

Melbourn and Meldreth Railway Station

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The men in this photograph, who worked at Melbourn & Meldreth Railway Station, were identified by Mrs Gwen Thurley, from left to right as:

Mr Allen, Mr Hale, Mr William Vellum (Gwen Thurley's Grandfather), Mr Scott the Station Master, and a Clerk, name unknown.

Mrs Thurley believes that her Grandfather then lived in Allerton Terrace, adjacent to the Station, which may have belonged to the Railways?

We have recently heard again from Mr John King who has been examining the 1901 census, recently available on the internet. He tells us:

'I have made a start looking for local railwaymen in the 1901 census. It will take some time to check all the area but so far I have found the Station master Arthur Scott, (aged 42). Also a signalman living at Chiswick End, Alfred Gray (51?). There was also a Porter living at Chiswick End, William Vellum (35?) and another Porter at High

Street Meldreth, George Fineham (25). Also in the High Street was Railway Yardman Samuel Ward (76), Railway Carman Ernest Hale (30), and Labourer in Coal Yard James Loates (51)'.

Mrs Thurley thinks that Fineham may actually be Farnham, a local name.

We are delighted to receive this information, which helps us put together the historical jigsaw puzzle. If there is anyone in the area who has more information do please let us know.

In the last Magazine we published a photograph of Gilbert Harding playing bowls. We understand that this took place at the Old Manor House in the High Street, when the Fearnley-Whittingstalls lived there. The man on the left is Mr Pearce, father-in-law of Jack Wedd, owner of the garage at The Cross.

MR HALE RETIRED TO HIS NEW BUNGALOW IN MELDRETH HIGH ST. (NO. 83) IN 1935.