

Meldreth Local History Group

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Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter which has news of what's been happening, our next events and recent additions to our website.

Recent Events

At our most recent **Coffee Morning** on Monday 6th March, First World War battlefield guide, Rory Stephens, who comes from Shepreth, gave a fascinating talk to more than 40 people on 'Exploding the myths of the Great War'. A review of his talk appeared in the [April 2017 edition of Meldreth Matters](#).

At the Group's **AGM** on Monday 3rd April, there were some changes to the committee. Terry Dash, our former Publicity Officer, resigned from the committee but will continue to be involved in the Group. Kathryn Betts will be continuing on the committee but stood down as Secretary after 10 years of sterling work on the Group's behalf. Both were thanked for the invaluable contribution they've made. Gloria Willers and Linda Clarke were elected as new committee members. All other committee members were willing to continue and were re-elected en bloc. Their names are given at the end of this newsletter.

After a short business meeting, Bruce Huett, committee member and Treasurer, gave an illustrated overview of the listed structures of Meldreth, including a description of some of the building materials used in their construction. Fuller information on this topic appears in the [May edition of Meldreth Matters](#) and on [the Group's website](#).♦

What's Coming Up Next?

Topcliffe Mill Open Weekend

As part of National Mills Weekend, Topcliffe Mill, 36 North End, Meldreth SG8 6NT will be open on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Limited parking is available opposite Holy Trinity Church.

£3.50 per adult; free for accompanied children. No unaccompanied children will be admitted. All proceeds will go to support the work of Meldreth Local History Group.

There will be a display of history on the ground floor. For children, there will be the opportunity to make flour using a quern (hand mill) and to complete an activity sheet.

For information on other mills that are open, please see the [National Mills Weekend website](#).



Meldreth Local History Group 10th Anniversary

The Group came together in 2007 so has now been running for 10 years. We want to celebrate what's been achieved and share in this with the many people who support us. The Group is planning an event over the summer to mark our tenth anniversary – please look out for further details.♦

Website Update

There are now 585 published pages on our website covering a wide variety of topics about Meldreth, past and present. Work continues on a number of fronts. The Law and Order project now has 28 pages illustrating a range of cases involving Meldreth people as well as how the courts and police were organised in previous times and what the various punishments meted out actually involved. The Meldreth Football Club project has resulted in a number of further pages being added, most recently on the Club in the 1960s and 1970s. Anyone who has any further information about the Club in more recent times would be very welcome to get in touch with the Group.

Other work has been done on collating and transcribing documents, including a number relating to The British Queen public house which have been made available to us. The Group is always keen to hear from anyone who would like to add something to one of the existing website pages – or why not create one of your own? Instructions on how to do so are [available on our website](#).♦

Follow us on Facebook!



Don't forget that you can now find us on [Facebook](#). The Facebook page has been set up to complement our [website](#) and our [CCAN site](#). If you are on Facebook, please like our page and share our posts. Every week we have a "Throwback Thursday" post, highlighting an aspect of the village's history and from time to time we will be highlighting village news and events.♦

Group Merchandise

We have a variety of merchandise available and sales help us to raise much-needed funds to support our work. You can see [a selection on our website](#), at any of the Group's events or by contacting Joan or Tim Gane on (01763) 260129. Our recently-produced notelets (pictured) – perfect for keeping in touch with friends and family - sell for £4 per pack, have 2 each of 4 designs and are blank inside. All proceeds from the sale of the Group's merchandise go to supporting our work – we're run entirely by volunteers.♦



Interested in Joining Us?

There is always plenty to be done and we would appreciate offers of help from anyone with an interest in local history. No previous experience is necessary, nor do you need to live in the village. The Group meets most Mondays from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Sheltered Housing Community Room on Elin Way, Meldreth and new members are always warmly invited to join us. If you'd like to get involved but can't come to our meetings we would still like to hear from you. Just telephone one of the Committee members listed below or [email us](#).♦

MLHG COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman and Membership Secretary	Joan Gane (01763) 260129	Webmaster	Kathryn Betts (01763) 268428	
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