

The Mill Road History Society was formed in 2015 to continue the work of the HLF funded History Project. The Society aims to celebrate and research the history and community of the Mill Road area and to create a permanent record of that research.

Information about how to get involved and keep in touch with the Society as well as advice about carrying out your own research can be found on our website.

A growing collection of our completed research for key buildings, people, places and oral histories can be found at www.capturingcambridge.org/mill-road-area The Capturing Cambridge website is curated by the Museum of Cambridge and holds information about different areas of the town as well as Mill Road.

Practical information

Our events are open to all, the only constraint being the size of the venue.

For workshops, please let us know by email to admin@millroadhistory.org.uk if you plan to attend. Specific booking arrangements apply to some other events, see individual entries for details.

For talks, please arrive on time. Tea, coffee and biscuits are usually provided at the end, and this is an opportunity to stay and chat if you wish.

An average donation of £3 per person, per event is needed in order to cover our costs. The Society does not receive any regular funding, and relies on your help.

Please let us know at any of our events if you do not have access to the internet and would like to receive information about our activities in another way.

St Barnabas Centre (formerly known as the Old School Hall) is behind the church and accessed from St Barnabas Road. Cambridgeshire Deaf Association is on Romsey Terrace, behind Cutlacks.

Information in this leaflet is correct at the time of going to press, more information and any updates will be posted online at www.millroadhistory.org.uk

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Mill Road Bridge Works - Courtesy of John Hullock

Detail from All Saints' Church - Courtesy of the David Parr House CIO



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“The road is the main street through a populous district. On each side at right angles branch off little streets of small houses. The whole activity of the neighbourhood appears however to concentrate itself in the long main street.”

Eglantyne Jebb, 1906



Events 2017

Drop-in Saturday 9 September 10.30am-5pm

Mill Road Celebrates India (Open Cambridge, India Unboxed)

Activities and talks, including the history of Indian jewellery, classical dance and music, stories from the Ramayana, food from Mill Road and a Bollywood dance workshop. Free.

Cambridgeshire Deaf Association, behind Cutlacks

Talk Tuesday 12 September 7.30-9pm

Music, Mill Road and Me - Nick Barraclough, musician and BBC presenter

"Mill Road has been a thread all through my life...I was born there, the first house I bought was in Cyprus Road and I now live a couple of hundred yards away. It's an association I've always valued."

St Barnabas Centre (formerly known as the Old School Hall)

Workshop Tuesday 3 October 7-9pm

Current research projects

An opportunity to share your research.

The Bath House

Festival of Ideas Thursday 12 October 7.30-9pm

Exploring myth and reality: Experiences of India and the UK

Dr Sean Lang (Senior Lecturer, ARU) explores perspectives on Indian Independence and Partition in 1947. Ila Chandavarkar shares her experiences and expectations on arriving in Cambridge in September 1975.

Please book (free) at www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk

Ross Street Community Centre

Talk Tuesday 14 November 7.30-9pm

500 years of Cambridge spies - Christopher Andrew, Emeritus Professor, University of Cambridge

Spies have long been a Cambridge tradition; from those referenced on Queen Elizabeth I's last dress, to some of the best British and Russian spies of the 20th century.

Ross Street Community Centre

All day Saturday 2 December 11am-3.30pm

Mill Road History at Mill Road Winter Fair

Exhibition, activities for children and refreshments. This year featuring monologues by Kay Blayney and the "Looking Back at Making Headway" exhibition.

St Barnabas Centre (formerly known as the Old School Hall)

Entertainment Tuesday 12 December 7.30-10pm

A Christmas Victorian parlour evening

Music, songs and stories, featuring musicians from the Cambridge Folk Club. Booking essential; email millroadhistory@gmail.com Suggested donation £5 per person.

The Bath House

Events 2018

Talk Tuesday 9 January 7.30-9pm

The Shop Girls - Ellee Seymour, author

Cambridge's own "Mr Selfridge" at one time lived on Mill Road. This is the true story of hard work, friendship and fashion in Heyworth's department store in 1950s Cambridge.

Ross Street Community Centre

Workshop Tuesday 13 February 7-9pm

What's worth preserving, and how can we protect it?

What is involved in designating heritage landscapes? Allan Brigham will use his research into George Bolton and his warehouses in the Mill Road area to illustrate the conservation issues raised.

The Bath House

Talk Tuesday 13 March 7.30-9pm

Plaster, Pointing and Paint - Tamsin Wilmhurst, Chair of the David Parr House Trust

Find out about progress made during the first year of conservation at David Parr House ("the dirty phase"); what's been found, and what's planned for the future. <http://davidparrhouse.org/>

Ross Street Community Centre

Workshop Tuesday 10 April 7-9pm

Using Historic Photographs

Find out more about using photographs for historical research.

The Bath House

Talk and AGM Tuesday 8 May 7.30-9pm

The lost Baptist cemetery on East Road - Gareth Rees, Oxford Archaeology East

A talk about the small 1830s cemetery which was rediscovered and excavated during building work at St Matthew's School.

This talk will be preceded by the Society's AGM.

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