

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 738 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.♦

New for 2026: Evening Meetings

We will be celebrating our twentieth anniversary next year and are keen to secure the future of the group. Our previous meetings have been held during the day but in order to widen our appeal and attract new members, we are introducing some evening meetings this year.

These meetings will be for those who are interested in taking an active role in the group; perhaps researching or helping to research a particular topic, making a photographic record of the village, or helping with our website or our Facebook page. Alongside the evening meetings, we will continue to have some meetings on Monday mornings and the occasional coffee morning or evening talk.

The first evening meeting will take place on **17th March from 7.00-9.00pm** in the community room in Elin Way. If you are at all interested in helping us to research and record the history of the village, then please come along. If you have a laptop, then please bring it with you if possible.

Additional working/research meetings will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th May 7.00-9.00pm
Monday 1st June 10.00am-12 noon
Tuesday 21st July 7.00-9.00pm
Monday 7th September 10.00am-12 noon
Tuesday 20th October 7.00-9.00pm
Monday 2nd November 10.00am-12 noon

All these meetings will take place in the Community Room in Elin Way, Meldreth SG8 6LX.

If you would like more information, please [email](#) us.♦

AGM and Update on our Latest Projects

Monday 13th April

Elin Way Community Room, Meldreth SG8 6LX 10.00am to midday

We will be holding a short AGM, followed by a brief update on our current projects.

All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.♦

Treasurer Wanted!

Bruce Huett will be standing down as our Treasurer at our AGM next month. Bruce has held this role since April 2008 and we would like to thank him for all his work over the last eighteen years and for keeping our accounts in good order.

We are urgently looking for someone to take over from Bruce as Treasurer. Although this is a key committee role, it does not come with a heavy workload. Please email us if you can help and/or would like more information.♦

Current Projects

Members are currently working on several projects, including:

- A Covid Diary, 2020-2021
- The Changing Face of Farming in Meldreth
- World War Two: we are researching those who enlisted, as well as the men whose names appear on [Meldreth War Memorial](#).

The results of this research will be added to our website in due course.♦

Free History Talks in Cambridge

The following lectures will be taking place from 2.00-3.30pm in Cambridge Central Library in the new EverySpace area on the third floor. There will be refreshments available after each talk. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. Advance booking is not required: just turn up. If these are well-attended, then future talks will be added.♦

10th April Theatre Buildings in Cambridgeshire (Mary Burgess) 10th July History of the Colleges (Honor Ridout)
8th May Transport in Cambridgeshire (Tony Kirby) 14th August Writing Historical Fiction (Susan Grossey)
12th June Clunch, the local stone (David Stubbings) 11th September The Pye Story (Pye History Trust).♦

Family History Show

If you are researching your family tree, you may be interested to know that the biggest family history show in East Anglia, the Really Useful Family History Show, will be taking place in Burgess Hall, Westwood Road, St. Ives PE27 6WU on Saturday 18th April from 10.00am-4.30pm. Entry is free. See their [Facebook page](#) for more details.♦

Previous Events

Our Family History Afternoon in October, which we held in conjunction with [Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Family History Society](#), went well and as a result we gained some new members and were given fresh information and photographs on some Meldreth families. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event.

In the Resources section of our website, you will find some [guidelines](#) and [sources](#) for family historians which we hope will be of interest if you are researching your own family history.

If you would like to research a Meldreth family, then please come along to one of our meetings or [email us](#), as we can make some suggestions and/or provide you with some information to get you started.

The Topcliffe Mill Open Day last September raised £160 for History Group funds. We hope the mill will be open again during 2026. Please keep an eye on our website or issues of [Meldreth Matters](#) for further details.♦

Royston Museum

We were recently invited to add a guest article to [Royston Museum's Online Exhibitions](#). Within a day of it being published, over 200 people had viewed our [article about the murder at the Gables](#) in Meldreth High Street and we also gained several new followers on our Facebook page.

There will be a talk at Royston Museum on the de Havilland Aircraft Company - Hertfordshire's Contribution to Aviation History. It will take place on Wednesday 18th March from 7:15pm to 8.30pm. Tickets cost £6 each and can be booked [online](#).♦

Items for Sale

In 2013 we ran a successful test pitting project in the village. We are now selling some equipment that is surplus to our requirements. We have limited quantities of the following items available: mattocks, hand shovels, washing up bowls, 30m tape measures, 3m tape measures, plastic buckets, hand brushes, pointing trowels, seed trays, metal and plastic sieves, wooden rulers. Prices range from 50p for a seed tray to £7 for a mattock and are available on a first come first serve basis. All proceeds will go toward supporting our work. If you are interested please [email](#) us for details. Collect from Meldreth.♦