus walk booklets and leaflets. Our [full range of merchandise](#) may be viewed on our website.♦

Website Update

Our website now has 714 published pages, with several more in draft form.

Recent additions include

- ⇒ [A Few of the Trains that Have Passed Through Meldreth Station](#)
- ⇒ [Memories of The Atlas](#)
- ⇒ [Historical Routes](#) and
- ⇒ [The History of the Grove on Fenny Lane](#).

If you would like to add your own material, please use our [Contribution Form](#) or [email us](#) to discuss your ideas. It is also possible to add a comment to any of the pages on our website. You may be interested to read the [latest comments](#) that have been made. The latest pages and comments can also be viewed by using the tabs at the bottom of our [home page](#).♦

Recent Events in Meldreth

Meldreth Village Hall Garden Officially Opened



The [Village Hall](#) has had a complete redecoration over the last year and it is now looking its best for many years. On 5th November a new garden beside the Hall was opened by the Chairman of Meldreth Parish Council, Richard Goddin. The trustees of the Hall raised a lot of money to pay for the renovations and the garden, with the Parish Council making a significant financial contribution. The garden has been named the King Charles III Memorial Garden.

Our Chairman, Joan Gane, is currently working her way through the 58 years of the Hall's history, from the conception of the building to the present day. It's a time-consuming task but we hope that the results of her research will be published on our website soon. If you have any information, photographs or memories of the Hall please [email us](#). ♦

Remembrance Sunday

As always Remembrance Sunday was well supported. We all gathered around the War Memorial on 12th November and were pleased to have our new Vicar, The Reverend Andrew Birks of Holy Trinity Meldreth and All Saints Melbourn, take the Service. His Institution and Induction ceremony had taken place eleven days earlier, on 1st November.



The Remembrance Service allowed us to think particularly of those from our village who served their country in many conflicts (see the [Wartime section of our website](#)). Ann Rogers laid a wreath on behalf of the History Group. We were all able to meet afterwards in the Village Hall to enjoy free refreshments in our usual Meldreth welcoming way. ♦

Kathleen Parlow: Opus 28 Film

Regular readers of our newsletter may remember the article from our [March 2023 issue](#) on the visit of some Canadian filmmakers who are making a film about the violinist Kathleen Parlow, who lived in Meldreth from 1912 to 1925. We are still in touch with the filmmakers and hope to receive a progress update from them in the New Year. In the meantime, you can read more about [Kathleen's time in Meldreth](#) on our website. ♦

Visiting Meldreth?

Thank you all for supporting us and if ever you visit Meldreth in the future then please [contact us](#) and we may be able to help you with information and advice. ♦

Help us get to 1000 Followers!

Please don't forget that you can find us on [Facebook](#), where we have over 900 followers. The Facebook page was set up to complement our main [website](#) and our [CCAN site](#). Each week we post about a different aspect of the village's history. In recent posts we have been taking a look at Meldreth in 1921, based on information from the 1921 census returns. ♦



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