

Meldreth Local History Group

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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter which includes details of our next events.

Our Websites

Our main [website](http://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk) has 718 published pages, with several more in draft form.

We welcome comments on our website and these often provide new information or help us to put family historians from around the world in touch with one another. You can add a comment by following the link at the end of every webpage. Recent pages and comments can be viewed by using the tabs at the bottom of our [home page](http://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk).

Pages are continually updated on our website too, as new information comes to light. Please use the search facility, available on every page, to look for topics that interest you.

Our [Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network \(CCAN\) site](http://www.cambridgeshirecommunityarchive.co.uk) is also fully searchable. Although we no longer maintain this site, it includes over 1100 images, many of which are not on our main website. ♦

Facebook

Help us get to 1000 Followers!

Please don't forget that you can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/meldrethhistory) where we currently have 966 followers. The Facebook page was set up to complement our main [website](http://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk) and our [CCAN site](http://www.cambridgeshirecommunityarchive.co.uk). In recent posts we have been sharing photographs of people. This has led to us being able to name quite a lot of previously unidentified people and these names are being added to the photographs' captions on our website.

Thank you to everyone who has provided information. ♦

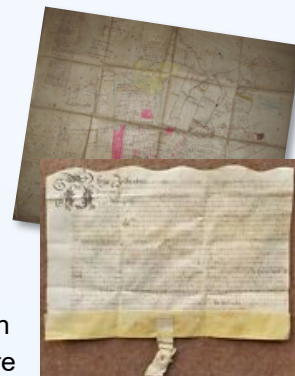
October Events

Monday 7th October - 10.00am - midday Open Morning and AGM

We would like to invite you to our meeting on Monday 7th October between 10.00am and 12 noon in the Community Room in Elin Way, Meldreth.

There will be a very brief AGM at 10.30am, but primarily this is a chance to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and have a chat. You will be able to learn more about how we research Meldreth's history and the various resources we use; for example original documents, photographs and printed matter together with online sites including Ancestry and FindMyPast. If you are researching your own family history or house history, then please call in and we can exchange tips and information.

There will also be an opportunity to browse our [website](http://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk), which now has over 700 pages of information.



Monday 28th October - 10.00am - midday Coffee Morning and Talk on The Railway in Meldreth



Please join us for our next coffee morning in the Community Room, Elin Way on Monday 28th October between 10.00am and 12 noon.

At the event, there will be a presentation by Greg Dash on The Railway in Meldreth. Greg has had an interest in railways for many years so this talk and his knowledge will be of interest to many people.

All welcome. Free refreshments will be provided at both events. ♦

Kathleen Parlow Film

Regular readers of our newsletter may remember the article from our [March 2023 issue](#) about the visit of some Canadian filmmakers who were making a film about the violinist Kathleen Parlow, who [lived in Meldreth from 1912 to 1925](#).

The film, now entitled [Measures for a Funeral](#), was shown at the Canadian Film Festival recently, where it was well reviewed.

We hope it will be screened in the UK next year. ♦

Village Christmas Cards and Notelets



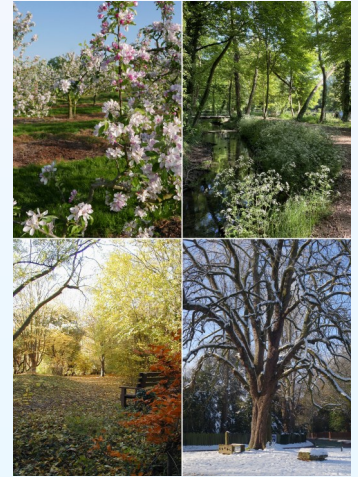
We are selling our multiview Christmas cards again this year. The cards show four Meldreth scenes. The message inside is "Season's Greetings".

Our multiview notelets are also available, featuring four seasons in Meldreth. The notelets are blank inside.

The cards and notelets cost £3 for five cards or £5 for ten cards, plus postage if applicable. To purchase, please call Joan and Tim on (01763) 260129 or [email](#) us.

We also have village walk booklets and leaflets available. Please see our [Merchandise page](#) for more information.

All profits from the sale of merchandise go towards funding the work of the History Group. ♦



Meldreth Funeral Bier

Thanks to the intervention of Rev. Andrew Birks, the funeral bier is now permanently housed in Holy Trinity Church in Meldreth. We have been asked by Andrew to provide a permanent display on the history of the bier. He has also invited us to provide material for two noticeboards in the church. One will have information on the history and architectural features of the church and the other, which will be changed from time to time, will have a display on different aspects of the village's history.

More information on the [funeral bier](#) and its [renovation](#) is available on our website. ♦



Holy Trinity Christmas Tree Festival

Meldreth's Christmas Tree Festival is a very popular event in the village. This year's festival will take place on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December from 11.00am to 4.30pm. Meldreth Local History Group will be providing a display for the festival and we hope, for the second year running, to place our display on the funeral bier. The theme we have chosen for this year is "A Christmas in Meldreth". If you have photographs of a Christmas you have spent in the village, please [email](#) them to us for inclusion in the display. ♦

Economies Past

Over the last 20 years, a team of historians at Cambridge have collected millions of records to build, for England and Wales, the most detailed quantitative picture of long-run economic development ever assembled anywhere in the world. The data concern occupational structure, which refers to the distribution of men and women through different economic activities and led to some surprising findings. To read more or explore the data, please visit the [Economies Past website](#). ♦

History Group Meetings

Group members usually meet on the first Monday of each month from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Community Room in Elin Way, Meldreth. We welcome new members who are interested in researching different aspects of the village's history and uploading information to our website.

To find out more, please come to our Open Morning on Monday 7th October, or contact us via [Facebook](#) or [email](#). ♦