

# 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 733 published pages, with several more in draft form. Please see the next page of our newsletter for details of recently added pages.

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](#).

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](#) 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:  
**9 more followers needed!**

Please don't forget that you can find us on [Facebook](#) where we currently have 991 followers. The Facebook page was set up to complement our main [website](#) and our [CCAN site](#).

This year, we have been featuring the latest pages to have been added to our site and have received new information as a result. Thank you to everyone who has commented and provided information.♦

## Our Next Event

### *“A Walk Through Meldreth in 1941-42”*

Monday 12th May 7.00-9.00pm

Sheltered Housing Community Room, Elin Way

Where and what was the “lamentable ruin”?  
Where was Barnes Yard?  
What was “Pitch a Knicker”?

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee, or if you prefer, a glass of wine, as we travel back in time, through the eyes of Beatrice Clay, to see what Meldreth was like in 1941-42.



This is a free event. All welcome.♦

## Family History Afternoon

Meldreth Village Hall, 2.00-5.00pm Saturday 4th October 2025

We will be holding a family history afternoon in conjunction with Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society on Saturday 4th October.

If you have an interest in Meldreth's history or in family history (wherever your ancestors hail from) then we would be delighted to see you at our event.

More information will be provided in due course in [Meldreth Matters](#), on our [website](#) and on our [Facebook](#) page. Our next newsletter, which will be sent out in September, will have further details of the event.♦

## Our Website

Our main [website](#) now has 733 published pages, with thirteen pages having been added this year alone. Since our last newsletter was published in September last year the following sixteen pages have been added:

- The first three pages in a series of planned pages on Meldreth Village Hall—[in the beginning](#), [the early years](#) and [the second village hall](#)
- [The Musical Adventures of Aladdin](#), held at Meldreth Primary School in 198?
- [The Conservative Association Hut](#)
- [The Closure of Meldreth Station Level Crossing and the Footpath Across the Meads](#)
- [William East and his Family](#)
- [The Village Pump and Meldreth Water Supplies](#)
- [Melrose, the House and the Road](#)
- [Gordon Handscombe and his Band](#)
- [Horses, Traction Engines, Water and Coal](#)
- [The Electrification of the Railway Line through Meldreth](#)
- [Aerial Photographs of Meldreth in 1965](#)
- [My Memories of Meldreth by Niky Morgan née Rathbone](#)
- [My Memories of Hawkesbury House by Niky Morgan née Rathbone](#)
- [Meldreth Meals on Wheels](#)

With the exception of the pages written by Niky Morgan, all these have been added by just four members of the History Group. We have a lot more material to be added to our site and other topics that could be researched, so if you have an interest in a particular topic or would like to help us, please come along to one of our meetings (see below) or [email](#) us.♦

## VE Day

VE Day is on Thursday 8th May and events are being held in the neighbouring village of Melbourn to mark the day. See the poster below for details.♦

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**VE DAY CELEBRATION**

**8 MAY 2025**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MELBOURN**

**10.30am**  
Coffee Morning in the Church &  
Local School Children Planting  
Union Jack Flags in the Churchyard

**5.45pm**  
Civic Service of Remembrance

**6.30pm**  
Ringing of the Church Bells in line with National Celebrations

**7.00pm onwards**  
Live Music from Sounds of Swing, BBQ and Licensed Bar

**9.30pm**  
Lighting of a Beacon & Peace Candle

★ **Come along dressed in 1940's clothing** ★  
*Prize for the best outfit!*

**Free Admission**  
Tickets £5.00 in advance for BBQ food  
Available by calling 07976 228377

80th Anniversary of VE Day  
Remember, Honour, Celebrate!

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## Twenty Years Ago ...

The idea of starting a History Group in Meldreth was first mentioned in 2000 and initial meetings were held in 2005.

Meldreth Local History Group was founded two years later with the following aims:

to research and record the history of the village and its environs, to create an archive of local history which can be passed on to future generations and to publish material, both in print and digital forms, for the benefit of the local community and others interested in the history of the village.

To see if we have achieved those aims, please see our [record of events and activities](#).♦

## History Group Meetings

Group members usually meet on the first Monday of each month (excluding bank holidays) from 10.00am to 12 noon in the Community Room in Elin Way, Meldreth.

Attendance at meetings is not essential and we welcome anyone who is interested in researching the village's history and/or uploading information to our website.

If you are interested in helping with research or with our website, please [email](#) us.♦