

Meldreth Local History Group

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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter

Our Websites

Our main [website](http://www.meldrethhistory.org.uk) has 735 published pages, with several more in draft form. Pages are continually updated as new information comes to light.

Why not add your own material?

We welcome contributions to our site. You can submit your own photographs, stories or information to the site using our [contribution form](#). For guidance, see our page on [How to Contribute to this Site](#). Please [contact us](#) if you would like to discuss this first or need any help.

You can also add a comment to the website by clicking the "Add a comment" link at the bottom of each page. These comments often provide new information or help us to put family historians from around the world in touch with one another.

Recent pages and comments can be viewed by using the tabs at the bottom of our [home page](#).

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, some of which are not on our main website.♦

Facebook

We now have over 1000 followers on [Facebook](#)! The page was set up to complement our main [website](#) and our [CCAN site](#). Thank you to everyone who has followed us, liked our page or commented and provided information.♦

Family History Afternoon

Saturday 4th October 2025

Meldreth Village Hall, 2.00-5.00pm

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.

There will be displays on some Meldreth families.

Refreshments will be available and we will have merchandise for sale, including walk booklets and Christmas cards.

This is a free event: we look forward to seeing you.♦

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Meldreth Village Hall

Members of Meldreth Local History Group and Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society will be on hand to help you get started or to make progress with your family history

Displays on Meldreth families * merchandise * refreshments

Free entry - we look forward to welcoming you

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If you have an hour or two to spare on the day and can help by serving refreshments, please [email us](#). Donations of cakes would be very welcome too!

Topcliffe Mill Open

Sunday 28th September 2025, 2.00-5.00pm

36 North End, SG8 6NT



The [mill](#) will be open for the first time in over two years. This is a private event but is being held in support of Meldreth Local History Group. All proceeds from the day will be donated to the Group.

There will be old photographs and displays on the history of the mill on the ground floor.

Admission is £5 per adult (in cash please). Accompanied children under 16 will be admitted free. No unaccompanied children will be admitted.

Limited parking is available in the lay-by opposite Holy Trinity Church in North End.♦

Kathleen Parlow Film

Many of you will remember, or remember reading about, the visit of a Canadian film crew to Meldreth two years ago.

The completed 2½ hour film, titled "Measures for a Funeral", had its London premiere at the Institute of Contemporary Arts on 22nd August. Joan and Tim Gane from Meldreth Local History Group were invited to attend. They met with the Director, Sofia Bohdanowicz; who has kept in touch with Joan over the last two years. British actress Eileen Davies (who played Joan as the Meldreth history tour guide in the film) was also present.

Some of the film refers to the famous violinist [Kathleen Parlow](#), who lived in Meldreth from 1912 to 1925 and there are several Meldreth scenes in the finished film. Sadly, the footage from the Church had to be cut as the film was too long. This is disappointing but understandable. We are hoping to receive some footage from the uncut film in due course.

The film was well received, with good reviews and may be screened in Cambridge soon.

By searching online for "Measures for a Funeral", you will find more information including a trailer.♦

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".

The cards cost £3 for five cards or £5 for ten cards, plus postage if applicable. To purchase, please come along to our Family History Afternoon on 4th October, 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.♦

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 29th and Sunday 30th November from 11.00am to 4.30pm. Meldreth Local History Group will once again be using the village [funeral bier](#) for our display.♦

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, however, and we welcome help from anyone who is interested in researching the village's history and/or uploading information to our website.

Evening Meetings

If you are unable to attend daytime meetings and would like to help us with our research or with the website, please let us know if you would be interested in attending evening meetings. If there is enough interest we will consider holding these in the Elin Way Community Room in future.

Facebook Page: can you help?

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in managing our [Facebook](#) page, which now has over 1000 followers.

If you would like to explore a particular topic, or enjoy genealogy and would like to research some Meldreth families, please [email](#) us. We would be delighted to have your assistance.♦